

## ***Journal of Applied Gerontology's* Special Issue Call for Papers**

### **“New Horizons in Ageism Research: Innovation in Study Design, Methodology, and Applications to Research, Policy, and Practice”**

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Since Robert Butler coined the term in 1969, ageism has been increasingly recognized as a serious problem that not only negatively affects older adults' physical and mental health and well-being, but also causes significant economic damage. This heightened social and political interest in ageism largely focuses on labor market discrimination and ageism in health care, which have been widely addressed in the research literature. However, ageism in relation to goods and services in other social fields, such as education, technology, transportation, voluntary work, finance and/or law has received less attention. There is also limited evidence on the impact of social campaigns to combat ageism.

A similar problem arises from a methodological point of view; there is a need to broaden the scope of ageism research. Recent literature has raised questions about adequate quantitative measurement of ageism. Further, qualitative approaches seem particularly necessary and fruitful in deepening our understanding of ageism. Yet, reviews of current literature document a clear shortfall in qualitative research that explores people's lived experiences.

The WHO 2021 Global Report on Ageism and the U.N. Decade of Healthy Ageing call for the research community to improve the current state of knowledge to make a true societal impact on the lives of older people. Against this background, this **Special Issue** will highlight articles that address ageism in new and innovative ways. We seek articles that address ageism in less researched areas such as cultural or civic participation, access to goods and services, or technology, as well as research on interventions to reduce ageism. Furthermore, we invite studies to approach ageism in methodologically innovative and refined ways.

Submissions of full-length manuscripts or brief reports must directly emphasize the application of the work to gerontological practice, policy, and/or research. Please indicate in your cover letter that you are submitting the manuscript for consideration in the Special Issue: New Horizons in Ageism Research. Also please select the manuscript type 'Special Issue' when submitting your work. Submissions should be complete articles (not abstracts) and meet all requirements described in submission guidelines: <https://journals.sagepub.com/author-instructions/JAG>. Of note, submissions should include *Journal of Applied Gerontology* required sections “What this paper adds” and “Applications of study findings” as described in the submission guidelines.

**Full papers submitted by 11:59 pm on August 31<sup>th</sup>, 2022 will be reviewed on a rolling basis.**

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