Journal of Traumatic Stress Special Issue

Call for Papers: Trauma, PTSD, and Aging

We are seeking original manuscripts for a proposed special issue of the *Journal of Traumatic Stress*, the official journal of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies. This special issue will focus on empirical research addressing the links among trauma exposure, PTSD, and aging. We invite manuscripts focused on a range of samples with varying traumatic exposures (including but not limited to civilians, refugees, and military veterans) and aging-related factors, such as chronic health conditions, physical and psychiatric comorbidities, biological aging, and cognitive impairment or dementia, as well as other indicators of functioning and healthy aging. Manuscripts may include examinations of how social factors (e.g., retirement, bereavement, change in living situation, social isolation or loneliness) impact late life PTSD symptoms as well as investigation of the long-term implications of trauma and PTSD in the context of gender, race/ethnicity, and other demographic characteristics. Studies examining the potential long-term relation between PTSD and psychological, physical, or cognitive health outcomes are of particular interest, including longitudinal studies that allow the testing of (bi)directional models. Additionally, systematic review papers and meta-analyses in the area of trauma exposure, PTSD, and aging are welcome.

Reports of clinical trials should follow CONSORT guidelines, and systematic reviews and meta-analyses should follow PRISMA and best practice (Siddaway, Wood, & Hedges, 2019) guidelines. For consideration for this special issue, a one page abstract should be submitted to Drs. Brian Smith and Anica Pless Kaiser (co-guest editors; Brian.Smith12@va.gov and Anica.PlessKaiser@va.gov) no later than May 31, 2024. Abstracts should provide sufficient information to allow for an assessment of study, and a description of the statistical analyses and results. Submissions should be original work not published in another journal or venue.

Prospective contributors are welcome to consult Drs. Brian Smith and Anica Pless Kaiser before submitting an abstract .

After a review of potential contributions, authors of submissions that are deemed to fit the goals of this special issue will be invited to submit a full manuscript that will be due by November 1, 2024. Please note that an invitation to submit an article for consideration for the special issue is not a guarantee of acceptance; all submissions to *JTS* must undergo independent peer review and acceptance is contingent upon a positive outcome of that review.

Timeline:
Abstracts submitted for consideration: May 31, 2024
Response date/invitations to submit full manuscript: June 20, 2024
Manuscript submission deadline: November 1, 2024

References
Siddaway, A.P., Wood, A.M., & Hedges, L.V. (2019). How to Do a Systematic Review: A Best Practice Guide for Conducting and Reporting Narrative Reviews, Meta-Analyses, and Meta-Syntheses. *Annual review of psychology, 70*, 747–770. https://doi.org/10.1146/annurev-psych-010418-102803