

Tod Sloan: Work in Progress

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SUMMARY: This Guest Editorial outlines some of the many contributions of Tod Sloan to the 'transformation of the professional practices of psychology, psychotherapy and counseling through ideology critique, decolonizing strategies, and the development of emancipatory forms of practice, including direct engagement with activists and social movements' as a way of introducing the component papers of this Special Issue¹.

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Seldom has an issue of a Journal been more fitting for an acknowledgement of the achievements of the past, of the relevance for the present and of the implications for the future of the praxis of a colleague, ally and friend who has died but, as an inspiring, influential, exemplar, persists.

On its website *Journal of Critical Psychology, Counselling and Psychotherapy*, claims that 'Its contributors reflect all that is best in the voices of those who speak out about the state of modern psychology, counselling and psychotherapy – courage, commitment and a passion for reason. Authors write of daily struggles within the system, deconstruct the machinations of 'Big Psy' and bring a fierce spotlight to bear on the iniquities of theory and practice' (<https://www.pccs-books.co.uk/products/personal-jcpcp-2014/>). With the possible exception of the *Journal of Critical*

1. Taken from the Mission statement of the Proposal for Courses and a Certificate at the Institute for Critical Psychology, Global Center for Advanced Studies written by Tod Sloan.

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