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Spring of 2020 has brought global attention to racial injustices and persistent biases: the murder of George Floyd at the hands of the police; the burden of COVID-19 on the precariously employed and minority workers of America. Industrial hygienists and allied professionals have been forced to examine the health inequities along lines of race, gender, and precarious employment. Many have started to ask: *should divisions at work or across employment sectors be considered as we work towards improving the health and safety of workplaces?* Consequently, many hygienists are seeking to identify new ways to critically assess and remove existing barriers that may be causing health inequities at work because of previously unconsidered and unaddressed social biases. Because many of us are starting to ask the right questions about ourselves and our society, the *JOEH* is trying to identify innovative tools and solutions that will aid in the discovery of effective answers. We will host a special topic issue in May 2021, the anniversary of George Floyd's death, focusing on myriad of issues and solutions associated with health equity in the workplace. Members of the AIHA Social Concerns Committee are leading the search to identify authors and articles that focus on improving our understanding of critical behaviors and systems that may have historically contributed to health inequity in the workplace. **If you have research -- small case studies or large technical reports -- that can contribute to our knowledge about solving these inequities at the workplace, the *JOEH* is interested in reviewing your manuscripts.**

Topics of interest to this issue include:

- Race inequity in work exposures
- Gender inequity in work exposures
- Accommodating disabilities in health protective interventions
- Health equity in the gig economy and the precarious workforce

If you are interested in contributing a technical manuscript, short report, or review article for this special issue, please contact the *JOEH* to discuss your ideas for this manuscript. These articles will be peer reviewed. To meet the May publication deadline, we request that original manuscripts be submitted to *JOEH* by manuscripts be submitted by **October 30, 2020**. renee-anthony@uiowa.edu