

Special Issue

Focusing on the Elusive: Centering on Religious and Spiritual Influences within Contexts of Child and Young Adulthood Development

Message from the Guest Editors

The burgeoning focus on the role of religion and spirituality in the development of children and adolescents is intersecting with a heightened awareness of unjust and highly stratified social contexts threatening the positive development of all youth, particularly those with marginalized identities. Religious and spiritual influences have been described as elusive, given that they are deeply embedded in the social and cultural ecologies of family and community life, with this imperceptibility contributing to their being overlooked within developmental scholarship. This Special Issue takes an equity stance by exploring who and what religious and spiritual experiences may have been left out of scholarship, or may be included in manners that inadequately capture their nuance from ecologically grounded, intersectional, and emic perspectives. In particular, this Special Issue seeks to draw from interdisciplinary conceptual frameworks and their correspondingly diverse research methods to focus on underrepresented populations, processes, and outcomes that reflect religion and spiritual influences. **Submissions on and before 1 September 2021 will be free of charge.*

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