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In contemporary times, it seems we cannot go a month without learning of new restrictions (e.g., North Carolina's HB2 law) proposed or passed that limit the rights of gender minorities. The divisive rhetoric related to gender minorities has resulted in a polarization of the discourses—hundreds of thousands have boycotted Target for allowing gender free bathrooms while others march for equality. As a result, youth in particular sometimes face challenges related to acceptance by their families, at school, and in the larger community.

This special issue looks to bring together those currently exploring the experiences of transgender young populations as they relate to health, well-being, and/or school achievement and experiences, with a special interest in opportunities for resilience and reducing stigma. We seek papers from a broad spectrum of disciplines (e.g., psychology, endocrinology, surgery, sociology, law, speech therapy) that promote the practice of intellectual humility in public discourse, in an effort to contribute to continued cultural change toward acceptance for transgender youth.

Ryan J. Watson and Jaimie F. Veale invite empirical (qualitative and quantitative) or review papers (maximum 6,000 words), commentaries, and opinion pieces on the subject of transgender health among youth and experiences related to resilience and public discourse. Commentaries, opinion pieces, and articles will be reviewed by the editors, while articles will also be sent out for external peer review. The deadline for abstract submissions is **January 15, 2017** (full papers due by **June 15, 2017**).

There is an opportunity for the most rigorous papers in the special collection to be published as open-access, with no cost to the authors.

Examples of appropriate topics are (although this list is not comprehensive):

- Sociological barriers that inhibit understanding of variations in gender identity
- Developmental milestones in adolescence and young adulthood pertaining to gender identity as they relate to health and well-being
- Protective factors for gender minority youth, including but not limited to family, school, transgender community, policy, and structural contexts
- The impact of access to appropriate health care (or lack of this) to gender minority youth
- Changing language use for youth to describe gender identities
- Determinants of health for gender minorities considering intersectionality

Informal inquiries and abstract submissions should be directed to Dr. Ryan J. Watson (ryanwatson@uconn.edu) and Dr. Jaimie Veale (jveale@waikato.ac.nz).

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