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Qualitative Methods in Genealogical Research: New Approaches to Studying Intergenerational Memory

Message from the Guest Editor

In the sociology of knowledge, some scholars argue that human memory can only function within a collective context (Halbwachs, 1968/2018). Genealogy, in the context of this volume, refers to the ancestry or history of a discipline, profession, or people (Haley, 1976/2021; Martin, 2016; Nietzsche, 1887/2022). Moreover, the advent of the Fourth Industrial Revolution has brought about change and continuity in qualitative research (Jung, 2019; Mosweu, 2025). Sankofa serves as a reminder that research is informed by historical knowledge and a remembrance of the past, and, as qualitative researchers, we remember the philosophical paradigms that shape our worldviews.

The interdisciplinary and rapidly growing field of qualitative research raises awareness about how we navigate and celebrate life. How do memories, both positive and negative, inform projects on human preservation and transformation? In what ways and contexts do memories/genealogies link up with Fourth Industrial Revolution educational debates and social projects? What challenges can new insights address on intergenerational memory? How are new technologies shaping the field of qualitative research?

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