Resisting Structures of Violence
Special Issue: Call for Papers
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Violence is demonstrated at individual, local, national, and global levels through physical, structural, and psychological actions. The ubiquitous nature of violence, sadly, normalizes it to the point that it is possible for a person to either dismiss these injustices or directly experience violence without conceiving it as “violence.” On the other hand, a person may recognize an injustice as violence, yet feel helpless in its forces. The current socio-political climate in the U.S. draws attention to different acts of violence that have become commonplace in society, not to mention an always-available news system that continually reminds consumers of these concerns. Some forms of violence are obvious and illicit an almost-immediate response, as was demonstrated by student victims of the Parkland shooting. Conversely some forms of violence may go unnoticed. Despite the personal tolls resistance can have on individuals or groups, we contend that resisting offers hope for a better future.

Understanding that violence is all around us, we call on interdisciplinary and critical scholars and activists across the globe to share how they make meaning of the many, complex forms of violence that plague our world, and by extension, the ways people react or “talk back” to these forms of oppression.

The Journal of Critical Thought and Praxis invites submissions for a special issue on resisting structures of violence. We invite scholars and activists from a range of disciplinary and professional positions to submit work (research articles, conceptual essays, book reviews, and poems) that illuminates the challenges of understanding and working against violent or oppressive forces. JCTP welcomes work from a variety of epistemological, theoretical, and methodological traditions. As an interdisciplinary journal, we are interested in submissions from scholars, professionals, and activists working across disciplines, from the sciences, social sciences, and arts and humanities.

We welcome papers that cover a broad range of topics, including but not limited to:
- epistemic violence that glorifies androcentric, whitewashed, heteronormative curricula;
- administrative, structural, or policy violence, such as “bathroom bills” that target the transgender and gender-nonbinary community, workplace or education policies that push out women and people of color; and
- physical violence, such as gun violence and sexual assault.

Submissions might explore these questions:
- Does positionality influence the ways violence is understood and normalized?
- How does resistance allow us to envision a new life without these forms of subjugation?
- Is resistance working? How do we know?
- Can resistance be violent? What is “non-violent resistance,” and who benefits by it?
- How do young people play a role in either the perpetuation of violence or its resistance, and who is responsible for addressing this?
Submission Timeline
Deadline: Friday, September 7, 2018
Anticipated Publication: Late Winter/Early Spring 2019

Submission Process & Questions
1. Submissions should be in Microsoft Word (.docx) format.
2. Submissions should be uploaded on JCTP’s website via the Submit Article page.
3. For any questions, please e-mail jctp@iastate.edu. If you are unsure if your submission will meet the call of the special issue, please send an abstract to us via e-mail.

Article and Essay Submission Guidelines
Articles and essays should not exceed 30 double-spaced pages, including references, tables, and figures. The most recent edition of the American Psychological Association (APA) style guide should be followed for formatting, references, and citations. We are able to upload supplemental documents such as data used in a study or teaching materials which are not part of the 30 pages.

When preparing a manuscript for initial submission, authors should follow the instructions below:
1. Submissions should be in Microsoft Word (.docx) format.
2. Use 12-point Times New Roman Font, one-inch margins, and double-space all text, including references and block quotes.
3. See our website for a full list of policies and author guidelines.

Book Review Submission Guidelines
Book reviews should not exceed 1,500 to 2,000 words and should be typed using double-spaced, 12-point, Times New Roman font. See the most recent APA style guide for any references and in-text citations. If you are interested in reviewing a book for the next issue of the Journal, please email us at jctp@iastate.edu and adhere to the following requirements:
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2. Consider whether the book fits with the Journal’s special call
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