

## Special Issue

# Substance Use Research Methods: Ethics, Culture, and Health Equity

### Message from the Guest Editors

The social marginalization of people who use alcohol or other psychoactive substances, driven by factors such as stigma, discrimination, and the criminalization of substance use, undermines health and wellbeing and is a barrier to health equity, including health service access. Conversely, this social marginalization is also a barrier to public health practitioners and researchers who are seeking to reduce substance-related harm. People who use substances are often wary of participating in research and disclosing their personal information. ... This Special Issue is open to any studies of substance use research methods, particularly those that reflect on public health, the behavioral environment, comorbid mental health disorders, risk and treatment for sexually transmitted and other infections, ethics, culture, health equity, and/or consumer participation.

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