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Aging and the Family: Understanding Changes in Structural and Relationship Dynamics

Contemporary Perspectives in Family Research, an annual series which focuses upon cutting-edge topics in family research around the globe, is seeking manuscript submissions for a special volume. The volume will focus on the theme of ‘**Aging and the Family: Understanding Changes in Structural and Relationship Dynamics.**’ Over recent decades, demographic changes in life expectancy, marriage rates, divorce rates, and fertility rates, have led to rather consequential changes in family structures and family dynamics. Increases in the elderly segments of populations have, understandably, led to a wide variety of concerns for family members, particularly as they attempt to manage often complex issues, such as health, caregiving, emotional and instrumental support, and generational relationships. In order to better comprehend how aging is affecting families, as well as how their family structures and relationships are changing, this multidisciplinary volume of CPFR will focus upon aging and the family. In doing so, a wide array of topics will be addressed, including mental health and family relationships, “grey” divorce, the nature of grandparenthood, adult child-elderly parent relationships, elderly cohabitation, childlessness, widowhood, sex and sexuality in later years, caregiving, changes in gender roles among elderly couples, fictive kin, support and reciprocity across generations, elder abuse, and marital quality among older couples, among others.

This volume of CPFR volume will be coedited by Patricia Neff Cluster of Edinboro University (USA) and Sampson Lee Blair of The State University of New York (USA). Manuscripts should be submitted directly to the editors (pncluster@edinboro.edu and slblair@buffalo.edu), preferably in MS WORD format. Manuscripts should not exceed approximately 40 double-spaced pages (not including tables, figures, and references). Submission of a manuscript implies commitment to publish in CPFR. Manuscripts should adhere to the APA format. Manuscripts should represent previously unpublished work. An abstract of 150-250 words should be included at the beginning of each manuscript. All manuscripts will undergo peer review.

The deadline for initial submissions is February 15, 2020. Any questions may be directed to the editors at pncluster@edinboro.edu and slblair@buffalo.edu.