Call for Papers

Series of Special Sections on Understanding and Minimizing Social and Behavioral Aspects of Racial/Ethnic Health Disparities

The composition of the U.S. is becoming more demographically diverse, particularly in the number of people of color (e.g., Macera, Armstead, & Anderson, 2000). These changes in population demographics have far-reaching implications for research, practice and policy, as well as the future of behavioral medicine (Whitfield, 2002; Yali & Revenson, 2004). The Annals of Behavioral Medicine is committed to publishing excellent research in health disparities. Toward this end, the journal is inviting submissions as part of a series of special sections focused on racial/ethnic health disparities. Racial/ethnic health disparities will be framed broadly; that is, the specific disease condition, intervention modality, or risk/protective factor(s) to be examined is not specified in order to attract the broadest set of manuscripts.

Articles should use one of the following questions as their underlying theoretical framework:

1. How do psychosocial and cultural contexts serve as or moderate risks (e.g., stress, racism/discrimination, poor coping) or protective factors (e.g., social support, healthy diet, religiosity, active lifestyle) to maintaining or reducing health disparities?
2. What kinds of psychosocial and cultural variables mediate the relationship between race/ethnicity and health? What socio-demographic characteristics complicate our understanding of racial/ethnic health disparities (e.g., gender, age, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation) and in what ways?
3. What types of behavioral and psychosocial interventions can help to reduce health disparities?

Editorial Process

Letters of intent for the first special section are requested by October 1, 2010, and should be directed to Dr. Keith Whitfield <kwhit1@duke.edu>. In 500 words or less, these letters should address the following issues:

- Major research questions guiding the work
- Rationale of how the manuscript complements and extends prior and current work on health disparities, and how it will contribute to theory, policy or practice
- Specific hypotheses or research questions to be addressed
- Research methods, including sample definition and selection procedures, research design, intervention design (if applicable), key constructs
- Central findings that address the major research questions
Proposed manuscript ideas that pass the first stage of review (conducted by the special section editors) will be invited for full manuscript submission and peer review. Manuscripts for the first special section will be due by February 1, 2011. Accepted manuscripts will be published in an expedited fashion. Additional calls for letters of intent will be released in 2011 and 2012. The journal is committed to devoting substantial journal space to this topic throughout future issues.

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**References**

