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Facing Death: Familial Responses to Illness and Death

Contemporary Perspectives in Family Research (CPFR), an annual series focusing on cutting-edge topics in family research around the globe, seeks manuscripts for a special volume: Facing Death: Familial Responses to Illness and Death. Although this volume is not limited to submissions related to the current health crisis, it does come at a time when illness and death are at the forefront of global discussions. Social processes surrounding illness and death vary greatly around the world and evolve with time—which has been made evident by the current global pandemic that has challenged the ways in which families operate and experience important life transitions, including the death ritual. To gain a better understanding of how families around the world respond to illness and death, this multidisciplinary volume of CPFR will address such topics as: how parents cope with the loss of a child, employment and caregiving, caregiving across national boundaries, the sandwich generation, gender differences in caregiving and the death process, the death ritual in times of quarantine, individual versus familial bereavement, and child/adolescent development following the death of a parent, among others.

Submission guidelines. Manuscripts should be limited to 40 double-spaced pages (not including tables, figures, and references), adhere to APA format, and submitted as MS WORD documents. Include an abstract of 150-200 words at the beginning of the manuscript. Christina L. Scott of Whittier College (USA) and Heidi M. Williams of Virginia Tech (USA) will serve as coeditors for the upcoming volume. Please submit manuscripts directly to the editors (cscott@whittier.edu and hmwill07@vt.edu). All manuscript submissions should be original work. Manuscript submission to this call for papers implies a commitment to publishing with CPFR. All manuscripts will undergo peer review.

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