

Hello all,

## **The editors of the Journal of Gender-Based Violence are calling for papers for a special issue on Vicarious trauma prevention for gender-based violence researchers.**

Read the call for papers here: [https://bristoluniversitypressdigital.com/view/journals/jgbv/jgbv-overview.xml?tab\\_body=call-for-papers](https://bristoluniversitypressdigital.com/view/journals/jgbv/jgbv-overview.xml?tab_body=call-for-papers)

Abstract submission deadline: 01 February 2024

Guest Editors: Molly Dragiewicz (Griffith University, Australia) and Bethany L. Backes (University of Central Florida, US)

Background to the call:

This special issue will highlight research and strategies for researcher and student training to identify and address vicarious trauma throughout the research process. As the field of Gender-Based Violence (GBV) research expands, so does the number of researchers and graduate students exposed to vicarious trauma. Doing research on trauma often includes learning about survivors' experiences, which can have a cumulative effect on researchers. Vicarious trauma can result from engagement with survivors, victims' loved ones, perpetrators, and the institutions charged with responding to violence and abuse. In addition, many GBV researchers have lived experience which may affect the experience of vicarious trauma.

This special issue will build the knowledge base on vicarious trauma prevention to better address vicarious trauma for emerging and experienced researchers.

Topics may include but are not limited to:

- Strategies for researcher/mentor well-being
- Assessing student readiness to study gender-based violence
- Separating therapeutic and educational goals
- Setting effective boundaries for supervisors and researchers
- Understanding institutional resources and policies
- Physical and psychological safety
- Establishing vicarious trauma prevention infrastructure to support student training and researcher longevity

Information for contributors

We are seeking conceptual or empirically based articles (maximum 7,000 words) for the main section of the issue, or shorter pieces (2,000 - 4,000) for the Policy and Practice or Open Space sections.

If you are interested in this call, please submit your abstract (250 words should) no later than 01 February 2024 via this link: <https://forms.gle/a11RYfhJbcPnRZto6>. If you have any questions about the call, please contact the Guest Editors Molly Dragiewicz ([m.dragiewicz@griffith.edu.au](mailto:m.dragiewicz@griffith.edu.au)) and Bethany L. Backes ([Bethany.Backes@ucf.edu](mailto:Bethany.Backes@ucf.edu))

We will inform authors by 01 April whether we would like them to submit a full paper. Full papers will be due for submission by 31 August 2024 and will undergo the journal's standard double-anonymous peer review process.

Please see our instructions for authors for guidance on preparing your submission:

[https://bristoluniversitypressdigital.com/view/journals/jgbv/jgbv-overview.xml?tab\\_body=instructions-for-authors](https://bristoluniversitypressdigital.com/view/journals/jgbv/jgbv-overview.xml?tab_body=instructions-for-authors)

Timeline

- 01 February 2024: Deadline for submitting abstracts to Guest Editors
- 01 April 2024: Feedback and decision on the acceptance of proposals
- 31 August 2024: Deadline for submitting full draft papers for review
- October/November 2024: Reviews returned to authors

- January/February 2025: Revised manuscripts due
- February - May 2025: Further revisions as needed
- October 2025: special issue published

I look forward to seeing your submissions.

Thanks and best wishes,

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