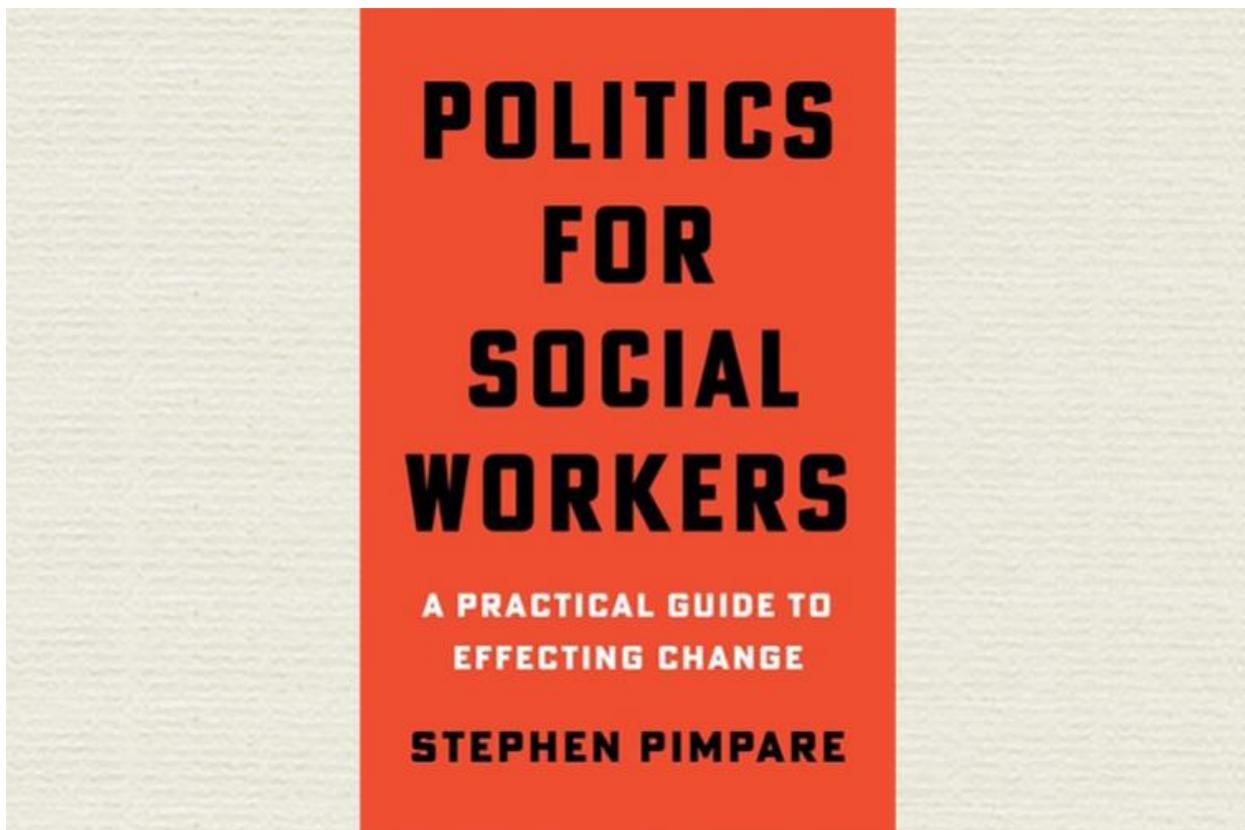


Politics for Social Workers

UNH professor pens book on effecting change

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The social work profession calls on its members to strive for social justice. It asks aspiring and practicing social workers to advocate for political change and take part in political action on behalf of marginalized people and groups. Yet this macro goal is often left on the back burner as the day-to-day struggles of working directly with clients take precedence. And while most social workers have firsthand knowledge of how public

policy neglects or outright harms society's most vulnerable, too few have training in the political processes that created these policies.

That's where [Stephen Pimpare](#)'s latest book comes in. "Politics for Social Workers" is a hands-on manual to contemporary American politics, showing social workers and social work students how to engage in effective activism. This concise, accessible guide helps social workers understand how politics and policy making really work—and what they can do to help their clients and their communities. Pimpare, a political scientist with extensive experience as a social work practitioner and instructor, offers informed, practical grounding in the mechanics of policy making and the tools that activists and outsiders can use to take on an entrenched system. He distills key research and insights from political science and related disciplines into a practical resource for social work students, instructors, and practitioners looking to deepen their policy knowledge and capacity to achieve change. [LEARN MORE ABOUT THE BOOK](#)

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