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**Disability and the Family:
Challenges, Coping, Resources, and Resilience**

Contemporary Perspectives in Family Research, a series which focuses upon cutting-edge topics in family research around the globe, is seeking manuscript submissions for a special volume. The volume will focus on the theme of:

‘Disability and the Family: Challenges, Coping, Resources, and Resilience.’

Around the globe, most families will invariably have to face the challenges associated with the disability of a family member. A child with a learning disorder, an adult who has suffered a spinal cord injury, or an elderly family member who has lost their eyesight or hearing – these are only a few of the many types of disabilities which both individuals and families face, every single day. Disabilities can affect virtually all aspects of family life, creating emotional, social, financial, and even sexual challenges. For many families, disabilities can also limit their social activities, and thereby limit the extent of their social support networks, thus making the impact of stressors that much more problematic. As a consequence, families and family members must cope with such challenges in an often isolated manner, which can create even greater stress. Nonetheless, families also exhibit considerable resilience, even in seemingly overwhelming circumstances. This volume seeks a broad examination of disability and the family. We welcome diverse theoretical and methodological submissions which explore the many issues pertaining to how families deal with disability issues. In doing so, we seek manuscripts which cover a wide array of topics, such as: family relationships and intellectual disability, learning disabilities and parenting, aging and developmental disabilities, coping and family caregivers, disability and family engagement, disability across the family life course, work and family challenges among parents of children with disabilities, physical mobility and marital quality, disability and sexuality, financial stressors and family relationships, and racial and ethnic variations in family care, among others.

Submission guidelines: Manuscripts should be limited to approximately 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. Patricia Neff Claster and Sampson Lee Blair will serve as coeditors for the upcoming volume. Please submit manuscripts directly to the editors (pnclaster@pennwest.edu and slblair@buffalo.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, and there are no fees. The deadline for initial submissions is January 15, 2024. Direct all questions to the editors: pnclaster@pennwest.edu and slblair@buffalo.edu. Authors are encouraged to submit a brief abstract prior to the manuscript deadline.

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