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Dear __________:

We are writing you about possibly contributing to a special issue of the journal *Traumatology* focusing on resilience. We are organizing this special issue that will include primarily research articles from multiple disciplines that address resilience in some form. In particular, we are interested in advancing a critical discourse of resilience that contributes to furthering thinking about definitions, measures, and/or utility of resilience concepts. We are soliciting papers that describe research on any topic, utilizing a range of methods, but that include a resilience framework. A general abstract for the special issue is included below.

If you are interested in learning more about this special issue or in submitting a manuscript, please contact either of us at the contact information below. All manuscripts are due to us by October 1, 2015 for our initial review. Scholars who send us papers that appear to fit will be guided in submitting them online through the American Psychological Association’s Traumatology manuscript management system. All submissions will go through their regular manuscript review system like most peer-review journals. The special issue on resilience will be published in September 2016.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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Traumatology Special Issue Abstract

Resilience concepts have gained widespread use in scholarship and practice, yet definitions, measures, and uses of resilience remain complex and multifaceted. Resilience has been described as both an outcome and a process and has been used to refer to both individuals and communities. Scholars have also critiqued resilience theories and practice models as being difficult to define, too heavily focused on individual psychometric properties, and obscuring structural causes of adversity. It is essential that scholars and practitioners from a range of disciplines be at the forefront of critical discourse about resilience theory and practice. Scholars can offer valuable insight into problems of definition and conceptual measurement as well as the ways in which resilience is interpreted within a cultural context. The proposed special issue of the journal Traumatology offers papers that present research utilizing resilience concepts in an effort to critically engage with and enhance definitions of theoretical constructs as well as uses of resilience concepts in practice.