

**Dean Schneck Memorial Award for Distinction in Social Work Field Education**

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**Heart of Social Work Award Reception**

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The *Dean Schneck Memorial Award for Distinction in Social Work in Field Education* was created to pay tribute to those who honor his legacy.

At CSWE he was a founding member in 1987 of the Field Education Symposium, which drew over 60 submissions and 200 participants. Today, it is the equally successful Field Education Track. He brought to light the fact that field educators are scholars – who would be even more productive if they weren't so overworked.

His scholarship on field education processes was deeply intelligent, and very reflective. With Bart Grossman and me, he produced a seminal volume from the first two field work symposia.

As co-founder of NANFED, he recognized that we needed a separate organization to represent field education. Much happened under his watch. The CSWE's Field Education Commission was constituted. The Heart of Social Work was born, this Reception, the Field Symposium thrived, FDIs for field educators were instituted, more publications, and two Canadian conferences focused on field work.

Dean was a true visionary who understood that if agencies received technical and field instruction support from field departments, they could institute new programs for underserved populations. Students would provide the expanded service and everyone would benefit.

He was a wonderful, kind, fun person who gave of himself with generosity to every single participant in field education, helping to develop leadership always.

Most of his academic career was as director of field education at University of Wisconsin School of Social Work in Madison. He also helped University of Alaska in Anchorage set up a master's program. This began his love affair with Alaska.

We owe him a debt of gratitude and are happy to see his legacy living on in the establishment of this award to a very remarkable person in our midst.

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