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### **Outstanding Article in Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly (NVSQ) Award**

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***Toward a Typology of Critical Nonprofit Studies: A Literature Review.***

The article appeared in Volume 51 Issue 3. The article reviews scholarship published in key nonprofit journals over four decades and finds that only 4% adopt critical approaches for studying nonprofit organizations. The authors argue that a critical approach can inform contemporary concerns in nonprofit research (e.g., sociopolitical unrest, social movements), and incentivize questioning as well analysis of nonprofit management tenets and their impacts.

The article serves as a call for reflection on the theoretical perspectives applied when studying nonprofit organizations, especially in a period of social science that is increasingly empirical and positivist in character. As the authors wisely surmise, adopting a critical perspective can "...challenge and shape the research conversation" in interesting, valuable ways. Entering an era where nonprofits will be central to the response to the climate and migration emergencies in particular, this article is a timely reminder of the value of adopting a critical perspective on knowledge production and power relations in our field.