Applications are invited for the position of editor or co-editors of *Society and Mental Health (SMH)*, a journal published by the American Sociological Association’s (ASA) Sociology of Mental Health section. *SMH* is published 3 times per year and includes original and innovative peer-reviewed research and theory articles linking social structure and sociocultural processes with mental health and illness in society.

Applications are due **November 1, 2023**. The official term for the new editor or co-editors will begin on January 1, 2025. The editorial transition will start in July 2024 with the first issue of the new editorial team being the March 2025 issue. The editorial term is for a minimum of three years until December 2027, with a possible reappointment up to two additional years.

**Editor Responsibilities:** Editors are expected to secure timely and appropriate reviews and make final decisions on manuscripts, informing both the author(s) and reviewers of the final disposition. Editors are also responsible for maintaining the high standards of ASA journals, ensuring that issues are filled within the annual page allotments, and preventing a long backlog of articles for either review or publication. Editors must show openness to communicating with scholars about diverse ideas and eagerness to continue building the journal’s reputation. The time demands associated with these responsibilities vary, but in general, require 2 days per week. Costs associated with editing the journal are covered by the publisher and the editor’s university or co-editors’ university/universities. The publisher provides funding to cover basic expenses such as a part-time managing editor and office supplies. Applicants should provide a letter of institutional support from the editor’s university or co-editors’ university/universities assuring a suitable level of financial and in-kind support for the editor/co-editors and the editorial office.

**Candidate Requirements:** Candidates must be members of both the ASA and the Section on the Sociology of Mental Health and hold a tenured position or equivalent in an academic or a non-academic setting. Applications from members of underrepresented minority groups are especially encouraged.

**Selection Process:** Applications will be reviewed by the Section on the Sociology of Mental Health’s Publications Committee beginning November 1, 2023. The committee will submit a ranked list of candidates to the Sociology of Mental Health’s Council by December 1, 2023. The Council will vote and submit their editor/co-editors selection back to the Publications Committee. The recommendation is then forwarded to ASA’s Publications Committee, which will review the selection and forward a recommendation to ASA Council. ASA Council will make the final decision. In accordance with ASA’s mission to publish high quality scholarship, the following criteria are considered in selecting editors:

- Established record of scholarship
- Evidence of understanding the mission of the journal and its operation, as indicated by experience with the journal through publication, reviewing, editorial board experience, or other activities
- Assessment of the present state of the journal, its strengths and challenges, and a vision for the journal’s future
- Openness to different methods, theories, and approaches to sociology
- Record of responsible service to scholarly publishing
- Commitment to issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion
**Application Materials:** Applications are due November 1, 2023. The application, excluding CVs, should be no more than 6 pages. Examples of successful applications for editor and co-editors of *SMH* and other ASA journals can be found [here](#) and [here](#). Application packets must include the following:

1. **Vision Statement:** Set forth goals and plans for the content of *SMH*. This may include an assessment of the current strengths, weaknesses, or gaps you plan to address and how you will carry out your plan.

2. **Background Information:** The name, affiliation, and other important information about the potential editor or co-editors. Describe the qualifications and experience of each applicant. If applying as co-editors, please also discuss how you plan to divide and coordinate editing responsibilities. You may (but are not required to) provide names of potential deputy editors. The Committee does not expect you to get commitments to serve from those people as part of your application process. Please do not include names of individuals that you plan to include on the larger editorial board. Contacting potential editorial board members can be a time-consuming task that should be done only after an editor is or co-editors are selected.

3. **Letter of Institutional Support:** It is important for candidates to examine the feasibility of serving as editor or co-editor in light of the resources provided by ASA and the home university. At this point, a preliminary letter of support from a dean or other appropriate institutional official is requested. Specific negotiations will of course take place after a new editor is or new co-editors are selected. Candidates are strongly encouraged to discuss possible resource allocation with their institutions before applying. The document [Department/University Benefits to Hosting an ASA Journal](#) may be helpful when discussing available resources with your institution.

4. **CV for the applicant(s)**

5. **Professional Ethics and Scientific Integrity Self-Disclosure:** All nominees for editorships are required to answer a self-disclosure question regarding professional ethics and scientific integrity. If you submit an application for an editorship or a co-editorship, then please click [here](#) to complete the disclosure online. This is required by ASA.

6. **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion:** Include some detail about diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives you would plan to undertake if you were selected to serve as editor to encourage involvement of underrepresented scholars on your editorial board and as manuscript reviewers and authors.

Applications should be emailed as PDFs with “SMH Editor Application” in the subject line. Email applications and/or questions to:

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