



Religion and Public Health: Social Scientific Investigations

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Message from the Guest Editors

Individual religiosity, faith-based organizations, and community-level religious ecologies have been shown to exhibit a robust relationship with public health. The prevention and treatment of various diseases can be hastened by accounting for religiosity and religious coping behaviors. Extant research also reveals the complexity of the religion–health relationship, such that faith can sometimes facilitate wellness and other times undermine it. Despite such mounting evidence, scholarship examining religious influences on public health still lags behind that focused on other social correlates. Data gaps are one obstacle to advancing the field. In addition, some researchers have a lack of familiarity with this core social institution. Given religion’s persistent public presence across the world.

This Special Issue aims to advance current scholarship on religion and public health across various locales and faith traditions while also charting methodologically novel avenues of exploration. Papers examining religious influences on public health are especially welcome, but those exploring how health may affect religious participation and spirituality are also solicited.





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