

Call for Submissions

Special Issue: Social Roles and Identities in The Context of Climate Change and Mental Health

We are excited to invite submissions for the next issue of the Journal of Mental Health and Climate Change (JMCC). In doing so, the editorial board welcomes submissions that focus on social roles and identities in the context of climate change and mental health.

Scope of Special Issue

This special issue will focus on contributions that interrogate the influence of social roles and identities in shaping relationships between mental health and climate change. This issue aims to elucidate how varying social contexts—encompassing factors such as gender, ethnicity, parenthood, profession, and socioeconomic status—influence and are influenced by climate-related mental health outcomes. Submissions that deploy various methodological approaches across disciplines such as public health, social ecology, epidemiology, and sociology to illuminate the complex dynamics between identity markers and mental well-being in the face of climate change are welcomed. We encourage the submission of studies that advance and add nuance to our understanding of the field. In line with the journal's overarching aim, submissions should aim to offer actionable insights for mitigating the mental health impacts of climate change across diverse social groups and for individuals in diverse social roles. Priority will be given to those that significantly advance issues related to equity, diversity, and inclusion for equity-seeking communities and those disproportionately impacted by climate change.

Submission Formats

We welcome reports in the form of empirical studies, evidence reviews, registered reports, brief reports, commentaries, perspectives, practice briefs, and research-creation.

Submission and Publication Timeline

All submissions received by February 1st, 2023 will be considered for publication in this special issue of JMCC. Online versions of articles will be available as they are accepted.

Submission Process

To learn more about JMCC, please visit <https://mhcca.ca/jmhcc>. To submit an article for consideration, please visit <https://mhcca.ca/jmhcc-manuscript-submission>.

About JMCC

As the official publication of the Mental Health and Climate Change Alliance, The Journal of Mental Health and Climate Change (JMCC) is an open-access scholarly publication that features

interdisciplinary scientific research and evidence-based editorials focused on the intersection of mental health and climate change.

Journal Aims and Scope

Climate change has a broad range of impacts on mental health. These impacts arise from the direct effects of environmental change (e.g., natural disasters, loss of environmental resources), as well as the indirect effects caused by worry and concern for one's future and wellbeing.

JMHCC aims to publish high-quality research examining the impacts of climate change on mental health and wellbeing and identifying opportunities to ameliorate these effects. In defining the journal's scope, our editorial uses broad definitions for both mental health and climate change. Articles that deal with any psychosocial aspects of climate change will be considered. This includes articles that adopt a strengths-based approach to understanding how communities can adapt to climate change as well as studies that highlight the need for targeted investments and community adaptation.

As an interdisciplinary journal, JMHCC welcomes articles from the disciplines of epidemiology, anthropology, sociology, psychology, communication, policy, and economics. We encourage submissions leveraging a wide array of methodologies, including evidence synthesis and content analyses, qualitative ethnographies and interviews, quantitative surveys and modeling, and other non-Western approaches to knowledge generation. We also accept policy briefs, opinions, and editorials from both academic and community perspectives.

If you have questions about whether your research fits within the scope of JMHCC, please direct inquiries to our Editorial Board by emailing a 150 to 300-word structured abstract to kcard@sfu.ca.

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