

Unequal Care: Trans Medicine and Health in Dangerous Times

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Special issue information:

Transgender medicine and healthcare is a field of that has provoked great interest among social scientists in recent years. This area of study cross-cuts a vast array of disciplines, draws on the intersection of gender, race, class, ability, and immigration status, and is (simultaneously) developing into a political minefield for legal, educational, medical, and pharmaceutical industries. Tied to the study of trans medicine, health, and healthcare are substantive areas in the social study of medicine, including: science and technology studies, health inequalities, medical education, professions and organizations, reproductive justice, knowledge production, and culture. This special issue will include innovative empirical research on transgender medicine and healthcare during a moment of hyper-visibility and dangerous times and is shaped by the overarching irreverent though apt question: What the hell is wrong with trans medicine and healthcare how can we fix it?

We welcome submissions on a wide range of topics related to: 1) emergent intersectional inequalities in trans medicine, health, and healthcare; 2) socialization and medical training for providers of trans medicine and healthcare; 3) centering patient experiences and embodied knowledge; and 4) the social, political, and legal construction of health, healthcare, medical knowledge, practices, and culture in trans medicine, health, and healthcare.

Additionally, we especially welcome submissions that utilize an intersectional analysis and/or offer critical, innovative theoretical or methodological approaches on topics that fit within these themes, such as: reproductive justice and racism; formal and informal medical training; new technologies within trans medicine, health, and healthcare; how multiple institutions (e.g., legal, insurance, and pharmaceutical) interface and/or shape the practice of trans medicine and healthcare; the impact of recent moral panics or legislation on providers and/or patients; how evidence is constructed in trans medicine and healthcare; the political uses and invocations of gender-affirming care in right-wing politics; and how cultural values shape health and the delivery of, or experience with, healthcare.

We are seeking empirical or theoretical papers from social scientists across a wide array of disciplines including, but not limited to: anthropology, gender studies, medical education, political science, psychology, sociology, and science and technology studies. We particularly welcome submissions that explore these issues in the context of the Global South.

Manuscript submission information:

The deadline for submissions is *1st September 2023*.

All articles included in this special issue will undergo double-blind peer review.

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