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Special Issue on
Social Networks
and Aging

The Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences is announcing a special issue on social networks to be published in early 2015. It will be co-edited by the journal's editor-in-chief, Merrill Silverstein, Benjamin Cornwell of Cornell University, and Christopher Marcum of the National Institutes of Health.

We are particularly interested in papers that analyze social networks in sophisticated or innovative ways. Micro- and macro-level analyses as well as theoretical, quantitative, and qualitative approaches will be considered. Analyses involving egocentric or whole networks are welcome, as are analyses involving social network indices or triadic and higher-order processes. Papers may focus on aspects of social network structure in their own right or examine relationships between social networks and their determinants and/or effects.

Topics include but are not limited to:

- The extent, causes, or consequences of social network change in later life
- The link between social network structure and life-course factors (e.g., widowhood, retirement)
- The effects of social networks on health, and/or vice versa
- Exponential random graph (p*) models predicting network ties
- Electronic social networks and aging
- Examination of rarely studied network properties (e.g., structural equivalence) in later life
- Analyses of real-time social contact
- Macro-level explanations of social network change or structure
- Cross-national social network studies
- The connection between social networks and social support
- Studies of affiliation networks

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