

Ebook free Exploring family theories (Download Only)

family theories an introduction by james m white todd f martin and new co author kari adamsons provides an incisive thorough primer to current theories of the family that balances the diversity and richness of a broad scope of scholarly work in a concise manner this best selling text draws upon eight major theoretical frameworks developed by key social scientists to explain variation in family life these frameworks include social exchange and choice symbolic interaction family life course development systems conflict feminist ecological and functional theories this new fifth edition includes suggestions for integrating theory to guide a research program and more applications for those going on to careers in the helping professions with an increased focus on both classical theories as well as contemporary and emerging theories this text challenges students to think about how families and family theories have changed over the last 70 years as well as where family scholarship is headed this book provides students with an understanding of the nature of family theory as well as a survey of six major theoretical frameworks to explain patterns of family life each theory is systematically explored family theories foundations and applications presents a comprehensive and accessible approach to the most current perspectives in the field of family theory integrates classic and contemporary writings on family theories features compelling case studies drawn from the authors experiences working with thousands of students represents an integrative use of theory research and practice utilizes the metaphor of developing your theory app to translate complex academic ideas into accessible student friendly language how can the study of families be scientific what is the difference between postmodern and positivistic approaches what is the role of models and metaphors in constructing our theoretical knowledge in advancing family theories author james m white addresses such difficult questions that have been longstanding issues within the field of family studies and examines

these matters from a social science perspective advancing family theories explores two contemporary theories of the family rational choice theory and transition theory these diametrically different approaches illuminate what differing theories reveal about families the book also discusses how meta theories can assist in building and refining theory and offers insight on the understanding versus explanation debate advancing family theories gives students a precise notion of what a theory is and how theories work in research the book not only looks at philosophical realms but also examines particular substantive theory to explain and predict family behaviors an army deserter jean gabin pitches up in le havre looking for a new identity and passage to foreign parts his progress is halted when he falls in love with an idealistic young woman michelle morgane directed by marcel carne introduction why do you do that why does our family insist on doing things that way questions about people s behaviors are the essence of social science inquiry the focus may be on individuals families social groups communities or cultures to engage in the process of social science inquiry you need two things research and theory before we enter into a discussion of social science theory specifically family theory we first must have a discussion about theory in general this volume provides a diverse eclectic and paradoxically mature approach to theorizing and demonstrates how the development of theory is crucial to the future of family research readings in family theory is an anthology of classic and contemporary articles that provides a context for student learning by demonstrating how theory fits into the overall process of scientific research on families the book provokes student interest in theory by providing examples of the scholarly application of family theory to compare how people use similar processes in everyday life using this contextual orientation the selected readings examine nine prevalent theoretical perspectives from both family and human development sciences family theories foundations and applications presents a comprehensive and accessible approach to the most current perspectives in the field of family theory integrates classic and contemporary writings on family theories features compelling case studies drawn from the authors experiences working with thousands of students represents an integrative use of theory research and practice utilizes the metaphor of developing your theory app to translate complex

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suggestions for better use of the theories and or new theoretical advances conclusions about future theoretical developments an ideal text for graduate and or advanced undergraduate family theories courses this book s unique organization also lends itself to use in content based family studies science courses taught in family studies human development psychology sociology communication education and nursing due to its comprehensive and current approach the book also appeals to scholars and researchers in these areas the fourth edition of james m white david m klein and todd f martin s best selling family theories an introduction offers a thorough and accessible approach to the most current perspectives in family theory rich in detail yet exceptionally concise the text s analytical structure draws from such major theoretical frameworks as social exchange and choice symbolic interaction family life course development systems conflict feminism and ecology to explain variation in families thoroughly updated this new edition helps readers connect theory to everyday life this sourcebook is an unparalleled resource in the field of family science it provides a comprehensive overview of both traditional and contemporary theories and methodologies to promote a greater understanding of increasingly complex family realities it focuses on broad developments in research design and conceptualization while also offering a historical perspective on developments in family science over time particularly emerging theories from the past several decades each chapter summarizes and evaluates a major theory or methodological approach in the field delving into its main principles its debates and challenges how it has evolved over time its practical uses in policy education or further research and links to other theories and methodologies in highlighting recent research of note chapters emphasize the potential for innovative future applications key areas of coverage include risk and resilience family stress feminist critical race and social exchange theories ambiguous loss intersectionality queer and family development theory life course framework biosocial theory and biomarker methods symbolic interactionism ethnography mixed methods participatory action research and evaluation advancing family theories explores two contemporary theories of the family rational choice theory and transition theory these diametrically different approaches illuminate what differing theories reveal about families the book also discusses how meta theories

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discipline within communication studies explores the processes and factors involved in family interactions and relationships communication in family contexts is a clear and accessible survey of the essential principles theories and concepts of the field unlike textbooks that present a vast amount of material across only a few chapters this innovative textbook features brief easily understood chapters ideally suited for undergraduate courses on the subject the text provides concise yet comprehensive coverage of a diverse range of topics from fundamental aspects of caretaking and sibling communication to topics not covered in other textbooks such as estrangement and marginalization 33 chapters cover theories of family communication family communication processes and communicating in family relationships the authors noted researchers and educators in the field complement discussions of standard topics with those of growing contemporary interest such as lgbtq family communication step family and half sibling relationships and the influence of technology on family this textbook provides a well rounded examination of the major elements of family communication studies explains the foundational theories of the field including family communication patterns theory and relational dialectics theory features numerous practical application exercises to enable students apply theory to practice includes a complete set pedagogical features such as case studies visualizations and models of theories illustrations and discussion questions offers a flexible organizational structure that allows instructors to pick and choose chapters to meet the needs of their courses communication in family contexts theories and processes is an important resource for instructors and students in the field of family communication the wider discipline of communication studies and related areas such as social psychology and sociology systems theory is the basic theoretical model underlying most contemporary family therapy in this accessible introduction the author traces how systems theory gave rise to family systems theory outlines the basic propositions of family systems and links it both to other family theory literature and to clinical practice among the topics covered are relational space family boundaries family stratification and child socialization family meanings and such shared realities as family folklore stories myths and memorabilia are discussed family rituals are also explored no other available text offers such a

hands on approach to marriage and family therapy theory at the core of systemic family therapy are comprehensive sections devoted to each developmental phase of the family therapy movement with clear descriptions and session by session case examples the author explores specific approaches within each of these phases with this pragmatic tenor students will gain a clear and in depth understanding of how family theory concepts relate to practice as well as ways those concepts interact with each other key features uses specific examples and session by session case studies to illustrate how theoretical construct actually work in practice outlines the shifts in thinking of the family therapy field from modern to postmodern uses rich graphic representations and straightforward tables to illustrate key theoretical concepts incorporates compelling questions and learning exercises that will lead to dynamic class discussions intended audience a refreshing departure from traditional instruction of family therapy theory this core textbook is an excellent resource for upper level undergraduate and graduate students of family therapy counseling social work and family studies this text offers a straightforward comprehensive overview of both traditional and evolving theoretical models of family therapy and intervention techniques as well as a discussion of clinical issues unique to family therapy practice aiming to prepare students to develop beginning proficiency in family therapy the authors outline major family therapy models in detail including a step by step description of concepts theories skills and techniques as well as a history of each model and its conceptual and theoretical underpinnings the text also provides extensive case illustrations of family interviews that identify the specific stages clinical issues concepts theories and techniques associated with each model this core text is designed for graduate level courses such as family therapy marriage and family therapy marriage and family counseling family systems theory and family counseling in departments of social work psychology nursing education or human services

Family Theories 2018-12-20 family theories an introduction by james m white todd f martin and new co author kari adamsons provides an incisive thorough primer to current theories of the family that balances the diversity and richness of a broad scope of scholarly work in a concise manner this best selling text draws upon eight major theoretical frameworks developed by key social scientists to explain variation in family life these frameworks include social exchange and choice symbolic interaction family life course development systems conflict feminist ecological and functional theories this new fifth edition includes suggestions for integrating theory to guide a research program and more applications for those going on to careers in the helping professions with an increased focus on both classical theories as well as contemporary and emerging theories this text challenges students to think about how families and family theories have changed over the last 70 years as well as where family scholarship is headed

Family Theories 2002-06-27 this book provides students with an understanding of the nature of family theory as well as a survey of six major theoretical frameworks to explain patterns of family life each theory is systematically explored

Family Theories 2016-07-21 family theories foundations and applications presents a comprehensive and accessible approach to the most current perspectives in the field of family theory integrates classic and contemporary writings on family theories features compelling case studies drawn from the authors experiences working with thousands of students represents an integrative use of theory research and practice utilizes the metaphor of developing your theory app to translate complex academic ideas into accessible student friendly language

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Exploring Family Theories 2009 an army deserter jean gabin pitches up in le havre looking for a new identity and passage to foreign parts his progress is halted when he falls in love with an idealistic young woman michelle morgan directed by marcel carne

Exploring Family Theories 2021 introduction why do you do that why does our family insist on doing things that way questions about people s behaviors are the essence of social science inquiry the focus may be on individuals families social groups communities or cultures to engage in the process of social science inquiry you need two things research and theory before we enter into a discussion of social science theory specifically family theory we first must have a discussion about theory in general

Sourcebook of Family Theory and Research 2005 this volume provides a diverse eclectic and paradoxically mature approach to theorizing and demonstrates how the development of theory is crucial to the future of family research

Readings in Family Theory 2005 readings in family theory is an anthology of classic and contemporary articles that provides a context for student learning by demonstrating how theory fits into the overall process of scientific research on families the book provokes student interest in theory by providing examples of the scholarly application of family theory to compare how people use similar processes in everyday life using this contextual orientation the selected readings examine nine prevalent theoretical perspectives from both family and human development sciences

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Handbook of Family Theories 2013-03-05 organized by content areas rather than by theory this comprehensive accessible handbook helps readers gain greater insight into how key theories have impacted today s family research most competing books organized by theory do not provide a strong sense of the links between theory and research using the 2000 and 2010 decade in review issues of the journal of marriage and family as a resource the book addresses the most important topics impacting family studies research today the introductory chapter written by the editors provides an overview of the role family theories have had on the field this chapter is followed by 23 others on family related content areas written by renowned scholars in the field the book is organized around the most important domains in the field parenting and parent child relationships romantic relationships conflict and aggression structural variation and transitions demographic variations and families and extra familial institutions each of the contributors describes how theory has been used to generate new knowledge in the field and suggests future directions for how theory may be used to extend our knowledge base the book helps readers acquire a working knowledge of the key family science theories findings and issues and

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Family Theories 2014-02-19 the fourth edition of james m white david m klein and todd f martin s best selling family theories an introduction offers a thorough and accessible approach to the most current perspectives in family theory rich in detail yet exceptionally concise the text s analytical structure draws from such major theoretical frameworks as social exchange and choice symbolic interaction family life course development systems conflict feminism and ecology to explain variation in families thoroughly updated this new edition helps readers connect theory to everyday life

Sourcebook of Family Theories and Methodologies 2022-11-07 this sourcebook is an unparalleled resource in the field of family science it provides a comprehensive overview of both traditional and contemporary theories and methodologies to promote a greater understanding of increasingly complex family realities it focuses on broad developments in research design and conceptualization while also offering a historical perspective on developments in family science over time particularly emerging theories from the past several decades each chapter summarizes and evaluates a major theory or methodological approach in the field delving into its main principles its debates and challenges how it has evolved over time its practical uses in policy education or further research and links to other theories and methodologies in highlighting recent research of note chapters emphasize the potential for innovative future applications key areas of

coverage include risk and resilience family stress feminist critical race and social exchange theories ambiguous loss intersectionality queer and family development theory life course framework biosocial theory and biomarker methods symbolic interactionism ethnography mixed methods participatory action research and evaluation

Advancing Family Theories 2004-09-07 advancing family theories explores two contemporary theories of the family rational choice theory and transition theory these diametrically different approaches illuminate what differing theories reveal about families the book also discusses how meta theories can assist in building and refining theory and offers insight on the understanding versus explanation debate advancing family theories gives students a precise notion of what a theory is and how theories work in research the book not only looks at philosophical realms but also examines particular substantive theory to explain and predict family behaviors advancing family theories is an excellent supplement to family theories second edition sage 2002 or is effective on its own the book helps students with the task of taking abstract and very general theories and reducing them to a level of specific research models and hypotheses

Family Theories Today 2022-07-18 the new edition of katherine r allen and angela c henderson s family theories today a critical intersectional approach expands on the dynamic creative and scientific approach that made the first edition a success the authors include all types of family structures processes and contexts and their approach is informed by families as intimate settings for individual and relational development where both care and trauma occur full of examples grounded in real people s lives the book covers twelve theories ranging from functionalist to social exchange to feminist to family stress and resilience in a highly accessible but comprehensive way each chapter covers the theory s historic origins major concepts strengths and weaknesses alternative perspectives application to empirical research and practice relevant pop culture examples multimedia applications discussion questions suggestions for further reading and more new highlights of this completely up to date and revised edition include two new chapters on topics that have gained increasing relevance critical race theory and queer theory strengthened research and application about family diversity in each chapter fresh

multimedia suggestions voices from lived experience and more extensive outreach to a broader array of relevant disciplines this text is not only meant to be read but also to provoke both personal reflection and professional considerations for both family scientists in training and those in the human services in general watch katherine r allen and angela c henderson discuss what's new and notable in the second edition of family theories today here

Contemporary Theories about the Family 1979 family studies play an increasingly important role in contemporary sociology david cheal provides an up to date and comprehensive survey of modern sociological theories about family life while recognizing that these theories are both diverse and fragmented he argues that such divisions are a positive and integral aspect of studying contemporary family theory cheal takes a broad comparative approach to the theories analysed using empirical examples from north america europe and australia and examining how old and new approaches interact with one another he argues that it is possible to make sense of a contemporary family theory by analysing its divisions as the result of different experiences of modernity these experiences lie along three axes first the opposition between social modernism and its anti modernist critics second the ideological effects of contradictions within modernity itself and third the emerging difference between modernist idealism and post modernist scepticism another major theme of the book is the profound impact of feminism on contemporary family studies and how this has been the catalyst for so much rethinking of the subject in recent years by comparing a wide range of theories in this way and providing a conceptual framework to explain and encourage theoretical pluralism david cheal has produced a major new work for students and researchers of family sociology and social theory worldwide

Sourcebook of Family Theories and Methods 2008 origins we call this book on theoretical orientations and methodological strategies in family studies a sourcebook because it details the social and personal roots i.e. sources from which these orientations and strategies flow thus an appropriate way to preface this book is to talk first of its roots its beginnings in the mid 1980s there emerged in some quarters the sense that it was time for family studies to take stock of itself a goal was thus set to write a book that like janus would face both backward and forward a

book that would give readers both a perspective on the past and a map for the future there were precedents for such a project the handbook of marriage and the family edited by Harold Christensen and published in 1964 the two contemporary theories about the family volumes edited by Wesley Burr, Reuben Hill, Ivan Nye and Ira Reiss published in 1979 and the handbook of marriage and the family edited by Marvin Sussman and Suzanne Steinmetz then in production Contemporary Theories about the Family: Research-based theories 1979 this sourcebook is an unparalleled resource in the field of family science it provides a comprehensive overview of both traditional and contemporary theories and methodologies to promote a greater understanding of increasingly complex family realities it focuses on broad developments in research design and conceptualization while also offering a historical perspective on developments in family science over time particularly emerging theories from the past several decades each chapter summarizes and evaluates a major theory or methodological approach in the field delving into its main principles its debates and challenges how it has evolved over time its practical uses in policy education or further research and links to other theories and methodologies in highlighting recent research of note chapters emphasize the potential for innovative future applications key areas of coverage include risk and resilience family stress feminist critical race and social exchange theories ambiguous loss intersectionality queer and family development theory life course framework biosocial theory and biomarker methods symbolic interactionism ethnography mixed methods participatory action research and evaluation the sourcebook of family theories and methodologies is a must have reference for researchers professors and graduate students as well as clinicians therapists practitioners and policymakers in the areas of family science developmental psychology public health sociology of the family social work and all other interrelated disciplines

Contemporary Theories about the Family: General theories 1979 engaging theories in family communication second edition delves deeply into the key theories in family communication focusing on theories originating both within the communication discipline and in allied disciplines contributors write in their specific areas of expertise resulting in an exceptional resource for

scholars and students alike who seek to understand theories spanning myriad topics perspectives and approaches designed for advanced undergraduate and graduate students studying family communication this text is also relevant for scholars and students of personal relationships interpersonal communication and family studies this second edition includes 16 new theories and an updated study of the state of family communication each chapter follows a common pattern for easy comparison between theories

Family and the State of Theory 1991-01-01 this 2nd edition continues to provide the conceptual framework which enables students and professionals to examine and analyze government policies and their impact on the family new features include new theoretical frameworks and their applications an update of the recent history of family policy a reinforcement of the link between theory and the everyday life experiences people have with the policy process and study questions and a glossary

Sourcebook of Family Theories and Methods 2008-11-01 this book provides an overview of the basic concepts of a systems theoretical perspective using families and family therapy as examples and illustrations of their application in professional practice this meta perspective focuses on viewing problems in context the difference between first order and second order cybernetics is explicated readers then are invited to see themselves as parts of the systems with which they are working consistent with a second order cybernetics perspective along the way a difference between modernism and post modernism as well as constructionism and social constructionism also are described in addition theories of individual and family development are presented with implications for their use in family therapy the book concludes with more than 100 examples of how the meta perspective of systems theory can be used in work with families

Social Theory and the Family 1975 this book offers a synthesis of social science and evolutionary approaches to the study of intergenerational relations using biological psychological and sociological factors to develop a single framework for understanding why kin help one another across generations with attention to both biological family relations as well as in law and step relations it provides an overview of existing studies centred on intergenerational relations

particularly grandparenting that incorporate social science and evolutionary family theories this evolutionary social science approach to intergenerational family relations goes well beyond the traditional nature versus nurture distinction as such it will appeal to scholars across a range of disciplines with interests in relations of kinship the lifecourse and the sociology of the family

The Bowen Family Theory and Its Uses 1983 describes the processes of daily living and interaction common to all families within the context of modern systems theory and reveals the means by which behavior of individual members is regulated

Sourcebook of Family Theories and Methodologies 2022-07-22 throughout the past 30 years there have been significant developments in theory and research relating family variables to various psychopathologies the potential importance of such efforts is obviously great given the implications that reliable and valid findings would hold for treatment and preventive interventions across a variety of settings and populations the purpose of this volume is to present a critical evaluation of this field of inquiry through a detailed assessment of the theoretical perspectives the methodological issues and the substantive findings that have characterized family studies of psychopathology during the past several decades the book is divided into four parts each containing contributions from leading researchers and theorists in the field the first part background presents a review of the major streams of influence that have shaped the development and the present character of the field the second part conceptual foundations contains presentations of general models and orientations relevant to family studies of psychopathology in most cases a particular theoretical perspective provides the primary underpinning of the approach the exception to this format being the family model of David Reiss based on the concept of the family paradigm the major objective of this part is to present a broad yet detailed set of chapters that address the conceptual status of the field it is hoped that this material will provide a rich background against which subsequent discussions of specific theories methods and findings can be more fully appreciated

Engaging Theories in Family Communication 2017-09-13 this accessible text examines how the science of autonomy and adaptation informs all family therapy approaches and discusses how

clinicians can use this science to improve their practice uniquely focussing on how to integrate science as well as theory into clinical practice the book provides an overview of science from multiple domains and ties it to family systems theory through the key framework of autonomy and adaptation drawing on research from genetics physiology emotion regulation attachment and triangulation chapters demonstrate how a comprehensive science informed theory of family systems can be applied to a range of problematic family patterns the text also explores self of the therapist work and considers how autonomy and attachment are connected to systems of power privilege and oppression supported throughout by practical case examples as well as questions for consideration chapter summaries and resource lists to further engage the reader the science of family systems theory is an essential textbook for marriage and family therapy students as well as mental health professionals working with families

Family and the State of Theory 1991 this volume demonstrates the diversity of family theory from the more traditional approaches of sociology and social psychology to more controversial ones from feminist theory world systems theory and hermeneutics the international contributors come from a variety of disciplines and frame their theoretical arguments around concrete issues including religion and the family family power and men in families they have provided a provocative and informative read

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