

## Special Issue

# Mental Health Syndemics Among Underserved Communities

### Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue aims to trace the ways in which mental health syndemics impact healthcare access among underserved communities. In particular, we are interested in papers that underscore the systemic barriers that underserved communities face in accessing mental healthcare and the role that mental health syndemics play in healthcare access. In keeping with the aims and scope of *Healthcare*, papers should consider topics such as the socioeconomic burden of mental healthcare, disease prevention and early diagnosis of mental illnesses, treatment strategies for mental illnesses, and health policies that impact access to mental healthcare. In this Special Issue, original research articles and literature reviews are welcome, and research areas may include, but are not limited to, the following: substance use and COVID-19; depression and food insecurity; or PTSD, STIs, and interpersonal violence. The papers should furthermore explore how mental health syndemics can be used for prevention, early diagnosis, and treatment among populations who face systemic barriers to accessing healthcare. We look forward to receiving your contributions.

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