

Special Issue

Health-Protective Mechanisms among Communities of Color

Message from the Guest Editors

World events have exacerbated persistent health disparities and increased public awareness of the unique challenges faced by communities of color. Substantial evidence pinpoints risk factors contributing to poor health outcomes, but these studies primarily (a) focus on documenting differences by race/ethnicity/nativity; (b) neglect sources of heterogeneity within groups; and (c) exclude some racial/ethnic groups (e.g., Asian Americans, Native Americans). Consequently, far less is known about the development or impact of health-protective factors among these groups. To address these limitations and inform effective evidence-based, health-promoting interventions, this special issue seeks to enhance our understanding of the structural/institutional, cultural, social, and psychological pathways to positive health among communities of color. Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Health impact of social and psychological resources across the life course
- Differences in health outcomes by immigration status
- Within-group heterogeneity
- Social determinants of health across distinct ecological levels

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