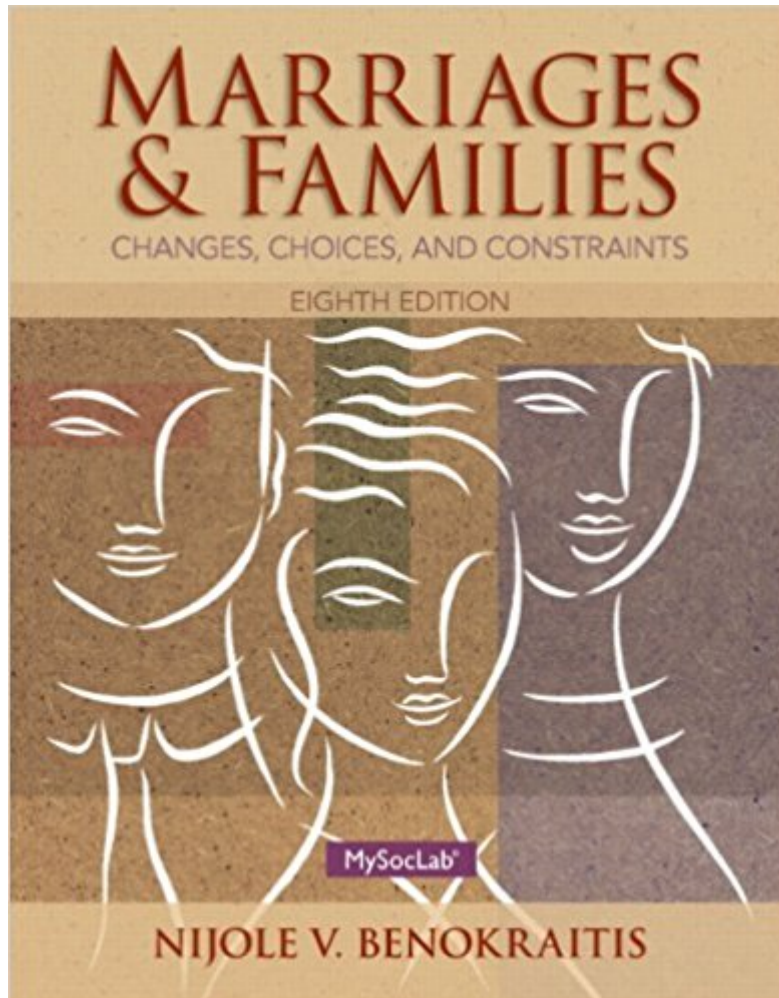




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Nijole V. Benokraitis, professor emerita of sociology at the University of Baltimore, taught the marriage and family course for almost 25 years. It was her favorite class but her courses in racial and ethnic relations and gender roles ran a close second. Professor Benokraitis received a B.A. in sociology and English from Emmanuel College in Boston, an M.A. in sociology from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and a Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Texas at Austin.   
 She was a strong proponent of applied sociology and required her students to enhance their knowledge through interviews, direct observation, and other hands-on learning methods. She also enlisted her students in community service activities such as tutoring and mentoring inner-city high school students, writing to government officials and other decision makers about specific social problems, and volunteering research services to nonprofit organizations.   
 Professor Benokraitis immigrated to the United States from Lithuania with her family after World War II as a political refugee when she was five years old. She is bilingual and bicultural and is very empathetic of students who must balance the demands of several cultural worlds. She has authored, co-authored, edited, or co-edited ten books, including *Seeing Ourselves: Classic, Contemporary, and Cross-Cultural Readings in Sociology*, *Contemporary Ethnic Families in the United States: Characteristics, Variations, and Dynamics*; *Feuds about Families: Conservative, Centrist, Liberal, and Feminist Perspectives*; and *Modern Sexism: and Blatant, Subtle, and Covert Discrimination*. Dr. Benokraitis has published numerous articles and book chapters on topics such as institutional racism, discrimination against women in government and higher education, fathers in two-earner families, displaced homemakers, and family policy.   
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I actually really enjoyed reading this textbook, I read the entire thing front to back. There are some minor spelling and grammatical errors, but it is otherwise an enjoyable read for a textbook. It does need to be updated in some areas, specifically the LGBT movement...but as this movement is constantly changing (especially currently), this certainly can be a difficult with rapidly growing information.

Bought this book for use with school but very glad I did! Covers a wide number of topics that everyone can relate to at any point in their life. Fun to look through for personal satisfaction. Great for help with learning school requirements. Very easy to read, has a nice picture/chart/graph/text ratio. If I hadn't had the course but found this book on my own I'd still have purchased.

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