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*Cultivating Healthy Couple and Marital Relationships*  
Special Guest Editor, Ted G. Futris, UGA

There is great interest among educators and professionals in the field to develop and effectively implement quality, research-based programs that support the development and maintenance of healthy couple and marital relationships. As such, there is a clear need to ensure that practitioners are informed of current research on this topic and the practical implications of this research for programming. To support Cooperative Extension educators and partnering professionals in acquiring the knowledge needed to effectively conduct this programming, *The Forum for Family and Consumer Issues* presents this special issue, *Cultivating Healthy Couple and Marital Relationships*. This collection of papers, authored by members of the National Extension Relationship and Marriage Education Network, presents examples of theoretically and empirically informed implications for relationship and marriage education.

### INCLUDED IN THIS SPECIAL ISSUE

#### **What's love got to do with it?**

*The role of healthy couple relationships and marriages in promoting child, family, and community well-being.*

Francesca Adler-Baeder, Karen Shirer, and Angela Bradford

**Using research in marriage and relationship education programming.** Brian Higginbotham and Katie Henderson

**Offering relationship and marriage education in your community.** Charlotte Shoup Olsen and Karen Shirer

**Building community collaborations to support healthy and stable marriages.** Ted Futris

**Youth focused relationships and marriage education.**

Jennifer Kerpelman

**Marriage education for stepcouples.** Francesca Adler-Baeder, Mallory Erickson, and Brian Higginbotham

**Working with low-resource and culturally diverse audiences.** Linda Skogrand and Karen Shirer

**Commitment in healthy relationships.**

Wally Goddard

**Connecting as a couple: Communication skills for healthy relationships.** Angela Wiley

Look for *Cultivating Healthy Relationships and Marriages: A Trainers Guide to Effective Programming*, a complement to this special issue, produced by NERMEN and the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension, Fall 2007!

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