JFCS Call for Proposals 2020

Scholarship in the Second Century of FCS

The Journal of Family & Consumer Sciences intends to publish review articles throughout the 2020 volume that focus on FCS and related scholarship produced during approximately the past 10 years (2009-2019). The general purpose of each review is to synthesize FCS scholarship that has been produced during this time related to a content area.

Sources should primarily emphasize FCS/Home Economics journals and journals related to the content area and authored by FCS professionals or teams with FCS researchers and/or practitioners. The nature and tone of the review should reflect a lens through which FCS professionals commonly view the topics, and one to which they can relate as scholars and practitioners.

Prospective authors are invited to write about one of the following FCS content areas:

- Culinary arts
- Education and training
- Food science and nutrition
- General FCS*
- Health management and wellness
- Hospitality, and tourism
- Housing and interior design
- Human/child development and family relations
- Personal and family finance
- Textiles, apparel, and retailing

The following questions should guide the content and organization of each review:

1. What research has been published in this period about this content area that is most relevant to FCS/an FCS perspective? (This could include connections to Body of Knowledge, common FCS practices, etc.)
2. What key themes emerge across the research?
3. How do these themes differ from previous decades? What might explain the differences and similarities?
4. What aspects of the content area appear to have been overlooked or were worthy of more attention? Recommendations for future research?
5. How did research inform practice and/or policy? Any recommendations for future application?
6. What trends appear to be forming that might lead into the next decade of scholarship? What questions are yet to be answered?
7. What research methods/innovations might be implemented to assure credible scholarship in the next decades?

Prospective authors should send a paragraph or two about their topic and main ideas with a brief biography, and a professional vita to JFCS Editor Scott Hall (sshall@bsu.edu) as soon as possible (though proposals may continue to be accepted for 2-3 months if topics remain unassigned). Formal invitations will be subsequently extended for each content area. Authors will be expected to produce a polished draft for review that is approximately 3,500 to 4,500 words in length (body) in 4 months for publication in the Journal of Family & Consumer Sciences during 2020.
Authors interested in looking at and writing on FCS more holistically are welcome to submit a proposal (along with a brief biography and vita) that addresses one or more of the following (or similar):

- conferences and journals themes by year,
- press/media about FCS/HE,
- trends in research or practice,
- special projects/efforts (Say Yes to FCS, FCS Fit, etc.),
- highlights of what was happening within the state affiliates,
- perspectives from leaders or students in FCS
- other thoughtful FCS related topics

All proposal will be acknowledged and invitations for specific articles will subsequently be extended. Questions on this call should be sent to Scott Hall.