

Call for Papers and Reviewers

Health Communication for Displaced Populations *IJOC* Special Issue

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As health communication has come of age both as a profession and as a field of inquiry, populations who are most affected by health disparities remain severely understudied and consistently overlooked. Chief among these are displaced populations, including refugees, asylum seekers, and migrants who have fled conflict or instability in their home countries, and go on to face compounding linguistic, sociocultural, political, economic, and structural barriers to health.

In what has been described as an “invisible wall” (Welsh, 2021), public health organizations and academic institutions as a whole have paid relatively little attention to the unique communication needs of displaced populations. Notably, while significant progress has been made in areas such as nursing, social work, public policy, and public health, to improve the condition of displaced populations, much of this effort remains insular within each respective discipline, hampering the ability to advance a broader scholarly agenda. In addition, this work also tends to underplay the role of communication in either enhancing or reducing health disparities.

In this special issue of the *International Journal of Communication (IJOC)*, we invite scholars into conversation about the theory, practice, and ethics of communication to improve the health and wellbeing of displaced populations. We welcome submissions from a diverse range of disciplinary perspectives and methodological approaches, and are especially interested in those that help to generate new questions as well as evaluate the validity and suitability of established assumptions when applied to displaced populations.

Relevant submissions might include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Novel methodological or theoretical approaches to researching health-related questions among migrant or refugee populations
- Understanding cultural and linguistic barriers to migrant or refugee health
- Design and assessment of health communication interventions for migrant or refugee populations
- Organizational perspectives on health services or interventions for migrant or refugee populations

We are currently seeking manuscripts and reviewers, with the aim of publishing the special issue in late 2024.

Manuscript Submission

- Manuscripts should adhere to APA 6 style, and should have a word count of 8,900 words or fewer. Full *IJOC* author guidelines can be found [here](#).
- Complete manuscripts are due on or before **July 1, 2023**. Submissions will be reviewed on a rolling basis, so authors are encouraged to submit early if possible.
- To submit, please email your manuscript directly to Stefanie Demetriades at sdemetr1@depaul.edu with the subject line “IJOC Special Issue Submission”

Guest Reviewers

We welcome reviewers from a broad range of disciplinary perspectives and areas of expertise. We ask reviewers to provide reviews within 1 month. Reviewers will be acknowledged in the special issue. Please email Stefanie Demetriades (sdemetr1@depaul.edu) if you are interested in reviewing.