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FOREWORD

On April 18, 1997, The Ohio State University College of Social Work hosted its Ninth National Symposium on Doctoral Research in Social Work. As in the past, this event provided a much needed forum for the dissemination of outstanding scholarly research in the field of social work.

The Keynote Address, delivered by Dr. Eileen Gambrill of the University of California-Berkeley, considered the importance of critical thinking in the assessment of knowledge claims. Dr. Gambrill's address, attended by a crowd of more than two hundred individuals, was exciting and thought provoking.

The wide ranging topics of the twelve Symposium presenters represent the scholarship of recent graduates of social work doctoral institutions from across the nation. In addition, the presence of six respondents--widely recognized scholars representing the University of Michigan, Indiana University, Michigan State University, and The Ohio State University--added to the event's collegiality and intellectual rigor.

We are indebted to those who participated in the Ninth National Symposium. In publishing this conference Proceedings, we hope to inspire future research that will enhance social work's commitment to knowledge building.



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