JoLLE Statement on Gender-Inclusive Terms

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When submitting your manuscript for review, please include a statement clarifying your choice of gendered terminology throughout your paper. See templates at the bottom of this document for examples of gender-inclusive term statements. If your manuscript is accepted for publication, this statement will be included as a footnote in your published article.

JoLLE Policy Statement
To be consistent with our gender inclusivity statement requirement for authors, JoLLE’s editorial board has agreed to use “they” as a singular pronoun in our writings and communications. Please click to see more information about our pronoun statement for authors.

Also, JoLLE’s editorial board has agreed to use the terms “Latinx” and “Chicanx” in our own writings and correspondences when referring to members of communities of Ibero-American heritage. We choose to use these gender-neutral terms in order to align with JoLLE’s stance that gender exists on a spectrum and that many terms exist for referring to individuals.

Requirements for Authors of Manuscripts Accepted for Publication
Because we recognize that gendered and nationalized terms are politically-charged and associated with colonization, we require authors to develop their own statement regarding their choice of terms in their manuscript. Authors who contribute articles on Latinx topics to JoLLE should explain their usage of their chosen term/s* along with their pronoun usage. We strongly recommend consulting with your participants or community members and using the language they prefer.

Sample Statements for Authors
Statements that account for an author’s use of pronouns and other gendered terms might take the following form:

**Gender**
“I acknowledge that there is a gender spectrum and that many pronouns exist that I can use when referring to individuals in my writing. Throughout article I will use ______________ pronouns because of ______________...”

**Latinx**
“I recognize that many terms are available for referring to communities of Ibero-American heritage. Throughout this article I will use ______________ because ______________...”

Additional Resources
This site provides more information regarding ungendered pronouns that you may find helpful as you write your own statement and select the pronouns to be used in your own writing.

This site provides information regarding adjectives related to Ibero-American heritage that you may find helpful as you write your own statement and select the adjective/s to be used in your own writing.