From the Editor: Toward an Interdisciplinary Approach

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The mission of *Journal of Family and Economic Issues* is to publish original research papers and critical literature reviews that address important family economic issues to improve family well-being. As the editor, I tried my best to be inclusive and open to researchers from all relevant fields. Among authors who wrote for JFEI, some are from root discipline departments, such as economics, psychology, sociology, etc., and others are from multidisciplinary or interdisciplinary departments, such as business, consumer science, family studies, human development, social work, etc. Also more and more papers in recent JFEI issues are contributed by researchers who reside outside of the U.S. For a 20-year review of themes and trends of JFEI, see Dew (2008). To address complex family economic issues and find realistic solutions, we need contributions of researchers from diverse fields. In the next a few years, I would like to see more research papers using interdisciplinary approaches and critical literature reviews from interdisciplinary perspectives.

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