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#### Rural Life

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According to futurist Faith Popcorn, it's a "dream as old as America itself: give me a piece of land to call my own, a little town where everyone knows my name."

But that dream is getting harder to realize. Many farmers are declaring bankruptcy. Jobs are scarce. Health care and social services may be hours away from those who need them.

In this issue, we explore these issues and their impact on rural families. As always, we welcome your comments.

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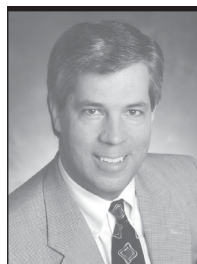
### The Working Poor

## 2002 NCFR Fellows

The 2002 Fellowship Committee, consisting of Katherine Allen, Larry Kurdek, Ralph LaRossa, Harriette McAdoo, and Dena Targ met at the November NCFR annual meeting in Houston, Texas and selected nine NCFR Fellows for 2002.

The NCFR 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 an 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.

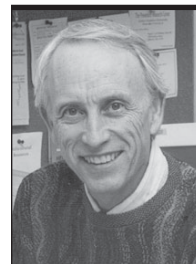
### THE NEW NCFR FELLOWS ARE:



• **Donald W. Bower, DPA, CFLE**, Associate Professor, Child and Family Development and Human Development Specialist, Cooperative Extension Service, University of Georgia, is a consum-

mate practitioner in the family field. He is a model Extension Specialist, providing scholarly and administrative leadership at the national, regional, and local levels for diverse parenting, youth, and family initiatives. Active in NCFR, he has served as President and Annual Meeting Chair of

the Southeastern Council on Family Relations. His curricular and public service work on behalf of families has been recognized at the university and national levels.



• **Rand D. Conger, Ph.D.**, Professor of Human Development and Family Studies, University of California, Davis and Research Collaborator and Professor of Sociology, Iowa State University, is

a prolific scholar and research scientist. As founding director of the Institute for Social and Behavioral Research at Iowa State, he has advanced family research by conducting large-scale, community based longitudinal studies of families over time. Along the way, he has mentored numerous prominent scholars through graduate and postdoctoral training and generated an exceptional record of extramural funding. His research and publications have received numerous awards, including NCFR's Reuben Hill Award.



• **Margaret Feldman, Ph.D.**, is NCFR's Washington D.C. Policy Representative. Retired from Ithaca College since 1981, Dr. Feldman is one of NCFR's most dedicated and long time members.

She has served NCFR for decades as an international, national, and regional spokeswoman and lobbyist for family

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# President's Report

## International Initiatives in Family Life Education: The Pacific Rim

**J**ust after our NCFR Annual Meeting in Houston, I had the wonderful opportunity to go to the Pacific Rim to make some presentations on family life education. Some of these presentations were part of an "International Conference on Marriage and Family Education Strategies" in Taiwan, which focused on the professionalization of the field. My adventures in Taiwan and

South Korea turned out to be marvelous opportunities to learn about the various interests, efforts, and activities of those dedicated to promoting family life and sexuality education.

In recent years, Taiwanese families have been experiencing structural changes that have lead to alterations in family functioning, role composition, and interactions within the family. In view of the central role that families play in Taiwanese society, the government established Family Education Centers in two major metropolitan areas, Taipei and Kaohsiung, as well as in 21 counties nationwide. The centers were established to promote family education, to respond to the needs of social development, and to cope with increasing family problems and juvenile delinquency.

The Center of Family Education at the National Taiwan Normal University in Taipei sponsored this seminar. This center was founded in 1997 to train educators to develop family education, to provide information for researchers, and to promote national and international academic cooperation and exchanges in the field. The services provided by the Center for Family Education include: (1) offering classes for staff and volunteers of family education institutes to improve their knowledge and techniques in the field; (2) educating researchers and administrators in this field and assisting them to plan, carry out, and supervise projects of related interest; (3) offering various information about family education for both national and international academic research; and (4) holding academic research panels or conferences on family education.

In Taiwan I was joined by Dr. Karen Bogenschneider, University of Wisconsin, Madison, who presented two sessions on "Advocacy or Education: Which Approach is Best for Getting Involved in Family Policy?" and "Putting Families on



NCFR President Carol Darling, CFLE, with Nei-Yuh Huang and Li-Tuan Chou, conference coordinators in Taiwan.

the Policy Agenda: What Strategies Can Professionals Use." Another exciting presentation was by Dr. Ju-Ping Lin from the Department of Human Development and Family Studies at National Taiwan Normal University. Her presentation was on "Family Education in Taiwan: Present and Future." She related the history and development of family education in Taiwan, discussed the timely issue of premarital education, and shared her experiences in developing a series of marriage preparation programs and a teacher's kit supplement. My presentations focused on "Marketing Family Life Education as a Profession: Nationally and Locally," and "The Development of the Certified Family Educator Program (CFLE): Past and Present."

The interaction between the topics of family life education and family policy was relevant because of pending legislation regarding the Family Life Education Law. The purpose of this legislation in Taiwan is to improve family education knowledge, strengthen psychological and physical development, and to improve family and social harmony. The definition of family education in this law covers various educational activities that improve family relations and functions, such as parents' education, children's education, sexuality education, marriage education, ethics education, and many other family education-related matters. In accordance with this law, family education would be included in school curricula and encompass diverse and flexible principles and methods of

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### Report

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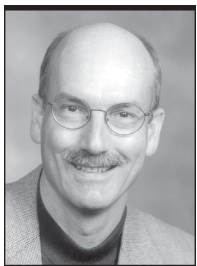
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policy. She has held leadership roles in the New York and Washington D.C. affiliated councils. Her quarterly columns in the *NCFR Report* have been informing NCFR members about national family policy issues since 1990. In 1994, she was a delegate to the United Nations International Year of the Family Conference in Austria, and in 1995, she was a delegate to the U.N. World Conference on Women in China. In 1996, she received the NCFR Distinguished Service to Families Award.



• **Stephen Jorgensen, Ph.D.**, Dean and Professor, College of Human Environmental Sciences, University of Missouri, has served NCFR in an impressive number of major

leadership roles over the past 30 years. He has served as NCFR's President, President-Elect, Publications Vice President, and been a pivotal leader in the Certification of Family Life Educators Program. He has made important contributions to scholarship on adolescent sexuality, contraception, and pregnancy. He has made distinguished and sustained contributions as an academic administrator at the level of Dean and Associate Dean in major Human Sciences programs at public universities, thereby increasing the visibility and vitality of the family discipline both within his home institutions and at the national level.



• **Jay A. Mancini, Ph.D.**, Professor of Human Development and Extension Specialist in Family Studies and Human Development, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State

University, has made significant contributions in applied research in the family field. His scholarship on family and community well being, particularly in the area of military families, has been funded by the U.S. Departments of Defense and Agriculture. This research has resulted in collaborations, publications, consultantships, and training and evaluation projects that have been widely disseminated at the national and international levels. His

leadership in the family field includes his roles in academic administration as well as his serving as Senior Editor of the *Families in Focus* NCFR book series.



• **Phyllis Moen, Ph.D.**, Ferris Family Professor of Life Course Studies, Cornell University, is a stellar family scholar whose efforts have influenced corporate and governmental

leaders to frame work-family policy to be responsive to planned and unplanned life course events. In 1996, she founded the Cornell Employment and Family Careers Institute, A Sloan Center on Work and Family, which is a model for integrating problem-oriented research with basic theory and outreach. Her publication, *How Family Friendly is Upstate NewYork?* was distributed at NCFR's 2002 Preconference Work-Life Summit, for which she served as plenary speaker. The recipient of numerous awards for her scholarship and professional service, as well as an impressive record of extramural funding, she has had a profound impact on both scholars and working families.



• **B. Kay Pasley, Ed.D.**, Associate Dean and Professor, School of Human Environmental Sciences, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, has made outstanding contribu-

tions to NCFR in a wide variety of leadership roles at the affiliate and national levels. Notably, she has served as Program Vice-President and is currently Editor of *Family Relations*, where she is credited with strengthening the journal's commitment to its applied goal. Her groundbreaking contributions to the scholarly literature on divorce, stepfamilies, remarriage, and fathering have helped

to shape the field and serve as essential resources for researchers, teachers, practitioners, and students.



• **Roger H. Rubin, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor, Family Studies, University of Maryland, has served NCFR as a leader for over 30 years. He has been Vice President for Public Policy, a

founding and active member and chair of the Family Policy (formerly Family Action) Section, and recently served on the NCFR Fellowship and Elections Committees. He has been President of the District of Columbia Council, and received the Association of Councils' Meritorious Service Award in 2000. His research on family interventions with ethnic minority families has received federal funding and resulted in the design and implementation of numerous programs to promote healthy family relations.



• **Maximiliane Szinovacz, Ph.D.**, Research Professor, Glennan Center for Geriatrics and Gerontology, Eastern Virginia Medical School, is internationally renowned as an

innovative scholar whose investigations of retirement and grandparenthood set the standard for the field. Her work is recognized for its theoretical richness and methodological rigor, raising the bar for all research on and about the family. She has made important contributions to NCFR as a continuous member of the *Journal of Marriage and Family* Editorial Board since 1982, Editor of the Sage Monograph Series, Newsletter Editor for the Feminism and Family Studies Section, and Chair of the Theory Construction and Research Methods Preconference Workshop.



Encourage colleagues or students who are interested in joining NCFR to check our website at [www.ncfr.org](http://www.ncfr.org) and to talk with current members. Lend them copies of our publications. Invite them to the annual conference or the meetings of student and affiliate chapters. Have them view our membership CD. (It's available from the NCFR office.) Let's promote the 3 Cs of NCFR membership to everyone in the family studies field!

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implementing family education. All school levels would provide related family education consultation or counseling courses to those parents whose children have behavior problems. This legislation has energized family educators, as well as members of congress who recently passed this legislation. This makes Taiwan the first country in the world to pass a national bill regarding family life education. They have certainly rewritten world history on family life education and are now preparing the details for implementation of this bill. There is also a strong interest in incorporating the Certified Family Life Educator Program to certify qualified family life educators.

In addition to our seminar presentations, Karen and I were involved in a panel discussion with family and human development colleagues in Taiwan regarding the preparation of family life education professionals in the Human Development-Family Studies field. We had a meaningful discussion on issues related to academic course offerings, research trends, in-service training of students and professionals, as well as students' career plans.

While in South Korea, I was pleased to make some additional presentations on "Understanding Sexuality Issues in Marriage and Family Counseling" to the Korean Association of Marriage and Family Counseling. I also gave a presentation on "Sexuality Education Issues for Children and Adolescents" to public school teachers in Cheongju, South Korea and students in the Department of Child Welfare, College of Human Ecology, at Chungbuk National University, Cheongju, South Korea. To hear what public school teachers are doing in sexuality education at the preschool and elementary school levels, as well as in junior and senior high schools, was truly encouraging.

While time did not permit me to visit Singapore, they are also making advances in the area of family life education. The Public Education Committee on Family has studied and made recommendations to reinforce family as an institution in Singapore. Their report on "Family Matters" maps out a set of public education strategies and initiatives aimed at promoting positive attitudes among

Singaporeans toward the family. Their recommendations have four key thrusts:

- 1) imbuing the young with positive values toward the family,
- 2) reinforcing marriage as a lifelong commitment,
- 3) promoting family life and family life education for all, and
- 4) creating a family-friendly environment.

Karen Bogenschneider and I wish to thank all those whom we met for their kindness, friendship, and gracious hospitality. I hope that our adventures and these excerpts of international efforts in family life education will motivate others to share their international experiences and to learn more about worldwide family life education as we begin to celebrate the tenth anniversary

of the "International Year of the Family" (for more information see Michael Benjamin's column on the IYF 2004). One of the goals of our 2003 annual meeting in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, will be to spotlight international efforts in family life education. So, stay tuned for more information on this conference and keep us informed of your international efforts on behalf of families and family life education. Remember, NCFR is an international organization that links family research with education and practice, so it is gratifying to see that family life education is alive and well internationally and moving forward with exciting public policy initiatives.

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## Of Public Interest: Families in the Media

"Prison is a Member of their Family." Reporter Adrian Nicole LeBlanc tells the story of Toney, a young father who has spent most of his adult life in prison; Lolli, the mother of two of his children; and Nina, his oldest child. LeBlanc notes that in 2000 almost 1.5 million children had a parent in prison, an increase of more than 500,000 children since 1991.

New York Times Magazine, January 12, 2003 ([www.nytimes.com/2003/01/12/magazine/12PRISON.html](http://www.nytimes.com/2003/01/12/magazine/12PRISON.html))

*Read any good stories about family issues in the popular media? Share them with your colleagues. Send a brief synopsis, reference, and URL, where appropriate, to [sasha@ncfr.org](mailto:sasha@ncfr.org). We'll list your suggestions in upcoming issues of Report.*

## Coming Up in Family Focus

### **June 2003: The Working Poor**

We are looking for articles that deal with effective mothering, financial stability and decision-making, and family tensions among the working poor.

Deadline: **April 3, 2003**

### **September 2003: Marriage**

This issue will present articles that complement the annual conference theme.

Deadline: **July 1, 2003**

### **December 2003: Religion**

We are looking for a broad range of articles. Suggested topics include the importance of spirituality and community for families, faith-based initiatives, youth and family programs, specialized ministries, etc. Deadline: **October 1, 2003**

### **March 2004: Mental Health across the Life Span**

We are looking for articles that deal with mental health from infancy through old age, as well as "family mental health" at all ages and stages.

Deadline: **January 5, 2004**

Articles should be written in journalistic style, that is, no footnotes, endnotes, or bibliographies. Length should be about 1,000 words. We are most interested in policy-oriented pieces, case studies, and articles that describe researched-based programs. To contribute a piece, please contact the editor, Nancy Giguere, immediately at [gigue001@tc.umn.edu](mailto:gigue001@tc.umn.edu).



# Executive Review

## 10th Anniversary of the International Year of the Family - 2004

Almost a dozen years ago, the National Council on Family Relations re-established its relationship with the International Union of Family Organizations, obtained Non-Governmental Status (NGO) at the United Nations, and became an active player in the 1994 International Year of the Family (IYF). In fact it was in April 1991 that volunteers from a variety of NCFR sections formed a planning committee that would acknowledge, celebrate, and contribute to the IYF. As we enter 2003, NCFR is beginning once again to work with the United Nations in planning for the 10th Anniversary of the IYF. Before outlining ways that NCFR might celebrate this anniversary, I would like to review what NCFR did a decade ago.

### 1994 – A Year of Celebration

Under the editorship of Karen Altergott and an initial planning group that included Richard Gelles, Janice Hogan, Barbara Elliott, Judy Myers-Walls, Lynda Walters (Chair of NCFR's IYF activities), Connie Steele, Connie Shehan, and Mary Jo Czaplewski, NCFR generated one of its first products: *One World, Many Families*, published in 1993. This book included essays on the use of national policies to enhance family life, gendered realities of adult family roles, divorce issues and aging in intergenerational family systems, race and ethnicity, religion, challenges to family strengths, and NCFR's vision for the future.

In November 1993 at our 55th Annual Conference in Baltimore, NCFR convened a health policy forum in sponsorship with the Kellogg Foundation.

And we didn't stop there! When the IYF was officially launched on November 28 in Malta, NCFR was awarded a special citation for its work in promoting the IYF. Harriette McAdoo, NCFR President, accepted the award from Henryk J. Sokalski, U.N. Director of the Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs.

In the summer of 1994, under the leadership of Janice Hogan, Chair of the IYF summer workshop, NCFR produced an exciting conference held in Black Mountain, North Carolina. Henryk J. Sokalski was keynote speaker at the opening session. Sylvia Ann Hewlett, noted feminist and economist, stimulated discussion with her speech on "The Economic Status of Men, Women, and Children in America: How Do We Compare with Families in Other Countries?" In addition, the planning committee produced *Initiatives for Families: Research, Policy, Practice, Education*, a publication that contained recommendations from workshop task forces focusing on 13 important issues facing families. The task forces were composed of 130 family professionals from 16 countries.

The last NCFR-wide event in support of IYF took place at our 56th Annual Conference in Minneapolis, when on November 11, 1994, we presented a panel "Moccasins and Tennis Shoes: Families, Social Justice, and the Native American Culture," celebrating the indigenous families of North America. In addition to NCFR-wide events, NCFR state affiliates, as well as those in Canada and Taiwan, conducted special events in their communities.

### Planning for the anniversary

As we prepare to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of International Year of the Family next year, I am excited that NCFR is again taking a leadership role. Here is the plan of action that was submitted to NCFR's Board of Directors for their consideration:

- Gain consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. Reconnect with the Vienna NGO Committee on the Family, which is organizing the 10th Anniversary. NCFR would serve as a point of contact in the United States.

- Develop a marketing plan to acquire financial support – from within and outside NCFR – for programmatic activities. The approximate budget for this effort is \$100,000 (in-kind and direct).
- Develop a programmatic plan that would include activities at the NCFR, international, national, state and local university/community levels.

### NCFR activities

Here is what we plan to do within NCFR:

- Convene a NCFR advisory committee to provide input to the executive director and serve as liaison to various interests within NCFR. Program activities would begin at NCFR's 2003 Annual Conference in Vancouver, British Columbia, and end at the 2004 Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida.
- Publish a special issue of the *Journal of Marriage and Family* devoted to "International Perspectives on Families and Social Change." *JMF* Editor Alexis Walker has selected Laura A. Sanchez of Bowling Green State University as guest editor for this issue.
- Link with the Vienna NGO Committee on the Family to go forward with an art campaign project for children titled "A page from our family chronicle" (see below). State, regional and university/college affiliates will play an important role in implementing this project at the community, state, and international levels.
- Convene a special summer 2004 international study-conference on the family to meet in June/July in the Dominican Republic. Preliminary discussions with Francisco Villarruel of Michigan State University have taken place.
- Work with our conference program chairs to find ways of highlighting international issues at the 2003 and

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# Family Policy



## Report From Washington

**O**ur new Congress has been elected and will soon start work on the many pressing problems facing us, newly aware of the needs for acceptance of racial diversity in our country but seemingly unaware, among other issues, of the needs for healthcare for women and children, both here and abroad. Advocacy organizations have deluged most of us with newsletters and appeals for funds ultimately to influence policy, and many will make use of studies

prepared by our own members. NCFR members have been increasingly interested in policy and in selecting policy-relevant topics for their research. What are the new ideas for policy-relevant research?

### **Consortium of Social Science Organizations**

Many interesting papers were presented at the COSSA Annual Meeting I attended. People from the National Science

Foundation presented a fascinating summary paper of their discussions regarding Human and Social Dynamics, a new priority area for research. Pointing out the need for a multidisciplinary approach to understanding human and social dynamics, the paper suggests that research on, among other organizations, "families and neighborhoods, and other formal and informal groups will advance our understanding of how social structure interacts with human capacities to encourage or impede optimum performance." For more information regarding NSF Priority Areas, contact Sally Kane at skane@nsf.gov.

### **Institute of Medicine**

**A**s reported in the COSSA Washington Update, an IOM report echoes the call for multidisciplinary work. The report also suggests that there will be more intervention-oriented research. "The study of interventions will, in turn, dictate a sea-change in public health research: community participation." So it seems that working with other disciplines, and with communities, and making use of the new technologies (as suggested by other papers), is the way of the future in behavioral research.

### **Fathers**

Anyone interested in the functioning and importance of fathers should know about the upcoming 6th National Summit on Fatherhood this month. Contact: [www.fatherhood.org](http://www.fatherhood.org) or phone 301-948-0599. The National Fatherhood Initiative, in addition to sponsoring this conference, also publishes a newsletter, *Fatherhood Today*, which provides support and information for fathers. The Fall 2002 issue had an interesting article on what fathers should know about pregnancy and the changes in one's life after becoming a father.

### **Fragile families and incarceration**

Given the focus of the administration on marriage and the allocation of \$100 million or even \$300 million for

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2004 annual conferences. We are talking with Paul Amato about a special session that would highlight and kick-off the IYF – 2004 this fall at the Vancouver conference. We will also talk with the chair of the 2004 Conference in Orlando about a special session to close the anniversary year.

### **International and national involvement**

On the international and national level, NCFR plans to:

- Continue to work with the UN Family Unit through the representation of Marilyn Bensman, NCFR's liaison to the UN, and support resolutions on the 10th Anniversary.
- Connect with other international organizations for funding support, such as the Pan American Health Organization and the World Bank.
- Participate in an art campaign project for children with the title of "A page from our family chronicle." Such a project could be launched at the national level and continue at the international level. It would underscore both the importance of the family within society and the way children experience life in their own families. The aim of the project is to actively involve children, teachers, parents, family-oriented NGOs, and state authorities in the celebration of the IYF 2004. To accomplish these goals, we would want to partner with other organizations that reach into the family

and schools at the state and local levels throughout the United States. Such organizations might include the National Parent Teacher Association, the National Urban League, National School Boards Association, and so on.

- Connect with and gain support from appropriate U.S. Federal agencies, including the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and the Administration on Children and Families.

### **Regional, state, and local involvement**

We plan to work with NCFR's affiliates through the Association of Councils, whether or not we go ahead with the proposed children's art campaign. Within our own network, we would develop a slate of activities to fit within the resources of each affiliate.

This outline looks – and is – very ambitious. To be as successful during this anniversary year as we were during the original IYF, we need your help! First of all, we need your support for the concept of the 10th Anniversary. We also need members to get involved on the advisory committee, come up with ideas for activities, and put us in contact with funding sources.

I look forward to your comments.

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# CFLE Directions



## Up to \$300 Million in Grant Money Available to Promote Healthy Marriages; CFLEs in Position to Provide Needed Services

**I**ncreasing the visibility and value of Certified Family Life Educators is one of the main goals of the CFLE department in 2003. In addition to developing an informational CD about family life education and the CFLE designation, creating a poster highlighting family life education as a profession, and increasing collaboration with NCFR affiliates and CFLE-approved programs, we also plan to increase the recognition of CFLEs as experts. We included an *Areas of Expertise* postcard in the 2003 CFLE Maintenance

Fee billing in hopes of recruiting more CFLEs to make their expertise available to the media and other interested parties.

One excellent opportunity may exist through recently passed federal legislation. The President's proposed marriage education bill will provide an excellent opportunity for Certified Family Life Educators to share their knowledge and expertise in healthy marriages. *H.R. 4737 Personal Responsibility, Work and Family Promotion Act of 2002* includes a number of opportunities for the promotion of family life

education skills focusing on strengthening marriage.

**Sec 103. Promotion of Family Formation and Healthy Marriage** includes a \$100 million per year Healthy Marriage Promotion Grant for five years to be awarded to states, tribes and territories for any of the following programs or activities:

- Public advertising campaigns on the value of marriage and the skills needed to increase marital stability and health

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counseling and premarital education, the question of the potential success of this effort for people in center cities is important. What are some of the characteristics of non-married fathers? The Fragile Families and Child Well-being Study housed at Princeton University has been studying a "birth cohort of nearly 5,000 children, including 3,712 children born to unmarried parents and 1,186 children born to married parents. The data are nationally representative of births in cities of 200,000 or more." The proportion of unmarried parents seems to be representative of today's large cities. An October paper based on these data addresses the question of "Incarceration and the Bonds Among Parents." For this study, both fathers and mothers were interviewed, if possible, even if they did not live together. This feature helped overcome the common problems of reporting bias and underreporting found in many studies. As reported by the mothers, as many as 40 percent of Afro-American fathers, 29 percent of Hispanic and 19 percent of white non-Hispanic men not interviewed had been incarcerated at some time in their lives. Men with a history of incarceration were more likely to be Afro-American, to have less than a high school education

and to be younger. Fathers who had been incarcerated were said to be lower in relationship skills, more likely to be violent, and use drugs or alcohol.

The summary of this report is significant. The Fragile Families data indicate that incarceration policy may result in reduced marriage rates. Given that marriage can serve as an important step away from a life of crime, incarceration policy since 1980 may have undermined the crime preventing effects of marriage. The question is whether the benefits of marriage associated with lower incarceration rates outweigh the gain in public safety obtained by incapacitation of criminals. Get this paper: <http://crew.princeton.edu>. Go to Fragile Families, Publications, and Working Papers Series.

#### **So what?**

**I**t would seem that efforts to improve the marriage rates for fragile families must address the justice system and the penalties for criminal behavior. There are several ideas that could be addressed. First, drug courts could keep some young offenders in the community under stricter supervision. Second, marriage counseling and education could be brought into the

prisons to prepare incarcerated men for a return to their families.

Third, we should go back to the model of "rehabilitation" rather than only punishment, including the vocational training and education so many of these men have missed. And fourth, reverse what criminologists call "invisible sentencing." I was shocked to read a recent editorial in the Washington Post, "Released Into Limbo," which documents some of the regressive policies enacted by federal and state laws. "Federal law bars them from living in public housing. People convicted of drug offenses can never receive welfare or food stamps. In many states they are barred from voting, or from dozens of jobs that provide many of the decent tickets to the middle class: plumbing, teaching, private security, haircutting." The editorial reports that something of an ex-con nation has developed, with about 5 million men who have served time in prison and about 615,000 more to be released into our communities this year, ill-prepared and essentially barred from meaningful community and family life.

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# Members in the News

## Obituary

**Dr. Ellen Gee** of Burnaby, British Columbia, passed away November 3, 2002 after a sudden vascular stroke. She was a new member in 2002.

## Donations

The following person has contributed donations since November 2002. Their generosity aids NCFR in continuing its programs and awards.

### General Fund

**Gay Kitson** – Akron, OH

**Jackie Haessly, CFLE** - Milwaukee, WI

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- Education in high schools on the value of marriage, relationships skills, and budgeting
- Marriage education, marriage skills, and relationship skills programs, that may include parenting skills, financial management, conflict resolution, and job and career advancement, for non-married pregnant women and non-married expectant fathers
- Premarital education and marriage skills training for engaged couples and for couples interested in marriage
- Marriage enhancement and marriage skills training programs for married couples
- Divorce reduction programs that teach relationship skills
- Marriage mentoring programs which use married couples as role models and mentors in at-risk communities
- Programs to reduce the disincentives to marriage in means-tested aid programs, if offered in conjunction with any activity described in this subparagraph

**Section 115 Research, Evaluations and Demonstration Projects** will provide an additional \$102 million dollars for the purpose of conducting and supporting research and demonstration projects by public or private entities on activities related to the Healthy Marriage Promotion Grant.

In addition, **Section 119 Fatherhood Program** provides numerous funding

opportunities for programs that promote and support involved, committed and responsible fatherhood and to encourage and support healthy marriages between parents raising children.

Organizations with well-thought-out plans will be in a better position to receive funding.

NCFR sees this legislation as an opportunity to promote the expertise of Certified Family Life Educators throughout the country. Not all CFLEs would be considered marriage education experts, but all possess the foundation of knowledge and skills needed to provide these services. And certainly many CFLEs do have specialized knowledge and training in marriage education and enrichment programs. In addition to receiving funding on an individual or agency basis, CFLEs can become part of a registry of qualified service providers that can participate in developing and presenting marriage education programs, in establishing community partnerships and collaborations and/or by serving as consultants.

The passing of H.R. 4737 increases the need for marriage education providers substantially. In that context, NCFR has developed a Registry of Healthy Marriage Education Specialists. The minimum qualification for inclusion in the Registry is the CFLE designation. This provides a baseline qualification. Additional criteria will be established and applications will be reviewed by a review committee. Those entities seeking grant funds may be able to strengthen their applications by including

## CERTIFIED FAMILY LIFE EDUCATORS

Following is a list of Certified Family Life Educators designated since

**Arizona**  
Genevieve Stone \*

**California**  
Shalita Blackburn

**Florida**  
Diana Berman  
Lucille Byno  
Carol Messmore  
Paz Olmos

**Georgia**  
Caroline Almand \*

**Illinois**

Billie Hainsey

**Kansas**  
Jessica Yourdon \*

**Michigan**  
Sharon Cornell \*  
Randy Hermann \*  
Eileen Spyhalski \*  
Nicole Wells \*  
Angela Wetzel \*

**Minnesota**  
Ray Kilgore \*

**Nebraska**  
Shanna Thomas \*

**New York**  
Andrew Bolin \*

**North Carolina**  
Kevin Gross

**Oklahoma**  
Janelle Maples

**Oregon**  
Leslie Trommlitz \*  
Faith Winters

**Pennsylvania**  
Andrea Barnes \*

**Texas**  
Pamela Pero \*

**Utah**  
Jessica Blauer \*  
Chrystal Bracken \*  
Troy Faddis \*  
Lori Kowaleski-Jones  
Cheryl Wright

**Washington**  
Matthew Youngberg \*

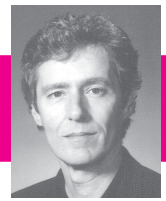
**Wisconsin**  
Sandra Blaszyński \*

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# Annual Conference



## NCFR's 2003 Conference in Canada - a Perfect Entrance to the UN International Year of the Family

*Why did NCFR select Canada as a meeting site?*

- Conference sites rotate from the Eastern to the Center to Western part of the country. 2003 is a year for the West to host the conference. At the time this decision was made, the Board felt strongly that we should meet in Canada. The last time NCFR met in Canada was Toronto in 1973. We have many members in Canada and to be fair to them we need to meet there occasionally. As family scientists we also need to broaden our perspective by looking at research from throughout the world. Vancouver was selected because it is a beautiful city with easy access by air.
- It proved to be perfect timing to meet in another country because 2004 is designated as the International Year of the Family by the United Nations. NCFR plans to begin an entire year of special emphases on the Year of the Family, launching them at the 2003 Conference in Vancouver! (See Michael Benjamin's column on page 5)

- NCFR provides top-quality professional conferences, but in 2003 you have the bonus of seeing the sites of beautiful Vancouver.

**VANCOUVER**  
spectacular by nature  
tourismvancouver.com

*Vancouver will provide cost savings for both Canadians and Americans*

- For many years it has cost our Canadian attendees nearly 50% more to come to NCFR Conferences than it did for Americans because of the exchange rate between the U.S. and Canadian dollars. This year Canadians will save money because they are paying Canadian prices with the Canadian dollar.
- U.S. attendees will be delighted to see how far the American dollar stretches in Canada. Many prices for food, clothing, and other items are approximately the same as in the States, but considering the exchange rates - you save money! With the Canadian dollar currently valued at approximately \$1.50 U.S.,

your dollar goes almost 50% further. Most Canadian businesses accept U.S. currency and travelers checks. International currency exchanges are available at the airport and at all the banks in the city. Major credit cards are generally accepted by Canadian businesses. Bank or credit cards are the most convenient means of getting cash at the many 24 hour automated banking machines that accept cards, with Plus, Interac and Cirrus symbols, and teller machines are located on almost every other block in downtown Vancouver.

Here is a personal example of savings. My husband and I hosted some relatives in Vancouver at a nice restaurant near the Hyatt Hotel. When our Visa statement came we were delighted to discover the cost of the entire meal was slightly over \$100 - for 9 people!

*Learn about Vancouver - a True Melting Pot*

- Despite claims made by Toronto and Montreal that they are the most multicultural cities in Canada, 35% of Vancouver's population is foreign born, the highest figure in the world. This makes the city technically even more multicultural than New York. Vancouver has the highest proportion (per capita) of Asians of any North American city. Vancouver has Canada's biggest Chinatown, and also has very strong communities of Korean, Vietnamese, Philippine or Japanese descent. Vancouver also highlights its First Nation (we'll have more information about this in the June Report).

*What is Required for Customs?*

- In general, a valid passport is required while a tourist visa is necessary for visitors from certain countries. Persons who wish to enter the U.S. from Canada should make proper arrangements before leaving their home country. For more information please see [www.cic.gc.ca](http://www.cic.gc.ca). Countries other than

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qualified providers identified through the NCFR Registry.

It is important to note that inclusion in a registry is not the same as a certification. We are not creating a sub-specialization credential for CFLE. There will be no continuing education requirements. And certainly inclusion in the Registry is not required for participation in any of the Healthy Marriage grants. But we feel that it will provide an efficient way to identify a number of professionals with a solid foundation in family life education and demonstrated expertise in marriage education.

If you are a Certified Family Life Educator and are interested in being included in the NCFR Registry of Healthy Marriage Education Specialists, contact Dawn Cassidy at [dawn@ncfr.org](mailto:dawn@ncfr.org). Additional information will be included on the NCFR website at [www.ncfr.org](http://www.ncfr.org) when available.

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# Expanding Professional Growth Opportunities for Students

After viewing the growing number of NCFR Student Affiliates, it is easy to see the potential long-term impact that these groups may have upon this organization. One method of building loyalty, knowledge, skills, communications, and contact opportunities for students is through their involvement as Student Assistants at the NCFR conferences.

In April 2001, at the Texas Council on Family Relations meeting, Cindy Winter

requested that I chair the Student Assistants Committee for the 2002 Annual Conference in Houston. After reading the manual, five anticipated results or possible outcomes were developed and listed for the students:

- To learn more about professional techniques, programs, journals, books, and interactions among professionals;
- To become more familiar with the Certified Family Life Educator (CFLE) program;

- To improve research, writing, verbal communications, and other skills;
- To expand personal knowledge about many facets of the National Council on Family Relations and its outreach to educate and support individuals and families; and
- To expand job possibilities, enhance the reputation of one's institution of higher education, and provide a professional service.

## Background

Some background information on the multiple tasks of Student Assistants follows. All must work a minimum of 8 hours and are to arrive and check in at the Student Assistant Desk 20 minutes before their scheduled work sessions. Those who completed their specific time slots and the necessary paperwork have one-half of their conference registration fee refunded after validation and when the NCFR office has had time to process all of the information. Student Assistants worked to fill necessary slots for the following committees, and some had additional responsibilities:

Registration—check in registrants as they arrive at the conference.

Hospitality/Local Information Room—welcome registrants, answer questions about restaurants and local events, and act as hosts/hostesses.

Liaison for Emergencies and Audio tapes—assist the NCFR Conference Coordinator with necessary errands and audio tape functions.

Exhibits—help set up and tear down the exhibits, set up the Half-price Book Sale, and aid the NCFR Exhibits Manager in other functions.

Theory Construction and Research Methodology Workshop—assist in registering workshop attendees.

Poster Session Set-ups and Door Monitors—assist Conference Coordinator in setting up the room for posters: place appropriate poster numbers, arrange signs, and assist presenters as they set up their posters, if necessary. These

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the U.S. may require a VISA. A driver's license is NOT proof of citizenship.

### *Some Sites Near the Hyatt Hotel*

- Within a two block area of the Hyatt there is world-class entertainment, fantastic cuisine and some of the finest and most eclectic shopping around. Nearby sites include: **Stanley Park**, the largest city park in Canada houses the Nine O'Clock Gun, a loud old English sea cannon placed in the park just over 100 years ago. Originally, it was fired off to remind local fisherman of fishing time limits. Now, it's used as a time signal and has become a Vancouver tradition. **Aquarium Marine Science Centre; Science World; the Kids Only market; Vancouver Harbor; Lions Gate Bridge**: two distinct mountain peaks, resembling a camel's back, overlooking Vancouver's harbor. These are The Lions, named as a remembrance of the statues of two lions in London's Trafalgar Square. **Queen Elizabeth Park; Marine**

**Building**—a marine and transportation theme in terra cotta, brass, stone and marble; **the World's thinnest office building**—only six feet wide. The **Gastown area** was named for a talkative Yorkshire-born saloon owner, John Dighton, nicknamed Gassy Jack; **Granville Island**—part farmers market, part artist studio and part magnet for the creative and flamboyant—is one of the busiest spots in Vancouver.

In succeeding issues of *The Report*, we will tell you more about Vancouver. In the meantime, visit Vancouver's website, [www.tourismvancouver.com](http://www.tourismvancouver.com). Another interesting website about Vancouver is at [www.vancouver.hm/facts1.html](http://www.vancouver.hm/facts1.html).

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## I can't remember her presentation, it was so remarkable though!

Did you attend the 2002 Conference, hear some amazing presentations, but forgot what you heard? Did you miss the conference this year but want to know what all the buzz is about? Don't pass up your chance to purchase the audio and video tapes from several memorable sessions! Impress your colleagues, students and friends by reciting significant facts or statistics from up-to-date research. Give your students or colleagues the opportunity to experience the presentations from *Families Over the Life Course: Bridging Research and Practice*. Tapes are still available; visit the NCFR website: [http://www.ncfr.org/pdf/NCFR\\_Audio\\_Video\\_Tapes.pdf](http://www.ncfr.org/pdf/NCFR_Audio_Video_Tapes.pdf), or call the office: 1-888-781-9331.

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assistants also are to stand at the doors to major entries and check to be sure that all attendees are wearing name badges. If they are not, the monitors are to send the registrants to the conference registration desk.

Session Monitors—sign in and out the individuals who are receiving continuing education credits for APA or NASW.

### Responses and results

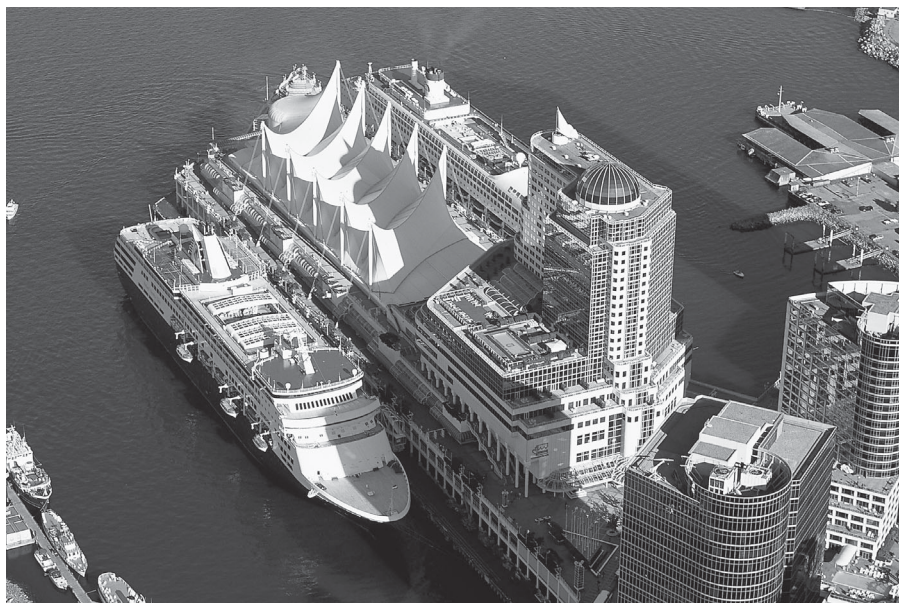
Beginning in April 2002, many of the 106 work assignments were filled. A total of 47 students applied for positions, and all were accommodated. The geographical locations of undergraduate and graduate students ranged from the U.S. to Seoul, Korea. Students from 17 institutions applied, and those from 14 locations completed their jobs. The 42 students who fulfilled their assignments were from the following institutions.

Institutions	No.
Berkley, California	1
California State University, Northridge	1
Louisiana State University of Baton Rouge	2
Louisiana Tech University	4
Messiah College	2
Ohio State University	1
Seoul National University, Korea	1
Texas Tech University	3
Texas Woman's University	1*
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign	1
University of Kentucky	2
University of Maryland, Baltimore County	1
University of Missouri—Columbia	1
University of North Texas	21

\*This does not include a TWU graduate class that worked the Employment Matching Service room.

NCFR, especially Cindy Winter, provided continuous cooperative support and information from April 2001 through November 2002. The conference offerings were expanded this year to provide for the additional needs of participants, and this resulted in adding student assistants a few weeks before the

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meeting in Houston. Late applications were still arriving; therefore, it was easy to place those requesting work into positions. Both students and their professors came by the Student Desk to express appreciation for these opportunities.

Responses received from the NCFR staff, conference participants, and others relating to the overall performance of the Student Assistants were favorable. Students were praised for their work

ethics, professional attitudes, cooperative spirits, and participation in sessions and social activities. I conclude that the Houston conference was a success for participants, including the students, and that many will continue to make valuable contributions in their local affiliates and for NCFR.

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## 2002 Conference



Left to right, top to bottom: Sally Martin, CFLE, JoAnne Kock, and Dan Weigel, Education and Enrichment Poster Winners; Students!; J. Kenneth Davidson Sr., CFLE, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, and Jeff Larson, CFLE, Brigham Young University; Stacy Hollon, FL State Univ., Paul and Carol Darling, CFLE, NCFR President; Bill Allen and Lane Powell, CFLE; Annita Sani, Zayed University, United Arab Emirates; Brandt Gardner, Texas Tech Univ., Family Therapy Poster Winner.





Left to right, top to bottom: Pauline Boss, Ernest Burgess Award recipient for 2002; Members of the Ethnic Minorities Section; (foursome) Roshan Khosravi, Judith Myers-Walls, CFLE, Kathleen Walker, and Karen Myers-Bowman, CFLE, Education and Enrichment Poster Winners; Jinhee Kim and Gyoung Hae Han, Seoul National University, International Poster Winners; Michele Genest and Chloe Merrill, CFLE, Weber State University; Randy Leite, CFLE, Family Policy Poster Winner; Maxine Hammonds-Smith, CFLE, Local Arrangements Chair, and Karen Franklin from the Houston Mayor's office; Linda Behrendt, CFLE, Religion and Family Life Poster Winner; Janice Weber, Dawn Cassidy, Kevin Allemagne, and Karen Myers-Bowman, all CFLEs.





## Section News

### International Section

**T**he International Section was well represented at the 2002 conference, and by now I've received the proposals for the 2003 Conference. I'm writing this column in January (prior to the submission deadline), so I'd like to offer anticipatory gratitude to those of who submitted proposals and/or are currently serving as reviewers. I expect that the conference program in Vancouver will be an exciting opportunity to showcase the work of many students and professionals.

As you might recall, I initiated some new committees last year, and it is my goal to continue the committees this year. The Fundraising Committee organized the Silent Auction at the 2002 Conference, which raised approximately \$300 for the section. This represents a significant enhancement to our budget, so my thanks to all who participated. Another Silent Auction is being considered for 2003; if you have thoughts about this project, or other fundraising opportunities, please feel free to contact me.

Paul Schvaneveldt, the Student/New Professional Representative, is chairing the Student Development Committee. He will be posting occasional columns to the listserv that focus on professional development issues (e.g., academic job searches). In addition, Paul will be coordinating a mentor matching program for the 2003 Conference. The mentors will simply be asked to serve as a contact person for international students or colleagues who might be first-time attendees and/or unfamiliar with the unwritten expectations about conference interactions (e.g., how to meet colleagues, how to select sessions to attend). Please feel free to contact Paul if you have thoughts about the mentor matching process.

Colleen Murray, Vice Chair, is exploring the feasibility of a pre- or post-conference tour at a family service program in Vancouver. This would be an opportunity for the International Section members to meet Canadian colleagues and learn

more about family services in its cultural context. If you have preferences or recommendations for the tour, please let Colleen know.

I am focusing on the 2003 program. I am currently discussing the possibility of co-sponsoring a session with the Family Therapy Section and/or Family & Health Section. Our section has a limited number of slots allocated for the program, but I'll do my best to fill these slots with papers, posters, and roundtables that will be informative and appealing. If you have thoughts about what you would like to see retained or changed in the program process, please feel free to contact me.



The other officers and I will be leaving our positions at the start of the 2003 Conference. I have been in touch with several students and colleagues who have agreed to run for the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary/Treasurer, and Student/New Professional positions for 2003-2005. I'm sure each candidate would bring unique abilities to the position. So please give special attention when you receive your ballot information this year! Thank you for your attention.

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### Family Science Section



**T**he 15th Annual Teaching Family Science Conference, sponsored by the Family Science Association, will be held June 5th-7th in Gatlinburg, Tennessee at the River Terrace Resort. This year's theme is "Teaching Sensitive Subjects," including topics such as teaching sexuality, death and dying, spanking, religion, and abuse. Most conference sessions are interactive in nature, and will last about 40 minutes.

The conference is open to all who teach about families and who have an interest in family science education at the university or secondary level, persons who do informal education, extension professionals, and students. The conference is co-sponsored by the Family Science Association and the **Education and Enrichment and Family Science Sections** of the National Council on Family Relations. Conference attendees do not have to be members of the sponsoring organizations.

#### Registration Information

To register, please send a check for the registration fee of \$160 made out to the Family Science Association, along with your name, address and e-mail to

Dr. Lisen C. Roberts, Conference Chair, Dept. of Human Services, 204 Killian Building, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC 28723. After April 12, 2003, the conference fee will be \$210. Address any questions to Dr. Roberts at [lbroberts@wcu.edu](mailto:lbroberts@wcu.edu).

The registration fee includes continental breakfast and lunch on Friday and Saturday of the conference. If you wish to bring a guest to the conference, the fee for the guest is \$50 prior to April 12, and \$60 after. This fee covers the cost of meals only, not attendance at the conference.

Reservations for the hotel, the River Terrace Resort, can be made directly at 1-800-251-2040 or 1-865-436-5161. The conference rate of \$74 is good for Wednesday through Saturday nights of the conference dates. Be sure to tell the reservation clerk that you are part of the Teaching Family Science Conference.

Gatlinburg is located at the edge of the Great Smoky Mountain National Park in east Tennessee, about an hour's drive from Knoxville. The Knoxville airport serves all major airline carriers. See the conference website for details on shuttle

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# Affiliate Connection

## Campus Affiliated Councils Foster Professional Development In Students

One of the most exciting benefits of attending the national conference is the way in which we can share imaginative and invigorating ideas with one another. At last year's conference, I was particularly impressed to learn about the many ways in which our new campus affiliates are promoting professional development among our student groups. These activities are particularly encouraging when we consider that today's students will be tomorrow's family researchers, teachers, and practitioners. In this issue of the *Report*, I will highlight several activities that have been successful for particular college/university affiliates with the hope that we might gain new ideas and enthusiasm for our own affiliate events. I will end the article by identifying recipients of the Association of Councils Meritorious Service Awards for 2002.

The Bowling Green State University Student Council on Family Relations sponsored a Community Collaborative Network Event during March of 2002.

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service from the airport to/from Gatlinburg, car rental information, driving distances and directions, travel within Gatlinburg, and information and links to Gatlinburg area attractions. The website is: <http://www3.wcu.edu/~lroberts/2003TFSC.html>.

#### Conference Schedule

The conference will begin on Thursday June 5th, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. and end on Saturday, June 7th, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. There will be optional pay-your-own-way dinner activities on both Thursday and Friday evenings.

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The objectives were to strengthen collaborative partnerships between the HDSF program, the student affiliated council, the university, and the community; offer a forum for current students to make poster presentations about their internship experiences; and create an opportunity for community professionals to recruit student interns or employees. Current internship students made poster presentations on their internship experience, honing their presentation skills and showcasing their internship as a capstone experience for their college career. A professional from the sponsoring agency was also invited to attend the event. By participating, professionals from community agencies were able to observe how other agencies utilize HDFS students, become more familiar with knowledge and skills of HDFS students, recruit additional students, and strengthen collaborative partnerships with the HDFS program. The student council sponsored refreshments and orchestrated promotional efforts. The Community Collaborative Network Event was so successful that students requested that it become an annual event. Dr. Laura Landry-Meyer ([landrym@bgnet.bgsu.edu](mailto:landrym@bgnet.bgsu.edu)), advisor to the Bowling Green State University Student Council on Family Relations, is willing to share more information with anyone who is interested.

The Weber State University Council on Family Relations incorporates yet another format for exposing students to career options. In their hugely successful annual Roundtable, six to ten professionals from fields in which their department offers degrees and in which their graduates could be employed are invited to campus. They have invited child life specialists, family case workers from Head Start or Youth Corrections, marriage and family therapists, graduates now attending graduate school, and

other social service professionals. A box lunch is provided for each attendee and speaker. Following lunch, each of the invited guests is placed at a table with a sign identifying who they are, what credentials they possess and what type of job they are currently holding. Students select with whom they'd like to speak and rotate tables every 15 minutes. This continues for up to an hour or hour and a half. Open to majors and non-majors, this popular event assists current majors with clarification of career goals, and offers a valuable recruitment opportunity for students considering majors within the field. Thanks to Dr. Chloe Merrill for her advisory role with this campus council.

The Messiah College Council on Family Relations (MCCFR) frequently taps into the resources of its family studies alumni in sponsoring professional development activities for current students. For instance, last fall during Domestic Violence Awareness Month, MCCFR invited a family studies graduate, who works in the field, to speak on the topic of domestic violence. Because this particular speaker received specialized training through the YWCA in sexual abuse and domestic violence counseling and worked for a sexual assault/domestic violence crisis hotline while a student, she was able to share information about these local opportunities during her presentation. More recently, MCCFR, in conjunction with the Department of Family Studies, has begun to sponsor a series of panels entitled *Family Science Professionals in the World*. Last fall, for example, several family studies graduates were invited back to campus to share the work that they do and how it utilizes their training in human development and family science. Organizers attempt to have about five speakers from a variety of positions and career contexts (e.g., case

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manager in foster care, MHMR case worker, family preservation worker, investigative services officer in family court, social services worker in retirement community, direct services supervisor in sexual assault/rape crisis center) in a single panel. After more formal presentations are made relative to position descriptions and the like, current students are free to ask questions and engage in dialogue with the panelists. By incorporating family science graduates in several of their professional development programs, MCCFR fosters relationships between former and current students. In the process, graduates of the program provide important feedback about the adequacy and significance of the curriculum in preparing them for careers in the field. They serve as important allies in maintaining a strong program, providing venues for internship placements for current students, and frequently sharing job announcements from their places of employment with graduating seniors.

Responding to a needs assessment of its newly formed membership, The University of Missouri Council on Family Relations (MUCFR) developed a series of events that promoted a number of professional skills. In February, the emphasis was on professional guidelines in social settings and included advice on

## Texas Council on Family Relations

The big news from Texas at this time of year is our annual conference. This year's conference is being held at Texas Woman's University in Denton. The board is excited about planning the conference on a campus with the potential of a large student attendance. This year's conference will also be very affordable with low-cost, on-campus accommodations.

The dates for the conference are April 3rd-4th. This year's theme is "Families with Special Needs." The conference will place an emphasis on families with special needs children and the challenges that these families face. In addition, the conference will feature other areas of special needs that families have.

The conference will include main speakers, break-out sessions (including the main speakers and other professionals), poster presentations, student presentations and interesting exhibits. There will also be times of fellowship, including a Mexican food buffet at the President's Reception. There will also be times for the students to gather.

Speakers for the conference include Dr. Camille Catlett, Principal Investigator, Systems Change in Personnel Preparation, Prank Porter Graham Child Development Institute, Chapel Hill, NC; Mr. Brad Thompson, M.S., Founder and Director of "The Hali Project," which provides assistance to families of special needs children, Amarillo, TX; and Dr. James Morris, past President of AAMFT, Assistant Professor of Marriage and Family Therapy at Texas Woman's University. Dr. Morris will be speaking at the Post-Conference, on the afternoon of April 4th. The Post-Conference will be on the subject of ethics.

To find out more information about the conference and to register, go to the TCFR website, [www.ncfr.com/txcfr](http://www.ncfr.com/txcfr). In order to be on the TCFR mailing list, contact Deborah Cashen, [dcashen@charter.net](mailto:dcashen@charter.net). We look forward to seeing you in Denton.

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### NOW AVAILABLE!

#### NCFR Discussion Listservs

Enrollment is open to all NCFR members.

##### NCFR Member Listserv

[EducationEnrichment@cfapress.org](mailto:EducationEnrichment@cfapress.org)

Ethnic Minorities website:

[www.asn.csus.edu/em-ncfr](http://www.asn.csus.edu/em-ncfr)

[FamilyHealth@cfapress.org](mailto:FamilyHealth@cfapress.org)

[FamilyPolicy@cfapress.org](mailto:FamilyPolicy@cfapress.org)

[FamilyScience@cfapress.org](mailto:FamilyScience@cfapress.org)

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[Student@cfapress.org](mailto:Student@cfapress.org)

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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: [pepper@ncfr.org](mailto:pepper@ncfr.org).

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

proper behavior in contexts from conferences and job interviews to happy hours. In March, a professional with expertise in communication discussed how to make effective presentations. Sample posters and vitas were provided in order to highlight what made each most successful in communicating the intended message. In April, one member of MUCFR offered tips of interviewing for faculty positions while another reviewed the process of applying to graduate schools. Their recent, first-hand accounts were of great interest to participants. In May, MUCFR helped to organize the first Missouri Council on Family Relations (MCFR) annual conference. In fact, MUCFR President Elizabeth Sharp reported that all but one member of the conference planning committee were MUCFR members! This activity, in particular, offers an excellent illustration of how our campus affiliates are ideal training-grounds for future leaders of NCFR at the state and national levels.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the Association of Councils Meritorious

Service Award Recipients for 2002, which were presented at the national meeting in Houston: Dr. Britton Wood (Texas CFR) and Mr. Stephen D. Brown (Pennsylvania/Delaware CFR). Dr. Wood, a Marriage and Family Therapy Consultant and Therapist in Fort Worth, TX, has worked tirelessly on behalf of the Texas CFR for more than 25 years, holding a variety of positions in the organization, including president and fundraising chair. He has served as the AOC Program Chair for the last three years, organizing some exceptional program events at our national meetings. Mr. Stephen Brown, Associate Professor of Human Development at Mansfield University, has been a member of the Pennsylvania/Delaware CFR since 1972 and an active board member since 1980. Mr. Brown has held all positions in the organization and serves as the informal historian for this regional affiliate. Congratulations to both Britton Wood and Stephen Brown!

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# Start-up Grants Available for Student Councils

To strengthen our commitment to students, NCFR is making small grants available during the 2003-04 academic year to four-year colleges and universities for the purpose of starting-up student affiliated councils or chapters at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

## Eligibility and Requirements

These \$500 grants are available to family relations and social science academic departments, for example, family and consumer sciences, human development and family social sciences, sociology, psychology, nursing, or counseling. This is a one-time-only grant request program.

Applications must meet three requirements:

1. The dean or department chair must submit a letter requesting the \$500 start-up grant.

2. The student affiliated council must adhere to the 12-point "Student Affiliate Council Requirements."
3. A final report must be submitted before the end of the academic year detailing how the money was used and what progress was made in meeting the Student Affiliate Council Requirements.

The application deadline is April 30th, 2003.

## Student Affiliate Requirements

Each National Council on Family Relations Affiliated Student Council shall:

1. Be comprised of 10 or more NCFR student members.
2. Adopt the NCFR mission statement as its own mission. Each council may add to the basic mission statement as it pertains to its own school.

Student members with any questions including starting an affiliate student chapter should contact the Association of Councils Student/New Professional Representatives.

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3. Use the NCFR as part of its name (e.g. Texas Student Council on Family Relations).
4. Refer to itself as "an affiliate of the National Council on Family Relations", and, with permission, may use the NCFR logo as a part of its identification
5. Devise its means of governance, (officers, meeting, etc.) structure, dues, and file them with NCFR headquarters.
6. Have a faculty advisor of the student council who is a NCFR member.
7. Convene a minimum of two meetings with Officers each year, and at least one educational meeting for the student members.
8. Communicate with student council members at least twice a year.
9. Actively promote membership in the National Council on Family Relations and circulate NCFR promotional materials and website.
10. Be responsible for its own affiliate membership recruitment.
11. Provide the NCFR with written copies of current bylaws, newsletters, and meeting minutes. Send an updated list of newly elected officers within 30 days after taking office if this occurs after the February 15th deadline.
12. Follow your College/University requirements/guidelines for organizations on campus.

NCFR staff members can provide technical assistance in the formation of student councils. For more information, contact Lynda L. Bessey at (888) 781-9331 ext. 22 or [lbessey@ncfr.org](mailto:lbessey@ncfr.org)

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## Northwest Council on Family Relations

I hope you are all getting excited about having the national council visit our region this year. There is so much to do in Vancouver, BC and based on our planning meeting in Houston, I think the 2003 National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference is going to be the best one yet.

Our main item of business at this year's national conference will be discussing plans for our Northwest Council biennial conference to be held in West Yellowstone in June of 2004. We are combining with the Teaching Family

Science Conference for the first time in awhile and plans are already underway. Feel free to e-mail me if you have any suggestions for how to make our regional conference better than ever.

We look forward to seeing all NCFR members in the Northwest in November! As always, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns please feel free to e-mail me.

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**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CHILD STUDY AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER/ FAMILY STUDIES FACULTY POSITION  
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**Application Procedures:** Review of applicants will begin 2/15/03. We invite interested persons to send a curriculum vita, a letter of application indicating areas of professional interest and specialization, teaching philosophy, and research agenda. Applicants should send samples of recent publications and arrange to have three letters of recommendation sent directly to: **Dr. Kerry Kazura, Chair, Search Committee, Department of Family Studies, University of New Hampshire, Pettee Hall, Durham, NH 03824, [kerry.kazura@cisunix.unh.edu](mailto:kerry.kazura@cisunix.unh.edu).**

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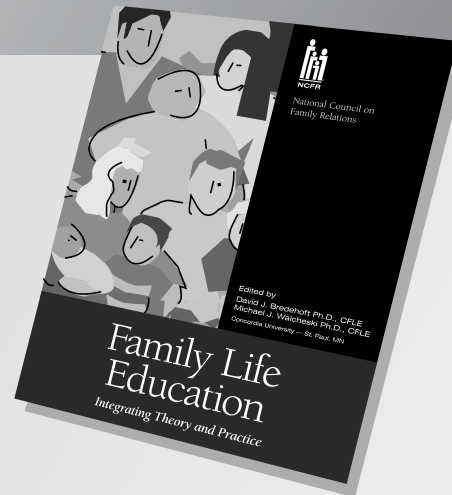
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