



Adoption Experiences and the Tracing and Narration of Family Genealogies

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Dear Colleagues,

Special Issue of *Genealogy* invites essays on the topic of 'Adoption Experiences and the Tracing and Narration of Family Genealogies'. It aims to encourage insights in genealogical studies through work from the field of adoption and additionally, to explore the value of genealogical methods to understandings of adoption. With its inherent genealogical disruptions, adoption provides a perfect avenue to better understand genealogical processes. Experiences of (un)belonging and (dis)connectedness must be addressed through the complex set of relationships between two families, and in many cases differences of class, community, race, ethnicity or nation. These can usefully be further explored in their intersections with issues of gender and sexual orientation and through their spatial and temporal dimensions. Interests in identity, searching and reunion or the degrees of openness and closure within adoption are obvious areas for analysis, but also articulate with much wider processes of making and narrating meaning, for example in oral and written forms.

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