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Finances, Families, and Hard Times Special Issue of *Family Relations* Call for Papers

The worldwide economic crisis of 2008 has brought family financial issues to the forefront of public discourse. And although scholarship sometimes treats family relations and financial issues as separate disciplines, these topics are actually closely intertwined. *Family Relations* will devote a special issue to examine how the current economic climate shapes relationships within the family as well as families' interactions with the broader environment. We are particularly interested in research examining how families' are adapting to "hard times."

"Family relationships" comprises a broad area of scholarship and includes family formation/dissolution, family process, the quality of family life, gender issues, family structure, etc. "Financial issues" are also broadly defined and include both normative (income, asset/wealth accumulation, consumption, debt, etc.) and non-normative aspects of finances (poverty, unemployment, mortgage default, etc.). Further, researchers might interpret attitudes or norms toward money and finances as "financial issues".

Empirical (quantitative and qualitative, and non-empirical papers will be considered. Preference will be given to interdisciplinary papers and those that explicitly link theory, research, professional practice, and or policy. Manuscripts that examine families and financial interventions are especially welcome.

Jeffrey Dew (Department of Sociology, University of Virginia) will coordinate this special issue of *Family Relations*. **Papers are due by August 17, 2009 for publication in Volume 59 (4) of *Family Relations*, October 2010.** Potential authors are invited to contact the guest coordinator to discuss submission ideas:

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Submission Instructions: Complete instructions for preparing and submitting manuscripts online are provided at the submission site and at <http://www.ncfr.com/fr/authors/index.htm>. There also is an online tutorial available at Scholar One Online Users Guide. **In order to route your manuscript for consideration in this special issue, please designate Jeff Dew as your "preferred reviewer" in the submission process.** The "preferred reviewer box" is located at Step 4 of the electronic submission process under the heading "Reviewers".

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