

## Special Issue

# Building Healthy Communities

### Message from the Guest Editors

“Healthy” communities is a catchall term that is used to illustrate how the integration and collaboration of multiple partners are coordinated to meet the basic needs of residents in an area. Healthy communities involve the integration of ecosystems that cut across economic, physical, and social spheres. “Healthy communities” also foster equity for disadvantaged persons and groups, allowing them to participate in and contribute to the public square. The focus of this Special Issue is on organizational arrangements that build the health of communities. We, the , have been part of a group of scholars who have explored the varieties of effective local organizations. We continue, however, to lack a base of well-crafted case studies that show how local organizations work, what makes them effective, and what strategies or plans inform their development. We need a better understanding of how idiosyncratic, local cases can scale up to provide effective community development on a larger scale. For this, we need more effective theories of local organizations.

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