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The *Journal of Family and Economic Issues* is pleased to announce a call for manuscripts for a Special Issue focused on advances and development in scholarship related to student loan debt. Student loan debt statistics show an increase in debt burden among households, spurring discussions about the long-term implications this type of debt might have in shaping and influencing individual and family behavior. Previous research linking student loan borrowing for educational attainment and subsequent financial status is well established, with empirical work showing that student loan debt has social and economic consequences, including behaviors and decisions related to career choice, household and family formation, and home ownership. Implications relative to parenthood is newly emerging. About 20% of households in the United States have student loan debt, and the proportion rises to 40 - 50% among younger households. Furthermore, the average amount of student loan debt among consumers over age 60 has doubled over the last ten years, from \$12,100 to \$23,500, making the prevalence of student loans among older borrowers a potential concern for later life financial security. The impact of student loans on individual and family transitions, development, and outcomes will continue to be an important research area for the foreseeable future.

This timely special issue aims to expand our knowledge and understanding of how student loans are influencing individual and family behavior and outcomes. The guest editor welcomes submissions that offer insight into family and economic issues surrounding student loan debt, and encourages studies using a wide range of research methods (conceptual or empirical, quantitative, qualitative, or mixed methods).

Submission Guidelines and Deadlines

- All manuscripts submitted should follow the guidelines for JFEI. These are available at the JFEI homepage: <http://www.editorialmanager.com/jeei/Default.aspx>
- The review process will be done in the Springer Editorial Manger system and papers should be submitted to JFEI's editorial manager at <http://www.editorialmanager.com/jeei/Default.aspx>. Please use "SI: Student Loan Debt" from the Article Type drop down menu.
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