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Special Issue Call for Papers

Domestic-, Family- and Firearm-related Intimate Homicide:
Shifting the Paradigm

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Between 38% and 50% of all female of homicides are committed by domestic partners worldwide and in the United States, respectively (Petrosky et al., 2017; Stock et al., 2013). Racial disparities abound, with black, indigenous and Hispanic women experiencing significantly elevated risk relative to white women (Petrosky et al., 2017). Firearm access also increases risk, both at the ecological and individual levels, with each 10% increase in state-level firearm ownership correlating with a 13% increase in domestic firearm homicide rates (Kivisto et al., 2019) and with access to firearms for a violent male partner correlating with a 400% increase in the risk of homicide of the female partner (Campbell et al., 2003).

While global efforts to produce interventions to prevent domestic homicide are occurring across all levels of the social ecology, few systematically address the structural shifts needed to make meaningful impacts for the most vulnerable women, including those from marginalized identities, those in resource-poor and resource-starved areas, and those residing in homes with violent firearm owners.

Our overall goal for this special issue of JOFV is to advance a paradigm shift in how scholars, practitioners, and policy makers think and act to improve prevention, response, and change worldwide in domestic violence-, family violence-, and firearm-related intimate homicide – particularly paradigm shifts that address the structural level to improve outcomes for women from diverse racial and ethnic identities and those residing in homes with violent firearm owners.

To achieve our objective, we invite writings from the globe’s influential, provocative thought leaders, emerging and established scholars, as well as practitioners and policy makers. We call for writing from all areas of the globe and especially from those areas in which practice and research addressing intimate homicide is newly developing.

We welcome commentaries, practice articles, research articles, meta-analyses, and policy position papers. We especially welcome manuscripts addressing promising applied, translational interventions, and novel thought concepts that focus on one or more levels of the social ecology—especially at the structural levels—that show promise for improving outcomes for women from marginalized identities and those residing in homes with violent firearm owners.

In total, the special issue will include 8 to 9 manuscripts, ranging from provocative paradigm-shifting thought pieces aimed at influencing new directions for scholarship, practice, and policy making – to innovative practice interventions (perhaps not yet tested) – to applied interventions tested within
experimental designs and settings. Emily Rothman’s 2018 JOFV thought piece (Rothman, E.F. J Fam Viol (2019) 34: 177. https://doi.org/10.1007/s10896-018-9982-3) on innovative approaches to campus assault prevention is an example of the paradigm-shifting manuscripts we aim to attract for this special issue.

We encourage novel ideas, innovative approaches, and bold writing.

We encourage an examination of intersectionality in fresh ways—including introducing new ideas pertaining to the intersections of gender, race, ethnicity, socioeconomic background, geography, and ability in producing the conditions for, the act of, and consequences of intimate homicide.

We encourage radical innovations that attend to the reality that practices and policies must be practical, scalable, and implementable within under-resourced– or even resource-starved– systems.

We encourage cross-disciplinary scholarship from practitioners and scholars working together to challenge the status quo.

This special issue of JOFV will be published in October 2020, coinciding with Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and as such there are a set of hard deadlines to ensure an on-time publication:

- December 31, 2019: Manuscripts due to editorial team
- February 14, 2020: Peer reviews due to editorial team. Authors will be asked to serve as peer-reviewers for other manuscripts submitted to the special issue
- May 1, 2020: Manuscript revisions due to editorial team
- June 1, 2020: Decisions finalized for manuscripts selected for special issue
- June 2020-September 2020: JOFV production period

References


