Examing the Trauma Related Health Effects of Police Behavior on Black Communities
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This research study intends to explore the ways that police violence and over-policing in predominately black, low-income communities impacts trauma related health outcomes among individuals in those populations. The historical and political context of criminalization of black people which operated through slavery, Jim Crow, and mass incarceration will be mentioned and paired with the current, and rampant, form of criminalization which is police brutality. The cultural norms that perpetuate a perceived police culture and implicit bias along with the social connotations of black males are expressed to contextualize the occurrence of police violence and to frame contemporary discussions of policies and practices that engender police behaviors and their negative health effects. Three research questions pertaining to the relationship between police violence and health will be addressed and assessed utilizing a qualitative, meta-analytical methods.