



SPECIAL ISSUE CALL FOR PAPERS

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Theoretical Innovations in Family Gerontology

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The purpose of this special issue is to highlight recent theoretical innovations in family gerontology. *Family gerontology* is a type of social gerontology that focuses on the critical intersection between families and aging. People typically age in families, and families themselves age over time, and such development brings about different issues and dynamics for study. Meanwhile, this vital topic represents only a small proportion of the work published in the family science field.

In 2006, Roberto, Blieszner, and Allen surveyed the landscape of family gerontology, suggesting that it had “come of age” (p. 513). They noted that few scholars were explicitly grounding their work in theory. This special issue is thus designed to consider what new perspectives have emerged in the past decade and whether scholars have risen to the challenge of developing and utilizing theories that capture the multitude of family experiences later in life.

We are particularly interested in manuscripts that consider a *broad range* of later-life family issues, such as death and dying, divorce later in life, LGBTQ families, intimate relationships, financial issues, retirement, immigration, and transnational families, as well as caregiving. Capitalizing on the multidisciplinary nature of gerontology, we are also interested in contributions from fields such as nursing and economics, which have perspectives on families and aging that may be overlooked in family science.

Submissions can focus on one theory or multiple theories, and submissions can also take an aging family topic as the starting point for their discussion of theory (e.g., theoretical perspectives used to study marital relationships later in life). This collection of articles will pave the way for an enhanced understanding of the diversity of challenges and opportunities facing the rapidly growing populations of older families.

We also invite submitters to include a subsection that review the methodologies used to test the theory, with a consideration of how those methodologies contribute to understanding both the theory and the development of diverse populations of older adults and their families.

Manuscripts should not exceed 35 double-spaced pages including references and appendices. Please note in the cover letter that the manuscript is being submitted to the special issue “Theoretical Innovations in Family Gerontology”. For manuscript preparation guidelines and to submit a manuscript, go to <http://www.ncfr.org/jftr/submit-jftr>.

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