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Message from the Editor-in-Chief

Across time and cultures, families have navigated complexity—balancing cultural norms with individual needs, managing household economics, migrating when necessary, and marking life's milestones of birth, union, and loss.

Family Sciences welcomes research from any discipline. We seek work that illuminates how families adapt, negotiate, and thrive amid these shifts—whether through parenting practices, producing member health in partnership with healthcare and broader social institutions, resource allocation, cultural norms, or relational dynamics. Ultimately, our work will deepen our understanding of how families, including those in diverse forms and underrepresented parts of the world, navigate their complexity and thrive.

Editor-in-Chief

Prof. Dr. Joseph G. Grzywacz

Aims

Family Sciences (ISSN 3042-6693) is an open access, peer-reviewed, international, and interdisciplinary journal that publishes innovative research, theory, and practice-oriented scholarship on families and family life across global, structural, technological, and sociocultural contexts. *Family Sciences* is committed to integrating rigorous *empirical inquiry*, robust *theoretical development*, and thoughtful *translational application*. It focuses on publishing regular research papers, reviews, and communications, but other article types will be considered. The full research methods must be provided so that the results can be reproduced and that there is no minimum word limit.

Scope

Family Sciences welcomes manuscripts on all topics related to family, including formation, expansion, and contraction across historical, social, and developmental time; the allocation of limited resources to meet needs and wants (family economics); and all aspects of familial interactions ranging from parenting and ritual formation/maintenance to parent–child interaction and partner violence, child abuse, and neglect; and the intersection(s) of family life with social institutions like healthcare, education, industry, and government.

Furthermore, *Family Sciences* encourages submissions of manuscripts on non-Western and Global South family experiences. Underrepresented topics include extended and multigenerational households, fictive kinship, communal caregiving, and transnational family dynamics shaped by labor migration. Family forms defined by religion, customary law, or moral obligation—such as polygynous unions, social parenthood, or informal marriages—and associated practices (e.g., arranged marriage, bride price) are frequently overlooked or mischaracterized. Additionally, the literature rarely addresses the structural impacts of familial displacement from war, genocide, and political unrest, and related topics of subsistence livelihoods or environmental interdependence.

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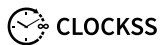
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