

HOMICIDE STUDIES

Special Issue: The effect of COVID-19 on rates, risks, and responses to fatal violence

Initial data indicate that there was an increase in violence and homicide during COVID-19. Very little is known about the nature and extent of the problem, causal mechanisms, or the contexts of homicide during this time. *Homicide Studies* seeks to fill this void by publishing a special issue dedicated to the effects of COVID-19 on fatal interpersonal violence. This special issue will consider original quantitative and qualitative research, case studies, and ethnographies. We are interested in manuscripts describing the effect of COVID-19 on homicide, including rates, risks, and responses to fatal violence. We will also consider methods focused papers on innovative responses to conducting homicide research during the pandemic. Preference will be given to manuscripts that present original research and those that are grounded on theory and relevant literature.

All submissions will be peer reviewed. Manuscripts must follow the editorial guidelines set forth by *Homicide Studies* (<https://journals.sagepub.com/author-instructions/HSX>)

To be considered for inclusion in this special issue, please submit a 500 word abstract outlining the topic and approach planned for the manuscript. Estimated publication of the issue will be August 2022.

Deadline for abstract submission July 15, 2021. Abstracts and questions should be submitted to Jill Messing and Millan AbiNader via email to Millan.AbiNader@asu.edu.