

Journal of Public Management & Social Policy
Special Symposium Call for Papers

“*At Yet Another Inflection Point:
In Search of Effective Policies and Practices to Understand and Address Gun Violence*”

Gun Violence in America

Norfolk, Uvalde, Nashville, Atlanta, Monterey Park, Trenton, Detroit, St. Louis, New Orleans, Richmond, Baltimore, Half Moon Bay, Louisville, and Charlottesville. These are just a few of the American cities and towns that have been plagued by gun violence. The consequences have robbed families and communities of vital assets—their loved ones, neighbors, and friends—and signals that we are at yet another inflection point, a time in search of significant change. Changes are needed in terms of approaches and methodologies, in understanding, and in policies and practices in order to address this wicked problem that is a growing scourge that traverses the American landscape.

This call seeks papers that will lead to not just a better understanding of the symptoms of this problem as it manifests across various policy domains, but an excavation and an illumination of the problem behind the symptoms of gun violence. As such, a special symposium of the ***Journal of Public Management & Social Policy (JPMSP)*** is devoted to answering the following questions: What is the problem behind the issue of gun violence? What symptoms serve as evidence for this issue? How can the wicked problem of gun violence best be understood? What are the implications for the academic community, policymakers, our governing institutions, and the public at-large? These questions are relevant ones, especially when considering the contextual factors that litter our country’s contemporary landscape—a diverse, divided, and polarized public emerging from the shadows of the triple pandemic. Hence, *JPMSP* seeks empirical and theoretical papers, as well as commentaries, from scholars, practitioners, students, community leaders, and other influencers that excavates and interrogates what lies at this current inflection point and offer implications for public policy, public management, professional practices, future research, and pedagogy.

Call for Proposals

We invite you to submit an abstract for this special issue by **June 30, 2023**. Abstracts should be 200 words or less and clearly state the focus of your paper, its research question, and note, where appropriate, its connection to a policy domain.

Please forward all abstracts to: Brian N. Williams, PhD., at bnw9q@virginia.edu. Notifications of accepted paper proposals will be emailed by **August 1, 2023**. You may also submit your proposal online at <https://digitalscholarship.tsu.edu/jpmisp/> (which requires you to create a profile before submission).

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