

## ***Call for Papers***

The Behavioral Science & Policy Association (BSPA) invites submissions for its flagship journal: *Behavioral Science & Policy* (BSP), an international peer-reviewed journal.

*Behavioral Science & Policy* features short, accessible articles describing actionable advice for policy makers and practitioners that is firmly grounded in the empirical scientific study of individual, group, and organizational behavior. Submissions will undergo a dual review process involving discipline-focused editors to assess scientific rigor and policy-focused editors to assess practicality. Articles recommended for publication will also receive feedback from professional writing editors to enhance their appeal to a broad audience of behavioral scientists, policy makers, practitioners, and educated lay readers. Published articles will be available online via open access until compiled into print editions. BSP is not limited to a particular point of view or political ideology.

## ***Accepting Submissions***

### ***Spotlight on "Harnessing Behavioral Science to Understand and Address Human Impact on the Environment"***

We are now accepting submissions for a Spotlight on "Harnessing Behavioral Science to Understand and Address Human Impact on the Environment." This Spotlight will focus on how we can leverage behavioral science insights to shape environmental policies; a particularly important issue in the Anthropocene. The Anthropocene is increasingly used to define our current geological age in which human behavior has become the dominant influence on climate and our environment.

This scientific reality presents new opportunities for behavioral science. If human behavior is the main influence on our environment and climate, then does it follow that behavioral science should be the main policy response to climate and environmental challenges? How do behavioral levers compare to other policy responses to Anthropocene challenges? How is behavioral science already being used to mitigate Anthropocene challenges? How is behavioral science (unintentionally) contributing to these challenges?

This Spotlight seeks submissions which shed light on such questions, and welcome ideas across the social and political spectrum. We are interested in a wide range of topics, cutting across traditional viewpoints, which highlight and clarify the role of behavioral science in meeting climate and environmental challenges. Examples of topics that may fit this Spotlight include, but are not limited to intersections of behavioral science with:

- Climate change and other planetary boundaries: Research under this umbrella might identify reasons for the behavior that has led us to exceed these boundaries in some cases and avoid and extend them in others. Which policies have effectively worked with these behaviors? How do proposed policies, as well as technological, and purely behavioral, responses to these boundaries reinforce each other?
- How do environmental and social goals overlap? Possible topics in this area include, but are not limited to, air quality, climate engineering, material life-cycles, consumption and acquisitiveness, energy (supply and demand, water (quality and quantity), and scientific analysis of environmental justice issues.
- Wildlife protection and conservation: Research under this category can address the protection/conservation of individual species as well as larger ecologies and natural habitats. Relevant examinations include the psychological underpinnings of taking action to protect wildlife, the situational factors that interfere with people's conservation behavior, and examples of successful strategies and policies that leveraged behavioral science.

To receive consideration for the *Behavioral Science & Policy* Spotlight on "Harnessing Behavioral Science to Understand and Address Human Impact on the Environment," please submit a 250 word abstract of your article to the Guest Editors by September 30, 2019. Competitive abstracts will be invited to submit a full manuscript by January 31, 2020.

**Guest Editors** for this Spotlight Issue are: Leidy Klotz ([lk6me@virginia.edu](mailto:lk6me@virginia.edu)), Izzy Gainsburg ([izzyg@umich.edu](mailto:izzyg@umich.edu)), Julia Lee ([profjlee@umich.edu](mailto:profjlee@umich.edu)), and Rick Larrick ([rick.larrick@duke.edu](mailto:rick.larrick@duke.edu)).

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**Manuscript Categories:** Manuscripts can be submitted in a number of different categories, each of which must clearly demonstrate the empirical basis for the article as well as explain specific implications for (public and/or private-sector) policy and practice:

· Proposals ( $\leq 2,500$  words) specify scientifically grounded policy proposals and provide supporting evidence including concise reports of relevant studies. This category is most

appropriate for describing new policy implications of previously published work or a novel policy recommendation that is supported by previously published studies.

- Reports ( $\leq 3000$  words) provide a summary of output and actionable prescriptions that emerge from a workshop, working group, or standing organization in the behavioral policy space. In some cases such papers may consist of summaries of a much larger published report that also includes some novel material such as meta-analysis, actionable implications, process lessons, reference to related work by others, and/or new results not presented in the initial report. These papers are not merely summaries of a published report, but also should provide substantive illustrations of the research or recommendations and insights about the implications of the report content or process for others proposing to do similar work. Submitted papers will undergo BSP review for rigor and accessibility that is expedited to facilitate timely promulgation.

- Findings ( $\leq 4,000$  words) report on results of new studies and/or substantially new analysis of previously reported data sets (including formal meta-analysis) and the policy implications of the research findings. This category is most appropriate for presenting new evidence that supports a particular policy recommendation. The additional length of this format is designed to accommodate a summary of methods, results, and/or analysis of studies (though some finer details may be relegated to supplementary online materials).

- Reviews ( $\leq 5,000$  words) survey and synthesize the key findings and policy implications of research in a specific disciplinary area or on a specific policy topic. This could take the form of describing a general-purpose behavioral tool for policy makers or a set of behaviorally grounded insights for addressing a particular policy challenge.

- Other Published Materials. BSP will sometimes solicit or accept Essays ( $\leq 5,000$  words) that present a unique perspective on behavioral policy; Letters ( $\leq 500$  words) that provide a forum for responses from readers and contributors, including policy makers and public figures; and Invitations ( $\leq 1,000$  words with links to online Supplemental Material), which are requests from policy makers for contributions from the behavioral science community on a particular policy issue. For example, if a particular agency is facing a specific challenge and seeks input from the behavioral science community, we would welcome posting of such solicitations.