



May 30, 2020

Dear JPS Members and Friends,

We had hoped to be together in Philadelphia these days, though as you know the JPS 2020 anniversary meeting has been postponed. We hope to gather together next year at this time. In the meantime, we are writing because we will have a one-year delay in the special issue we produce out of our conferences each year, currently with the society's journal *Human Development*. At the recent JPS board meeting this week, the society decided it would like to sponsor the submission of a special issue to *Human Development* on a topic of interest to our membership and to engage with society members and friends in a process to generate the JPS special issue. The board is circulating this letter as an **open call for proposals**. We aim to have a decision of the special issue theme by August 2020. The quick turnaround time is necessary in order to be able to submit the completed special issue to the journal by the summer 2021 to keep on track with our usual submission schedule.

By way of background, typically guest issues contain four target articles and two commentaries or five target articles (without commentaries), as well as an introduction and concluding article by the guest editor(s).

To keep to our ambitious schedule, the board aims for the following timetable over the next months:

**June 15, 2020:** Deadline for submission of brief letters of interest which should include up to a one-page outline of the conceptual theme of the special issue, its connection to both the journal *Human Development* readership and the interests of the Jean Piaget Society, and the names of potential guest editor(s) and authors.

**July 2020:** A selection committee in consultation with the editor of *Human Development* will extend an invitation by July 1 to write a full-length proposal which will include the confirmed names of guest editors and all authors for further review. The full proposal will be due by the end of July.

**By August 2020:** The special issue theme will be decided and guest editors notified.

**By July 2021:** The entire manuscript will go into final press with all articles reviewed and final drafts submitted.

While this schedule is ambitious, both the JPS board and Susan Rivera, editor of *Human Development*, are united in the belief that this is a wonderful chance for the society to deliver an exciting volume despite the fact that COVID-19 has led us to postpone the conference and our planned special issue. If this opportunity sounds appealing to you, please submit your letter of interest to Nancy Budwig, JPS Publications Editor, [nbudwig@clarku.edu](mailto:nbudwig@clarku.edu). If you have any questions, also please feel free to contact JPS through e-mailing Nancy Budwig.

We extend our best wishes to all members and friends of JPS at this time.

Warm regards,

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