



CALL FOR PAPERS

Menstrual Health: A Matter Of Human Rights

This special issue of *Women's Reproductive Health* will highlight feminist scholarship that uses a human rights frame to address menstrual health.

Menstrual health is central to women's ability to thrive in every society in every part of the world. Without menstrual health in place, other human rights, such as the right to health and the right to be free from discrimination, remain in jeopardy. Yet menstrual health is only beginning to gain recognition as a human rights issue. And menstrual health remains under theorized in the social sciences and public policy.

This special issue aims to spark scholars of the menstrual cycle to consider and develop the human rights implications of their work. Equally, we hope to encourage those working in related human rights arenas to make this critical yet still marginalized issue factor more explicitly in their work.



Topics might include:

- Case studies that demonstrate human rights/menstrual health program implementation
- Policy [local, national and/or international] approaches to ensuring women's human rights vis a vis the menstrual cycle
- Theoretical engagements with the human rights involved in menstrual health, e.g., the right to health, right to equality, right to employment
- Critiques of, or discussions of the limitations of, the human rights approach
- Reproductive justice approaches to the menstrual cycle such as linking menstrual health with abortion, contraception and other reproductive issues
- Schools, workplaces and other contexts as loci for menstrual health/human rights education
- Considerations of cultural practices and traditions and beliefs around menstruation

Original papers using quantitative and/or qualitative approaches, as well as theoretical papers, are welcome. Creative writing will also be considered. However, we will NOT accept papers focused on new menstrual care innovations or related consumer product development.

Manuscripts [between 6000 and 8500 words] must be prepared in APA style and submitted via email as Word attachments to the journal's editor Joan C. Chrisler at jcchr@conncoll.edu. Please also CC the guest editors at chris.bobel@umb.edu and aagigian@suffolk.edu. All submissions will be double blind reviewed by 2-3 content experts.

Deadline for submissions is January 30, 2016, though we are willing to negotiate a later deadline, within reason, if necessary.

Women's Reproductive Health is an interdisciplinary journal, which welcomes authors in any field who address the topic from a feminist perspective. To learn more about the journal, visit our website.

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