



## Special Edition – Inclusive Teaching and Learning

### CALL FOR PAPERS – Extended!

The *Journal of Educational Research and Practice* (JERAP) will publish a special edition focusing on inclusive teaching and learning by examining current relevant educational issues and processes aimed at providing readers with knowledge and insights on how inclusive teaching and learning can effect positive social change. Journal Homepage: <https://scholarworks.waldenu.edu/jerap>

**The Special Edition of the *Journal of Educational Research and Practice, Inclusive Teaching and Learning* seeks manuscript submissions from practitioners and scholars from 2-year and 4-year institutions that will advance professional practice and scholarly dialogue through reports of teaching practices; empirical research; scholarly essays on teaching, learning, or instruction; book reviews; case studies; professional application essays; primary research; op-ed submissions; and additional content of interest to educators that examines how practitioners create inclusive learning environments for diverse learners. The journal utilizes a double-blind peer-review process and is an open access publication. Practitioners and scholars of color are encouraged to participate.**

Think creatively and broadly. The following is a simple list of examples:

- Rapidly converting curriculum to the online environment while valuing diversity, fostering inclusivity, achieving equity, and supporting accessibility
- Curricular and pedagogical approaches that decenter Whiteness
- Adapting institutional policies to center the experiences students who are online, unhoused, or food insecure
- Getting to know students and responding to their diverse needs with empathy to build trust
- Fostering belonging at a distance for students from minoritized groups (students who are Black, Latinx, Indigenous, first generation, low-income, LGBTQIA, neurodiverse, and students with physical disabilities)
- Ensuring students have academic and/or institutional resources to succeed (regardless of learning modality)
- Approaches that reimagine teaching using an asset-based lens for students
- Creating peer learning communities for students and/or faculty
- Recognizing social and emotional barriers in online learning, and remedying their impact
- Applying evidence-based practices or reporting on the efficacy of interventions to mitigate stereotype threat or implicit bias in the online classroom
- Institutional innovations like equity audits that improve belonging for students from minoritized groups

- Psychological impacts on faculty during the pandemic and institutional efforts to improve these impacts
- Professional development and support for faculty during the rapid conversion to online teaching
- Efficacy of inclusive syllabus redesigns (diversity statements, land acknowledgement, welcome videos, mental health support statements)
- Equitable grading strategies and assessments
- Critical investigations of the negative impact of online proctoring on students
- Approaches that reduce equity gaps for racially and minoritized students, as well as those without access to the internet in the age of COVID-19
- Decolonizing the curriculum (incorporating diverse voices and perspectives, decentering Whiteness and American exceptionalism)
- Book review or resource review focused on creating inclusive learning environments (open educational resources, for example) or employing critical pedagogies
- Review of video/digital technology or additional online tools that support learner variability
- Innovations in multiple modal teaching
- Personal reflections about becoming self-aware of the influence of White dominant culture in higher education and in one's own teaching

Special consideration is given to submissions that provide clear linkages between inclusive teaching and learning and recommendations for positive social change. Submissions from all disciplines and multidisciplinary manuscripts are welcome. Selected articles will be published in a special online edition.

### How to Get Started

The journal will accept submissions from January 30, 2022 – March 1, 2023. Accepted articles are published electronically as they are completed.

#### To submit an article:

- [Submission guidelines and contributor agreements](#)
- [Set up a user account](#)
- [Submit work](#)
  - Please remember to include a **cover letter** indicating you are submitting to the Special Issue
  - For original research, a recommended word length is 10,000 words or less
  - For all other submission types, a recommended word length issue is 5,000 words or less

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