

Special Issue

Transnational and/or Transracial Adoption and Life Narratives

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue invites essays on the topic of “Transnational/transracial adoption in life narratives.” We seek contributions from scholars from a range of fields that include, but are not limited to, literature, film studies, sociology, cultural studies, history, and anthropology. What previously silenced voices are articulated in contemporary life narratives of transnational and/or transracial adoption, and what alternative histories of the late 20th and early 21st century do they offer? What is the relationship between the private life narrative and public debate? What interventions have adoption life narratives made, or what might be their effect on adoption policies? What role does form play for adoption life narratives? The representation of the search for kinship also provides fertile ground for explorations of how adoption narratives challenge dominant norms of heterosexual reproduction and biological family ties; relationships within the adoption triangle; the role of gender in the global patterns of domination of which transnational adoption is a part; and the extent to which adoption life narratives address the end of transnational adoption.

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