Couples and families worldwide have a constant electronic connection to others, a fact that is influencing the concerns and issues they bring to therapy. The authors of this resource help mental health practitioners to better deal with concerns such as online infidelity, online dating, internet addictions, cyber bullying, and many more by introducing the Couple and Family Technology (CFT) framework, a multi-theoretical approach that doesn’t require clinicians to change their preferred clinical approach. The CFT framework acknowledges the ways in which couples navigate their relationship with technology and a partner simultaneously, and it attends to, and in some cases incorporates the role of technology in therapeutic ways. Included in the authors’ discussion of how different technologies affect relationships is • a survey of what individuals’ motivations of usage are • an examination of the specific issues that emerge in treatment • a study of the risks particularly relevant to intimate relationships, and • an introduction of the first-ever technology-based genogram. They also examine technological usage across different developmental points in a couple’s lifespan, with attention given throughout to people from various cultural backgrounds. Along with the CFT framework, the authors also introduce a new discipline of family research: Couple and Family Technology. This discipline integrates three broad perspectives in family science and helps therapists maintain a systemic focus in assessing and treating couples where issues of the Internet and new media are problematic. Online resources can be accessed by purchasers of the book and include videos, additional case studies, glossary, and forms. For each chapter of the text, this student study tool contains a chapter focus statement, key learning objectives, key terms, chapter outlines, assignments, internet activities and web sites, and practice tests containing 20 multiple choice and 15 true/false with answers and page references and 5 short answer questions with page references.
functional approach, the Twelfth Edition features an inviting new design that makes the text more engaging and student-friendly than ever. The authors draw from research in sociology, family studies, and related fields, presenting a sound sociological and family studies base enhanced by perspectives from anthropology, history, psychology, journalism, literature, economics, and gender studies. The book presents a positive, multicultural approach to today's relationships as it explores recent research on topics such as adoptive parenting, childbearing patterns, gay and lesbian families, the meaning of virginity, communication and conflict resolution, the influence of popular culture, the rights and benefits of marriage, and working families. Real-life examples, a balanced presentation, and a focus on self-assessment and reflection make the book especially accessible and encourage students to think and act for themselves. The Twelfth Edition's progressive approach to diversity remains rooted in a positive, pro-family perspective. Marriages and Families in the 21st Century puts contemporary relationships and family structures in context for today's students. Using a bioecological framework, the book reveals how families are shaped by multiple influences, from biological to cultural, that interact with one another. Chapters cover topics from parenting to gender issues within an interdisciplinary context, weaving in stories, visuals, and examples of diverse families to dispel longstanding myths. The book creates a personalized learning experience with frequent self-assessments and strengths exercises, while ensuring that students come to understand the research and build scientific analysis and critical thinking skills along the way. Robust digital tools and resources including SAGE edge and an interactive eBook with SAGE Premium Video help readers develop a multi-layered understanding of today's modern families while challenging them to re-evaluate their own assumptions and experiences. SAGE Premium Video included in the Interactive eBook! Families Today videos boost comprehension and bolster analysis—easily accessible via the interactive eBook. Your students save when you bundle the interactive eBook with the new edition. Use bundle ISBN 978-1-5063-9879-2. Learn more. SAGE coursepacks: Our Content Tailored to Your LMS! SAGE coursepacks makes it easy to import our quality instructor and student resource content into your school's learning management system (LMS). Intuitive and simple to use, SAGE coursepacks allows you to customize course content to meet your students' needs. Learn more. Offering a positive view of the family, Cox's HUMAN INTIMACY: MARRIAGE, THE FAMILY, AND ITS MEANING, Eleventh Edition discusses the characteristics of successful intimate relationships, and teaches the decision-making skills that lead to strong marriages and families. You'll find coverage of such topics as diversity within the American family (including rural and military families), gay marriage, singles, cohabitation, gender roles, theories of love, date rape and courtship violence, and parenting and life stages. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version. This is the eBook of the printed book and may not include any media, website access codes, or print supplements that may come packaged with the bound book. A student-centered and practical approach to learning This book provides timely, practical, and high-interest information about marriages, families, and intimate relationships, in an engaging format that is easy to use and learn from. Marriages, Families, & Intimate Relationships: A Practical Introduction discusses fundamental concepts and insights from across the social sciences. It also attempts to engage students with high-interest, useful information and to answer the questions that matter greatly to them. The Census Update program incorporates 2010 Census data into a course—simply and easily. The components of the Census Update Program include an updated census edition with all charts and graphs—to reflect the results of the 2010 Census. In addition, A Short Introduction to the U.S. Census is available and an updated MyFamilyLab. Teaching & Learning Experience Personalize Learning — MyFamilyLab delivers proven results in helping students succeed, provides engaging experiences that personalize learning, and comes from a trusted partner with educational expertise and a deep commitment to helping students and instructors achieve their goals. Improve Critical Thinking — Questions and self-assessment help
students think critically about content, engage in class discussions, and make connections to their personal lives. Engage Students — Features throughout the text keep students interested. Explore Theory — High-interest information combined with the most current research. Support Instructors — MyFamilyLab enables instructors to assess student progress and adapt course material to meet the specific needs of the class. Note: MyFamilyLab does not come automatically packaged with this text. To purchase MyFamilyLab, please visit: www.myfamilylab.com or you can purchase a ValuePack of the text + MyFamilyLab (at no additional cost). ValuePack ISBN-10: 0205101798 / ValuePack ISBN-13: 9780205101795"For courses in Marriage and Family" Exploring How Society Impacts Our Personal Connections in the Modern World "Marriages, Families, and Intimate Relationships " explores the question: can we still find intimate relationships in our complex world? Through an examination of the influences imposed upon modern life an unpredictable economy, globalization, computerization, the all-pervasive media, etc. the text attempts to pass along lessons that help students make lasting personal connections. The Fourth Edition discusses fundamental concepts and insights across social science disciplines to answer the questions that greatly matter to students. Students are engaged by high-interest, extremely useful information that blends the authors combined strengths: teaching, consulting, counseling, researching, and publishing. The text is based in research yet remains highly readable, exploring topics of great interest to students personal lives such as intimacy, family, and personal happiness in the context of their distracted, visually oriented world. "Marriages, Families, and Intimate Relationships: A Practical Introduction," Fourth Edition is also available via REVEL, an interactive learning environment that enables students to read, practice, and study in one continuous experience. "This multidisciplinary volume provides a unique and truly global collection of research on the nature of dating, mating, and coupling, as they occur across a variety of cultures in dynamically shifting societies. This text presents the study of marriage and family in a manner that enlarges both personal and intellectual understanding. It maintains the viewpoint throughout the text that families need to be cherished, honored, and supported. The book's approach is interdisciplinary, incorporating work from sociology, psychology, history, economics, folklore, communications, and literature. This collection investigates intermarriage and related relationships around the world since the eighteenth century. The contributors explore how romantic relationships challenged boundary crossings of various kinds – social, geographic, religious, ethnic. To this end, the volume considers a range of related issues: Who participated in these unions? How common were they, and in which circumstances were they practised (or banned)? Taking a global view, the book also questions some of the categories behind these relationships. For example, how did geographical boundaries – across national lines, distinctions between colonies and metropoles or metaphors of the ‘East’ and the ‘West’ – shape the treatment of intermarriage? What role have social and symbolic boundaries, such as presumed racial, religious or socio-economic divides, played? To what extent and how were those boundaries blurred in the eyes of contemporaries? Not least, how have bureaucracies and law contributed to the creation of boundaries preventing romantic unions? Romantic relationships, the contributors suggest, brought into sharp relief assumptions not only about community and culture, but also about the sanctity of the intimate sphere of love and family. The chapters in this book were originally published as a special issue of The History of the Family. Now fully revised and published by Oxford University Press, Intimate Relationships, Marriages, and Families, Ninth Edition, is an accessible, comprehensive introduction to marriage and family with a focus on strengthening families and effective coping strategies. This text combines the most current research with an emphasis on family background and diversity. Each chapter concludes with a section on public policy and critical-thinking questions. This best-selling text on marriages, families, and relationships combines a rigorous scholarly and applied approach with a theme especially relevant to today's dynamic global environment: making choices in a diverse society. The authors use an engaging narrative to
create a highly readable text that offers insightful perspectives on the diversity of our modern society, including different ethnic traditions and family forms. The balanced presentation discusses a variety of theoretical perspectives (e.g., family ecology, structure-functional, interaction-constructionist, family systems, biosocial), emphasizing both social structure and the importance of individual agency, choice, and decision-making. Students are encouraged to question assumptions and reconcile conflicting ideas and values as they make informed choices in their own lives. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

THE MARRIAGE & FAMILY EXPERIENCE: INTIMATE RELATIONSHIPS IN A CHANGING SOCIETY brings together all elements of the course -- including intimate relationships, family policy, and family issues. Striking a balance between an academic and more functional approach, the authors draw from research to present a sound sociological and family studies base enhanced by perspectives from anthropology, history, psychology, journalism, literature, economics, and gender studies. The book explores recent research on topics such as adoptive parenting, the transgender experience, childbearing patterns, gay and lesbian families, communication and conflict resolution, the influence of popular culture, and working families. Real-life examples and a focus on self-assessment and reflection make the book accessible and encourage students to think and act for themselves. The thirteenth edition retains a progressive approach to diversity yet remains rooted in a positive, pro-family perspective. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

This comprehensive introduction to marriage and the family combines the most current research base with an emphasis on family background and diversity. It presents a positive perspective on families and focuses on the importance of public and social policy in the lives of families (each chapter concludes with a section on public policy). The text makes research and statistics easy for students to follow and understand. This book challenges readers to become involved in a direct way in examining their personal belief systems and societal views of the many diverse forms that marriages and families have taken in the past and their evolution in the present. The authors use a broad, inclusive approach, focusing on the link between social structure and their personal experiences of marriages, families, and intimate relationships. Marriages and Families Over Time. Understanding Gender. Dating, Coupling, and Mate Selection. Sexuality and Intimate Relationships. Nonmarital Lifestyles. The Marriage Experience. Reproduction and Parenting. Violence and Abuse. Divorce in the United States. Remarriage and Remarried Families. Families in Later Life. For anyone who is interested in exploring marriage and family issues.

This book provides timely, practical, and high-interest information about marriages, families, and intimate relationships, in an engaging format that is easy-to-use and learn from. Feature such as “Popular Culture and the Media,” “Practical Action,” and “Numbers that Matter” help grab and keep readers’ attention. The new edition has been updated to include coverage of important issues, topics, and research from the past few years. Examples of new topics covered include: state abortion law updates, abstinence education controversy, adolescents, children and the effects of TV watching, foster children, LGBT, living apart together (LAT) couples, post-adoption blues, safe-haven laws pro and con, Web 2.0, and more.

THE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY EXPERIENCE is an engaging, student friendly, four-color Marriage and Family best seller. The text's up-to-date material, real-life cross-cultural examples, and balanced presentation make it an accessible and compelling read for the Marriage and Family student. It successfully bridges all elements of the course, including intimate relationships, family policy, and family issues. The combination of the strengths fosters consistent positive student reaction and feedback. Romantic relationships, especially good ones, are desired of almost all humans. However, what makes such relationships good and nourishing? For the most part, it is the support and intimacy that exists within the couple, and their ability to experience life and face difficulties together. This book is divided into two sections, one focusing on the couple and their intimate relationship,
and the other on how that relationship influences their offspring. Part one examines whether sacrificing in an intimate relationship is always beneficial and whether it help strengthen the marital/couple unit? Attachment theory has had a significant influence on how we view relationships in childhood as well as in adulthood. The book sheds light on the mechanisms that mediate attachment style and the quality of the intimate relationships, exploring the relationship between one’s ability to express empathy and that person’s ability to offer social support to his/her partner. The second part of the book explores what young adults think about marriage, influenced by their parental relationship; how parental relationships affect children’s social experience in school; how parental approaches to children affect their sibling relationship; the parental role in childhood eating disturbances; and how the family climate affects children’s loneliness. All in all, the book affords a thorough review not only of what marital/couple intimacy is and what can affect it, but how significant it is in affecting their children, in and out of the house. The chapters in this book were originally published in the Journal of Psychology. Great Myths of Intimate Relationships provides a captivating, pithy introduction to the subject that challenges and demystifies the many fabrications and stereotypes surrounding relationships, attraction, sex, love, internet dating, and heartbreak. The book thoroughly interrogates the current research on topics such as attraction, sex, love, internet dating, and heartbreak. It takes an argument driven approach to the study of intimate relationships, encouraging critical engagement with the subject. Part of The Great Myths series, it's written in a style that is compelling and succinct, making it ideal for general readers and undergraduates.

What does it mean to grow up today as working-class young adults? How does the economic and social instability left in the wake of neoliberalism shape their identities, their understandings of the American Dream, and their futures? Coming Up Short illuminates the transition to adulthood for working-class men and women. Moving away from easy labels such as the "Peter Pan generation," Jennifer Silva reveals the far bleaker picture of how the erosion of traditional markers of adulthood-marriage, a steady job, a house of one's own-has changed what it means to grow up as part of the post-industrial working class. Based on one hundred interviews with working-class people in two towns—Lowell, Massachusetts, and Richmond, Virginia—Silva sheds light on their experience of heightened economic insecurity, deepening inequality, and uncertainty about marriage and family. Silva argues that, for these men and women, coming of age means coming to terms with the absence of choice. As possibilities and hope contract, moving into adulthood has been re-defined as a process of personal struggle—an adult is no longer someone with a small home and a reliable car, but someone who has faced and overcome personal demons to reconstruct a transformed self. Indeed, rather than turn to politics to restore the traditional working class, this generation builds meaning and dignity through the struggle to exorcise the demons of familial abuse, mental health problems, addiction, or betrayal in past relationships. This dramatic and largely unnoticed shift reduces becoming an adult to solitary suffering, self-blame, and an endless seeking for signs of progress. This powerfully written book focuses on those who are most vulnerable—young, working-class people, including African-Americans, women, and single parents—and reveals what, in very real terms, the demise of the social safety net means to their fragile hold on the American Dream. “Three distinctive themes have guided our efforts in writing this book, and they are woven throughout the text. The first is intimacy, and our focus is on how to develop and maintain close relationships. Most people seek connectedness and want to be involved in intimate relationships, the most intimate being marriage and family. This book is full of ideas, principles, and suggestions for building and keeping intimate relationships in your life. As a result, we hope this will be a book that you will want to keep and refer to throughout your life. The second key theme is marital and family strengths. The family strengths perspective is based on the premise that if you approach relationships from a "problem-oriented" perspective, you will find problems. If you look for strengths, you will find strengths. Growing numbers of family educators and family therapists are using this approach today, helping families recognize their own strengths and
use them as a foundation for positive growth. In Chapter 1, we identify a number of strengths that have been found to be present in healthy marriages and families all over the world. Throughout the book, we show how these strengths help families provide healthy and nurturing settings that promote the growth and well-being of individual family members, better enabling them to face the challenges and solve the problems they encounter. --MARRIAGE, THE FAMILY, AND ITS MEANING, 10th Edition takes a positive view of the family and looks for characteristics that all successful families possess. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version. This comprehensive introduction to marriage and the family combines the most current research base with an emphasis on family background and diversity. It presents a positive perspective on families and focuses on the importance of public and social policy in the lives of families. Each chapter concludes with a section on public policy and critical thinking questions. The text makes research and statistics easy for students to follow and understand, and it integrates cultural diversity throughout. New kinds of intimate relationships such as post-divorce families, co-habiting couples, 'friends as family' and same-sex unions are now commonplace. This book explores the growing diversity of family life by presenting a comprehensive assessment of recent research and theory, and foregrounds new thinking about 'family', parenting, childhood and personal life. A Sociology of Family Life queries notions of moral decline by revealing a remarkable persistence of commitment and reciprocity across cultures in traditional and new family relations. This insightful and innovative work examines factors such as gender, race, ethnic identity and new sexual lifestyles in relation to cultural customs, government policies and social inequalities. Global dimensions of intimate life are explored, including the impact of population policies on fertility in several nations; ethical dilemmas associated with reproductive technologies among different cultures; interdependencies between rich and poor nations through the globalization of domestic care; and transnational marriage strategies. This book will be indispensable for students across the social sciences interested in change in intimate relations. Selected by Choice as a 2013 Outstanding Academic Title. This introductory textbook is for students who are interested in learning about and establishing healthy marriage, family, and intimate relationships. With divorce rates high and relationships fragile, books and courses are needed that help students address important issues regarding relationships. The readers of this text examine many important and relevant issues through the lens of theory and research and do so using a written format that is readable, understandable, and easy to apply to one's life. It was written so that each chapter has information that readers will find helpful as they attempt to establish and maintain meaningful, healthy relationships. There are questions throughout each chapter that help readers focus not only on the material but also on how the material relates to their present and past relationship and family situations. The text provides material on the research of John Gottman, the object relations theory of Harville Hendrix, the solution-focused approach of Michele Weiner-Davis, and the PREP approach to conflict management of Markman, Stanley, and Blumberg. These and other topics discussed are very relevant to students' concerns and are addressed in greater depth than found in most other texts. The emphasis is not just on couple relationships but also on family relationships. Therefore, in this book there is extensive coverage of family systems theory and the influence of family rules and family structure on the development of families. There is also material on how change produces transitions in family life that must be assimilated into the family structure-for example, when a couple has their first child. Thus, both couple and family issues are addressed throughout the book. For instructors who want to focus their courses on marriage, family, and intimate relationships, this book would be an ideal choice. A study guide for students and instructional material for instructors can be obtained by visiting www.understandingrelationships.net. Although based on Melville’s Marriage and Family Today, this book has been completely reorganized and rewritten by Gloria Bird to reflect the diversity of families. To reflect the extent of this revision and the nature of
families today, we have retitled the book, Families and Intimate Relationships. The revision includes new chapters on power and family violence, stress, interpersonal lifestyles, single-parent families and a new appendix on managing a financial partnership. Bird's expertise in the areas of dual career families and stress is evident in the exceptionally strong coverage of these critical topics. Also available with this new edition is an Assessment Manual designed to help students evaluate their own interpersonal relationships.

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