

## Call for Proposals

### Special Issue of LGBTQ+ Family: An Interdisciplinary Journal on Memorable Messages & LGBTQ+ Families

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Research and theorizing about the memorable messages, messages that stick with us over time that we perceive as important, has grown substantially in the last two decades (see Cooke-Jackson & Rubinsky, 2017, 2023 for reviews). A significant portion of recent memorable message research has investigated messages related to sexual behavior, sexuality, sexual health, and romantic relationships, with a growing portion focusing on LGBTQ+ experiences.

This special issue of LGBTQ+ Family: An Interdisciplinary Journal calls for proposals that offer interdisciplinary approaches to the study of memorable messages in the LGBTQ+ family. We are interested in receiving abstracts or proposals detailing works about any identity under the LGBTQ+ umbrella, but we especially encourage submissions related to asexual experiences, transgender, gender non-conforming, or nonbinary family experiences, as well as works that explore the intersections of messages, race, gender, and sexuality. Submissions may include original research, theoretical, and review articles. We are open to submissions from any methodology.

Specific topic areas might include, but are not limited to:

- Theorizing around memorable messages in LGBTQ+ families
- Elaborations on the role of memory in memorable messages
- Messages about LGBTQ+ parenting
- Managing gendered media messages in the family
- Messages about media representation of LGBTQ+ families
- Conversations surrounding familial memorable messages
- Lifespan approaches to memorable messages in LGBTQ+ families
- Novel methods for studying memorable messages
- Applied projects or interventions related to memorable messages in LGBTQ+ families
- Perpetuating, challenging, or managing heteronormative/cisnormative messages in LGBTQ+ families
- Memorable messages and personal or public health
- Intersections of race, culture, and family messaging
- Memorable messages and mental health



- Memorable messages about or from chosen or voluntary family
- Messages about aging in LGBTQ+ families

#### About LGBTQ+ Family: An Interdisciplinary Journal

This journal is the first journal to address the unique experiences of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer individuals in the context of the family. The journal publishes original research, as well as theoretical and review papers on topics exploring the impact of sexual orientation and gender identity on all aspects of family experience – including family structure, relationships, communication, therapy, and functioning. Aimed at an international audience, the LGBTQ+ Family: An Interdisciplinary Journal is interdisciplinary in scope and provides a forum for peer reviewed scholarship from both researchers and practitioners.

For consideration, please submit a proposal or abstract detailing the intended submission to Valerie Rubinsky at [valerie.rubinsky@maine.edu](mailto:valerie.rubinsky@maine.edu) by September 1, 2024. Please use the subject line "LGBTQ+ Family Special Issue Abstract." Abstracts should not exceed 500 words, and should address the following:

- What is the subject matter of your proposed manuscript
- In what ways is the project appropriate for the special issue
- Where applicable, methodological details including sample and methods
- Key implications of the work

Abstracts will be reviewed by the guest editors. Accepted abstracts will be invited to submit a full manuscript by Oct. 1. Invited manuscripts will be due Jan. 15, 2025. All submissions will undergo peer review. The intended publication date of the special issue will be early Fall 2025.

All submissions should follow the journal guidelines:

<https://www.tandfonline.com/action/authorSubmission?show=instructions&journalCode=wgfs21>

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