**Call for Papers for a Special Section of the APA Division 44 journal**

***Psychology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity* on**

**LGBT issues across the Spanish/Portuguese-speaking Americas**

Over the past years, LGBT communities across the Americas have advanced the promotion of LGBT equality, with the legal recognition of same-sex relationships and laws prohibiting the violence, harassment, and discrimination against LGBT individuals among others. As a result, we are soliciting manuscripts for a special section of *Psychology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity* (PSOGD) devoted to LGBT issues in Spanish/Portuguese-speaking populations across the Americas.

*Details*

The purpose of this 2018 special section is to expand the field’s understanding on LGBT issues in Spanish-speaking populations throughout the Americas, not just in the United States. This special section will be published in English. It is important to build on and broaden the discussion of LGBT issues, and the appreciation of the diversity and complexity of the Spanish-speaking LGBT experiences in different countries of Americas. The manuscripts should synthesize and extend the existing literature, showcase research utilizing cutting-edge methodologies, and highlight promising new areas for inquiry relevant to these communities.

Contributions are sought in a variety of areas, including but not limited to:

* Research on clinical practice and prevention strategies;
* Research on social/community interventions;
* Research on health and well-being promotion among LGBT communities;
* Experiences of LGBT individuals in the workplace;
* Public policy implications for LGBT communities;

*Types of Manuscripts*

The special section will include invited manuscripts using empirical research (quantitative and qualitative; correlational or experimental; cross-sectional or longitudinal), theoretical and conceptual articles, and in-depth meta-analyses of the research and literature. In addition, we would welcome articles that outline new interventions, practices, and programs that relate to LGBT Spanish/Portuguese-speaking populations throughout the Western hemisphere. Finally, we also welcome contributions that take an interdisciplinary or intersectional approach to the topic and have a wide array of implications for research, theory, practice, and policy.

Manuscripts will include standard articles (under 7,500 words), brief reports (under 4,000 words), commentaries (under 1,000 words), and book/media reviews (under 1,000 words). Manuscript details and how to submit can be found on the PSOGD web page ([www.apa.org/pubs/journals/SGD](http://www.apa.org/pubs/journals/SGD)), under Instructions to Authors--Manuscript Types.

*Proposals review deadline*

**Proposals for contributions are sought by February 1, 2017.** Contributors will be invited by March 1, 2017, with manuscript submission expected by September 1, 2017 for publication in later 2018.

*How to submit proposals*

Proposals should be emailed to PSOGD.latinspecialissue@gmail.com no later than February 1, 2017.

Proposals must include the following:

* Author(s) and affiliations
* Corresponding author’s name, email address, phone number, and mailing address
* Type of contribution (standard article, brief report, commentary, or book/media review)
* An abstract of up to 500 words succinctly describing the topic, methods, main findings, significance, and relevance to the special section of the proposed manuscript.
* All abstracts must be submitted in English and follow the established publication guidelines in the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (6th edition).

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