**Call for Papers: Cultural Processes in** **Psychotherapy**

*Psychotherapy* invites manuscripts for a special issue on **Cultural Processes in** **Psychotherapy**. Specifically, we are seeking contributions on both the clinical and research aspects of the cultural processes in psychotherapy from a variety of different theoretical orientations, perspectives and methodologies. This special issue will include two sections, each serving to help better define the nature and extent of this important and often ignored aspect of psychotherapy.

For the first section of this special issue, **Cultural Processes in** **Psychotherapy: Research**, we welcome papers empirically examining cultural processes and outcomes in psychotherapy across a range of different theories, orientations, measures, and perspectives. Studies using quantitative or qualitative methods, as well as those demonstrating null or negative results, are welcomed. In addition, meta-analyses that synthesize the existing empirical literature with regard to cultural processes in psychotherapy are encouraged.

For the second section of this special issue, **Cultural Processes in** **Psychotherapy: Practice**, we seek contributions from psychotherapists on aspects of cultural processes in psychotherapy.  Specifically, these practice section manuscripts should describe 2 to 3 aspects of cultural processes in psychotherapy: 1) describe a few key aspects of attending to cultural opportunities (or missed opportunities) in treatment; 2) describe how the therapists’ comfort (or discomfort) played a role in treatment; 3) describe how the client and therapist attitudes/values played a role in the process. For each of the aspects discussed above, we request the author try to provide information regarding the following areas: a) the theoretical basis of the process, b) a verbatim clinical exchange clearly demonstrating this intervention, and c) research that supports the use of this intervention.  These contributions are to be organized in a series of focused brief comments, 15 pages maximum (all-inclusive).

We are interested in submissions from the widest range of practice orientations, as well as integrative perspectives.  Manuscripts submitted must have a very clear statement on the implications for psychotherapy, as well as use psychotherapy terminology. Thus, we are most interested in manuscripts that are specifically related to the therapeutic setting and treatment interventions in an applied manner. As such papers would need to have very clear and accessible implications for therapists in applied clinical practice.  The suggestions may also be helpful in generating research ideas in the future.

In addition, consistent with the ethical guidelines of the *Psychotherapy*, if clinical case material is reported authors are required to state in writing (in both submission letter and text of the manuscript) which criteria they have used to comply with the APA ethics code (i.e. specific informed consent, de-identification or disguise), and if de-identification or disguise is used how and where it has been applied.

Manuscripts can be submitted through the journal’s electronic portal, under the Instructions to Authors at: <http://www.apa.org/pubs/journals/pst/>. Please note in your cover letter that you are submitting for this special issue.  Deadline for submitting manuscripts in this special issue is **May 15th, 2017**.  Any inquiries or questions regarding topic or scope for the special issue can be sent to Jesse Owen, PhD. Associate Editor; Psychotherapy: jesse.owen@du.edu.