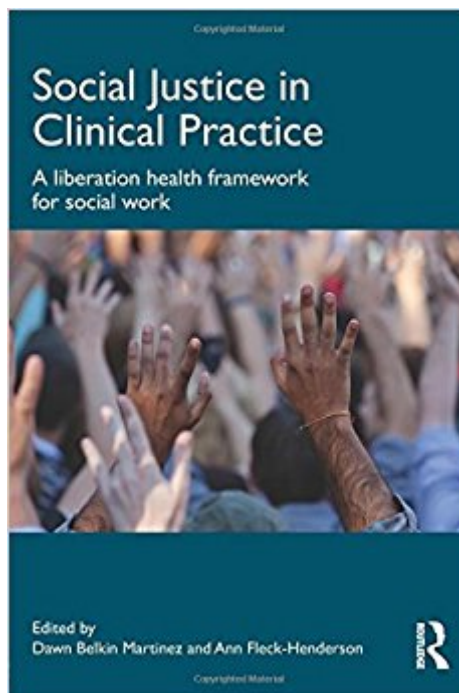




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# Social Justice In Clinical Practice: A Liberation Health Framework For Social Work



## Synopsis

Social work theory and ethics places social justice at its core and recognises that many clients from oppressed and marginalized communities frequently suffer greater forms and degrees of physical and mental illness. However, social justice work has all too often been conceptualized as a macro intervention, separate and distinct from clinical practice. This practical text is designed to help social workers intervene around the impact of socio-political factors with their clients and integrate social justice into their clinical work. Based on past radical traditions, it introduces and applies a liberation health framework which merges clinical and macro work into a singular, unified way of working with individuals, families, and communities. Opening with a chapter on the theory and historical roots of liberation social work practice, each subsequent chapter goes on to look at a particular population group or individual case study, including: LGBT communities Mental health illness Violence Addiction Working with ethnic minorities Health Written by a team of experienced lecturers and practitioners, *Social Justice in Clinical Practice* provides a clear, focussed, practice-oriented model of clinical social work for both social work practitioners and students.

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I will definitely work to incorporate liberation health practices in my work with multi-marginalized clients. The case studies provided great examples of how to use these principles in working with a diverse client base.

Highly recommend! This book will assist social workers in incorporating social justice principles into their clinical work. Strong analysis of different populations and the issues they each face.

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