

CFP—Special Issue of *Fat Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Body Weight and Society* on Children and Fat, guest edited by Natalie Boero and Pattie Thomas

To be considered for inclusion in this special issue, please send a 200-250 word abstract and a current CV to Natalie Boero (natalie.boero@sjsu.edu) or Pattie Thomas (pattie.thomas@csn.edu) by **February 20th, 2015**. Any questions about the topic can also be directed to these e-mails.

This special issue of *Fat Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Body Weight and Society* explores issues around kids and fatness. The editor invites papers on a variety of topics that address, for example, how childhood obesity has emerged as a social problem, how fat children and childhood “obesity” are represented in popular culture, or how fat children and their parents experience fatness in the midst of a “war on childhood obesity”. Much of fat studies work has implicitly focused on the lives, representations, and experiences of adults and this issue aims to make children more central to fat studies.

Potential topics might include, but are not limited to:

- Fat children in history
- Fat kids, bullying and stigma
- Representations of fat children
- Fat kids and media
- Fat children and medical care
- Intersections of fatness, gender, race, class, ability, and sexuality in childhood
- Social policy and “childhood obesity”
- Lived experiences of fat children and parents of fat children.
- Fat children and schools
- Fat children and eating disorders
- Fat children and the law

Final submissions should be between 3000-6000 words, including all notes and references. If you wish to include reproductions of visual images with your essay, you will need to receive permission to do so from the artists/copyright holders of the image(s). All authors will need to sign a form that transfers copyright of their article to the publisher, Taylor & Francis/Routledge.

Fat Studies is the first academic journal in the field of scholarship that critically examines theory, research, practices, and programs related to body weight and appearance. Content includes original research and overviews exploring the intersection of gender, race/ethnicity, sexuality, age, ability, and socioeconomic status. Articles critically examine representations of fat in health and medical sciences, the Health at Every Size model, the pharmaceutical industry, psychology, sociology, cultural studies, legal issues, literature, pedagogy, art, theater, popular culture, media studies, and activism.

Fat Studies is an interdisciplinary, international field of scholarship that critically examines societal attitudes and practices about body weight and appearance. *Fat Studies* advocates equality for all people regardless of body size. It explores the way fat people are oppressed, the reasons why, who benefits from that oppression and how to liberate fat people from oppression. *Fat Studies* seeks to challenge and remove the negative associations that society has about fat and the fat body. It regards weight, like height, as a human characteristic that varies widely across any population. *Fat Studies* is similar to academic disciplines that focus on race, ethnicity, gender, or age.