

CALENDAR

March 30, 2001

Certified Family Life Educators: Foundations and Futures, Utah Council on Family Relations conference, Salt Lake City, UT. Keynote Speaker: Michael L. Benjamin, NCFR Executive Director. For information, contact Joyce Buck, CFLE, UCFR Program Chair, Weber State University, Ogden, UT; E-mail: jrbuck1@weber.edu.

April 3-6, 2001

2001 Education Odyssey: From Froebel to the Internet, Association for Childhood Education International (ACEI) Annual International Conference, Royal York Hotel, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Conference will feature more than 150 workshops and seminars on topics of interest to teachers, teacher educators, college students, day-care personnel, and other caregivers. Contact: Laura Cairns, ACEI Conference Department for registration information at: ACEI, 17904 Georgia Avenue, Suite 215, Olney, MD 20832. Phone: 800-423-3563; E-mail: ACEImc@aol.com; Website: www.ACEI.org.

April 5-7, 2001

Marital Relations, Texas Council on Family Relations (TCFR) annual conference, Dallas, TX. For information, contact Linda Ladd, TCFR President; Phone: 979-845-3803; E-mail: l-ladd@tamu.edu.

April 23-28, 2001

Faces of Change: Embracing Diverse Cultures and Alternative Approaches, 13th National Council on Child Abuse and Neglect, Albuquerque, NM. For information, contact: Thirteenth National Conference, c/o PaL-Tech,

Inc., 1901 North Moore Street, Suite 204, Arlington, VA 22209.

April 27-28, 2001

Family Resiliency, California Council on Family Relations (CCFR) 2nd Annual Conference, Sacramento, CA. For information, contact Walter T. Kawamoto, CFLE, CCFR President, 6000 J Street, Family and Consumer Sciences Department, Sacramento, CA 95819-6053; Fax: 916-278-7520; E-mail: kawamotw@saclink.csus.edu.

May 8-10, 2001

2nd Building Family Strengths International Symposium, University of Nebraska-Lincoln. For information, contact: Camelia Wills, Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE 68583-0801; Phone: 402-472-8209; Website: familystrengths@unl.edu.

May 28-30, 2001

Affirmations of Fatherhood, National Center for Strategic Nonprofit Planning and Community Leadership's 3rd Annual International Fatherhood Conference, Sheraton Hotel, Atlanta, GA 30303. For information, contact NPCL, Toll free: 888-528-6725; Phone: 202-822-6725; Fax: 202-822-5689.

June 8-9, 2001

Growing with Families: Education for Parents of Children Ages 5-18 is the focus for the University of Minnesota's 4th Parent Education Institute. Contact Mary Maher at 612-624-1294 or maher016@tc.umn.edu for more information.

June 27-30, 2001

Traveling through Time and Space, IVth European Family Therapy Association (EFTA) Conference, Budapest, Hungary. For detailed information visit the website at www.c3.hu/~familyth.

July 7-8, 2001

Mothering: Power/Oppression, Association for Research on Mothering (ARM) conference, The University of Queensland, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. For more details, contact ARM, 726 Atkinson, York University, 4700 Keele St., Toronto, ON, Canada M3J 1P3; Phone: 416-736-2100, ext. 60366; E-mail: arm@yorku.ca; or visit the ARM website at: <http://www.yorku.ca/crm>.

August 28-September 1, 2001

Visions and Divisions: Challenges to European Sociology, 5th Conference of the European Sociology Association, University of Helsinki, Finland. For more information, see www.valt.helsinki.fi/esa/. Registrations can be sent by the ESA web page or to the conference secretariat; ESA, CongCreator CC, P.O. Box 762, FIN-00101 Helsinki, Finland. Fax: +358-9-4542 1930; E-mail: esa2001@congcreator.com.

November 6-11, 2001

Families, Stress, and Coping: Bridging Theory and Practice, NCFR's 63rd Annual Conference, Hyatt Regency Rochester Hotel and Riverside Convention Center, Rochester, NY. For information, contact Cindy Winter, CMP, at 888-781-9331, ext. 15 or visit the NCFR website at: www.ncfr.org.



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Report

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According to a 1999 poll, nine in 10 Americans say that computers have made life better and seven in 10 say that the Internet has made life better. Yet according to the same poll, 56 percent of Americans say that computers have led people to spend less time with their families and friends.

In this issue of Family Focus, we explore how the proliferation of electronic media is changing family life. As always, we welcome your comments.

NEXT ISSUE:**Stress and Resilience**

2000 NCFR Fellows

The 2000 Fellowship Committee selected twelve nominees for Fellowship status within the National Council on Family Relations during the annual meeting in Minneapolis.

The fellows were nominated by their peers and selected for their history of outstanding contributions to the field of family studies in such areas as published scholarship, innovative and influential teaching presentations, development and implementation of significant intervention of programs designed to promote healthy family relations, development and implementation of innovative curricula for training professionals in family studies, social policy support for family issues, and a consistent record of superior contributions to NCFR over time.

THE NEW NCFR FELLOWS ARE:

- **Elaine A. Anderson**, Associate Professor of Family Studies, University of Maryland, is a distinguished scholar who has received national and international recognition for her groundbreaking scholarship in family policy. She has conducted policy research/analysis for the United States Senate, the Connecticut State Legislature, the Minnesota State Legislature, and for two Presidential Campaigns. She has been extensively involved in NCFR, including Chair of the Family Policy Section and Vice-president for Public Policy of NCFR. She was Program Chair for the 2000 National Council on Family Relations' annual meeting.
- **Patricia Bell-Scott**, is an eminent family scholar, widely known for her work on African-American women in family con-

text. She is one of the founding editors of SAGE, the only scholarly journal exclusively focused on African-American women, and she is the author of three highly praised books on African-American women. Dr. Bell-Scott is Professor of Child and Family Development and Women's Studies at the University of Georgia. She has a notable record of service within NCFR, including co-founding the Black Caucus (later the Ethnic Minorities Section).

- **David H. Demo**, is Professor and Chair, Department of Human Development and Family Studies, University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Dr. Demo has an outstanding record of family scholarship in research and teaching, leadership in the field, and numerous contributions to NCFR. His work is widely considered to be at the cutting-edge of contributions that advance scholarship and have potential impact on family life education and policy. Dr. Demo's extensive involvement in NCFR includes current service on the Board of Directors, service on the editorial boards of both NCFR sponsored journals, and participation on the Reuben Hill Award Committee.
- **Mark A. Fine**, is Professor and Chair, Department of Human Development and Family Studies, University of Missouri. Dr. Fine has been an extremely productive family scholar and leader in the field of family science. His extensive work on divorce and remarriage has significantly advanced our knowledge about how individuals and families negotiate the complex issues involving these life transitions. Dr. Fine has served as editor of two major family journals: *Family Relations*



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and *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*. In addition, his many NCFR contributions include offices in the Research and Theory Section and Feminism and Family Studies Section and member of the Publications and Reuben Hill Award Committees.

- **Greer Litton Fox**, is Distinguished Professor of Child and Family Studies, University of Tennessee. Dr.

Fox is an accomplished scholar, having achieved national and international recognition for her work on gender-related family issues. She has been the recipient of many awards and honors in her career and served on numerous editorial boards. In addition to serving as President of the National Council on Family Relations, Dr. Fox has served as Vice-president for Program, Secretary, and Vice-chair of the Research and Theory Section in addition to several other major positions within the organization.

- **Brent C. Miller**, Professor and Head, Department of Family and Human Development, Utah State University, is one of the nation's leading researchers on adolescent sexuality and pregnancy and has also earned acclaim for his advances in family research methods. He has been a consultant for many agencies, including the Centers for Disease Control and Office of Adolescent Pregnancy, and has served on many scientific review study sessions. Dr. Miller is also noted for his exceptional mentoring of graduate students and new professionals. Within NCFR, Dr. Miller has sustained an exemplary record of service for nearly three decades. In addition to serving as NCFR President, he has served as Program Vice-president, Publications Vice-president, and Chair of the committee to initiate the Reuben Hill Committee.
- **Gladys J. Hildreth**, CFLE, is Professor and Chair, Department of Family Studies, University of Kentucky. Dr. Hildreth has a long and sustained record of contributions to NCFR, including Secretary/Treasurer, Associate Editor of *Family Relations*, member of the Long-Range Planning Committee. She has also served in numerous unofficial roles in NCFR, including serving as mentor to new professionals. Dr. Hildreth also has been a strong contributor to family studies as evidenced by being recipient of the Marie Peters Award in 1998. In addition, Dr. Hildreth has an extensive record of service to family oriented organizations and reviewer for child and family based funding agencies.

- **Diane K. Kieren**, CFLE, Professor Emeritus, Department of Human Ecology, University of Alberta, has been an active member of the National Council on Family Relations for many years. She has served as Vice-president of the National Group of Affiliated Councils, Chair of the International Section, and Member of the Board of Directors in addition to service on numerous other committees. Dr. Kieren, a Certified Family Life Educator, has a strong commitment to the dissemination of knowledge to the community and professional groups. She has written 11 books and 8 teaching manuals on family life education and health for students from elementary school through university. In addition, Dr. Kieren has a distinguished record of scholarship in family problem solving, decision-making, and family communication.
- **Judith Myers-Walls**, CFLE, is Associate Professor and Extension Specialist, Department of Child Development and Family Studies, Purdue University. Dr. Myers-Walls has been a national leader in the development of curricula related to parenting. In addition, she has produced seminal scholarship on peace education. She has a long record of service to NCFR, including holding office in the Education and Enrichment Section and in the Association of Affiliated Councils. She also chaired the task force that reviewed the CFLE program in 1990-1991, has served two terms on the Board of Directors, and in 1997-1998 was Program Vice-president.
- **Dennis K. Orthner**, is Professor in the School of Social Work and Curriculum in Public Policy Analysis and Associate Director of the Jordan

Report

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NCFR Honors Its Distinguished Colleagues During the 2000 NCFR Conference

On Saturday, November 11, NCFR President, **Stephen Jorgensen** presided at a special ceremony that honored the winners of the 2000 NCFR Awards. These are distinguished colleagues who have unselfishly dedicated themselves to



Paul Amato (left) and Joan Gilbreth (center), winners of the Reuben Hill Award accept their awards from Vaughn Call, committee chair.

working in the family field, and have given outstanding service.

The first award was the **Reuben Hill Award for the Outstanding Research and Theory Article for 1999**. This award is given each year in memo-

ry of **Reuben Hill**, Regents Professor of Sociology, University of Minnesota, and renowned scholar, prolific writer, and well-known speaker. Dr. Hill was a leader in NCFR, and one of the founders of the Research and Theory Section. The winners of this year's award receive a plaque and share a \$1,000 check.

Vaughn Call, Hill Award committee chair, presented the award to **Paul R. Amato**, Penn State University, and **Joan Gilbreth**, University of Nebraska. Drs. Amato and Gilbreth's article, "Nonresident Fathers and Children's Well-being: A Meta Analysis," was published in the *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, Vol. 61, 1999, pages 557-573. A committee who evaluated research articles from over 25 scholarly family journals selected this article.

The next award was the **Student/New Professional Award**. **Hilary Rose**, Student/New Professionals Board Rep for 1998-2000, presented the award to **Rose Suggett**, CFLE, Lincoln Medical Education - Young Families Project, Nebraska. The Student Award is given to individuals with high poten-

tial for contributions to the field of family studies. The winner receives a plaque and check for \$1,000.

Anisa Zvonkovic, chair of the **Jessie Bernard Awards** committee under the auspices of the Feminism and Family Studies Section, presented



Hilary Rose (right), Student Award Selection Chair, presents the award to Rose Suggett, CFLE, this year's winner.

the 2000 winners. **Shelley Haddock**, Colorado State University, was the winner of the **Outstanding Contribution to Feminist Scholarship Paper Award**. She received a plaque and check for \$250. **Jennifer Hardesty**, CFLE,

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Institute for Families, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Dr. Orthner has an exceptional record of scholarship; he is highly recognized for his work in work/family linkages in the military, community social work practice, and welfare reform. He also has an extensive record of grantsmanship in support of his scholarship. Dr. Orthner has a long history of significant contributions to family studies. He has served on the editorial boards of *Youth and Society*, *Journal of Family Issues*, *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, *Family Science Review*, *Family Relations*, and *Journal of Adolescent Research*. Within NCFR, he has assumed numerous leadership positions, including Chair of the Research and Theory Section, Chair of the Theory Construction and Research Methodology Workshop, Chair of Family Policy

Section, and Chair of the Distinguished Service to Families Committee.

- **Jay Teachman**, Professor of Sociology, Western Washington University, is perhaps best known for his expertise in quantitative techniques used by family scholars, especially event history analysis. He also is widely recognized for his work in family demography. Dr. Teachman has an extensive funding record, and his scholarship characteristically has yielded important policy implications. Dr. Teachman's participation in NCFR includes associate editor and currently deputy editor of the *Journal of Marriage and Family* and Chair of the Reuben Hill Awards Committee. In 1982, he was recipient of the Reuben Hill Award.
- **Patricia Voydanoff**, Senior Research Associate, Center for Family and

Community Research, University of Dayton, is one of the leading figures in the area of work-family research. Other researchers in the field frequently cite her work. Coupled with an impressive record of scholarship, Dr. Voydanoff has an extensive record of service to NCFR and the profession at large. In addition to chairing numerous committees, she has served as editor of the *Journal of Family Issues*, Program Vice-president and Chair of the Theory Construction and Research Methodology Workshop. In addition, Dr. Voydanoff has been an active consultant to numerous organizations concerned with families.

Nominations for next year's class of NCFR Fellows are now open. For detailed information on how to nominate a fellow, call NCFR at 1-888-781-9331 or e-mail ncfr3989@ncfr.org.





Anisa Zvonkovic (right), chair of the Jessie Bernards Award Selection Committee, presented awards to this year's winners: Shelley Haddock, the Outstanding Contribution to Feminist Scholarship Paper Award, and Jennifer Hardesty, CFLE, the Outstanding Research Proposal From a Feminist Perspective.

Morehead State University, Kentucky, was the winner of the **Outstanding Research Proposal From a Feminist Perspective** for "Separation Assault and Post-divorce Parenting." She received a plaque and a check for \$750.

These two awards are given in memory of **Jessie Bernard**, Penn State University, a pioneer in the Women's Studies field, a leader in NCFR, and a

true role model for women.

The next award given under the auspices of the International Section was the **Jan Trost Award** for Outstanding Contributions to Comparative Family Studies. **Raeann Hamon, CFLE**, Vice Chair of the International Section presented the award to **Gary R. Lee**, Bowling Green State University. This award is named in honor of **Jan Trost**, Uppsala University, Sweden, who is one of the founding members of the International Section, and was its second chair.

The next award was the **Marie Peters Award**, which recognizes outstanding contributions in the area of Ethnic Minorities. **Velma McBride Murry**, committee chair, introduced this year's recipient, **Hamilton I. McCubbin, CFLE**, Kamehameha Schools, Honolulu, Hawaii (formerly, University of Wisconsin-Madison, and a past NCFR President). The Ethnic Minorities Section established this award in memory of **Marie F. Peters**, a former NCFR Board member, and leader of the Section. Dr. Peters was noted for her research in the areas of the black family, women's roles, and people of color.



Raeann Hamon (right), Vice Chair of the International Section presented the Jan Trost Award to Gary Lee, this year's winner.

The December **NCFR Report** carried an article about the winner of the **Ernest Burgess Award**. Several Sections presented awards during their Section Membership meetings.

As we look at the 2000 winners, NCFR members should nominate those worthy of honor for the 2001 Awards. For nomination form see insert in this issue of *Report*. The deadline for submissions is **April 15, 2001** (exceptions are noted on the form). Let's have a good number nominate their colleagues. Remember to Give Honor to Whom Honor is Due.



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NCFR REPORT—Family Focus on... Call for Topic Papers

Issue	Topic	Deadline
June 2001	Families, Stress and Coping: Bridging Theory and Practice	Apr. 9
Sept. 2001	to be determined	July 9
Dec. 2001	to be determined	Oct. 8
Mar. 2002	to be determined	Jan. 8

We continue to welcome your suggestions and offers to write or be willing to be interviewed by our journalist, Dr. Nancy Giguere.

If you have data, research or practice articles for any of these topics, or know of outstanding persons who can be interviewed or tapped please call or e-mail Michael Benjamin immediately at 888-781-9331, ext. 21 or mberjamin@ncfr.org.

Let us hear from you about other topics that you would like to see published in the *Report*.

Plans Well Underway for 2001 Conference

Plans are well underway for the 2001 conference on "Families, Stress, and Coping: Bridging Theory and Practice" to be held in Rochester, New York on Thursday, November 8 to Sunday, November 11.

MAJOR SPEAKERS

Charles Figley, Florida State University, will speak on the application of the post-traumatic stress model to an understanding of major life course stressors such as divorce. **Janice Kielcolt-Glaser**, Ohio State University College of Medicine, will speak on her research on immunity and marriage and divorce. **Hamilton McCubbin**, CFLE, Kamehameha Schools, Honolulu, Hawaii, recipient of the 2000 Marie Peters Award, and **Mavis Hetherington**, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, recipient of the 2000 Burgess Award, will present on their research. New and upcoming National Institute on Health-funded investigators will make a panel presentation on their basic and applied research. New investigators, often on the leading edge of new developments in their fields, will help keep us up-to-date on some of the hottest topics and research trends. We are still awaiting word on other conference and section-sponsored speakers.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Because many of us have made it through the initial steps in our professional careers but could still use a little advice and counsel on the next steps, we'll have some professional development seminars in addition to those presented for students and young professionals. As in past years, the new editors of the *Journal of Marriage and Family*, **Alexis Walker**, Oregon State University, and *Family Relations*, **Kay Pasley**, University of North Carolina, Greensboro will discuss how to publish in NCFR publications. For those in academic work who have survived tenure and promotion but may still need to achieve that important step of being a full professor, we'll have a session on "Tips on an Application for Full Professor Rank." There will also be a session on "Retirement Planning."

STRESS RELIEF

Over the years, I've met a lot of NCFR members informally through sightseeing tours NCFR has sponsored. For a little "stress relief" and informal socializing, we are reintroducing those this year. On Saturday, November 10, we're arranging optional trips to the Women's Rights National Historical Park and Elizabeth Cady Stanton House in Seneca Falls, New York; a tour of

Palmyra, New York where James Smith received his vision and the Peter Whitmer Farm near Seneca Falls, where the charter was established for what has become the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. These two locations are about 35 minutes from Rochester. For those of you who want to see Niagara Falls, we're arranging a trip there. It is about an hour and a half from Rochester and well worth the trip! The best view of the Falls is from the Canadian side, so those of you not from the U.S. or Canada will need a visa. If you like to explore on your own, the Finger Lakes and various wineries are nearby. The George Eastman House and Museum of Photography is in Rochester, and there are good restaurants and shopping close to the hotel.

Research on stress, coping, and resiliency in families has been and continues to be an important part of the research and practice of NCFR members. The conference is designed to add to our knowledge on these topics. To add your suggestions to plans for this fall's conference, contact me at Kitson@uakron.edu. I look forward to seeing you in Rochester!

Gay Kitson, Chair, 2001 Annual Conference Program Committee
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NCFR 2001 ELECTION CANDIDATES AND PLATFORMS IN MARCH REPORT

Enclosed in this issue of the *Report* is a pamphlet showing the candidates and their platforms for the NCFR 2001 Election. By April 1, 2001 you will be receiving your NCFR 2001 Elections Ballot in the mail. When you receive this ballot, please follow these directions:

- Review the biographic/platform information on each candidate.
- Vote for *National* offices, the *National* Elections Council and *National* Fellowship Committee.
- Look at your mailing label for the Section codes to which you are a member. Vote *only* for sections in which you have dues paying membership. If you vote in other sections, your vote will *not* be counted.
- Refold your ballot so that NCFR's address is on the *outside*. Affix a 34-cent stamp.
- All ballots must be postmarked by May 1, 2001 to be counted. You may also FAX your ballot (763-781-9348), but make sure the mailing label is showing. Ballots are checked for validity of membership in Sections only. Your anonymity is protected at all times.

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HOT TOPICS Teleconferences

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Mark your calendar!

The next teleconferences will be held on:

April 6, 2001
11:00 a.m. CDT

May 4, 2001
11:00 a.m. CDT

June 1, 2001
11:00 a.m. CDT

For up-to-date *Topics* and registration information, visit our website at www.ncfr.org or contact Michael L. Benjamin at mbenjamin@ncfr.org. Deadline to register is 24 hours prior to teleconference.



President's Report

Adolescent Sexual Risk-Taking and Pregnancy: NCFR and The Public Policy Debate

In my Presidential Address at the annual NCFR meeting in Minneapolis this past November, I reviewed 25 years of research and program evaluation in the area of adolescent pregnancy-risk, which is defined as the likelihood of unprotected sexual intercourse, and pregnancy prevention in the U.S. We know that the consequences of adolescent pregnancy and parenthood include low birth weight, high infant morbidity and mortality rates, lower educational and career outcomes for adolescent parents and their children, and substantial societal costs in the form of lost human capital and public welfare outlays. Also of concern is the risk of sexually transmitted disease (STD) among teenagers.

Twenty-five years of research has taught us that adolescent pregnancy-risk is strongly related to the personal aspirations and sense of hopelessness among a significant portion of our adolescent population, characteristics of the dyadic relationship involving one or more sexually active adolescents (including stereotypically traditional gender role perceptions), differential cognitive developmental trajectories among adolescents, and lack of parental involvement in the sexual socialization and education of children.

While we have learned a great deal about the determinants of adolescent pregnancy-risk, we still have a long way to go in reducing that risk. The good news is that the U.S. has seen a consistent decrease in adolescent pregnancy, birth and fertility rates every year from 1991 through 1999, a leveling off in the incidence of adolescent sexual intercourse, and an increase in the use of effective contraceptive methods. The bad news is that we have not seen comparable declines in the rates of certain STDs. The U.S. also continues to lead all modern, industrialized nations except Russia in teen pregnancy, birth and STD rates.

Shedding additional light on these trends is a recent study conducted by Gates and Sonenstein on the non-trivial rates of genital sexual activity other than vaginal sexual intercourse among teens, primarily in the form of oral sex and anal intercourse. These researchers point out that youth who practice these forms of sexual activity run a high risk of contracting STD infections. This risk is compounded by the perception that they are “practicing abstinence” or “not really having sex” when they engage in these activities. The implications for incorporating information about these activities in sex education programs for adolescents are profound.

POLITICS AND THE PUBLIC POLICY DEBATE

The issues of adolescent sexual risk-taking, pregnancy-risk and prevention programs have become “politicized.” This has happened because these issues are entangled with poverty, racial discrimination, fair and equal access to reproductive health care for both sexes, abortion rights and access, family-related values and value systems, and domestic abuse and neglect. The result is that adolescent sexual behavior and sexual expression, contraceptive use, and reproductive health-care rights are among the most emotionally and politically explosive family-related issues of our time.

As Kristin Luker eloquently demonstrated in her book, *Dubious Conceptions: The Politics of Teenage Pregnancy*, adolescents have been placed in the middle of a political tug-of-war between the “conservative right” and “liberal left.” This struggle centers on the question of which is best: “abstinence-only” programs or more comprehensive interventions incorporating contraceptive use and availability. The result is a patchwork of hit-or-miss intervention programs. Only two-thirds of American school districts even have

a sexuality education policy in force. Among those that do have a policy, about one-third require abstinence-only instruction while the remaining two-thirds combine abstinence instruction along with a more comprehensive approach.

I expect this debate to heat up in the public-policy arena—in local school districts as well as at the state and community levels. A new Republican administration has taken office, and Congress is just about evenly split between Republicans and Democrats. Federal entitlement programs that address the issues of adolescent sexual risk-taking and pregnancy prevention, primarily Titles V of the Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant and XX of the Public Health Service Act, will be closely scrutinized, and perhaps modified, supplemented or even scrapped. When the dust settles, what will happen to the vulnerable youth that these policies were intended to serve and protect?

THE ROLE OF NCFR IN THE PUBLIC POLICY DEBATE

Over the years, we have identified many intervention program components and approaches that appear to be effective. And I am proud to report that NCFR members—both researchers and practitioners—have had major roles in addressing these complicated issues and providing research-based knowledge and delivery of effective programs.

That is the strength of NCFR—we are an organizational umbrella under which both researchers and practitioners can work together on thorny issues. I believe that the consistent decline in adolescent pregnancy and birth rates over the past nine years is due in large part to the effective integration of research-based knowledge that has informed many of the sex-education and pregnancy-prevention interventions developed in the recent past.

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Executive Review

Work Life Summit II

One of the major pre-conference events at our 2000 Annual Conference was the convening of a Work/Life Summit in which over 125 business and labor representatives participated. With the theme “*Making Minnesota the Employer of Choice*,” a major summit goal was to continue to bridge the gap between business and labor communities and family researchers in creating and maintaining healthy work/family environments in Minnesota workplaces. Capturing the essence of the summit was a presentation on “*Bringing Out the Best: Effective Collaborations Between the Research and Business Community*” by **Dr. Linda Duxbury**, NCFR member and professor at Carleton University in Ontario, Canada.

Evaluation results indicated that not only were we successful in initiating first steps toward reaching our summit goal, but we also demonstrated that this format could be used as a prototype for future endeavors as well. And so we’re taking our show on the road! We plan to convene these summits in tandem with our annual conferences and to build on this success. Thus, in early January, Cindy Winter and I met with a group of key business people in Rochester, New York, site of our 2001 Annual Conference (November 6 - 11), to begin the planning process for Work/Life Summit II (November 6).

The purposes of the summit will be threefold:

- create an opportunity for dialogue and action between the family research community and businesses;
- generate an agenda of how NCFR and the Work/Family Focus Group can be responsive to the needs of large and small businesses; and
- create strategies/products responsive to business and labor.

During our planning, we spent a morning with business representatives who will be serving as our local advisors in Rochester and identified work/family issues and outcomes for the summit. Here are some of the issues

they identified:

- Making the business case for having any work/life initiative—what’s the return on the investment? To what extent do work/life initiatives contribute to the bottom line;
- Overcoming the perception that work/life isn’t only for “people with children”;
- Helping “old economy” companies make the transition to “new economy” companies work/life issues, such as, flex time, home office;
- Changing paternalistic and cultural expectations (e.g., male employee with a non-working spouse) of traditional employers to meet the expectations of “new” employees without suffering a sense of betrayal or disloyalty;
- Using work/life strategies to attract, retain and develop the best people;
- Convincing small and large businesses that the bottom line is positively affected when employees can achieve balance between family and work;
- Balancing work/life benefits across all organizations and employees including “knowledge” workers and “service” workers;
- Designing and implementing world-class work/life in small and large organizations and overcoming resistance to implementation.

The local Summit II Advisory Committee included members of the Greater Rochester Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, Black Business Association, Small Business Council, Eastman Kodak Company, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Bausch & Lomb and the Greater Rochester Visitors Association, Inc. The committee membership included persons who have access to the decision-making process in business/labor regarding work/life issues; persons with hands-on experience in developing work/life programs; and those having a good understanding of both the business and human resources sides of work organization. The committee also expanded our geographic reach to include Buffalo,

Syracuse and Central New York.

Finally during our visit in Rochester, faculty and NCFR members **Phyllis Moen**, **Francille Firebaugh**, **Donna Dempster-McClain**, **Stephen Sweet**, **Elaine Wethington**, and **Bickley Townsend** from Cornell University’s College of Human Ecology and Cornell’s Employment and Family Careers Institute offered assistance in the planning and implementation of the summit. NCFR’s Focus Group (**Jeff Hill**, **CFLE**, and **Lynet Uttal**, co-chairs) is also assisting in the planning process. **Shelley MacDermid**, **CFLE**, and **Steve Wisensale** are also involved. Our next meeting with the Advisory Committee will take place on April 20 in Rochester.

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NCFR is now uniquely positioned to take the next step. One of our major organizational ends is that, “Public decision-makers have access to knowledge about family issues that helps them identify the implications of decisions for family well-being.” There has never been a greater need for us to bring our collective expertise about adolescent sexual risk-taking into the public policy arena.

NCFR should be a key consultant to decision-makers on all levels as they shape, reshape and implement policies that deal with the issue of adolescent sexual risk-taking and pregnancy prevention. After all, we owe it to those who stand to gain the most—the youth who are the future of this great country. Their well-being should not be compromised by an ideological tug-of-war.

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Family Policy

Washington Report

As the new administration comes in with a devotion to the market economy as the way to solve problems, publications from HUD and NICHD and a recent seminar at the Urban Institute point up some serious trends that need attention. They point to “gaps” which are growing in our society among people who are “left behind.” We can ask what kind of policies and programs can best deal with these gaps in order to leave no child, family, or older person behind. Business managers talk about marketing to groups. Here are some groups that need special attention.

The HUD publication, “The Widening Gap: New Findings on Housing Affordability in America” was published in 1999 but the findings have been reiterated in recent reports. Taking data from the Census Bureau’s American Housing Survey, the report documents four findings. (1) The housing stock affordable to struggling American families continues to shrink. Affordable was defined as units affordable to households at or below 30 percent of area median income, assuming they spend no more than 30 percent of their income on rent. (2) Between 1997 and 1999 rents increased at twice the rate of general inflation. In 1998 rents increased at 3.4 percent while the overall CPI increased at 1.7 percent. So not

only have affordable rental units declined but the rents for available units have become more expensive. (3) The number of renters at or below 30 percent of median income continues to

Affordable housing Health care access Medicare

What do these three issues have in common? Answer: A widening gap between the ‘haves’ and ‘have-nots.’

grow. (4) The gap between the struggling renter households and housing units affordable to them is large and growing.

What is the obligation of the government to provide subsidies for people? What programs can help? Or is there a “market solution”? Although this study was completed in 1999, the trends have continued. A recent newspaper story here in Washington documented the problems of middle class workers in finding not only rental housing but also housing to purchase. Housing is an issue not mentioned in the campaign but a significant one for Americans.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF CHILD HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

NICHD has just released an impressive new document entitled, “Health Disparities: Bridging the Gap.” The report presents the mission of the Institute and then describes the plan of action and research to work toward the elimination of the gap. As the report indicates, “health disparities do not ‘just occur,’ they develop over time as natural biological and behavioral forces interact with such factors as poverty and discrimination, and are modified by a variety of community, social and economic forces.” Reflecting the

Institute’s mission, the unifying concept of the plan is development starting before conception and continuing throughout the lifespan and continuing across generations. Both biological and behavioral processes are studied. This publication is worthwhile for every developmentalist. Get your copy by ordering through their website: www.nichd.nih.gov. Go to Health Information and search by title: “Health Disparities.” Or call NICHD Clearinghouse: 1-800-370-2943 and ask for code number 0145.

MEDICARE

Major problems facing our society are the challenges resulting from the impending movement of the Baby Boom generation into retirement. With increasing age comes increasing need for medical services which today, along with increased drug costs, are driving up the costs to the Medicare system. The idea of a prescription drug benefit for older people was a major topic in the campaign.

The Urban Institute recently held a seminar on “Growth in Medicare and out-of-pocket spending: Impact on vulnerable beneficiaries.” Speakers reported the impact of Medicare’s growth on vulnerable groups, not just averages. Not surprisingly, the most vulnerable group is very old women living on very low incomes. The present Medicare rules, which do not cover drugs, are forcing many to choose between food or drugs, both necessary to keep them alive. As the study points out: “the program will have to come to grips with the combined impact of escalating health care spending, insufficient revenues, and a burgeoning elderly population.” Get your copy of this excellent report by calling the Commonwealth Fund at 1-888-777-2744 and ordering publication number 430. Or go to the Fund’s website at www.cmwf.org.

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NOTICE!



NCFR Headquarters has a New Area Code

Effective February 27, 2000, the area code for NCFR Headquarters office changed from 612 to 763. To contact NCFR, phone 763-781-9331; fax 763-781-9348. Our toll-free number (888-781-9331) remains the same.



CFLE Directions

Deadline for CFLE Experience Recognition Process Extended

The deadline for applying for the CFLE designation following the Experience Recognition process has been extended to June 30, 2001. The application is \$225 (\$325 for non-members).

The Experience Recognition process is a streamlined application process for experienced family life educators. Response to the Experience Recognition process has been great! We've received over 200 applications since the process was first available last February. Originally the process was developed to attract established family life education professionals who might not apply for certification once the then-proposed exam was in place. The exam was expected to be launched in November of 2000 so the Experience Recognition deadline was set at December 31, 2000.

NCFR has since decided to hold off on the development of the exam until an analysis of the market for family life education is completed. Therefore, the submission deadline for Experience Recognition applications was extended to June 30, 2001 to allow more applicants to take advantage of this opportunity.

All the information needed to apply under the Experience Recognition process can be printed out directly from the NCFR website—www.ncfr.org. If you still have questions after reading the information, please feel free to contact me at cassidyd@ncfr.org.

As those who have applied under the streamlined process can tell you, the Experience Recognition process provides a simplified way for established family life educators to obtain certification. Don't miss this opportunity. Apply before June 30, 2001!

We will continue to review applications under the regular process and through the abbreviated process available to graduates of NCFR-approved

programs. **The deadline for submission of regular applications is March 5.** Abbreviated applications are accepted at any time.

MARKET ANALYSIS FOR FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION UNDER WAY

If you subscribe to the NCFR listserv you've been contacted by Human Resources Research Organization (HumRRO), the organization NCFR has contracted with to carry out a market

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analysis of family life education and related fields. If you haven't responded to their e-mail requesting the names and addresses of current and potential employers of family life educators, please do so. We would also be interested in input on sources of employers, that is, mailing lists of relevant organizations. This information is imperative for the success of our survey efforts so any help you can provide would be much appreciated!

As mentioned in the December *Report CFLE* column, HumRRO plans to survey employers in the family field to ascertain their familiarity with the CFLE designation. They also hope to determine support for CFLE as well as interest in certifications in similar fields such as parent education and marriage education. An Advisory Committee consisting of Carol Darling, CFLE, Karen DeBord, CFLE, William Doherty, CFLE, Aaron Larson, CFLE, and Anne Stanberry, CFLE, will be working with HumRRO on survey design and implementation. Results of this survey will be used to develop a marketing plan and recommendations

to guide future steps regarding certification. We will continue to keep you abreast of this important effort.

TOTAL NUMBER OF CURRENT CFLES TOPS 1,000!

We are excited to report that the total number of current CFLEs has surpassed 1,000 (1,065 to be exact)! This is good news as it reflects the growing interest and support for certification in the field of family life education.

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR COMPETENCY ASSURANCE (NOCA) CONFERENCE.

I attended the NOCA conference in December. NOCA is an organization of associations and companies that provide certification and licensure. The conference included discussion of the increased awareness and value of certification as a credentialing method. Certification is being viewed more positively than licensure because of the fact that most certifications are nationally recognized and can be carried from state to state. Licensure requirements vary from state to state and require the applicant to reapply with each cross-state move. The military is especially interested in working more closely with certification programs. The provision of nationally recognized certifications for military personnel is seen as a way to increase recruitment into the military by providing veterans with credentials that will be recognized outside of military settings. Difficulty in transitioning to non-military work settings has been a concern of the military for quite some time. NCFR will continue to work with the military through our membership in the Coalition for Professional Certification (see *CFLE Directions* in September 2000 *Report*).

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Certified Family Life Educators

Following is a list of Certified Family Life Educators designated since October 15, 2000. [* - Provisional]

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Mary Curtner-Smith
Kristina Keappler *

California
Mary Donaldson

Colorado
Jessa Young *

Florida
Constance Shehan

Georgia
Denise Donnelly

Idaho
Heatherlyn Allen *

Illinois
Laura Cobb *
Larry McCallum
Kathleen Gilbert

Iowa
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Maryland
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Geri Fox *
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Stephanie Pokorzynski *
David Shoop *

Minnesota
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Hope Smelser

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Tammy Williams *

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New York
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Marilyn Helterline
Maureen Kelly

Nevada
Marion Leonard *

North Carolina
Daniel Matthews

North Dakota
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Jean Soderquist

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Laura Landry-Meyer
Randall Leite
Christine Price

Joyce Shriner
Susan Worline *

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Heather Hugar *
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Peggy Smith *

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Katharine Hunter *
Cary Lantz

Washington
Crystal Hill *
Diane Moore *

Wisconsin
Diane Klemme
Sarah Ornst *

Military
Michael Cooley

Phillippines
Linda Koh

GREAT RESOURCE!

Tools for Ethical Thinking and Practice in Family Life Education

This booklet contains three valuable resources for practicing family life educators: *Ethical Thinking and Practice for Family Life Educators*; *The Levels of Family Involvement Model*; and *Competencies for Family Life Educators*.

Developed by the Minnesota Council on Family Relations, *Ethical Thinking and Practice for Family Life Educators* provides ethical information and guidelines useful when making family life education practice decisions. Includes a case study format. Used as ethical guidelines for the Certified Family Life Educator program.

The Levels of Family Involvement Model by William J. Doherty, Ph.D. is an excellent article that addresses the crucial issues of where to place parent and family education in the spectrum of professional services to families.

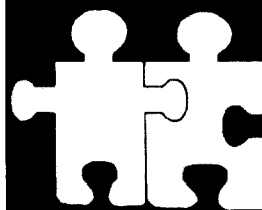
Competencies for Family Life Educators was developed by faculty at Weber State University. It provides a listing of the knowledge, skills and abilities needed for competent practice. Based upon the ten substance areas used to define the Certified Family Life Educator criteria.

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Members in the News

Public Policy and Education Conference

NCFR held its **Second Annual Public Policy and Education Conference** in Washington, D.C. on March 1st and 2nd. This year's conference theme centered on NCFR's new policy document *Public Policy Through a Family Lens: Sustaining Families in the 21st Century*. Conference presenters helped deliver the message that all policies affect families, strengthening or diminishing their ability to sustain themselves and prepare the next generation. Issue briefings touched upon the main sections of the policy document: *What Children Need to Get a Good Start, What Parents Need to Raise Healthy and Productive Children, What Adolescents Need to Become Competent and Productive Adults, and What Living Longer Means to Families*.

The conference featured Eleanor Clift as the keynote speaker. One of the nation's most respected political pun-

its, Clift is a contributing editor for *Newsweek* and a weekly TV panelist on *The McLaughlin Group*. Her latest book is titled *Madam President: Shattering the Last Glass Ceiling*, a book she co-wrote with her husband, Tom Brazaitis. *Madam President* offers a forward-looking history of women in politics—from envelope-stuffing in the 1960s to the prospect of a woman president in the next decade. Clift and Brazaitis also authored *War Without Bloodshed*, an eye-opening book about how decisions are really made on Capitol Hill. Clift spoke on the state of women in politics and the new congress, and the implications for American families in the future.


NCFR presented Representative Nancy Johnson of Connecticut with a Special Service to Families Award at a Capitol Hill Reception on Thursday evening. The Almanac of American Politics hailed Congresswoman Johnson as "one of the most active and productive members of the House." Her chief legislative priorities for the 107th Congress are strengthening Medicare with a prescription drug benefit, reducing taxes, and improving public education. She also will continue to work for environmental protection, affordable housing, and access to quality health care on behalf of her constituents. This past January, Johnson was appointed Chairwoman of the Ways and Means Health Subcommittee. NCFR honored her health care reform initiatives, and her efforts during the 106th Congress to pass legislation designed to strengthen families and help fathers meet their responsibilities by promoting marriage, improving their parenting skills, and developing their earning power. Congresswoman Johnson spoke to conference attendees about her perspective on this session's strategies concerning family well-being, health care reform, and welfare reform reauthorization.

Deborah A. Phillips, chair of the Department of Psychology at Georgetown University, led a breakfast discussion on how NCFR members can

use their research to educate policy-makers, and ways to translate research conclusions into policy recommendations. Dr. Phillips also shared research conclusions and policy recommendations stemming from the book *From Neurons to Neighborhoods: The Science of Early Childhood Development*, which she co-edited with Jack Shonkoff.

Another highlight of the conference was the Hill Visit Orientation, led by Theodora Ooms. She conducted a workshop on how to present NCFR's policy document to members of Congress, and spoke about the "Checklist for Assessing the Impact of Policies and Programs on Families," which she developed while working with the Family Impact Seminar in Washington, D.C. Ooms is currently a senior policy analyst and director of a resource center on couples and marriage policy at the Center for Law and Social Policy, a national non-profit organization in Washington, D.C. with expertise in both law and policy affecting the poor.

Some of this year's panelists included Dr. Marilyn Moon, a senior fellow with the Health Policy Center at The Urban Institute, and Monica Tancate, a Health Analyst for the Senate Committee on Finance, who spoke about Medicare reform. A conference plenary session on welfare reform included Hope Hegstrom, a Health Policy Advisor for the Senate Committee on Finance.

The Public Policy Committee—made up of section representatives, Association of Council representatives, and representatives from the membership at-large—met prior to the conference. Pat Craig, President of Craig Associates, a public policy lobbying organization in Washington, spoke to the committee about how organizations like NCFR can effectively educate public officials without crossing over into advocacy. The committee spent time discussing governance rules and procedures, and began to set the course for NCFR policy involvement. 

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Call for Papers

Special Issue of *Family Relations*

The Intersection of Families and the Law

Guest Editors:

Tammy L. Henderson, Virginia Tech University
Pamela A. Monroe, Louisiana State University

Over the past decade, family professionals expanded their knowledge base on public policy issues (Ganong, Coleman, & Demo, 1995). Family scientists wrote about careers in family policy (Monroe, 1988), the role of family science in the policy arena (Monroe, 1995), and various family law concerns (e.g., Fine & Fine, 1992; Purnell & Bagby, 1993). With our increased understanding of family policy, we propose to turn our attention to a related field, family law. From 1989-1999, only 12 articles in *Family Relations* focused primarily on family case law. During this same period, state and federal courts issued many important decisions affecting family life and the legal context in which families live. We echo Walters' (1983) call of nearly two decades ago for increased involvement of family scholars with the courts as researchers, advocates, and instruments of influence. Consequently, the proposed special issue attempts to (a) increase family professionals' knowledge of contemporary family law cases and issues, (b) create a set of articles for use by family science professional, and (c) provide additional insights into family scientists' roles in family law domains.

In collaboration with the Editor of *Family Relations*, Kay Pasley, the Guest Editors of this special issue, Tammy L. Henderson and Pamela A. Monroe, seek articles that examine the intersection of family law with human and family ecology. The Guest Editors are particularly interested in articles that critically examine how family case law impacts families in their various ecological settings such as homes, schools, or communities. Articles that examine the historical and contemporary contexts of family case law are welcome. Submissions for this special issue may include but are not limited to the following substantive topics: adoption, custody rights, parental rights, stepfamily formation and rights, divorce, welfare reform laws and devolution, gay and lesbian families, euthanasia, guardianship, and grandparent visitation rights.

Instructions to authors are published annually in the January issue of *Family Relations* and on the National Council on Family Relations' website: www.ncfr.org. If you would like to discuss possible topics, contact Dr. Tammy Henderson at Virginia Tech University, Dept. of Human Development (0416), Blacksburg, VA 24061. Telephone: 540-231-2701 (OFFICE) or 540-231-7012 (FAX). She also may be contacted via electronic mail at: thender@edu. **Deadline for submissions is September 1, 2001.** Anticipated publication is January 2003.



Annual Conference

Conference Survey Feedback

When Attendees Speak

NCFR tries to get feedback about the Conference from the most important source—its attendees. Previously we inserted evaluation forms in packets or handed out forms during sessions, but very few people filled them out and returned them. Busy attendees didn't want to take time to write out the answers. This year Program Chair **Elaine Anderson** and I decided to try sending the evaluations to the attendees a new way—by e-mail. The result: a record-breaking 137 people returned the forms.

The Program Committee carefully reviews the results of the surveys, but we thought that perhaps this would be of interest to everyone. We are summarizing the answers to a few of the questions.

How do you rate the 2000 conference as a whole?

Of the surveys returned, 44% rated the conference as excellent; 39% as very good; 14% as good; 3% as fair; and no one rated it as poor.

What are the Important Items That Help You Decide to Attend the NCFR Conference?

Respondents were asked to rank the top five items. Here is the ranking in order from the highest to the lowest:

- (1) Professional development
- (2) Opportunity to present work/experience
- (3) Networking opportunities
- (4) Plenary and other special speakers
- (5) New research
- (6) Location of conference
- (7) New practical applications of research
- (8) Pre-conference workshops
- (9) Other
- (10) Receive continuing education credits
- (11) Conference theme
- (12) Employment matching service
- (13) Exhibits

Rank the Top 3 Types of Sessions That You Attended This Year You Found Most Important to Your Work.

Here is the ranking from highest to lowest:

- (1) Plenary Sessions
- (2) Paper/Symposia/Workshop Sessions
- (3) Poster Sessions
- (4) Special Sessions
- (5) Research Updates for Practitioners
- (6) Round Tables
- (7) Public Policy Sessions
- (8) Exhibits
- (9) Focus Groups
- (10) Employment Matching Service
- (11) Sessions on Involvement in NCFR

How Many Conferences Have You Previously Attended?

31% said this was their first NCFR conference; for 27% this was their second to fifth conference. 20% have attended from 6-10 conferences; and 21% have been to 11 or more conferences.

Literature from convention journals indicates that for most conferences the majority of the attendees come from a radius of 300 miles of the conference location.

How Far Did You Travel to Attend This Conference?

Our question indicated that 16% of this year's attendees came 100 miles or fewer; 5% came between 101-300 miles; 16% between 301-500 miles; 19% between 501-750 miles; 21% between 751-1000 miles; and 23% over 1000 miles. In NCFR this year 21% of the attendees were from 300 miles or closer.

The Program Committee and Board will carefully analyze these results. We will publish the answers to more questions in the next issue of the *Report*.

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Historic Western New York Welcomes the 2001 NCFR Annual Conference

YOUR LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS TEAM EAGERLY AWAIT YOUR ARRIVAL

On Monday, January 8, 2001, **Michael Benjamin** and **Cindy Winter** met with the local arrangements team who are excited about NCFR coming to Rochester, New York. Some said that because of distance they had never been able to come to an NCFR Conference and were happy that they could finally attend NCFR. Others were about to attend some local seminars, workshops, and meetings with other local groups, and the local arrangements members took copies of the Call for Abstracts to hand out at these meetings.

LET US INTRODUCE OUR 2001 TEAM

Michael Farrell is searching for audio-visual equipment and preparing a list of where to go for emergency services; **Ambika Krishnakumar** is heading the Employment Matching Service; **Cindy Block** chairs the Hospitality Center/Local Information; **Alan Taylor, CFLE**, assisted by **Arlene Lundquist**, is in charge of the Student Assistants; **Norma Bond Burgess** heads the VIP Speaker Arrangements, assisted by **Jenny Speice**, **Patti Follansbee**, and **Cleveland Shields**; and **Lyman Wynne** is our valuable liaison with other organizations, government agencies, and individuals in the Rochester community. Since the January 8 meeting, others are offering their assistance in local activities.

The ever-popular **Silent Auction**

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will be continued this year. Proceeds from all sales will be donated to the **Family Resource Centers** in Rochester, and to a **food shelf** in Syracuse.

FACTS ABOUT THE ROCHESTER AREA

Rochester, NY, is the third-largest city in the state of New York and the 79th largest city in the U.S. The Partners for Livable Communities recently released a report rating Rochester as one of the top 4 Most Livable Cities in America this decade! Come and discover the reasons! It is located within a 400-mile radius of 14 northeastern states, two of the most populated Canadian provinces, New York's capital city of Albany, and the nation's capital of Washington, D.C. Rochester is also the western gateway to the fabulous Finger Lakes Region, part of this country's longest scenic byway—the Seaway Trail, and a day's drive from New York City—America's largest eastern port for overseas travelers entering the United States.

GEOGRAPHY

Rochester enjoys a particularly scenic geography courtesy of the huge glaciers during the Cenozoic era, which carved out the fertile Genesee Valley and created a topography of rolling hills around it. Another part of this legacy are the many waterways left behind including Lake Ontario (one of five, fresh-water Great Lakes), the Genesee River with its deeply carved gorges and several waterfalls, Irondequoit Bay, hundreds of scenic streams and ponds, plus the nearby Finger Lakes.

GETTING THERE

You can reach Rochester by **plane** (over 200 flights daily at the Greater Rochester International Airport); **train**, **bus** or **expressway** (NYS Thruway exits 45, 46 and 47).

HOW TO GET AROUND IN ROCHESTER

There is complimentary ground transportation service between the airport and all hotels. The complimentary EZ Rider service goes to all the major sites of Rochester.

WEATHER

It is a four-season community averaging 78°F in the summer and 32°F in the winter.

HOW ROCHESTER HAS SHAPED HISTORY

The area of western New York State around Rochester first belonged to the Iroquois, a Native American people who lived in villages, farmed extensive crops, hunted and traded with other tribes, and eventually, with Europeans. The five tribes of the Iroquois also formed a confederacy to promote peace among themselves and present a united front to outsiders. The Senecas of the Genesee Valley comprised the largest of these tribes and were known as the “Keepers of the Western Door.”

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints began a short distance from Rochester in **Palmyra**, and the church was officially started at the **Peter Whitmer Farm** near Seneca Falls.

What universally favorite food of children and adults had its beginnings in Western New York?

Answer: JELLO

HISTORIC AFRICAN AMERICAN CONNECTIONS

Visitors interested in exploring Rochester's African-American history will find a range of sites, exhibits, and informational sources available. Places associated with the famous orator and abolitionist Frederick Douglass are numerous. His impressive statue in Highland Park is believed to be the first monument in the United States to honor an African American. A nearby marker indicates the location of his family home (now gone), where John Brown, another famous historic figure, often visited. In Mt. Hope Cemetery, a large, flat gravestone and iron bench mark his final resting place.

A walk along downtown Rochester's Main Street yields information about the Underground Railroad (near Plymouth Avenue); Frederick Douglass (between State Street and the Genesee River); “The North Star” newspaper (25 East Main Street); and Austin Steward (at St. Paul Street), a runaway slave who became one of the community's first black businessmen and property owners.

You can also visit the **Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church** in the Corn Hill Neighborhood, founded in 1827 and the oldest black church in Rochester. Another site is the **Monroe Community Hospital**, featuring an ornate facade designed in the early 1930s by **Thomas Boyde**—the first African-American architect to work in the Rochester area. Stop to see **Maplewood Park** near the Genesee River, where slaves boarded boats headed across Lake Ontario to Canada and freedom.

THE BIRTHPLACE OF THE WOMEN'S RIGHTS MOVEMENT

Travel a trail stamped into history by the footsteps of women—first a few daring reformers, but eventually thousands of women suffragists—by exploring sites which comprise the **National Women's Heritage Trail** through Rochester, Seneca Falls, and the Finger Lakes Region of New York!

The Women's Rights Movement in America was born in 1848 when **Elizabeth Cady Stanton**, **Jane Hunt**, **Mary Ann M'Clintock**, **Lucretia Mott**, and **Martha Wright** organized the **First Women's Rights Convention** in Seneca Falls, New York. These brave women presented a Declaration of Sentiments to an audience of 300 people. It began with a familiar phrase from another famous “Declaration” with one important difference, “We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men and women are created equal.”

Twelve days later a second convention advocating women's rights was held in Rochester, NY and this social revolution gained a critically important “general.” The woman who became the movement's voice, who campaigned tirelessly for women's rights, and who was arrested for the “crime” of voting also became one of Rochester's most famous residents—**Susan B. Anthony**. Today at her home in Rochester (a National Historic Landmark), you can tour the rooms where leaders of the women's suffrage movement met and where Anthony was arrested for the “crime” of voting. Her gravesite is a place of pilgrimage. Other places that are “must sees” while in New York:

- **National Women's Hall of Fame**, **Seneca Falls Historical Society**, and

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- Seneca Falls Urban Cultural Park/Heritage Area in Seneca Falls.
- **Women's Rights National Historical Park** located in Seneca Falls and Waterloo with five separate sites including the **Wesleyan Chapel** (location of the 1848 convention), the **Suffrage Press**, **Elizabeth Cady Stanton's home**, the newly restored **M'Clintock House** and a **Visitor Center**.
- A memorial and the gravesite of **Harriet Tubman** in Auburn.

IF YOU ONLY HAVE ONE HOUR...

Don't miss experiencing at least one of these unique-to-Rochester destinations in addition to the places listed above.

- Discover this area's Native American heritage by visiting the extensive Seneca Iroquois exhibit at the **Rochester Museum & Science Center**. Historic displays, audio-visual presentations, and hands-on activities illustrate Seneca Iroquois traditions and concerns from saving their land to retaining their language and culture to making a living in today's modern world.
- **Go to the Brown's Race Historic District** to see a replica water race-way, early 19th-century industrial buildings, an excavated forge site and a massive waterwheel. Use the Pont de Rennes footbridge to see the impressive, 96-foot waterfall, or tour exhibits tracing Rochester's history in the Center at High Falls museum.
- **Walk Rochester's Main Street with its 22 historic markers**. Look up to see unique skyline features—a statue of Mercury and the massive “Wings of Progress,” and enjoy sculptor Albert Paley's decorative railings on the Main Street bridge.
- **Stroll towpaths used by mules pulling barges along the Erie Canal** and watch a boat being raised or lowered at a canal lock near Edgewood Avenue or Clover Street in Pittsford. Look for the aqueduct over the Genesee River (under Broad Street in downtown Rochester) that once carried Erie Canal water instead of cars!
- **Explore the past, present, and future of photography** or take a one-hour guided tour of the **George Eastman House**, **International Museum of Photography and Film**.

- **Take a self-guided walking tour through an historic residential neighborhood** such as Corn Hill, Park Avenue, or East Avenue and look for artistic benches and other works of art in the Grove Place neighborhood near the Eastman Theatre.
- **Visit Frontier's Mini-Museum of Telephone History** with its antique telephones, equipment, and historic photos, at 2060 Brighton-Henrietta Townline Road.
- Experience Sesame Street and other family-fun exhibits at Kids-to-Kids, or browse through the largest collection of dolls and miniatures in the world, both at the **Strong Museum**.
- Travel through more than 5,000 years of art history or experience a more extensive look into one or two artistic arenas currently on display at the **Memorial Art Gallery**.
- **Rochester's Vietnam Veterans Memorial** includes walkways with bollards dedicated to this area's fallen soldiers, an historic timeline, and meditation garden, in a peaceful, scenic setting at Highland Park.
- A short drive further into the Finger Lakes Region brings more scenic splendor with glacier-carved gorges, hills, streams, and landscapes filled with grapevines. Here in the heart of New York's “**wine country**,” large, corporate wineries mingle with smaller family-owned vineyards. Nearly all of them offer tours and samples for visitors.

OTHER NEARBY SITES:

- Take a trip to beautiful Niagara Falls, a short one and a half hour drive from Rochester.

THE HOTEL

The Hyatt Regency Rochester Hotel, 125 East Main Street, Rochester, NY 14604 (phone: 716-546-1234) is located in downtown Rochester, connected by enclosed skywalk to Rochester Riverside Convention Center, near Bausch & Lomb, Xerox Square, IBM and corporate plazas; convenient to shopping, museums, theaters and tours of the Finger Lakes region wineries; 10 minutes to Greater Rochester International Airport.

Guest room amenities

- TV with remote control, cable movie channels, in-room pay movies
- voice mail, telephone w/message light, computer hookup
- video messages, video account review, video check-out
- daily newspaper delivery
- individual climate control
- electronic door locks
- full bath amenities
- turndown available on request
- iron, ironing boards
- AM/FM alarm clock
- hair dryer
- coffee makers
- bathrobes for Regency Club

Restaurants and Lounges

- Palladio
- Focus Lounge
- Main Street Deli (Dine In/Carry Out)

Recreational facilities

- heated, indoor, lap pool and whirlpool
- sundeck
- health club features Stairmaster, Lifecycle, rowing machines and free weights

Convention Sleeping Room Rates

\$113 single or double room.

Call 716-546-1234 or 1-800-233-1234 (national reservations). You must identify yourself with the NCFR Conference to obtain these rates.



RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2001.

After that date, NCFR's block will be released, and reservations are on space availability only. Reserve your room early. If the NCFR block is filled before the deadline, and there are any rooms in the hotel, you will be charged the higher hotel rates. NCFR group rates are applicable from November 3-14, 2001. Additional housing is at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel Rochester (across the street from the Convention Center).



Affiliate Connection

Association of Councils: Where Do We Go From Here?



Lane H. Powell,
Ph.D., CFLE

In October 2000, an organization-wide survey regarding the role and effectiveness of state and regional affiliates was conducted through the NCFR listserv. Some 66

persons responded to our initial question: "If state and regional affiliated councils of NCFR disappeared off the face of the earth, what reasons would there be to put them back?" Although far from a representative sample, 2/3 of the responses were positive and listed numerous reasons for maintaining and strengthening the affiliates. A thorough discussion of the results can be found on the NCFR website link to the Association of Councils. In a nutshell, the reasons for maintaining affiliates fell into five basic categories:

- Geographical accessibility to members (conference experience, sharing new information/research)
- Opportunities for collaboration with colleagues
- Application of research to practice
- Increased visibility of the profession and of the organization
- Continuing education for established members and mentoring for students/new professionals

The idea of becoming a strong voice for family public policy at the state and local level was also well received and is one of the 2001 goals that the Association of Councils has set. The goals were shared with the NCFR Board in November during an "educating" session about the AOC. They are as follows:

1. Develop a student affiliate handbook and other resources in order to strengthen and expand student affiliates.

2. Activate at least five new state councils, concentrating on states where we have the largest number of members.
3. Develop a regional identification plan for all NCFR members, so that members who live in states where there is no active council can identify with a council in their geographic region.
4. Arrange for a representative from the AC Executive Committee to visit and speak to affiliate council conferences.
5. Communicate with the CFLE Continuing Education Committee regarding how affiliate council conferences could be used to offer one or two-day workshops that focus on specific CFLE content areas. This would provide not only CEU credit but also strengthening of a content area where a CFLE may need more orientation.
6. Develop materials/processes for engaging policymakers at the state level and for accessing funding sources identified by Executive Director Michael Benjamin.
7. Investigate ways that the AC might be a resource to international members and chapters.

Although this sounds like a mighty big task for a volunteer group, we are blessed with a national staff that believes in the value of the state and regional affiliates and they are dedicated to making the maintenance of the affiliate councils easier and more efficient. New technology can help a lot. Look for more communication through the AOC listserv and more opportunities for feedback and networking. So if you're not yet on the Internet Superhighway, make it your goal to get there this year!

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Lane Powell, CFLE, the AC president is available to visit and to speak at a limited number of affiliate conferences during the coming year. She would be happy to talk with you about this possibility.

If you have a group of at least 10 NCFR members who want to form a chapter, she could visit with you to help with the organizing details.

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AOC Selects First Award Recipients


A new national award, the Association of Councils' Meritorious Service Award, was presented at the November 2000 national conference to the following persons:

- Libby Blume, CFLE, Michigan
- Roger Rubin, Maryland
- Raeann Hamon, CFLE, Pennsylvania
- Shulamit Riblatt, California
- Anne Stanberry, CFLE, Mississippi

The award recognizes NCFR members who have exhibited high levels of involvement with their state or regional affiliated council and have mentored students in a university chapter *or* have

contributed to the success of a state or regional chapter.

"We were pleased to receive a high number of outstanding nominations for the award and hope that in the future we can recognize more of our members who commit their time and talents to the work of the affiliates," said Association of Councils' President Lane Powell. "We plan to begin the nomination and selection process earlier in 2001 and want to encourage junior as well as senior faculty, and family practitioners to apply."

Watch for more information on the AOC listserv. 

The Association of Councils Welcomes Donald Gregory

The Association of Councils would like to welcome **Donald Gregory** as Student/New Professional Representative to the Board. Donald was elected during our annual business meeting at the NCFR meetings in Minneapolis in November. A recent (2000) Ph.D. from the Department of Sociology at Georgia State University in Atlanta, his dissertation was entitled, "More Than a Breadwinner: A Quantitative Feminist Analysis of Highly Involved Fathers." Donald has

been a member of the Southeastern Council since 1997, serving in the roles of Student/New Professional Representative, Program/Local Arrangements Chair, and Treasurer. He is currently an Assistant Professor of Sociology at Reinhardt College in Waleska, Georgia. We look forward to working with Donald in the future!

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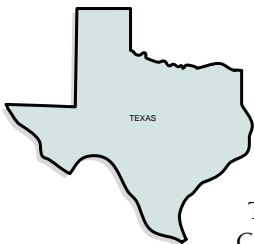
**THE THIRD SUMMER INSTITUTE
OF THE FAMILY RESEARCH
CONSORTIUM:
"Public Policy, Socioeconomic
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Development"**

**June 21-24, 2001
South Lake Tahoe, CA**

Over the last decade, public policy toward families with children has changed dramatically across a wide range of policies and programs. Perhaps most prominent, welfare reform has the potential to greatly affect the lives and well being of children as care givers move off assistance and into employment. Changes in public policy toward families and their children, however, are not limited to welfare reform. The Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997, for example, offers states greater flexibility and strong incentives to move children out of foster care and into adopted families. Equally dramatic changes are under way in day care policy and other areas.

The impact of these programs and policy changes for children and their families is the focus of the Third Annual Summer Institute of the Family Research Consortium III. An emphasis of the Institute will be on how these changes affect the ability of families to provide a healthy environment in which children can develop.

For details see <http://www.hhdev.psu.edu/chdfrdc/summer.html>



Texas Council on Family Relations

Plans are underway for the TCFR Annual Conference in Dallas on April 5-6, 2001, at the Marriott Quorum. Our program planning committee headed by **Wileen Hogan**, **Rosemarie Hoffman**, **Karen Tellman**, CFLE, and **Britton Wood**, CFLE, have selected **Marriage Education** as this year's topic. Our conference title is

Building Healthy Relationships.... through Premarriage Preparation ... through Marriage Enrichment and the program promises to offer information on programs, marriage issues, and research into relationship development. Our postconference on April 7 offers six hours of training in marriage education by **Dr. David Olson** who will train counselors in *Prepare/Enrich*. We are pleased that NCFR presenters from Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana will share their informa-

tion with a new Texas audience. Finally, we are blessed with a visit from NCFR Executive Director **Michael Benjamin** and conference coordinator, **Cindy Winters**. Want to join us? Contact **Linda Ladd**, CFLE, at 979-845-3803 or l-ladd@tamu.edu for more information.

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Northwest Council

Greetings from the Pacific Northwest! It is a pleasure to write to you for the first time as the new President of the Northwest Council. I am also glad to announce that **Sheila Marshall** from University of British Columbia is the new Vice-president and **Tom Rane** from Washington State University is the new Treasurer. The three of us would like to thank outgoing officers **Kip Jenkins** and **Anisa Zvonkovic** for their great work as President and Treasurer.

Those of you who attended know we had an informative and exciting conference in June 2000 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. We were pleased to have **Stephen Jorgensen**, NCFR President, open our conference with a presentation on Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention. The diversity and quality of presentations throughout the program was wonderful, and the conference ended with a dinner

cruise around Coeur d'Alene Lake on a beautiful summer night. I think it is safe to say a good time was had by all!

With another successful conference under our belts, it is time to begin thinking about the next bi-annual conference that will take place in June 2002. Historically, NWCFCR rotates conference sites to ensure each state/province has at least one conference that is convenient to their location on a fairly regular basis. With that in mind, Vancouver, British Columbia has been chosen as our next conference location. It is a perfect opportunity to check out the area prior to the NCFR conference to be held there in November 2003, as well as enjoying a stimulating academic and social opportunity. Stay tuned to this column for more details!

Finally, if you are a member of the NWCFCR and have not received e-mails from us via the listserv please send me

an e-mail so I can have you added to the list. Traffic is minimal, but important for allowing communication outside of the conference. In addition, please feel free to e-mail me with any questions or concerns about the NWCFCR. I look forward to serving as President and hope to see you all in Vancouver, BC in 2002!

Suzanne Smith

President, Northwest Council on Family Relations

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OUTSTANDING STUDENT COMPETITION

The Association of Councils is sponsoring an outstanding student competition. Each active state or regional affiliate may nominate one student for the award. The student must submit a completed paper by May 15. A panel will independently critique the papers based on the following criteria:

- uniqueness of research question (10 points);
- the degree to which the findings contribute to the field (15 points);
- clarity of writing (15 points);
- good use of theory (15 points);
- comprehensive literature review and the extent the paper builds on previous research (15 points);
- sound methodology (15 points);
- and the application for practitioners and/or likelihood of spurring future research (15 points).

The winning student will receive a \$500 award to attend the 2001 NCFR Conference and is expected to present the winning paper at the conference. For student nomination form or more information, contact Donald Gregory, 7300 Reinhardt College Circle, Waleska, GA 30183 or dg2@reinhardt.edu.



California Council Prepares for 2nd Annual Conference

Preparations for the second annual

California Council on Family Relations conference focussing on **Family Resiliency** the weekend of April 27 and 28 at CSU Sacramento continue. Here are some exciting program additions since the last *NCFR Report*. **Harriette Pipes McAdoo**, former NCFR President and one of the top scholars in African American family scholarship, will be sharing her insights. There will be a town hall-type forum discussing the government's role in facilitating family resiliency featuring special guest California State Senator Deborah Ortiz and people who have experienced issues such as "welfare reform" in their daily lives. Satsuki Ina, the therapist who initiated the Oscar nominated

"Children of the Camps" video, will discuss Japanese American resiliency in the face of the internment camp experience. Submissions coming in from CCFR members will fill out what is already promising to be an exciting weekend. This conference will be a worthwhile experience for family scholars from all over the West. If you would like to be sent a registration packet, contact CCFR President **Walter T. Kawamoto**, CFLE, at 916-278-5339 or kawamotw@saclink.csus.edu. We also hope to have the registration form available at the CCFR website <http://chhd.csun.edu/ccfr>.

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Section News

Ethnic Minorities Section

THE JOHN L. MCADOO DISSERTATION AWARD

In honor of John Lewis McAdoo, we began raising funds a few years ago with the goal of instituting this award. As of December 2000, the fund exceeded 50% of the amount needed to meet the first criterion toward endowment completion by the NCFR Board. Many thanks to NCFR members who have worked and contributed toward establishing an endowment for The John L. McAdoo Dissertation Award.

NEW ELECTRONIC JOURNAL

At last November's conference, the Section voted to begin an electronic journal of publications for and by EM membership. **AnnMaria Rousey** volunteered to edit *Ethnic Family Studies*. The journal will include research articles, case histories, and critical reviews that are of theoretical interest or deal with methodological issues related to ethnic minority families. All manuscripts are subject to anonymous peer review. The first issue will be available to EM Section members through the Section web page or via e-mail in July 2001. For submission guidelines, contact DrAnnMaria@aol.com.

FUND RAISING

We are requesting syllabi for the second volume of the EMS Teaching Resource

Manual. Please send your submissions to **Adriana Umana-Taylor, CFLE**, at ajua8f@mizzou.edu. EMS calendar sales will also continue this year. For more information, contact **Walter Kawamoto, CFLE**, at kawamotw@saclink.csus.edu.

MENTORING

Informal mentoring has always been an important part of the EM Section. This year, we are adding a formal mentoring process. Upon request, an interested member will be paired with an experienced mentor. Persons interested in being a mentor or mentee should contact **M. Dewana Thompson** at dthomp7766@aol.com.

KUDOS!

Adriana J. Umana-Taylor, CFLE, began 2001 with a \$3,000 external grant for her dissertation research from the Fahs-Beck Fund for Research and Experimentation. **M. Dewana Thompson** is now a partner in the Village Research and Consulting Group. The Group evaluates and consults with programs serving families, children, and communities. For more information, contact dthomp7766@aol.com.

ADOLESCENT DIVERSITY IN ETHNIC, ECONOMIC, AND CULTURAL CONTEXTS

This is an excellent source of readings

on ethnic adolescents in the United States. It is the tenth and final volume of *Advances in Adolescent Development*, Sage Publications, Inc. The editors, **Raymond Montemayor**, **Gerald R. Adams**, and **Thomas P. Gullotta** judged issues of diversity as the most important issue for the final volume. It speaks loudly to the need to understand adolescent diversity in its full context of ethnic, economic, and cultural contexts.

FROM THE CHAIR

It is a pleasure to serve as chair of this vibrant 2000-2001 executive committee:

- **Wynona Bryant-Williams**, Chair-elect
- **AnnMaria Rousey**, Secretary/Treasurer
- **M. Dewana Thompson**, Student/New Professional
- **Adriana Umana-Taylor, CFLE**, Student/New Professional

Special thanks to **Francisco (Chico) Villaruel**, Chair, **Walter Kawamoto, CFLE**, Secretary/Treasurer, and the executive committee for their hard work and commitment to the section the past two years.

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Family and Health Section

PRE-CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

You are invited to attend a Pre-conference on "Family Interventions with Chronic Conditions Across the Life Span" which will be held Wednesday afternoon, November 7, 2001 in Rochester, New York. This pre-conference will be co-sponsored by

the Family and Health and Family Therapy Sections of NCFR, the Wynne Center and the National Working Group on Family-based Interventions in Chronic Disease. The pre-conference will begin with a lunch and keynote address, followed by break-out sessions that will focus on state of the art interventions with families who have

children or adult members with a chronic illness or disability. Discussants will react to paper presentations, and participants will have the opportunity to raise questions and network with other family researchers and practitioners who are working in this important area. **Save the Date: Pre-conference November 7, 2001.**

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Family Science Section

The Family Science Section sponsored numerous offerings at the 2000 Conference last November. Among them were three symposia. One symposium, co-sponsored with the International Section, was entitled "Internet Resources and Public Use Data Files for International Research and Teaching" and was presented by Eileen Trzcinski, Steven Wisensale, Masako Ishii-Kuntz, and Linda Haas. The presider for this session was Mark Hutter. Another symposium was entitled "Innovative Pedagogy for a New Cohort of Family Scientists." Jennifer Hardesty, CFLE, and Jason Hans addressed use of the internet to create interactive learning; Rona Karasik and Debra Berke, CFLE, spoke of ways to link classroom with the surrounding community; and Donald Gordon and Jacqueline Kirby addressed parent training delivered via CD-Rom. The third symposium was co-sponsored with the Feminism and Family Studies Section. It was entitled "Continuity and Change in the Family Science Discipline" and featured results of a content analysis of family research

in *JMF* during 1990-1999 by Aparna Bagdi, Alan Taylor, CFLE, Heather Blowes, and Jonathan Sandberg. It also featured insights by Stan Knapp and Jetse Sprey about NCFR and the history of family as a field of study and professional practice.

The FS Section also sponsored a paper given by Mark Jarvis and Thomas Holman, CFLE. It was entitled "Precursors of Conflict Style in Romantic Relationships." The following persons presented roundtable and poster sessions that were sponsored by the section: Rebecca Adams, CFLE, Ann Mahoney, Carmen Knudson-Martin, Laura Smart, CFLE, Charles Partridge, Angie Schock, Stephen Gavazzi, Michael Webber, Jean Pearson-Scott, CFLE, Richard Wampler, Judy Rommel, Roy Fish, Michelle Toews, Beth Catlett, Patrick McKenry, CFLE, Arina Ulman, Suzanne Bartholomae, Michael Gutter, and Jonathan Fox. The topics addressed by these presenters were varied: family science across the lifespan; structure of marriage; certification of family life specialists; father-son relationships; marital

satisfaction and retirement; generational views of strong family attributes; post-divorce conflict and domestic violence; child-to-parent violence; and applications of ecological framework to financial competencies.

The section also conducted business at its annual meeting held during the conference. Draft minutes from the meeting have been distributed to section members via the section listserv. Outgoing section officers were recognized and thanked for their valuable contributions. Mary Ann Hollinger passed on the responsibilities of chairperson to Deborah Gentry, CFLE; Tom Holman, CFLE, passed on the responsibilities of vice chairperson to Terry Olson; Deborah Gentry passed on the responsibilities of secretary/treasurer to Laura Smart, CFLE; and student/new professional representative Laura Cobb took on her responsibilities from Carol Mulligan.

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NOW AVAILABLE!

NCFR Discussion Listservs

Enrollment is open to all NCFR members.

NCFR Member Listserv

EducationEnrichment@cfapress.org

Ethnic Minorities website:

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FamilyPolicy@cfapress.org

FamilyScience@cfapress.org

FamilyTherapy@cfapress.org

FeminismFamilyStudies@cfapress.org

International@cfapress.org

ReligionFamilyLife@cfapress.org

ResearchTheory@cfapress.org

Student@cfapress.org

(Students/New Professionals)

To enroll, send your name, e-mail address, and the listserv(s) you wish to join to: John Pepper at 763-781-9331, ext. 16; E-mail: pepperw@ncfr.org.

To sign up for the Ethnic Minorities Section listserv, go directly to its website.

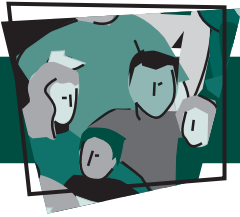
Research and Theory Section

The Research and Theory Section of NCFR announces their sponsorship of the Anselm Strauss Award for the best paper in qualitative family research for the year 2000. The award honors the late Anselm Strauss, a pioneer in the development of the grounded theory method of qualitative research. The aim of the award is to recognize and support qualitative family research of the highest caliber. Last year the award was shared by two people: Valerie Mannis for her paper "Single Mothers by Choice," (*Family Relations*, 1999, vol. 48, pp. 121-129), and Elizabeth Bannister for her paper "Evolving Reflexivity: Negotiating Meaning of Women's Midlife Experiences," (*Qualitative Inquiry*, 1999, vol. 5, pp. 3-23).

Nominations are invited for the current year's award. To nominate a paper send two copies of it to: Carl F. Auerbach, Department of Psychology, Yeshiva University, 1300 Morris Park Avenue, Bronx, NY 10461. The paper must have been published in a refereed journal in the calendar year 2000. You are free to nominate your own work.

For additional information contact Carl Auerbach. Phone: 718-430-3953; E-mail: carlauer@aol.com.

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Employment Opportunities

SCHOOL OF CHILD AND YOUTH CARE University of Victoria 2 TENURE-TRACK FACULTY POSITIONS for Assistant Professor

Two tenure-track positions are available at the Assistant Professor level as of July 1, 2001 (one is subject to funding, and both start dates are negotiable). The School of Child and Youth Care (SCYC) provides an applied baccalaureate degree (BA) to on campus and distance education students, a distance cohort-based Master of Arts in Child and Youth Care, and Ph.D. degrees by special arrangement. Through its First Nations Partnership Programs, SCYC also offers a diploma in Child and Youth Care for students who successfully complete Aboriginal Child and Youth Care community-based coursework.

Diploma graduates work effectively in child day care settings and also apply their skills and knowledge to a number of other child and youth care practice settings. The SCYC undergraduate degree prepares students to work with children, youth and their families in a wide range of practice settings (e.g. child welfare, child protection, early childhood care and education, residential care, infant development, family support, parent education, juvenile justice, hospital-based child life, recreation, school-based child, youth and family counseling, community mental health). Graduate degrees prepare students to work as advanced practitioners and leaders in various organizations and community agencies, government departments and ministries, and as researchers, trainers, administrators and educators.

Preference will be given to candidates who have one or more of the following: expertise in early intervention; experience with at-risk children, adolescents/youth and families; working cross-

culturally; clinical expertise with individuals and groups of children and youth; and expertise in staff training and/or curriculum development. Successful applicants must be able to work successfully with diversity, and be committed to developing an active program of research in an area related to the child and youth care field. Also required is the ability to contribute to the School of Child and Youth Care's programs through excellence in teaching at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. A Ph.D. is preferred.

The University of Victoria is an equity employer. Applications are encouraged from women, persons with disabilities, visible minorities, aboriginal peoples and people of minority sexual orientation. Individuals from these groups are invited to identify themselves in their applications.

Applicants should send curriculum vitae and the names of three references by April 17, 2001, to: Dr. Sibylle Artz, Director, School of Child and Youth Care, University of Victoria, P.O. Box 1700, Victoria, BC, Canada V8W 2Y2, Phone: 250-721-6472; Fax: 250-721-7218; E-mail: sartz@uvic.ca; Website: www.uvic.ca/cyc.

In accordance with Canadian immigration requirements, this advertisement is directed to Canadian citizens and permanent residents; however, others are invited to apply and will become eligible if no appointment is made after a Canadian search is completed.

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LISTSERV AND WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT

At the Family and Health Section meeting in Minneapolis, the decision was made to communicate news to members via the listserv instead of a mailed newsletter. Feel free to send resources and information relevant to Family and Health Section members to the listserv: FamilyHealth@cfapress.org. A taskforce is working to develop a

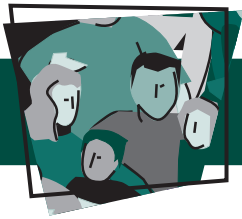
website plan to be presented at the Family and Health Section meeting in Rochester in November. Contact **Teresa Julian**, Chair-elect, with any suggestions that you have for the Family and Health Section website. Teresa's e-mail address is tjulian@otterbein.edu.

2001 ANNUAL NCFR CONFERENCE

The Conference topic, *Families, Stress, and Coping*, is generating great

proposals. We look forward to seeing you in Rochester.

Ann Garwick
Chair, Family and Health Section
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Announcements

Family Science Review Goes Electronic

In 2001 the *Family Science Review* will take on a new format and a new name. The *Family Science Review* will become the *Journal of Teaching Marriage and Family: Innovations in Family Science Education*.

Subscribers can read the peer-reviewed quarterly issues online and download articles. At year's end a hard copy of the journal will be available for an additional cost with Family Science Association members receiving a discount. Libraries can subscribe to the electronic journal and the hard copies.

In addition to two regular issues of the journal each year, the other two will be thematic. Thematic issues will be bound separately for ease in use as supplemental texts for classes. This is a great opportunity for guest editors to put together the latest work in an area important to their teaching and pedagogical scholarship. (See the special issue "Call for Manuscripts" announcement on this page.)

The PDF format will look like a standard printed page. A citation from page 6 can be found by readers across

the world on page 6 on their screen and on page 6 in the year's end hard copy.

Manuscripts will be submitted to the editor electronically. Peer reviewers will review on screen but can download a copy. Feedback from the editor to the author(s) will be electronic. Submission to publication time is estimated to be shortened by 6 months over that for non-electronic journals.

For additional information visit our website: www3.wcu.edu/~lroberts/FSA.html.



Call for Papers

The Association for Research on Mothering (ARM) seeks submissions for its upcoming conferences and journal issues. ARM is committed to maternal scholarship from a feminist, multicultural perspective. For more detail on any of these calls for papers or conferences please visit our website at <http://www.yorku.ca/crm>.

CALLS AND DEADLINES:

- Mothering, Literature, Popular Culture and the Arts Conference (October 12-14, 2001, York University,

Toronto) **Deadline: March 15, 2001.**

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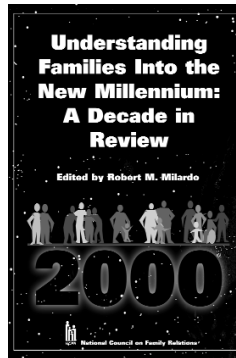
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