Discussion Assignment #5  
Family Diversity (8 points)

Read the assigned reading (see links below) and respond to the questions.

Guidelines for Discussion Assignments
- Assignments are due IN CLASS on the due date listed on the course schedule.
- Assignments MUST be word processed and completed before class.
- NO LATE assignments will be accepted. I will not accept homework assignments via email. Please do not send them to me or drop them at my office.
- I will drop the assignment with the lowest grade in calculating your final grade.
- You must be present during class discussion to receive full credit for the assignment (no exceptions)
- Partial credit may be assigned to students participating in discussion without completing the assignment, by providing handwritten notes from class discussion.

Assignment
I. Read the following articles (see supplemental readings on SacCT as well as link below) and pp. 395-398 of your text and use the information to respond to questions below.
- NYTIMES – Changing American Family (supplemental reading #3)
- Lansford (2009) – Supplemental reading (supplemental reading #4)
- Hoverton blog – What I learned about motherhood by being an adoptive parent

II. Reflection Questions:
1) What are some of the changes revealed in the NY Times article. Do any of these changes surprise you?

2) According to Lansford (2009), what are some of the empirically documented adjustment consequences for children experiencing parental divorce?

3) According to Lansford, what are some factors (moderators) that lessen or heighten the effects of divorce? What are some factors (mediators) than explain the effects of divorce?

4) Describe two things that Hoverton says she learned about motherhood by being an adoptive parent. Are any of the things she says she learned surprising to you? Why or why not?