Special Issue

The Joys and Challenges of Record-Keeping for and Tracing African American Ancestry

Message from the Guest Editors

Tracing our ancestry has always been an important part of our sociocultural and racial and ethnic identities. This process has become a hot topic and trend in the United States. Tracing our roots and knowing our ancestry is an important aspect of developing our social identities. This Special Issue on "The Joys and Challenges of Record-Keeping for and Tracing African American Ancestry" invites contributions of papers, personal narratives, and conceptual pieces related to the keeping of African American family records and/or tracing and researching African American families. Contributions may explore the joys and challenges of keeping African American individual and family histories, searching African American family histories for biological and adoptive families, conducting scholarly research about African American individuals and/or families, and African American adoption histories. Submissions from historians, sociologists, anthropologists, cultural researchers, archivists, and historical librarians and centers are highly encouraged.

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