

Editor's Note

This special issue of the journal is on the theme "Ethnicity, Family and Community," which was the topic of our 23rd annual conference held in March 1995 in Boulder, Colorado. Mary Kelly, our special issue editor, has selected an excellent set of quality articles focused on the theme. Nowhere more than in the field of ethnic studies do the topics of family and community play such important roles. One need only look at the dynamic changes occurring in U.S. society to see how these changes influence and are influenced by ethnic/racial families and the communities in which they reside.

In her introduction, Mary Kelly demonstrates how immigration has played a significant role in establishing ethnicity and ethnic identity within a societal context. It is important to note that recent immigration continues to influence both immigrant and non-immigrant perspectives on ethnicity and ethnic identity. Several themes found in the articles revolve around topics such as the pressures of assimilation, the maintenance and transmittal of ethnic identity, ethnic options related to class differences, and the emerging impact of ethnic identity for multiracial children. In this latter respect, the potential creation of a multiracial category by the federal government for census purposes could have a tremendous impact on ethnic/racial groups in our society.

This issue also marks the first one with our new journal title - ***Ethnic Studies Review***. We have restructured and combined the publication of our journal, formerly titled *Explorations in Ethnic Studies*, and our book review issue, previously called *Explorations in Sights and Sounds*, into this new format. In ***Ethnic Studies Review*** we will continue to publish our standard research articles, but will also include research notes, as well as the major review essays and book reviews formerly found in our book review issue. Additionally, we will increase the number of issues per volume from 2 to 3. We will keep the current volume numbering sequence and issues 1-3 of each volume will be published in February, June and October, respectively.

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