Gendered and Sexual Aging in the History and Culture of Medicine

A multi-disciplinary special edition on the history and culture of gender or sexuality and aging in medicine or health across time and place.

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Contributions are invited for a special edition of the Journal of Aging Studies on the topic of “Gendered and Sexual Aging in the History and Culture of Medicine”. The journal special edition will be edited both by Alison Downham Moore who is Associate Professor of History and Medical Humanities at Western Sydney University and by Professor Sarah Lamb who is Barbara Mandel Professor of Humanistic Social Sciences Professor of Anthropology and Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at Brandeis University.

Researchers from all disciplines in the humanities, social sciences and medical sciences are invited to propose papers for inclusion in this special edition. Proposals are particularly welcome that engage with medicine or health from another disciplinary perspective in relation to questions of gender or sexuality and aging, in particular history of medicine or biology, medical anthropology, philosophy of the medical sciences, sociology of medicine, literary, art, music or theatre studies engaging with medicine, as well as forms of medical research or gerontology that engage with humanistic or social scientific scholarship in relation to gender or sexuality.

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- Questions of mortality and life-expectancy that are sex- or gender-specific
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- Intersections of race, indigeneity, or ethnicity, in relation to gender and aging in medicine
- Concepts of sexual function or pleasure in relation to aging
- Ideas about sex-steroid hormones and aging
- Cultural comparison of attitudes to gender and medicine in older people

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