SPECIAL ISSUE CALL FOR PAPERS: Collaborative Research Approaches for Veterans Health & Wellbeing

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OVERVIEW & INTENT OF SPECIAL ISSUE:

The psychological challenges that veterans face in post-military life are shaped by stark transitions between collectivist (military) and individualist (civilian) ways of being. These challenges are compounded by military/civilian experience gaps perpetuated by an all-voluntary force where less than 5% of the US population serves in the military. The deeper health impacts of military service on veterans and their families can be difficult to research due to issues of trust, military cultural values of selfless service, sacrifice and group loyalty, and stigma (Franco et al., 2016). As a result, traditional empirical and biomedical approaches to designing interventions and improving clinical healthcare services are sometimes difficult to advance because the voice of veterans has largely been absent (Frayne et al., 2013; True et al., 2014).

Research collaborations that deliberately include military veterans, active duty soldiers, and their families as stakeholders and co-researchers are increasingly recognized as a critical next step in designing social systems and clinical care approaches that meet their needs (Semaan, et al., 2016). Many community-driven methods and approaches can be applied to develop innovative strategies for care and scholarship that are not only rigorous, but also improve relevance to the populations they are intended to serve and are designed from their inception to be equitable.

Such veteran/clinical/scholar collaborative efforts require deeper conversations, and deeper relationships between these stakeholder groups than have occurred in the past. This special issue serves to encourage an emerging, humanistic, and design centric view of veteran research that prioritizes veterans as co-researchers at all stages of scholarly effort (Hooyer, 2017; Rizia et al., 2014).

POTENTIAL TOPICS:
While not representing an exhaustive list, the following topic areas highlight important research themes:

1. Community collaborative design approaches to interventions that improve Veteran health & healthcare

2. Best practices and perspectives in navigating new veteran identities: (e.g., transitioning veteran to student, soldier to civilian, officer to mother)

3. Methodological advances that intentionally transcend disciplinary and community boundaries

4. Authentically representing veteran and veteran community perspectives in research and programmatic dissemination

5. Female Veteran and other gendered experiences in military and civilian transitioning

6. Veteran research and engagement as a path toward repurposed personal mission, including serving as a veteran advocate and agent of policy change

7. Innovative practices in serving military families

8. Leveraging technology based interventions for veterans that facilitate care and support. Attending to issues with privacy, security, and veteran views of technology

9. Arts-based and other emerging methods for research, dissemination and public scholarship.

10. Challenges, benefits and future directions in veteran engaged health services research.

TO BE CONSIDERED: authors MUST submit a 1-2 page (800 word maximum) preliminary article proposal. Authors with the most compelling proposals will be encouraged to submit full manuscripts.

Please submit article proposal VIA EMAIL TO: wi.warriorsummit@gmail.com

Feedback about all proposals will be provided. Accepted proposals will move on to formal submission through the Journal's Scholar One online submission portal. Details about the formal submission process will be provided at that time. NOTE: All author teams will be required to peer review two articles submitted to the special issue to ensure relatively rapid turn-around.

Guidelines for authors can be found at: https://au.sagepub.com/en-gb/oce/journal-of-humanistic-psychology/journal200951#submission-guidelines

NOTE ABOUT RELATED CONFERENCE: This special issue of JHP aligns with the inaugural cross-disciplinary conference Wisconsin Warrior Summit 2017, titled - Veteran Collaborative Research & Clinical Innovation: A Joint Mission for Community, Clinicians and Scholars. Presenters of high quality papers will be invited to submit a revised version to the special issue; HOWEVER, presentation at the conference does not guarantee publication in the special issue and article proposals can also be made directly without having presented at the conference.

GRADUATE STUDENTS: Graduate students are welcomed and encouraged to submit a paper proposal to the Special Issue.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR JHP SPECIAL ISSUE:

--Initial submission of 1-2 page proposal for consideration by the JHP special issue: March 1, 2018 to wi.warriorsummit@gmail.com

--Articles selected based on best fit with the theme of the special issue and originality, and successful authors invited to submit a full paper: By May 1, 2018

--Submission of papers for peer review via JHP Scholar One system: August 1, 2018

--Deadline for author submission of revised final papers following peer review comments via JHP Scholar One system: Nov 1, 2018

Again, all contributors will be expected to assist with peer review of at least 2 papers.

INFORMATION ABOUT JHP:

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