

Special Issue Call For Papers:

Title: Bullying: A Social Influence Perspective

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Call For Papers:

Social Influence announces a call for papers on topics related to the social influences on bullying. The journal aims to publish a special issue on the subject in October 2012. **Social Influence** is a multi-disciplinary journal, recently accepted into the Web of Science, that provides an integrated focus for research into this important and dynamic field.

There was a time when school-yard bullying was regarded as relatively innocuous problem—a normal part of growing up—but no more. The magnitude of the problems that bullying can lead to is illustrated by a number of recent cases in the popular media that have linked bullying with suicide or homicide. Quite apart from such extreme cases, however, a great deal of research has shown that children involved in bullying are at statistically increased risks of both short- and long-term negative outcomes, this whether they are bullies, victims, or both. Fundamental to creating successful intervention programs to prevent or reduce bullying is basic research that identifies bullies, victims, and other roles in bullying situations and their respective characteristics (e.g., personality, motivational, intellectual, physical, social, and behavioral). Although there has been a substantial increase in such research in recent years, many fundamental questions remain unanswered. Accordingly, we are calling for papers for a special issue of *Social Influence* that will focus on bullying.

We are very interested in receiving any empirically-based research concerned with bullying but, consistent with our mission, are especially interested in research that breaks new ground with reference to the effects of social influences on bullying or related phenomena.

Articles may present new empirical findings or they may be review articles. For inclusion in the special issue, the editors will consider both the fit with the special issue topic and the interest-generating potential of the manuscripts submitted.

Manuscripts should be no longer than 5000 words. This word limit excludes the abstract (which should be no longer than 120 words), the title, table and figure text, and references. For full instructions on submissions including journal style and layout please visit the journal's website www.informaworld.com/psif and go to the "Instructions for Authors" page.

Submission:

Manuscripts should be submitted by **1st May, 2012**.

All manuscripts should be submitted through our ScholarOne Manuscripts online submission site at <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/psif>, selecting **Bullying Special Issue** as the manuscript type.

For further information, or if you have any questions on whether your work is appropriate for the special issue, contact Dr. Paul R. Nail at PNail@uca.edu