Call for Papers: Special Issue of American Psychologist

Upcoming Special Issue, Rendered Invisible: Are Asian Americans a Model or Marginalized Minority?

Important Dates

- Abstracts due: November 4, 2019
- Decisions on abstracts: December 2, 2019
- Deadline for manuscript submission based on approved abstracts: March 30, 2020

Special Issue Editors

- Tiffany Yip, PhD, Fordham University
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- Lisa Kiang, PhD, Wake Forest University
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Aims of the Special Issue

Specifically, we are interested in manuscripts on the intersectional spaces that Asian Americans occupy; unpacking the diversity behind the Asian American pan-ethnic label; experiences of identity and discrimination across a range of Asian American groups; and areas of theory, research, and policy where Asian American experiences have been overlooked.

In part, the special issue will directly interrogate explanations for marginalization and the Asian American experience more broadly by bringing issues of invisibility to the fore.

Manuscripts should consider the intersectional groups that Asian Americans occupy and consider this complexity across a range of psychological experiences.

Manuscript Submission

Abstracts are due **November 4, 2019** and should be emailed to one of the guest editors.

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Decisions on abstracts and invitations to submit full manuscripts will be sent to potential authors by **December 2, 2019.**

Full manuscripts must be prepared according to the manuscript submission guidelines on the *American Psychologist* homepage (including manuscript length) and submitted electronically via the journal's manuscript submission portal.

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Submissions will undergo an initial editorial review; those meeting criteria for further consideration will be peer reviewed by masked review.

Dr. Tiffany Yip will serve as primary corresponding editor; however, inquiries may be sent to any of the guest editors.

The editors look forward to receiving abstracts for the special issue.

Background

In 1992, the United States government expanded a 1978 decision to observe Asian Pacific American Heritage Week to a month-long recognition of the contributions of Asian Americans to the country's history and ongoing cultural milieu.

Since 2000, the Asian population in the United States as grown by 72% — the fastest rate of any racial/ethnic group in the country according to Pew Center research. Today, the Census reports that Asians comprise 22 million United States residents. Despite this unprecedented growth, Asian Americans remain largely invisible in the national dialogue and in scientific research.

There are several reasons why Asian Americans remain marginalized and invisible in scientific endeavors.

For example, consolidating many ethnic groups under an Asian American pan-ethnic umbrella masks meaningful cultural, linguistic, ethnic, migration, gender, sexual/gender identity/expression, and socioeconomic differences. These intersectional identities result in experiences that are multiply marginalized, contributing to invisibility.

Also, the model minority stereotype highlights high-achieving and successful individuals, rendering the segment of the Asian American population that is struggling irrelevant and unworthy of attention.