

Special Issue

Narratives of Impact: The Influence of Family Stories on Personal Meaning

Message from the Guest Editor

Significant attention has been paid recently to the power of stories in our lives. A rise in storytelling is apparent from books like “The Science of Storytelling” (Storr, 2020) and “How to Tell a Story” (Bowles et al., 2022) and the popular radio show The Moth and their live story slams. Important scholarly work by Robyn Fivush, Jody Kellas, Susan More, Pam Jarvis, and others (see, for example, Fivush & Merrill, 2016, Jarvis, 2022; Moore, 2023; Lima, 2019; and Robinson, 2021) addressing the psychological impact of narratives in a family history context lay the groundwork for this Special Issue. We hope to build on these earlier works by devoting an entire Issue of this journal to the topic of family narrative and its impact on individuals, families and society. Please consider preparing an abstract and manuscript for Genealogy.

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Genealogy is a scholarly journal that provides a venue for academic, cutting-edge contributions to the interdisciplinary field of genealogy studies. We welcome contributions that examine genealogies of family lineage, use genealogical considerations and methods in examining other historical processes (including migration histories, personal, social, and national identities, and social institutions) or study the construction of genealogical narratives. The journal is also interested in biographical studies and their contribution to the understanding of broader social and historical phenomena.

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