

Journal of Ethnic & Cultural Diversity in Social Work
Special Issue Call for Papers

**Dual Pandemics: Creating Racially-Just Responses to a Changing Environment
through Research, Practice and Education**

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The *Journal of Ethnic & Cultural Diversity in Social Work* is inviting submissions for the **Special Issue, Dual Pandemics: Creating Racially-Just Responses to a Changing Environment through Research, Practice and Education**. This special issue is endorsed by Grand Challenges for Social Work specifically related to the Eliminate Racism Grand Challenge. JECDSW, published by Francis & Taylor Group, aims to develop knowledge and promote understanding of the impact of race, ethnicity, culture and class on the delivery of social services. JECDSW is a major social work journal that has been published since 1990 to provide an important forum for scholars and researchers to examine multicultural issues in social work and human services provision.

2020 is plagued by two pandemics: COVID-19 & anti-racist uprisings as a result of the murders of Mr. George Floyd and many other African Americans and other people of color due to police violence. While these two pandemics appear to be different in nature, both pandemics attest to the fact that systemic racism continues to be a grand challenge in our society. It is appalling to see how COVID-19 differentially affects communities and people of color as well as socially disadvantaged groups. Systemic racism and police brutality are related to the unacceptable violation of human rights of different groups in the US and globally.

The *Journal of Ethnic & Cultural Diversity in Social Work* as well as Grand Challenges for Social Work are committed to promoting and disseminating knowledge that calls for the dismantling of systemic racism and creating racially just responses to the dual pandemics. Consistent with systems of foundational change, we can expect our work to continue to evolve and respond to the changing dynamics of racism and oppression that have tremendous impact on social work research, practice, and education. Building upon this commitment, this Special Issue welcomes submissions related to the following topics:

- Conceptual pieces that contribute to a clear definition and shared understanding of constructs such as anti-racist research, anti-racist practice, racial justice, etc.
- Scholarly pieces that utilize impactful knowledge including but not limited to critical race theory, indigenous knowledge, etc. on research, practice, and social work pedagogy
- Research and scholarship that centers race as a key variable and examines the impact of systemic racism, oppression, and White supremacy on the studied phenomena, particularly around COVID-19.
- Micro, mezzo, and macro social work practice that aims to prevent or eliminate the negative impact of racism and White supremacy on individuals, families, groups, organizations, or communities.
- Micro, mezzo, and macro social work practice that aims to promote racial justice, equity, and inclusion among individuals, families, groups, organizations, or communities.
- Scholarship and research that refine the construct and examine or evaluate the practice of anti-racist pedagogy in social work education.

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Please submit manuscripts electronically at <https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/jecds>

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