

## Special Issue

# Mental Health in the Headlines

### Message from the Guest Editors

The journal *Journalism and Media* requests submissions to a Special Issue on the topic of mental health in media professions. Against the backdrop of decreasing trust in news, increasing political polarization, and public scepticism about the role of journalism in democracy, the reputation of our profession is in peril. Violence against journalism is at an all-time high, with 120+ journalists murdered globally in 2024—the highest number ever reported by the Committee to Protect Journalists (2024). This Special Issue will engage with four areas of mental health in journalism: (1) the systemic factors that influence journalists' mental health, (2) journalists' experiences covering difficult topics and adverse mental health outcomes in the profession, (3) representations of mental health in news stories or media content, and (4) the impacts of mental health storytelling on audiences or communities, etc.[...]

Abstract submission deadline (500 words max and brief author bio—max 100 words) should be sent no later than 15 July 2025 to [Chelsea.J.Reynolds@asu.edu](mailto:Chelsea.J.Reynolds@asu.edu) and [Jesus.Ayala@csulb.edu](mailto:Jesus.Ayala@csulb.edu).

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