

Call for Papers

Global Alliance for Behavioral Health and Social Justice: Looking Back, Moving Forward: *Honoring the organization's 100th anniversary*



The *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*, the principal publication of the Global Alliance for Behavioral Health and Social Justice (formerly the American Orthopsychiatric Association), is soliciting manuscripts to be considered for an upcoming thematic issue honoring and celebrating the 100th anniversary of the organization. The Journal reflects the values of the Global Alliance, which is committed to interdisciplinary approaches to promoting social justice and human rights; reducing disparities in health and social outcomes; emphasizing effective strategies for promotion, prevention, and intervention and treatment; promoting adaptation and positive mental health and well-being; applying principles of social justice to policy formation, community action, system change, and clinical practice; using a bioecological and social determinants framework across diverse settings and sectors; and focusing on vulnerable populations and marginalized individuals and groups.

For the special issue, the Journal seeks manuscripts that review the organization's historical roots and impact; highlight the organization's contributions, values, and uniqueness; discuss key issues and challenges faced or currently being faced related to behavioral health and social justice; and/or provide historical insights for future policy and programmatic directions in fields relevant to behavioral health and social justice and the Global Alliance.

Examples of topics of interest for the Special Issue include (but are not limited to) the following:

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| Efforts to achieve equity for marginalized communities | Evolution of a science base for prevention and promotion of mental health |
| Advancements in understanding of addiction | Fostering healthy development in diverse ecologies and settings (e.g., hospital, schools, prisons, neighborhoods) |
| Institutionalization and de-institutionalization | History of child psychiatry and/or psychology |
| Developments in child depression | Advancements in research methods and study design |
| Disability rights | Social work's role in preventing and treating behavioral health issues |
| Mental health policy and advocacy | State and federal policy developments in behavioral health |
| Mental health and maternal and child health | Health system integration of behavioral health issues |
| Evolution of global mental health | LGBTQ+ health and well-being |
| Role of community in mental health prevention and treatment | Mental health of migrants and displaced persons |
| Suicide prevention | |
| Disability and behavioral health | |
| Socioemotional learning | |
| Prevention of hate crimes | |

Submissions may include a variety of formats, such as editorials, commentaries, policy analyses, historical overviews, theoretical or review articles, etc. We invite you to write about any period in the organizations 100-year history that you know best: What were the problems, achievements and issues faced in behavioral health and social justice in the past? What are the challenges and opportunities moving forward?

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Please let the guest editors know if you are interested in submitting a manuscript for this special issue. We will expedite processing and review of all submissions to this Call and will publish manuscripts online once accepted. Please follow AJO's [instructions for authors](#) and submit manuscripts to [Editorial Manager](#). When submitting a manuscript, be sure to note that the manuscript is for the special issue, "Looking Back, Moving Forward." Submissions are due **October 1, 2023**.

