

Engaging in the struggle: Health justice
Special Issue: Call for Papers
Journal of Critical Thought and Praxis

Health is far more than what happens when you get sick. Health encompasses your physical, mental, social, and spiritual well-being. Your health impacts and is impacted by where you live, learn, work, and play. Health is personal, but it is also contextual. It is important to recognize that health disparities are embedded in our social institutions and power structures, and thus health inequities tend to mirror broader social inequities. Because of massive health disparities across the globe, mainly along lines of race and ethnicity, gender and sexuality, and social class, there have been many calls for health to be approached as a human right—health justice. Health injustice most severely impacts the most marginalized communities. How can we as a community of scholars, practitioners, and activists create and support the health and well-being of people and communities? How can we focus on improving health care practices and outcomes, relative to issues such as reproductive health, mental wellness, heart disease, and cancer? And, how can we focus on reforming a range of social policies that directly affect health, including fair housing, access to education, and environmental protections? How can we engage in the struggle for health justice?

The Journal of Critical Thought and Praxis invites submissions for a special issue on health justice. We invite scholars and activists from a range of disciplinary and professional positions to submit work (research articles, conceptual essays, book reviews, and poems) that illuminates health disparities in institutional practices and outcomes (e.g. crises in the health care system) and the relationship between social policies (e.g. housing and labor) and health justice. We also seek work that speaks to health justice advocacy and activism and to more generally strengthen the voices and involvement of those with the lived experience and drive to improve the health of the most vulnerable. As an interdisciplinary journal, we are as interested in submissions from scholars, professionals, and activists working across the sciences, social sciences, and humanities, from epidemiology to kinesiology to public health to sociology to philosophy to art.

Submission Timeline

Deadline: Friday, March 2, 2018
Anticipated Publication: August 2018

Submission Process & Questions

1. Submissions should be in Microsoft Word (.docx) format.
2. Submissions should be uploaded on JCTP's website via the [Submit Article](#) page.
3. For any questions, please e-mail jctp@iastate.edu. If you are unsure if your submission will meet the call of the special issue, please send an abstract to us via e-mail.

Article and Essay Submission Guidelines

Articles and essays should not exceed 30 double-spaced pages, including references, tables, and figures. The most recent edition of the American Psychological Association (APA) style guide should be followed for formatting, references, and citations. We are able to upload supplemental documents such as data used in a study or teaching materials which are not part of the 30 pages.

When preparing a manuscript for initial submission, authors should follow the instructions below:

1. Submissions should be in Microsoft Word (.docx) format.
2. Use 12-point Times New Roman Font, one-inch margins, and double-space all text, including references and block quotes.
3. See our [website](#) for a full list of policies and author guidelines.

Book Review Submission Guidelines

Book reviews should not exceed 1,500 to 2,000 words and should be typed using double-spaced, 12-point, Times New Roman font. See the most recent APA style guide for any references and in-text citations. If you are interested in reviewing a book for the next issue of the Journal, please email us at jctp@iastate.edu and adhere to the following requirements:

1. Select a book published within the past two years, unless you are specifically interested in doing a critical update or reflection on a historical (but foundational) work.
2. Consider whether the book fits with the Journal's special call
3. Write a statement giving essential information about the book, including title, author, first copyright date, general subject matter, and ISBN.
4. Provide a brief description of your background – current role or position, expertise in the subject area of the book, why you are interested in reviewing the book, etc.

If the Journal agrees to accept your book review, please use the following [guidelines](#) when drafting your review.

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