

**Notice of a Special Collection of Papers: *Media and Families*
*Family Relations: Interdisciplinary Journal of Applied Family Studies***

Family Relations is developing a "Special Collection" of papers focusing on the topic of "Media and Families." This collection of papers is being assembled and edited by a distinguished constellation of interdisciplinary scholars - namely, Sarah M. Coyne (School of Family Life, Brigham Young University), Brad Bushman (School of Communication, Ohio State University), and Amy Nathanson (School of Communication, Ohio State University).

The Editors are inviting authors to submit papers for possible inclusion in the special collection. Submissions should focus on media uses, processes, or effects in a familial context. Any type of technology or media will be considered, though studies examining "new" forms of media are particularly encouraged. Submissions should be theory driven and empirical in nature (though review articles will be considered). Sample topics for submitted papers might include, but are not limited to, how media is used within contemporary families, how media influences interactions among family members (e.g., child-parent interactions, sibling interactions, spouse interactions), and how media influences families connections to communities.

Deadline for paper submissions: May 1, 2011

Questions about the special collection and/or the submission of papers can be directed to Sarah Coyne smcoyne@byu.edu or Ron Sabatelli at familyrelations@uconn.edu .

Submission Instructions: Complete instructions for preparing and submitting manuscripts online are provided at <http://www.ncfr.com/fr/authors/index.htm>. When submitting your manuscript please upload a cover letter denoting that the paper is being submitted for inclusion in the special collection.

Please follow the appropriate APA 6th edition format when preparing manuscripts for submission. In addition, manuscripts submitted online must be prepared for blind review (This includes all documents uploaded into Scholar One). Manuscripts should not exceed 35 double-spaced pages including references, tables, and figures. A \$25 processing fee is required at the time of submission.

If you need further assistance, please contact the editorial office via e-mail at familyrelations@uconn.edu .