

To: Editorial Review Committee and Peer Reviewers

Subject: Submission of Reflection Paper – "Speaking Across Borders:"

Dear Reviewers,

It is my pleasure to resubmit this reflection paper after thoroughly considering your constructive feedback and suggestions, which analyzes a transnational pedagogical exchange within an International Social Work classroom. I would like to highlight two specific stylistic and formatting choices I made to ensure the paper meets both academic rigor and professional standards:

These are 1) use of First-Person Narrative: In accordance with the **APA Seventh Edition Manual**, I have utilized the first-person singular ("I") to provide a transparent and authentic phenomenological reflection. This choice is intentional, as the paper relies on the "use of self" as a core social work value, to bridge the gap between abstract theory and lived immigrant experiences.

2) the use of terms Bibliographic reference: The analysis is supported by a robust bibliography of peer-reviewed journals, international policy reports, and longitudinal surveys spanning from 1970 to 2026 for which I cited some and I acknowledged reading some the listed materials. These sources provide the empirical foundation for the discussion on transnationalism, gendered division of labor, and human rights advocacy indirectly.

This paper aims to contribute to the discourse on critical social work pedagogy by demonstrating how lived narratives can be used to deconstruct systemic inequalities and foster cultural humility in future practitioners.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration of this work.

Sincerely

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