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But simply putting people to work for the sake of work does not lead to economic independence. Yes, it is through employment, not welfare, that welfare recipients become self-sufficient, but the New York City approach was to put people on the path of employment without attention to preparatory efforts to help them become successful in the labor market. For a work-centered policy to be successful, there must be development of human and social capital, reform of tax structure, creation of better paying jobs and a linkage between social insurance and work.

This book is a well-designed and orchestrated volume on the welfare reform strategy in New York City. It outlines wonderfully the process, components, and outcome of what they did. Although it lacks a social work perspective, readers can benefit from understanding good administrative organization, commitment, leadership, and how it can make a difference in welfare reform.

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Mapping Trauma and Its Wake: Autobiographic Essays by Pioneer Trauma Scholars relates the field of traumatology's history through the personal and professional experiences of the pioneers responsible for originating and shaping its understanding of the impact of psychological trauma. In this unique volume, Charles R. Figley, himself a trauma pioneer, brought together 17 of the biggest names in traumatology to write autobiographic essays that together tell the history of traumatic stress studies. Each of the contributors has made significant and unique contributions to the development of this relatively new field of study and has been a recipient of the top award given by the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, the Lifetime Achievement Award (formerly the Pioneer Award). In his or her own personalized writing style, each contributor addresses four questions: What were the events in your life that led to your interest in trauma? What have been your greatest achievements and contributions to the field? Who were the people who most influenced you to make these contributions? How

would you hope current and future trauma scholars will build upon your work? Some authors chose to directly answer the questions by organizing their chapters around them but most answered the questions narratively through the content of their chapters.

This unique book provides valuable insights into the development of a new field of study and successfully relates the field's history through the life stories told by the contributors. For example,

- Ann Burgess, van Ameringen Professor of Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing at the University of Pennsylvania, tells the story of her groundbreaking research on the circumstances and consequences of rape, including her cofounding of one of the first hospital-based crisis counseling programs.
- Yael Danieli, founder and director of the Group Project for Holocaust Survivors, discusses her childhood on a kibbutz in Israel prior to its establishment as an independent state, her many experiences and achievements on behalf of world peace, and her research on survivorship and secondary trauma among the children of Holocaust survivors.
- Mardi Horowitz, professor of psychiatry at the University of California, San Francisco, discusses how his own experience of a series of traumatic events as a youth framed his interest in the field and how his interest in trauma became more focused when he began pursuing research on the intrusive imagery of trauma. As noted by Figley, Dr. Horowitz perhaps more than any other conceived of posttraumatic stress disorder.
- Robert Jay Lifton, Harvard University Visiting Professor of Psychiatry, discusses how his interest in trauma began while serving in the military in Japan and his groundbreaking research on brainwashing, the effects of the bombing of Hiroshima, and his study of Nazi doctors.

The contributors to this book have been responsible for a great deal of the important theoretical and methodological contributions to the understanding of the psychological, social, and human impacts of psychological trauma. As a second-generation trauma researcher, I found *Mapping Trauma and Its Wake* to be a fascinating and inspirational glimpse into the personal and professional lives and accomplishments of the giants who have gone before me.

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