## Contents

*List of Illustrations*  ix  
*List of Tables*  xi  
*Acknowledgments*  xiii  

Introduction  xv  

_H. Elizabeth Peters and Claire M. Kamp Dush_

### PART I Perspectives on Marriage

1. **Historical and Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Marriage**  
   *Arland Thornton*  
   3

2. **Marriage and Family: The Evolutionary Ecological Context**  
   *Bobbi S. Low*  
   33

3. **A Gender Lens on Marriage**  
   *Paula England*  
   57

4. **Institutional, Companionate, and Individualistic Marriage: A Social Psychological Perspective on Marital Change**  
   *Paul R. Amato*  
   75

### PART II Contemporary Families

5. **Single Parenthood and Child Well-Being: Trends, Theories, and Evidence**  
   *Rachel Dunifon*  
   93
CONTENTS

6. Cohabitation and Parenthood: Lessons from Focus Groups and In-Depth Interviews 115
   Wendy D. Manning, Pamela J. Smock, and Cara Bergstrom-Lynch

7. An Examination of Child Well-Being in Stable Single-Parent and Married Families 143
   Claire M. Kamp Dush

8. Reconsidering the Association Between Stepfather Families and Adolescent Well-Being 177
   Megan M. Sweeney, Hongbo Wang, and Tami M. Videon

9. Parenting by Gay Men and Lesbians: Beyond the Current Research 227
   Gary J. Gates and Adam P. Romero

PART III Strengthening Marriage

10. Supporting Healthy Marriage: Designing a Marriage Education Demonstration and Evaluation for Low-Income Married Couples 247
    Virginia Knox and David Fein

11. Differentiating Among Types of Domestic Violence: Implications for Healthy Marriages 281
    Michael P. Johnson

PART IV The Future of Marriage

12. The Growing Importance of Marriage in America 301
    Steven L. Nock

13. The Future of Marriage and the State: A Proposal 325
    Tamara Metz

    Shirley A. Hill

15. Race, Immigration, and the Future of Marriage 365
    Daniel T. Lichter and Warren A. Brown

List of Contributors 383
Index 389

Downloaded from cupola.columbia.edu