

## Special Issue

# The Storm Ahead: Advancing Health Literacy and Equity in the Face of Emerging Threats and Systemic Disparities

### Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue aims to explore the intersection of health disparities and health literacy, with a focus on actionable solutions that empower communities and reduce inequities. Topics of interest include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Disparities in health literacy and their impact on access to care and health outcomes.
- Community-based programs and interventions that improve health literacy in underserved populations.
- Strategies to address social determinants of health through health literacy initiatives.
- The disproportionate health impacts of climate-related events on marginalized communities.
- Interventions that integrate health literacy into climate resilience efforts.
- Policies and community-based initiatives that address the intersection of climate change, environmental health hazards, and health equity.
- Maternal and child health disparities linked to health literacy gaps.
- The role of stress and aging in health disparities, with a focus on the cumulative effects of life course exposures.
- Policy analyses and recommendations for advancing health literacy and equity in public health systems.

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