

Person-Centered Journal - Call for Papers

Deadline for submissions: October 15, 2021

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As new editors for the Person-Centered Journal, we support movements for revolution in the U.S. and across the world. We believe that a person-centered approach can and should work against forces that dominate, marginalize, and otherwise harm human beings. Knowing this, how do we rise to meet the moment?

In the U.S., there is a rising level of activism and resistance sparked by state-sanctioned violence against Black, Brown, and Trans people, anti-immigrant terrorism, and economic injustice on a massive scale. Activists in India, Myanmar, Hong Kong, Russia, China, and elsewhere are opposing oppressive regimes and calling for change. Young people everywhere are pleading for a livable future on this planet.

This year's issues of the Journal will explore psychotherapy in the context of power -- especially power as it relates to race, ability, gender, sexuality, and class. We encourage submissions in all languages and from authors who have not yet written for publication.

We are calling all interested writers to join us in conversation with the following questions and beyond:

What happens at the intersections of power and pathology? How has a medical model of psychology functioned to further marginalize and dehumanize people, and how can we work against this paradigm? As more clients understand themselves and their experience through a diagnostic lens, how can client-centered therapists counter this ideology? Given its individual focus, what is the role of therapy in a wider struggle for justice and against systemic oppression?

How are oppressive systems of power at work within the fields of counseling/psychology/social work? How do the aforementioned fields facilitate and/or fail to prevent this?

How is the counselor's own experience shaped by systems of power and oppression?

Please submit articles of no more than 5,000 words to editorspcj@gmail.com with the heading "PCJ 2021 Submission" by October 15, 2021.

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If you're not sure whether your proposed submission is in line with the theme and/or the person-centered approach, we are happy to talk it over with you before you submit -- just email us an abstract!