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Climate change is a global emergency. Its impacts are not equally distributed in our society. Although the least responsible for the climate crisis, children are bearing the greatest impact. For centuries, children of color in the United States have been made vulnerable by the systematic effects of being marginalized. Children from minority and indigenous populations are at increased risk due to increased exposure, increased susceptibility and limited resources for adaptation. They may, for example, live in substandard housing or in polluted environments, in flood prone areas and without adequate heating and cooling systems. Multiplying these threats are their developmental and physical immaturity and the social determinants of health that define their reality.

This special issue of JARC will feature articles contributing to a better understanding of the nexus of environmental justice and climate change. We seek manuscripts that explore or describe the physical and mental health effects of climate change on marginalized children, the views of teachers, nurses and doctors and youth on the climate crisis, the efforts and impact of decreasing carbon emissions at the personal, community, national and international level, and the ethical and philosophical approaches to this existential problem.

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