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Announcement

Special Issue:

Marcie Pitt-Catsouphes and Kathleen Christensen, Co-Presidents of the Work and Family Researchers Network, will be editing a special issue of the journal, *Community, Work and Family*. This special issue will focus on different aspects translational approaches to research as they pertain to the study of work-life and work/family concerns.

Background Information:

Many work and family academics and practitioners keep their “eyes on the prize” of positive change. Researchers often report that they are able to sustain their passion and interest in the interconnections of our roles, responsibilities and experiences at home, in the community, and at work because it is possible to re-imagine the future where balance, reconciliation, and harmony are within reach.

The translational possibilities of work-family studies are compelling. Work-family researchers have rich opportunities to align their studies with the priorities of policy and practice decision makers. In some situations, researchers are able to design and implement their studies with “end-users”, including employers and community leaders. Furthermore, there are promising pathways that work-family experts can pursue to ensure that the findings of their studies are communicated effectively with policy and practice decision makers.

From its inception, the journal *Community, Work and Family* has had a commitment to rigorous work-family studies that reflect the journals’ founders, Suzan Lewis and Carolyn Kagan, wise insight that scholarship can (and should) inform practice and practice knowledge can (and should) inform research. One of the stated aims of this journal is to “... to encourage critical examination of existing frameworks and practices to promote research which employs methods with the potential to lead to social action...”

We would like this special issue to follow in this intellectual tradition.

Anticipated Contents:

We expect that the journal would include 6-8 article plus an introduction. We would like one of the articles to provide a thorough review of different models of translational research and the specific implications for the work-family field of study. We also anticipate that at least one article would discuss a work-family study that was conducted in partnership either with an intermediary association (for example, an employer membership group) or

with an “end-user” of the research (such as a specific firm). The other articles will present the findings of quantitative and qualitative studies, with more extensive discussion about the possibilities for translation than is typical.

Proposed Timeframe:

- We will begin to accept manuscript submissions on July 1, 2018.
- The deadline for submissions will be November 30, 2018.
- We anticipate completing the review of the manuscripts by January 30, 2019.
- All manuscripts must be ready for production by April 14, 2019.
- The estimated date for the online publication of the special issue is May 1, 2019.
- The estimated date for the publication of the hard copy version of the special issue is July, 2019.

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