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For new Field Instructors, welcome to Stony Brook's School of Social Welfare! For returning Field Instructors, welcome back! This is the beginning of our 2019-2020 academic year, and this September will be a season of change, and exciting new things.

The May 2018 issue of Field Ed News discussed changes in the Field Education Department with the retirement of Betty-Jean Wrase as Director of Field Education and Leslie Kulewicz, Assistant Director of Field Education. The article focus was on "Managing and Surviving Change," so I'd like to speak to change for a bit.

Change is not always easy, change is not always welcome, but change is necessary for continued growth. We thank Betty-Jean and Leslie for their combined almost 6 decades of work here at SBU SSW!!!! We honor their hard work, effort, and legacy by continuing to do the work they started making sure we provide students a sound foundation upon which to learn. We are committed to excellence in education and will continue to strengthen the partnerships between the Office of Field Education and community based organizations and agencies. So, while change is not always comfortable, we can create something meaningful, contributing to a larger mission and goal.

Now that things have settled down a bit, the Office of Field Education will resume sending Field Ed News to you, and Field Bytes to students. I look forward to a continued dialogue to ensure student needs are being met, and know that my door is always open.

In addition to general communique, I plan on spotlighting one of the nine CSWE Core Competencies every month to make sure we are accurately documenting the student learning that is taking place in your organization. This month, I will focus on Competency 4: Engage in Practice-Informed research and Research-Informed Practice since it is often the most understood competency reported to CSWE.

As we embark on this new journey together, thank you for all that you do and know that we in SBU's SSW appreciate it wholeheartedly!!

Focus on: Working Through Change

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"Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing himself."

— Leo Tolstoy

.. "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

— Margaret Mead