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## **Relationship Dissolution within a Contemporary Context: Implications for Education, Practice and Policy**

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It is fair to conclude that in the past decades “marriage-like relationships” have become more diverse in the U.S. This diversity is the result of marriage rates declining and cohabitation rates increasing combined with relatively high rates of relationship disruptions and re-partnering. Furthermore, although it is impossible to document whether the number of same-sex “marriage-like relationships” have increased over the past decades, it is clear that there have been remarkable changes within this time period in the sociopolitical context surrounding lesbian and gay families.

This diverse context of contemporary “marriage-like” relationships calls attention to the need for the continuous updating of information related to the dissolution of these relationships. **The purpose of this special issue** is to gather papers that explore the emotional, social, financial, and/or legal issues experienced when contemporary “marriage-like” relationships dissolve. Theoretical and empirical papers are welcome. As Family Relations is an interdisciplinary journal that focuses on applied issues in family studies, papers that bring to light education, practice, and policy issues are most welcome.

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