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"...no argument can stand that supports unequal opportunity or any intrinsic disqualification for sharing in the whole of life," wrote anthropologist Margaret Mead.

Articles in this issue of Family Focus—which complements the annual conference theme—explore inequalities that affect families. Some are external and lead to poverty and lack of civic participation. Others exist within the family itself as a result of divorce or gender roles.

As always, we welcome your comments.

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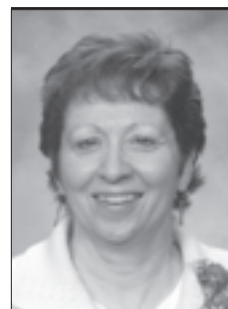
NCFR Continues its Historical International Role at the Conference

Two special sessions on Thursday, November 18 at 2:15 & 4:00 p.m. continue NCFR's long time legacy of international study and research on family issues (see pages 4-8 for details). This commitment to International families was begun in 1968 by Elizabeth Force, then NCFR President, who initiated relationships with the IUFO (International Union of Family Organizations). It evolved into NCFR's recognition as an NGO (non-governmental organization) of the United Nations.

Created by UN resolution 44:82, the IYF theme was "Family: Resources & Responsibilities in a Changing World." The official logo of a heart under a roof, embodied the concept of "building the smallest democracy in the heart of society." NCFR involvement in the 1994 International Year of the Family began with the participation of Harriette Pipes McAdoo and M. Janice Hogan, at the UN Malta Conference in 1993. Margaret Feldman and Mary Jo Czaplewski attended the Vienna NGO Conference later, and thus plans for an International conference and publications sponsored by NCFR in Black Mountain, North Carolina took shape.

Chaired by M. Janice Hogan, the theme of that conference was "The Future of Families: Mandate for New Initiatives." Attended by over 200 international scholars and policy makers, the outcome was the publication,

Initiatives for Families: Research, Policy, Practice and Education. Henryk Sokolski, UN International Coordinator of the International Year of the Family, was a keynoter at the conference. He will return to NCFR on November 18 as a panelist, to give us his retrospective and observations of that momentous year. Sharing the podium with him will be Dennis Callagy, who served as the Vienna NGO coordinator, and our own Chair, Jan Hogan.



Cindy Winter, CMP, Conference Director and Jay Teachman, 2004 Program Chair



Has NCFR benefited from its involvement in the UN International Year of the Family over the years? ABSOLUTELY!

- It provided a venue for research, practice and publication for many NCFR members.
- It gave NCFR international visibility and recognition and as a result the

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President's Report

Come One! Come All!

Leadership Forums at the Orlando Conference

As is true in other volunteer organizations - professional and non-professional - the National Council on Family Relations (NCFR) is always on the lookout to find, encourage, refresh, and acknowledge its leaders. To help NCFR with these important tasks, a series of leadership activities are planned at the 2004

Orlando conference. These events are designed to meet the needs of new and longer-term members. The sessions will highlight ongoing opportunities for your increased involvement in NCFR. These will include a first-time NCFR leadership position, exploration of a new area of the organization in which you have not previously been active, or receiving some thanks for your past leadership activities. Plan to attend some or all of the activities!

Why the Need for Leaders?

Although NCFR has a full-time staff to facilitate planning and help in such tasks, it is the members of NCFR who select our journal editors; chair and serve as officers of our sections; evaluate our candidates for the Certified Family Life Educator certificate; organize the theme for the annual conference; develop and serve on the affiliated councils; nominate members for national office; and serve

on NCFR's Board of Directors. With such a variety of opportunities, there is a continuing need to identify members willing and able to do these tasks.

How the Focus on Leadership Started

As a result of their work as co-chairs of the Elections Council, Maxine Hammonds-Smith and Leonor Johnson became aware of the need to identify a wider pool of potential NCFR leaders. While we have many good candidates for office, they cannot always serve when positions are open because of other commitments.

After planning sessions at the last two annual conferences, the NCFR Board affirmed the need for a leadership conference open to all interested members and focused on NCFR's activities. Our first such effort will occur at this November's meeting.

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Report

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number of international members of NCFR has increased as have the foreign subscriptions to our journals.

- Two popular NCFR publications – *One World Many Families*, and *Initiatives for Families* became the foundation of many international family studies courses and netted a profit for NCFR.
- It established connections with other international organizations devoted to family policy and research, i.e. U.K., Canada, Austria, Switzerland (The Lutheran World Federation in Geneva), Taiwan, Singapore, Korea, Japan, China, Russia, Slovenia, Hong Kong, Sweden, Norway.
- NCFR became a catalyst for family life education in several foreign countries.
- It raised awareness of International Family Policy issues among NCFR's

members and strengthened the International Section of NCFR.

- It paved the way for NCFR's role in subsequent UN conferences, such as the Beijing International Conference on Women and the resulting involvement with the U.S. Interagency Council on Women.

We hope that you will mark your conference schedules to attend the special sessions on Thursday, and visit the Exhibits of International Families. Those who were involved in the original IYF conference will want to warmly welcome Mr. Sokolski and other guest speakers on these panels.

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Annual Conference Opportunities for NCFR Leadership Information: Newcomer's Reception

The Newcomer's Reception on Wednesday, November 17th from 6:30 to 7:30 is designed to introduce NCFR and its activities to those of you who have attended the conference for two years or less. During the hour-long session, at which light refreshments are served, attendees choose two tables to join for 30 minutes each. In each session, you can meet NCFR members such as section chairs, the journal editors, the conference program chair and student/new professionals and learn about the CFLE program and NCFR's family policy efforts. You can ask questions of the table presiders and begin to learn where you might like to become more involved in NCFR activities.

President's Reception

Conference newcomers have one set of needs for information about NCFR, but the Elections Council, Editor Selection Committee, and the Board of Directors have learned longer-term members often can also use more information about what is involved in becoming more active in the leadership of NCFR. The President's Reception will take place on Wednesday, November 17th from 8 to 10 p.m., where you will also have the chance to learn more about opportunities for further involvement in NCFR activities.

As you pick up some refreshments and say hello to old friends and, hopefully, meet some new ones, there will also be table hosts around the room. You can walk around, introduce yourself to them, and learn more about leadership opportunities for yourself in NCFR. Among the areas represented, which are more fully described in the conference program, are: how to become more involved in NCFR Sections; the CFLE program; the TCRM workshop; NCFR editorial process and involvement in NCFR's affiliated councils.

Leadership Training: Leading Yourself and Leading Others in NCFR and Other Settings

All NCFR members are invited to attend this session on Friday, November 19th from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. You have the option to bring your own lunch or to sign up for one provided by the hotel (\$25).

In the seminar, you will explore your options and desires for leadership positions in your own career. This will include an examination of your leadership style and possible roles in NCFR and other professional settings. The aim is to enhance your career potential—and hopefully help NCFR at the same time.

The session has been planned by Norma Burgess and Maxine Hammonds-Smith, co-chairs, and Mark Benson, Elise Radina, and Jane Tornatore. Please let Jeanne Strand know by November 1 if you are planning to attend at jeanne@ncfr.org.

What's In It for You?

With so many home and work demands on your time, why should you consider greater involvement in NCFR's activities? It is a question members of many organizations are facing. In our surveys, NCFR members report their special interest in the annual conference, the journals, and the CFLE program. To keep these valued activities going, we, as NCFR members, need to continue to

help make them happen. So, part of the incentive for your involvement is giving back to the organization for the services you and your colleagues value.

Your involvement can also help you with job advancement and recognition, networking, and skills to help you in your professional work in addition to providing yourself a sense of accomplishment that you helped to make a positive difference in NCFR. Each of the leadership events will have a sign up sheet for you to volunteer to become involved in areas of your interest. You can also let me know at the e-mail address below, and I will forward your request.

I hope you will take the opportunity at the conference to learn more about your opportunities to help keep NCFR a strong, vital organization. See you in Orlando!

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How are Romance and Sex Changing the Ways Young People View Family Formation?

The 2004 Penn State National Family Symposium to be held on October 12-13, 2004 on Penn State's University Park campus will focus on "Romance and Sex in Adolescence and Emerging Adulthood: Risks and Opportunities." The symposium will address four key issues relating to current trends in romantic relationships and family formation among young people: the evolutionary, cultural and historical origins of romantic and sexual relationships; how early family and peer relationships give rise to the quality of romantic and sexual relationships in adolescence and young adulthood; the influence of early romantic and sexual relationships on young people concurrently and later in life; and how current trends in romantic and sexual relationships among young people may create problems for individuals, families, and society. Lead speakers will include Helen Fisher (Rutgers University), W. Andrew Collins (University of Minnesota), Peggy Giordano (Bowling Green State University) and Jennifer Manlove and Kristin Moore (Child Trends). Twelve discussants drawn from a variety of disciplines will also offer perspectives on the roots, influences, and effects of romance and sex among young adults. Information and registration materials are available on the Web at <http://www.pop.psu.edu/events/symposium/>, or by contacting Ann Morris, Population Research Institute, The Pennsylvania State University, 601 Oswald Tower, University Park, PA 16802-6211; Phone (814) 863-6607; Fax (814) 863-8342; e-mail: amorris@pop.psu.edu.

Members: Read the Report online! www.ncfr.org

United Nations Commemorates the International Year of the Family



On May 13, 2004, the UN celebrated the 10th Anniversary of the International Year of the Family at the Dag Hammarskjöld Auditorium. Sponsors were the UN NGO Committee on the Family, New York, the UN Department of Information, and the UN Focal Point on the Family Committee.

A morning briefing entitled "The Family Today: Emerging Issues on the International Agenda" featured 4 speakers.

Jose Antonio Ocampo, Under-Secretary General, of the Dept. of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) speaking on behalf of Secretary General Kofi Annan, said that family issues have become part of global actions necessary for achieving two UN goals: social development and the eradication of poverty. The family is under siege due to problems posed by globalization, HIV/AIDS pandemic, civil conflicts and war.

Aster Zaoude, Sr. Gender Advisor for UNDP, advocated gender equality in the workplace, the home and society. **Claude A. Allen**, Deputy Sec. of Health and Human Services outlined the efforts being made to make capacity - building for the welfare of families successful. Major initiatives are working with children of prisoners, HIV/AIDS intervention programs and research. **Peter Crowley**, Vienna Committee on the Family described the Inter-Active Forums launched in 2002 which raised concerns from drinking water to HIV/AIDS, family violence, education, civil wars and international conflicts. Effective ways of enhancing social change and justice must be initiated.

Luncheon speakers focused on the ethical crisis in the world today – namely, the new forms of armed conflict which aim to eradicate entire communities and target the most vulnerable people: women, children and the elderly. **Olara Otunnu**, Secy. General's Special Representative on Children and Armed Conflict and **Richard Goldbloom**, Chancellor of Dalhousie U. of Nova Scotia and a pediatrician, voiced unity in their concerns for the future of children. Goldbloom told that infectious diseases as the major destroyer of children, has now been replaced by

psycho-social problems, poverty and illiteracy. He stressed the importance of parents reading to their children.

An afternoon panel entitled "Inter-generational Family: Present and Future" featured **Mary Mayer**, NGO Committee on Aging; **Emily Freeburg**, NGO Committee on Youth; **Christine Blanc**, NGO Committee on Children's Rights; **Nancy Leidenfrost**, AAFCS; and **Michael Sperling**, Associate Provost, Farleigh Dickinson University. The message of these distinguished panelists was that governments were not taking adequate notice of the demographic changes exploding worldwide and their effects on

families. Nor are the dramatic changes in family composition, roles, and work life issues being addressed. All panelists agreed that the HIV/AIDS pandemic with its devastating effects on families and children is basically ignored in the public policy arena. Children today, the world over are suffering more than ever by slave labor, sexual exploitation, child militarism, and illiteracy – all of which transgress the intentions of the Convention of the Rights of the Child which some of the world leading democratic countries have not signed, including the United States.

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International Year of the Family Activities

The United Nations is celebrating in the 10th Anniversary of the International Year of the Family (IYF). NCFR has been participating in the celebration through a variety of events. You might have noticed some of the *ZIPPY News* messages about research, teaching, service, or community events in a wide range of countries. As of July, *ZIPPY News* and the *Report* featured information about Belgium, Jamaica, Austria, India/South Asia, Spain, Japan, Korea, and Cambodia. In future months, colleagues have agreed to write summaries about Russia, Cuba, Indochina, Mexico, Kenya, Dominican Republic, Malaysia, England, Kazakhstan, Ecuador, and Australia. The current issue of the *Report* contains an article about a conference in Ireland. I wish to offer my gratitude to the colleagues who so graciously contributed these articles.

A second level of celebration has occurred at the affiliate level (e.g., local/state/regional affiliate chapters of NCFR). Some affiliates, such as the Texas Tech Council on Family Relations, have held on-campus discussion panels. Other affiliates, such as the Northwest Council on Family Relations (in collaboration with the Family Science Association) held a multi-day conference, whose theme

was "Sharing Information about International Families through Teaching and Research". The Minnesota Council has as its state conference theme, "Walking In Their Shoes: Understanding the New American Experience." The IYF Affiliate Resource Subcommittee sent a survey to all affiliates to (a) request information about their events and (b) offer assistance to integrate international perspectives into their activities (if they so desire – affiliates are not required to participate).

A third level is the Program Match between US family studies and family studies programs in developing countries. The matching program is a collaborative process; colleagues in developing countries have valuable information to offer their US counterparts. It is hoped that the matches will foster opportunities for collaboration in teaching, research, publication, and service activities. At the time of this writing, programs in Africa, Latin America, and Eastern Europe are being matched with US programs. We hope to continue the match program through 2005, so if you are interested, you can still participate. Please contact Dr. Stephan Wilson, Program Match Subcommittee Chair, at swilson@unr.edu.

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Executive Review

NCFR Hits Its Stride with IYF!

As we finalize plans for the 2004 Annual Conference in Orlando, we are especially excited about the activities that will honor the 10th Anniversary of the International Year of the Family. Many thanks to Jacki Fitzpatrick of Texas Tech University, who chairs the NCFR 10th Anniversary IYF Committee, and to former NCFR executive director Mary Jo Czaplewski, who chairs the subcommittee. Both have taken on IYF tasks with real gusto!

The exciting news is that we will continue to recognize the International Year of the Family in 2005. Jacki Fitzpatrick has agreed to continue to chair this IYF 10 +1 committee. Here are some of the activities the committee has planned:

ZIPPY NEWS (NCFR's weekly electronic news bulletin board):

2004: This year's messages about IYF have focused on conferences, research, current events that directly affect families (for example, the train bombings in

Madrid), and family dynamics/structures in specific countries such as Japan, Austria, Cambodia, Spain, Jamaica, India, and Korea. Beginning in July 2004, messages will focus on Russia, Australia, Botswana, Kazakhstan, Cuba, Indochina, Dominican Republic, Malaysia, and Mexico.

2005: Messages will begin addressing professional issues, such as teaching, therapy/social services, and professional development. Suggested content areas are family policy/law, traditions/rituals, changing family demographics, or aspects of human development (infancy through older adulthood). Messages can also be purely informative (for example, Family Day in Lesotho, Children's Day in Japan).

Program Match

2004: The Program Match is designed to initiate relationships between family studies faculty at U.S. universities and their colleagues in developing countries. This is not a top-down relationship in which US programs "adopt" international programs. Rather, we see this as a relationship among equals in which colleagues have an opportunity to learn about each other's cultures. Match partners are asked to maintain contact for a minimum of six months. The Program Match Subcommittee members will make introductions, describe program options (for example, forms of collaboration between colleagues), and periodically contact colleagues to assess satisfaction for both partners. This periodic contact also allows Match Subcommittee members to address any cultural miscommunications that might arise. In this first or "pilot" year, we hope to make a minimum of four matches.

2005: After refining the process, we hope to make or maintain a minimum of eight matches. Program Match Subcommittee members will contact the partners approximately once every six weeks to monitor satisfaction.

Film List Project

2004: In August, we began soliciting the names of international films that accurately reflect some aspect of family life (for

example, the Chinese film *The Road Home*). We will ask students and colleagues who have firsthand knowledge and experience in a given culture to suggest appropriate films. The list will be distributed to NCFR members so that they can show films in their classes, at affiliate events, or for other activities.

2005: The initial film list will be expanded to address a broader range of cultures and family structures/dynamics and will include both documentary and fictional films. Updates will be noted on *ZIPPY News*.

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2004: In addition to a regular IYF column, articles about specific countries were added to the *Report*. So far, two articles (train bombings in Spain, the conference in Ireland) have appeared. In addition, the December *Family Focus* section will be devoted to international perspectives on the family. (Please note that whatever the topic, *Family Focus* always welcomes contributions that present an international perspective.)

2005: In addition to the IYF column, four articles on specific countries—including several non-European countries—will be published in *Report*.

Conference Events

2004: Two special sessions are planned. The first focuses on the United Nations' involvement in family programs during the decade 1994-2004. The second focuses on research in family survival and resilience in the face of war and terrorism.

Mary Jo Czaplewski's subcommittee has also put together a great panel discussion entitled "International Year of the Family, 1994-2004 – Retrospective and Outlook to the Future." (For more information, see Cindy Winter's "Annual Conference" column on page 1.) Subcommittee members include Marilyn Bensman, the NCFR representative to the United Nations; Mary Ann Hollinger, Messiah College; and Carol Matusicky, the BC Council for Families.

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Interestingly, while this UN program was taking place, another group calling themselves the **IYF+10 Committee** was meeting. It appears that this is a conservative coalition aimed at advocating "pro-family" in the conservative sense of the term. They describe their main goals: "To strengthen the pro family advocacy groups at the UN by helping lobbying efforts in UN meetings; supporting each other in the promotion of family values and strengthening the pro-family international movement." This may be an indication that a universal definition of the family may never be possible in this complex world, but perhaps it may be possible to work together to give families and their constituent members a better environment in which to thrive.

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Dublin Conference Celebrates 10th Anniversary of International Year of the Family

by Valerie Richardson, National Expert for Ireland, European Observatory on the Social Situation, Demography and Family & Senior Lecturer, Department of Social Policy and Social Work, University College, Dublin; and Rudy Ray Seward, Professor of Sociology, University of North Texas

The expanded European Union marked the 10th anniversary of the United Nations' International Year of the Family with a conference on *Families, Change and European Social Policy*. The conference, organized by the Irish Presidency with the support of the EU Commission's Directorate General for Employment and Social Affairs, was held on May 13 and 14 in Dublin.

A comprehensive dialogue

The conference addressed a range of important topics including the contribution of families to social inclusion, social

integration, and social cohesion. Also addressed were the role of families in contemporary European societies, the nature of family life today, and how families are changing. In addition, participants discussed the implications of different approaches to social policy for families and how future social policy should be configured in light of increasing pluralization of family life styles and family forms.

The conference was attended by representatives of various institutions, disciplines, and organizations dealing with



families. This meant that a more comprehensive view and dialogue on family issues emerged than is possible at a typical conference attended only by researchers or policymakers or scholars in a single discipline. As a result, the conference laid a foundation on which fruitful inter-institution, discipline, and organization collaborations can be built in the future.

NCFR represented at the conference

NCFR was represented at the conference by Rudy Ray Seward. He was invited by Valerie Richardson, the expert for Ireland at the European Observatory on the Social Situation, Demography, and Family. The Observatory is a multi-disciplinary network of independent experts who monitor the impact of socio-economic, demographic, and political changes on families and stimulate debate on family issues and related policies.

NCFR's ties with the European Observatory go back to 1989 when it was established by the European Commission. Wilfried Dumon, the expert for Belgium, was a long time member of NCFR. Several other experts, like Rudolf Richter, the expert for Austria, participate regularly with NCFR members in groups like the International Sociology Association's Committee on Family Research.

Seward's participation at the conference was part of NCFR's celebration of the 10th anniversary of the International Year of the Family. His participation also served to strengthen the links between NCFR and international organizations and scholars dealing with families.

The changing Observatory

The Observatory has been housed at the Austrian Institute for Family Studies since 1998. Changes in the Observatory's title and mission reflect debates on how

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2005: One special session is planned. The specific focus of the session has not been identified, but it will be consistent with the conference theme of making meaning in families.

Family Film Night

2004: Two family film nights during this year's annual conference will feature *Bend It Like Beckham* [India and England] and *Shall We Dance?* [Japan]. Both films were chosen by colleagues familiar with the cultures presented. We hope to have each film introduced by a person who knows the culture well. This "host" would provide a brief contextual introduction and participate in a post-film discussion.

2005: If Family Film Night is well received in 2004, it will be continued. Films under consideration include "Ponette" [France], "Children of Heaven" [Iran], and "The Road Home" [China].

Collaborative Efforts

We are working with the American Association for Family and Consumer Sciences, Kappa Omicron NU, and the Points of Light Foundation (POLF).

The Points of Light Foundation and Volunteer Center National Network engages

and mobilizes millions of volunteers from all walks of life—businesses, non-profits, faith-based organizations, low-income communities, families, youth, and older adults. NCFR has worked with POLF for the past three years. This year under the banner of the IYF, POLF invited nominations to honor and celebrate individuals, families, organizations, and volunteer efforts that are making a difference in the lives of vulnerable children and families and meeting the critical needs of their communities. The awards will be announced November 22-26, during National Family Volunteer Day and National Family Week.

On a global level, former NCFR president Carol A. Darling, CFLE, is collaborating with NCFR to study "International Initiatives in Family Education, Family Policy, and Family Issues." This project is part of her second Fulbright Scholarship to teach and conduct research at the University of Helsinki this fall. The purpose of the study is to determine the global characteristics, status, and need for these initiatives.

As always, I welcome your comments. I can be reached as mbenjamin@ncfr.org.

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to approach family issues or even whether they should be approached. The original title was the "European Observatory on National Family Policies." Later it became the "European Observatory on Family Matters," and in 2001, it was changed to the current version with family being listed last.

Several speakers at the conference made the point that nothing in the EU constitution and agreements directs a family focus. The speakers emphasized the economic basis of the EU and pointed out that the EU has no competency in family. As a result, the European Commission has decided not to continue the Observatory but will instead commission appropriate experts from academic and research centers throughout the EU to study specific issues as needed.

Diverse participants

Over 240 academic, research, policy, and political family experts and advocates attended the Conference. Most were government ministry representatives dealing with family or family related issues. For example, Päivi Yli-Pietilä from

the Gender Equality Unit in Finland's Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, was gathering information for a position paper on gender equality. Representatives from the 10 new EU member nations also attended, among them Gábor Vértés from the Hungarian Office of Equal Opportunity.

Along with NCFR, other non-government organizations (NGOs) also were present, including the World Movement of Mothers, represented by Nora Bennis; the Irish Farmers' Association, represented by

The conference underscored the need for on-going analyses of families across the EU.

Mary McGreal; and the Confederation of Family Organizations in the European Community, represented by its director William Lay.

Conference focus

Minster Mary Coughlan of the Irish Department of Social and Family Affairs hosted this first social policy conference

of the Enlarged EU. She was joined in the opening session by Director General Odile Quintin from the European Commission and Director Johan Schölvinck from the UN.

The first day was dedicated to describing the issues. The second day focused on making recommendations for possible action by EU Member States and the EU and other international groups. Recommendations centered on the need to stimulate the fertility rate, get all levels of government involved in family issues, and reform taxes.

All sessions included questions and comments from the audience. The result was lots of stimulating dialogue with many different and often contradictory views expressed. The coffee breaks between sessions were held in the exhibits hall where many organizations, including NCFR, displayed their promotional materials.

Diversity in the EU

The conference underscored the need for on-going analyses of families across

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A fourth level will be events at the NCFR Conference. At the beginning of the opening plenary session, there will be a brief group acknowledgement of (a) attendees from countries other than the US, (b) international students, and (c) US colleagues who conduct cross-national studies/professional activities. These colleagues/students, and all colleagues who are interested in cross-national perspectives, are invited to attend the plenary session.

The conference will have two special sessions. The first session, *International Year of the Family 1994-2004: Retrospective and Outlook to the Future*, will feature **Henryk Sokolski**, the 1994 Coordinator of the United Nations International Year of the Family program; **Dennis Callagy**, former NGO (non-governmental organization) representative to the United Nations Office of the International Catholic Child Bureau, and **Dr. Jan Hogan**, Chair of NCFR's 1994 IYF conference in North Carolina. Sokolski, Callagy, and Hogan have remained active in international events during the past

decade, and will offer unique insights into the recent changes and future challenges for families. Immediately following this session, a session on *War and Survival: International Perspectives on Family Resilience and Challenges*, will take place. Future updates on the speakers will be posted on the International Section listserv and NCFR ZIPPY News.

In addition, the conference will have two family film nights (Thursday evening and Saturday evening [prior to the party]). The film nights will be casual events in a suite at the hotel. The films will be about cultures outside the United States and introduced by a colleague who is from or very familiar with the culture. The colleague will provide a short summary of the cultural context of the film and will be available for discussion after the film. We are planning that the films will be entertainment films that display a "slice of life" in a particular country. The films/speakers have not been finalized, but films currently in discussion include "Shall We Dance?" [Japan], "Bend It Like Beckham" [England/India], and "Ponette" [France]. We hope that this will be a relaxing,

enjoyable, and informative way to end the evening.

Last, but not least, IYF is being celebrated in two NCFR publications. *The Journal of Marriage and Family* will publish a special fifth issue in December 2004. The theme is *International Perspectives on Families and Social Change*. The papers that will be published have already been reviewed and accepted. The guest editor of the special issue is Laura A. Sanchez. In addition, the *Family Focus* of the December 2004 NCFR Report is dedicated to *International Family Studies*. Given the broad range of international studies and the different nature of the publications, the articles in JMF and the Focus will be quite different, but we hope of equal interest.

I wish to thank Michael Benjamin, Cindy Winter, Gay Kitson, Jay Teachman, and all members of the IYF Committee for their support and dedication. If you have any questions/comments about the IYF events, please feel free to contact me.

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nations. Concerns about the low fertility levels, aging populations, and declining labor force participation have surfaced to some extent in all countries, yet a great deal of diversity between and within countries remain. Socio-economic inequalities contribute a good deal to this diversity. This diversity must be acknowledged, respected, and addressed when policies are made or adjusted.

The resilience of families including intergenerational solidarity is impressive but present trends suggest a conundrum. While the need for more caregivers grows, fewer caregivers are available. Most participants agreed that policy efforts are needed to balance adequate social provisions, support for reproduction and the labor supply, and economic needs and resources while trying to avoid contradictions along the way.

Rights and choice

Many delegates, the Irish among them, were concerned that the EU would force family policies on them. Policies on family size, labor force participation, and the reduction of child poverty are more likely to succeed if they offer real choice, gender equality, proper care services, and high and universal welfare support. Such

policies should promote rights and choice but not resort to compulsion.

The program concluded with a celebration of the International Day of the Family. Constantinos Fotakis from the European Commission and Johan Schölvinnck made closing remarks. These were followed by Irish family members representing different generations describing what "family" meant to them. Minister Coughlan noted

that the conference originally was scheduled to last one more day but it was decided that it would be more fitting to allow attendees to spend this special family day with their families.

For copies of the program with commentary, related activities, and selected presentations see: http://www.welfare.ie/topics/eu_pres04/fam_conf/



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CFLE Directions

NCFR Interns: A Win-Win Collaboration



Over the years we have employed a number of interns to help with the work of NCFR. There is never a shortage of projects to complete and the mission of NCFR provides a great learning opportunity for people wanting to work in the family field.

Currently NCFR is working with two women on projects related to the Certified Family Life Educator program.

Giselle Goetze, a recent graduate of Purdue University, is working on defining the scope of family life education. Though not technically an intern, Giselle was interested in working with NCFR because of her interest in family life education and her desire to work with children and families. The *FLE Scope Project* has required her to complete a literature review and develop a survey which will

be administered to all CFLEs. The results of this survey will help NCFR further define the field of family life education including the settings in which family life educators work and the type of work that they do.

"I applied for the project because I believe that the family is the primary place of intervention, and I wanted to learn more about CFLEs - particularly what jobs they hold and how being certified benefits them. I look forward to summarizing the responses from the surveys."



If you are a CFLE, please assist us in this important project by completing the survey, which you should receive some time in September.

Deborah Eckhoff is a graduate student in Human Development at St. Mary's University in Minneapolis. As part of her coursework, Deborah is writing a position paper focused on the question "How Can Family Life Educators Enrich Community Life?" In an attempt to answer that question, Deborah is assisting NCFR with several projects including development of the FLE CD, identification of distance education opportunities related to the CFLE criteria, and evaluation of the CFLE application process. Exposure and involvement in these projects will provide an excellent opportunity for Deborah to get entrenched in the field of family life education and all it entails.

CERTIFIED FAMILY LIFE EDUCATORS

Following is a list of Certified Family Life Educators designated since April 15, 2004. (* - Provisional)

Arkansas

Susan Takigiku

California

S. Shay Engram-Crudup *

Florida

Katrina Akins *
Arlene Gordon

Idaho

John Van Kirk *

Indiana

Lauralyn Mohr *
Maria Schmidt

Kansas

Cathy Terrell

Kentucky

Kelly Young *

Louisiana

Loren Marks

Maryland

Amelia Findiesen *
Marika Martin *

Michigan

Jacquelyne Camper
Sherry Conner *
Lois Hayes-Carr *
Jan Hansen *
Sharon Herrell *
Jennifer Kelly *
Martha Kissell *
Rose Kreger *
Pamela Langford *
Chantel Lumpkin
Deann Moreno *
Linda Norton *
Ildrid Pavey
Laura Sangster
Debra Simonetti *

Minnesota

Megan McMahan *

New Mexico

Karim Martinez *

New York

Michelle Bergamo

North Carolina

Nicole Veltri *

Ohio

Patricia London
April Reardon *
Kristyn Sliver *

Oregon

Brenda Pearson *

Texas

Shauna Frisbie
Hortencia Narezo *
Jacquelyn Taylor Hercek *
Wendy Wilson *
Melissa Wood *

Utah

Abigail Davenport *
Heidi Lemon *

Wisconsin

Sterling Wall

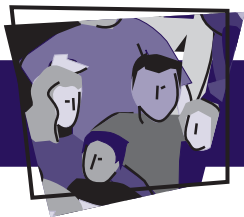
"I started the Human Development program with one specific goal in mind. I wanted to make a difference in the lives of families. I am very excited about the opportunity to work with NCFR. It has provided me with an opportunity to become involved with several projects that focus on the goal of increasing the visibility of family life education. I want to be affiliated with an organization that defines and promotes family education.

I plan to submit my application for certification as a family life educator and I look forward to applying my skills to one or more of the diverse practice settings."



Overseeing an internship position requires organization and planning on the part of

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Members in the News



Spotlight on S/NP Professional Activities: Dr. Tammy S. Harpel

Dr. Tammy S. Harpel received her M.S. in Applied Family and Child Studies from Northern Illinois University and her Ph.D. in Child Development and Family Studies from Purdue University. She is currently an Assistant Professor of Family and Child Studies at Louisiana Tech University in Ruston, Louisiana. She teaches a variety of courses at the undergraduate and graduate level, including multicultural family studies, infant, adolescent, and life span development, family coping, and research methods. She is the faculty advisor for the Louisiana Tech Student Council on Family Relations and will assume the position of Program Coordinator for the Family and Child Studies master's program beginning in the fall of 2004.

Dr. Harpel joined NCFR in 1993 when she began her graduate studies. She is currently the Student/New Professional Representative for the Family Science Section and will begin a two-year term as the Secretary/Treasurer for the Family Science Section in November of this year. She has served as a coordinator of the NCFR Media Awards judging for the past two years and is co-coordinator of the Qualitative Family Research Network (QFRN) roundtable session for this year's conference.

She has consistently presented her ideas and work at the annual conferences of NCFR through roundtable, poster, and paper formats, with most of her presentations focusing on issues related to teaching family science courses. Her interest

in the scholarship of teaching was fostered by her experiences during her doctoral training at Purdue. While a doctoral student, Dr. Harpel independently taught a variety of courses, supervised teaching assistants, and worked as an Instructional Specialist at Purdue's Center for Instructional Technology. This fall, she plans to begin a line of research in which she will investigate the effectiveness of various teaching methods in altering attitudes and fostering learning among students enrolled in family studies courses.

For her dissertation, Dr. Harpel performed a qualitative study in which she interviewed pregnant women about their experiences with ultrasound exams and

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the NCFR staff and can be time-consuming, but the rewards are many. Interns provide passion and enthusiasm as well as solid skills, current knowledge and a fresh perspective. NCFR has been fortunate in working with capable, committed interns who have given their all to the positions they fill.

You or someone you know can be part of the behind-the-scenes working of NCFR! Opportunities exist to assist in the administration of the CFLE program, the coordination of the NCFR Annual Conference, and the Public Policy Conference. In addition, there are general opportunities in assisting in the day-to-day workings of this nationally-recognized professional membership organization.

Interns should have academic background in family, strong organizational skills, the ability to handle several assignments simultaneously, and the ability to work both independently and with others in a small office environment. Applicants will be required to submit references and a

brief resume or bio. Interns receive a \$500 stipend. Watch for specific position announcements and get involved in the work of NCFR!

FLE Poster Contest Winner Announced!

A committee of ten NCFR members has chosen the winner of the NCFR Family Life Education Poster Contest from a field of 24 submissions. The winning

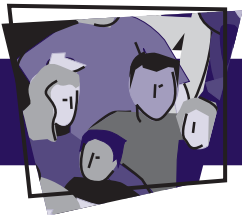
design is actually a combination of two submissions from students of Assistant Professor Jonathan Davis at Samford University. The first design was submitted by **Sarah Atkins, Kari Blodgett, and Beth Clevenger**. Their design included a listing of humorous yet poignant examples of the issues included in family life education. The second winning submission was designed by **Valerie Craft, Marie Hundley, and Emily Richardson** and included the tag line "Family Life Education: Teaching Families; Changing Lives." The two designs will be incorporated into one which will be depicted in poster format.

Watch for the winning design to be displayed at the NCFR conference in Orlando in November. Copies will be sent to all current CFLEs and NCFR approved academic programs and will also be available for purchase.

*Dawn Cassidy, M.Ed., CFLE
Certification Director
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Thanks to the FLE Poster Review Committee for their input!

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Kimberly Downs
H. Wallace Goddard
Sally Jones
Karim Martinez
Caroline McBee
Mary Reece
Joanne Roberts
Lois Sadler
Carolyn Wilken



Annual Conference

Student/New Professional Perspective: How to Make the Most of NCFR's 2004 Conference in Orlando, Florida

If you read the article in the June *Report* entitled, "S/NP Perspective: Benefits of attending NCFR's annual conference in Orlando, Florida," then you are already aware of the great things that can come from attending NCFR's annual conference. In this edition I would like to focus on how you can make the most of your time at the conference. These tips are intended to help you navigate through the conference whether it's your first conference or your fourth! Because many newcomers find themselves confused about the different types of sessions offered at the conference, I will begin with a general description of these.

- **Plenary** – These are sessions that are meant to be of interest to all conference attendees. For the most part, no other conference activities are scheduled during plenary sessions. Typically, plenary speakers are invited speakers who are well-known scholars in the field or are studying a topic that is currently of high interest in the field. Plenaries can consist of multiple invited speakers and a moderator or of one invited speaker and a moderator. There are approximately 30 minutes at the end of each session for questions.
- **Paper sessions** – These are sessions in which 3-4 papers (by different authors) are presented in a 90-minute time period. Typically, a separate discussant who has read all of the papers initiates a discussion regarding the different topics, focusing on their strengths, weaknesses, and commonalities.
- **Poster sessions** – These are 90-minute sessions in which scholars summarize their work on a poster board; posters are displayed in a ballroom and scholars are available to answer questions and discuss their work.

■ **Symposia** – These are collective presentations of papers in which authors discuss a related topic. They are similar to a paper session, but the authors collaborated to present their work together prior to submitting their proposal for the conference.

■ **Roundtables** – These sessions are limited to 10 participants and follow the format of an informal discussion on a particular topic (research, teaching, or practice). For example, two S/NP officers are co-chairing the Qualitative Family Research Network roundtable session on Wednesday, Nov. 17 from 8 to 9:15 p.m. Discussion topics will include issues and challenges involved in funding, designing, conducting, and publishing qualitative research.

■ **Teaching roundtables** – These are similar in format to the above, but the focus

of the discussion centers upon teaching; attendees are encouraged to bring their own materials to share with the group.

Now that you have a better idea of the offerings at the conference, I'll turn to the "nuts and bolts" of making your conference experience a productive one. One of the main benefits of attending the conference is the opportunity to network with other scholars. "Other scholars" can range from other S/NPs who are conducting research in an area similar to yours to well-known scholars whose work you have read (and may have even cited). It is useful to network with a variety of people, as you may meet them again at a future job interview...you never know!

So, where/when/how do you introduce yourselves to these individuals? There are

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the manner in which the ultrasounds shaped their feelings of attachment, behaviors, roles and relationships. She is currently conducting a similar study in northern Louisiana, this time using a survey method, to investigate the ways in which advanced ultrasound technology, specifically the 4D ultrasound, provides women with a means to prepare themselves and others for the changes in their impending roles and family relationships. Prenatal technologies, such as the ultrasound, are often treated as routine aspects of prenatal care, with little attention to the ways in which the women process and use the information they gain from

the technology. Thus, her research is valuable in that it fills a gap in the existing literature and provides practitioners with insight about the impact of ultrasound technology on pregnant women and their families. Dr. Harpel's research interests are not limited to pregnancy and prenatal technology. She plans to expand her research agenda to investigate the influences of other technologies on family transitions and intergenerational relationships.

Dr. Harpel lives with her husband of 14 years and two school-age daughters in Ruston, Louisiana.



Thanks to Michael Benjamin, Executive Director of NCFR, the exciting work of one NCFR Student or New Professional will be highlighted in each NCFR Report. If you know of a Student or New Professional who is conducting exciting work (basic or applied) in the area of children and families, please contact Adriana Umaña-Taylor (Adriana.umana-taylor@asu.edu). Self-nominations are welcome!

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a number of opportunities for networking. First, you can introduce yourself to scholars after they have presented a paper at a paper session or while they are standing in front of their poster at a poster session. Roundtable sessions are also great opportunities to network with scholars, as they provide an informal setting within which scholars can discuss similar research interests. You also can attend informal events that allow you to network with other attendees. The following events provide unique opportunities to meet other S/NPs as well as seasoned scholars:

- **President's Welcoming Reception** – This reception is hosted by the NCFR President and is held on the evening of the first day of the conference. This is the

President's welcome to conference attendees and snacks are typically provided.

- **Newcomer's Reception** – This reception is a great way to learn more about NCFR. Tables are set up around a large room; each table represents different aspects of NCFR (sections, committees, etc.). A representative from each section leads the discussion at the various tables and is available to answer questions. Participants can choose their tables based on which aspect of NCFR they would like to learn more about. All attendees are welcome.

- **University Receptions** – Each year different universities host receptions one evening during the conference so that

attendees can learn more about their institutions and departments. This is typically held in a large ballroom and each university has their own table with refreshments. This is a good opportunity to meet faculty and graduate students from different institutions.

- **Section Meetings** - NCFR has 10 special interest sections that focus on specific areas of study and research such as international families, research & theory, feminism & family studies, and ethnic minority families. Each section holds a business meeting during the conference, and these meetings are open to all NCFR members, even if you are not a member of the section. Attending these meetings is a good opportunity to learn more about each section, and to network with scholars who share your interests. It can also help you to decide if you would like to become a member of a particular section. As a member, you may be eligible for section-only awards, which sometimes include travel assistance to the conference. All NCFR members are eligible to become members of any section; and you can join as many as you would like. For a description of each section see http://www.ncfr.org/about_us/b_o_d_section_info.asp.

- **S/NP Networking Sessions** – The S/NP officers host these sessions, which provide S/NPs the opportunity to meet other S/NPs as well as ask questions about the organization and the conference. This is an informal setting in which you can learn more about NCFR from peers who are more familiar with the conference. We also offer door prizes and snacks!

- **S/NP and NCFR Sections-Sponsored Dance** – This event is held on the last evening of the conference. There is typically a DJ or live music. This is an informal event where conference attendees are able to relax and enjoy the last moments of the conference with their friends and colleagues.

These events occur every year at NCFR's annual conference and are attended by both newcomers and long-term NCFR attendees. Note that the times and locations for all of these events can be found

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National Council on Family Relations



Inequalities and Families

66th Annual Conference

November 17-20, 2004

Pre-conference Workshops November 15-16, 2004
Rosen Centre Hotel, Orlando, Florida
Program Chair: Jay D. Teachman, Western Washington University

2005 NCFR Conference in Phoenix

Historic and sunny Phoenix, Arizona, is the setting of the 2005 NCFR conference, to be held November 16-19, 2005. The theme is "The Multiple Meanings of Families." Internationally recognized researchers, educators, and therapists will present sessions that will appeal to the broad audiences that NCFR conferences attract. Planned are plenaries, special sessions, research updates, a round robin for book authors, paper sessions, poster presentations, and exhibits from family-oriented publishers and organizations. In addition, I will be organizing a multi-media presentation on the multiple meanings of families and will call upon members of NCFR to participate.

The plenaries are "Multiple Learnings from Work with Families of 9/11," "Work and Family: Trajectories and Transitions," "The Meanings of Sexuality, Gender, and Erotic Desire," "The Meanings of Aging in Cross-Cultural perspectives."

Pauline Boss, Andres Torres, and Lorraine Beaulieu will talk about their work in New York City with families who lost loved ones in the terrorist attack that took place on September 11, 2001. Pauline is professor of family social science at the University of Minnesota, and the recipient of numerous awards in recognition of her work on ambiguous loss, including NCFR's Burgess Award in 2002. A past president of NCFR, Pauline has numerous publications including *Ambiguous Loss*.

Andres is Director of Outpatient Mental Health at the Roberto Clemente Center, located in the Lower East Side of Manhattan. Immediately after the attack, Andres worked with families through the Red Cross and continued this work through the Clemente Center. Lorraine is founder and director of Project Union Outreach, New York that went into effect immediately after the attack. She also is a faculty member at the Medical College of Virginia and clinical director of the World Trade Center Building Trades Support Network.

Judith Halberstam, a professor of literary and cultural studies at the University of California, San Diego, will discuss the meanings of gender, sexuality, and desire. She is the author of many articles and several books including *Female Masculinity* and *Transmodernity: Postmodern Space and Queer Embodiment*. She teaches courses on gender theory, queer studies, literature, film, and art and has presented nationally and internationally on gender, sexuality, desire, and queer studies.

Vern Bengtson will lead a plenary on "The Meanings of Aging in Cross-Cultural Perspectives" Vern is the AARP/University Professor of Gerontology and professor of sociology, at the University of Southern California. He is the principal investigator of The Longitudinal Study of Generations, begun more than 30 years ago, and director of the Andrus Gerontology Institute at USC, and the author and editor of many books and articles. Most recently, he is one of the editors of *Sourcebook of Family Theory and Research* to be available at NCFR in November 2004.

Phyllis Moen will lead the plenary on "Work and Family: Transitions and Trajectories." Phyllis holds the McKnight Presidential Chair in the sociology department at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. She teaches and does research on transitions and trajectories related to work and family careers over the life course, aging and gender stratification, and family policy. She has a particular interest in the intersections between individual life paths and societal institutions. She

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in the conference program booklet, which is currently available online and you will receive a hard copy of when you register (see http://www.ncfr.org/pdf/Program_Schedule.pdf).

Another part of making sure that you have a smooth (and successful!) conference experience involves getting your travel arrangements organized ahead of time. Here are some basic tips on organizing your travel for the conference:

- Make sure you check the Conference Program before making your flight plans so that you do not miss important sessions because you arrived too late or left the conference too early. The Conference Program is typically posted online prior to the conference (see above for direct link).
- Work as a student volunteer during the conference to save money on the conference registration fee. Contact Dr. Crosbie-Burnett for more information about this opportunity (mcrosbur@miami.edu; see <http://www.ncfr.org/pdf/Studentaide.pdf>).
- Make sure that you take advantage of the student rooms available at the conference hotel. This gives you the opportunity to stay at the conference hotel at a discounted rate. Also, take

advantage of the roommate matching service, if you would like to save money on your room rate by sharing with other students (see http://www.ncfr.org/pdf/STUDENT_CONFERENCE_HOUSING.pdf).

Finally, some important advice: It's alright to take some down time during the conference. There are many people to meet, a lot to do, and many exciting studies/methodologies to learn. However, you should not feel like you have to attend every session. You may find that you get more out of the conference if you manage to take breaks during the four days of intensive "NCFRring."

The 2004 NCFR conference provides a number of wonderful opportunities for students and new professionals. In your registration materials, you will receive an S/NP Highlights newsletter, which outlines all of the S/NP specific activities that will take place during the conference. The Student/New Professional officers of NCFR will host a number of activities throughout the conference tailored specifically toward S/NPs, and these will be detailed in the newsletter. Please look out for these activities. We look forward to seeing you in November!

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has published extensively and is the author of *It's about time: Couples and Careers* (2003).

In a special session, Mark Roosa and Larry Dumka, professors at Arizona State University in the department of family and human development, will present their research and practice on "Working with Mexicans and Mexican Americans: Cultural and Contextual Perspectives." Their special focus is in how cultural values and beliefs affect the way we provide services to, and how those services are received by, Mexican and Mexican-American clients. They will emphasize the diversities within Mexican and Mexican-American fami-

lies within various contexts. Both Mark and Larry have an extensive publication record and substantial research funding from the National Institutes of Mental Health.

Rick Fabes, Carol Martin, and Laura Hanish, professors at Arizona State University, Department of Family and Human Development, will do a research update for practitioners on peer relationships in childhood. Rick, Carol, and Laura have collaborated on several projects and have published and presented together on children's social and emotional development. All three are nationally and internationally known for their research on children's social, emotional, and gender

development and have received funding from governmental agencies and foundations, including the National Science Foundation, the National Institutes of Mental Health, and the state of Arizona.

I'm also planning a "Round Robin" for book authors, a special session on family communication and the internet, and an on-going multiple-media presentation showing the multiple meanings of families. The Round Robin will bring together authors of published books and works about to be published. Authors will give a one-minute overview of their books and participants can visit with authors at round tables. This is an opportunity for participants to learn about the advantages and how to of writing a book. Authors will sell and sign books.

The special session on families and the internet will highlight the potential for innovative research via the internet.

Topics will include the construction of internet surveys, ethnographic research and the internet, and inter-generational communications through e-mail.

The multi-media presentation on the meanings of families will require the participation of NCFR members. I would like members to videotape or put together a 1-minute or less Power Point presentation on their ideas of family. The presentations will be composed of pictures, with no or little text. I'll be writing more about this later, but I wanted to get NCFR members to start thinking about contributing to this project. The tentative deadline for submissions will be February 1, 2005. I will work with technicians to put together a CD that will be played continuously throughout the conference. In this way, conference participants can immerse themselves in the multiple meanings of families.

Save the date: November 16-19, 2005, in historic and sunny Phoenix, Arizona.

Jane Gilgun
2005 Program Chair
E-mail: jgilgun@umn.edu

Add the TCRM Workshop to Your Registration This Year!

This year the Theory Construction and Research Methodology Workshop will overlap considerably with the annual meeting. We will begin Tuesday evening and continue through Thursday morning. In addition to the usual stimulating working paper sessions, we will have a number of special sessions, symposia, and methodological demonstration sessions. Some highlights include: the opening plenary session on qualitative methods and their relationship to theory, a special session on theoretical and methodological issues in the study of same-sex relationships (with special focus on how theory and research in this area relates to the current debate over legalizing same-sex marriage), a special in-depth companion session to a regular NCFR Research & Theory section symposium on the analysis of dyadic data, a symposium on theories about marriage that go beyond individualism and contract models, a demonstration session on different methods for working with missing values, and a closing plenary session, co-sponsored by the Research and Theory Section, presenting two alternative approaches (one quantitative and one qualitative) for operationalizing and analyzing family context linkages and effects. We have also invited a number of special guests to present or serve as discussants. These include, among others: Phyllis Stern (Discussant: Qualitative Methods Session), Laurie Steinberg and

Carl Auerbach (Presenters: Same-Sex Relationship Research and Theory Session), Aline Sayer (Discussant: Dyadic Analysis Session), and Ronald Simons and Annette Lareau (Presenters: Operationalizing and Analyzing Family-Context Linkages and Effects).

In addition to the stimulation the Workshop always provides, we have also added a few special bonuses this year. The fee has been reduced for non-students from \$40 to \$30 when you select the CD-Rom distribution method for the workshop papers and we will be raffling off several major reference volumes from Sage (including copies of the new *Sourcebook*) at the Tuesday evening sessions! It is easier than ever to register for TCRM. You can just add it to your normal NCFR registration form or you can register separately by going to: https://secure.ncfr.com/tcrm_registration.asp. Note that you do not need to register for NCFR in order to register for TCRM, although the close overlap makes that easier than ever before. Also note that we distribute copies of workshop papers prior to the workshop, so you will need to register for the workshop at least before October 10th in order to guarantee receipt of the papers ahead of time. Hope to see you in Orlando!

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To receive the NCFR Zippy News or to be added to a Section listserv, please contact John Pepper: pepper@ncfr.org

Feminist Theory, Methods and Praxis in Family Studies

Call for Manuscripts for a Special Issue of the *Journal of Family Issues*; Guest Editors: Sally Lloyd, April Few & Katherine Allen

Over the past three decades, feminist/womanist theories, methodologies and practices have had an unparalleled impact on the field of family studies. In 1995, Thompson and Walker noted that the field of family studies was moving into an era wherein many scholars had replaced positivist assumptions with contextualized and gendered understandings of families defined in diverse and inclusive ways. This special issue will highlight the continuing integration of such feminist/womanist perspectives into the field of family studies.

Many feminist scholars in family studies span multiple fields, integrating their work across family studies, women's studies, Africana studies, Mujerista/Latina Studies, queer theory, transnational feminisms, and multicultural feminisms. We are particularly interested in papers that span such multiplicities, highlighting the rich interplay of ideas, and the challenges and tensions inherent in such transdisciplinary work.

This special issue will publish original theoretical and methodological papers, with particular emphasis on innovative scholarship that fully integrates feminist and/or womanist theory and methods across a wide range of topics in the family field. Such papers could include (but are not limited to) work on:

- intersectionalities of race, class, gender, sexuality, age, nation, ability, and/or religion

- integration of feminist theory/methods with key substantive areas within family studies (e.g., interpersonal relationships, family transitions, violence, intergenerational relationships, policy, family and work)
- work that brings family studies into dialogue with other academic fields, including but not limited to women's studies, ethnic studies, queer studies, cultural studies, religious studies, and international studies
- diverse methodologies, including qualitative, quantitative, and mixed methodologies
- illustrations of feminist practice in education, policy, administration, daily life, and activism toward social change

Because the special issue is intended to foster dialogue and advancement of theory, we may invite noted scholars to serve as discussants/respondents to the collection.

Submission deadline: December 15, 2004 (postmark).

Manuscripts should be submitted in quadruplicate to Sally Lloyd, School of Education and Allied Professions, Miami University, Oxford OH, 45056. Manuscripts may be submitted electronically to lloydsa@muohio.edu.

Questions about the special issue may be addressed to Sally Lloyd (lloydsa@muohio.edu), Katharine Allen (kallen@vt.edu) or April Few (alfew@vt.edu).

CASA Family Day: September 27th

The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University (CASA) has launched a new website promoting *Family Day: A Day to Eat Dinner with Your Children*, www.CASAFamilyDay.org. The site has fact sheets, sample event ideas, brochures, and the report, "The Importance of Family Dinners" available to download, as well as quick and easy recipe ideas and tips on talking to your children. Help CASA reach their goal of one million families dining together on September 27th and pledge to have dinner with your family.

NCFR is looking for submissions for the December *Family Focus*. The theme is "International Perspectives on the Family." Possible topics include immigrant and refugee families, families in developing countries, marriage and parenting across cultures, bicultural families, the role of elders, adolescent development, changing roles of women, families and war, globalization and families, work and families, family policy, the experience of FLEs working outside the U.S., etc. This is a broad topic, and we welcome all suggestions. The deadline is October 5, 2004. To contribute a piece, please contact the editor, Nancy Giguere, immediately at gigue001@umn.edu

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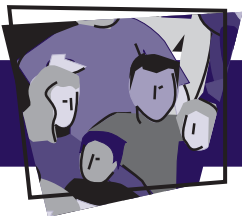
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Section News

Special Session on Diversity to be Offered at Annual Conference

Sensitivity to diverse audiences is a growing need for family-serving professionals. For that reason, NCFR sections are jointly sponsoring a special symposium entitled “Skilled Dialogue.”

The Skilled Dialogue approach (Barrera & Kramer, 1996; Barrera, Corso & Macpherson, 2003) is based on action research over the past 10 years with EC and ECSE practitioners and families in multiple contexts. Rather than depending

upon categorizations of groups, this approach employs skilled dialogue.

Skilled Dialogue’s two main skills—Anchored Understanding of Diversity and 3rd Space—will be discussed in the NCFR special session. The first skill, Anchored Understanding of Diversity, emphasizes a relational and contextualized understanding of differences based on personal, face-to-face exchanges of “stories” rather than on preset conceptualizations.

The second skill, 3rd Space, asks practitioners to make a shift from dichotomies to inclusive and integrative perspectives that focus on the complementary aspects of diverse beliefs, values, or behaviors that, at first glance, may seem to contradict or inhibit desired practices or outcomes.

The presenter will describe the Skilled Dialogue approach, emphasizing its use as a tool identifying and tapping into the strengths and resources of children and families, especially those whose values, languages and behaviors are diverse from those typically characterized as the “norm”.

Join Isaura Barrera, developer of Skilled Dialogue, on Saturday morning, November 20th for this special session sponsored by Education and Enrichment and Family and Health Sections. For questions, contact Wally Goddard (wgoddard@uaex.edu).

Wally Goddard
Chair, Education and Enrichment Section
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Feminism and Family Studies Section

Greetings! Before we all disappear into the chasm of fall semester, I wanted to extend a welcome to all NCFR members:

You are invited to attend the superb feminist events that our section is sponsoring and co-sponsoring at the annual conference in November.

A few highlights include symposia on domestic violence and multi-racial feminist theory, paper sessions that showcase innovative social constructionist methods as well as research on GLBT family issues, and a teaching roundtable on post-structuralist feminist pedagogy. In addition to these sessions, we have a number of excellent posters and roundtables, as well as events co-sponsored with other sections. And for goodness sake, don’t forget to attend our business meeting! We will be planning our 20th Anniversary Bash and formulating a slate for the next election of officers.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at roswald@uiuc.edu.

See you in November!

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Research and Theory Sessions in Orlando: Lots of Co-sponsoring

I know you’re all dying to know what’s happening with Research and Theory (R&T) Section sessions in Orlando. R&T got so many wonderful submissions this year that, although I’m sad that we had to decline quite a few truly excellent papers, the ultimate implication is that all of our posters, papers, and roundtables are exciting. “Thank you” to all of you who helped with the review process.

Remember that the recent shift to an increased number of posters relative to paper sessions means that there are a lot of papers in the poster sessions, where you can linger and talk to authors. We have so many excellent posters on related topics that we have been able to cluster them together quite nicely, so you can browse among papers on inequality, parenting, stability, or children at risk—all right next to each other. And no 12 minute limits! The same goes for roundtables, where this year four of our seven are

methodologically oriented. I think this format is especially suitable for getting a handle on the latest methodological ideas.

We may have a first this year with companion sessions co-sponsored by R&T and the Theory Construction and Research Methodology Workshop (TCRM). The two symposia focus on analyzing couple data (a nice follow-up to the special session on HLM we sponsored in 2002). Check out the TCRM session, 11:00 on Wednesday, in that wonderful TCRM format that is essentially all discussion. Register for TCRM (<http://www.ncfr.com/tcrm/default.htm>) and you also get a complete set of cutting edge papers on methods (e.g., on qualitative methods) and theory (e.g., on same sex relationships). By the way, TCRM has been re-scheduled this year to overlap with the general meetings in order to make it easier to attend both. The final TCRM Plenary (8:30 a.m. on Thursday)

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Affiliate Connection

Share in and Celebrate the Work of Your Colleagues

The National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference will be held in Orlando, November 17-20 and you will want to share in the work of your colleagues. The Association of Councils (AOC) is sponsoring several sessions that you might wish to place on your calendar. Those in leadership roles or those who desire to hold leadership positions in college/university campus, state or regional affiliated councils should definitely plan to attend the AOC Leadership Training Workshop on November 17 from 8:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Participants will be able to choose from several roundtable presentations: *Starting an Affiliated Group* (Lynda Bessey, Lane Powell, Lyn Rhoden); *CFLE: How Affiliates Can Promote and Support* (Dawn Cassidy); *Dynamic Student Affiliates* (TBA); *Affiliate Programming for FLE for Testifying in Court* (Tammy Henderson); *Wowing with a Web Page: Ideas for Affiliates* (Mary Bold); and *Celebrating International Families at the Affiliate Level* (Deb Berke, Raeann Hamon). The Leadership Workshop offers a wonderful opportunity to glean ideas for strengthening affiliates and their activities. The AOC Business Meeting will immediately follow the Leadership Workshop from 1:00 p.m. until 2:30 p.m.

The AOC is also sponsoring a workshop entitled *How to Develop Training, Workshops or Presentations on Uncomfortable Topics* (Jean Illsley Clarke), November 18, 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., as well as several poster presentations: *Evaluating a Marriage Education Program for Low-Resource Families*; *Linking University and Child Protective Resources to Provide Parent Education*; and *Parents of Newborns Project: A Model for Building Community Collaborations*.

To recognize the value of our campus affiliated councils in socializing students and new professionals into the field, a very important *Meeting of Presidents or Representatives of Student Affiliated Councils* will be held from 8:30 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. on November 19. Advisors, those in

leadership, and those aspiring to leadership roles in our student affiliated councils are encouraged to attend this idea-sharing event. A free breakfast will be served.

Finally, many of you may want to arrive a day early to take advantage of a pre-conference workshop sponsored by the AOC on November 16, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Dr. Britton Wood and colleagues will present an instructive workshop on *Grief, and Loss: Inequalities of the Grief Experience*. A special thanks to Arminta Jacobson for assembling a nice collection of presentations on behalf of the AOC.

The NCFR conference also affords us the opportunity to celebrate the work of our colleagues. The AOC has several noteworthy awards that highlight the outstanding accomplishments of our members. First, the AOC Meritorious Service Award promotes and recognizes continuing and strong leadership of our affiliates, rewarding those who have contributed to the viability of our affiliate councils. To be eligible, nominees must have: 1) three or more years of continuous involvement in their local/regional affiliate; 2) served at least one term as a local/regional board member or state officer, 3) strengthened contact

and participation in NCFR, and 4) (for university faculty) served as mentor of a student in a research project which was presented at a state or regional conference or assisted in forming and/or sponsoring the student chapter at his/her university OR (for non-university members) provided a significant leadership role in community service or public policy on behalf of the affiliate. As the Association of Councils President, I am accepting nominations until September 15, 2004. Self-nominations are accepted and encouraged. Send materials to: Raeann R. Hamon, Ph.D., CFLE, Messiah College, Box 3047, Grantham, PA 17027 or to rhamon@messiah.edu.

The AOC presents Outstanding Student Paper Awards for the best undergraduate and graduate level paper. Cash awards of \$100 and \$500, respectively, accompany the award, and the graduate student winner is expected to present the paper at the annual conference. The criteria for these awards are available on the NCFR web site (www.ncfr.org). I hope that every active campus, state and regional council will nominate a student next year. The deadline is typically July 1 for an award made in November of that year. Thanks to Joi Woodard Bull for

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on qualitative and quantitative approaches to understanding context effects is open to everyone.

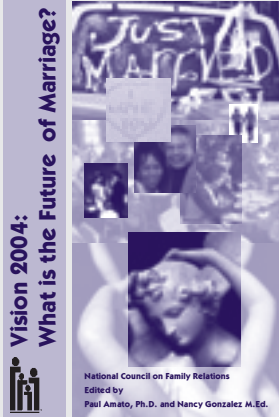
And speaking of co-sponsoring, R&T is involved in 11 other co-sponsored sessions this year with Ethnic Minorities, Family Therapy, Feminism and Family Studies, and Religion and Family Life. That may be a record. Co-sponsoring has allowed us to be involved in some wonderful sessions organized by other sections, covering methods (#307 on research in marriage and family therapy), theory (#407 on shifting the discourse in family studies), and substantive research on inequalities (#110 on children,

#127 on sexual orientation, #222 on domestic violence, and #308 which is hard to describe). And we're happy to get other sections involved in some of the sessions we organized (such as #324 on parenting in African American families, #325 on domestic violence, #344 on low income rural women, and #335 on family work).

Finally, don't forget the Sourcebook reception on Thursday night. The Sourcebook is ahead of schedule!

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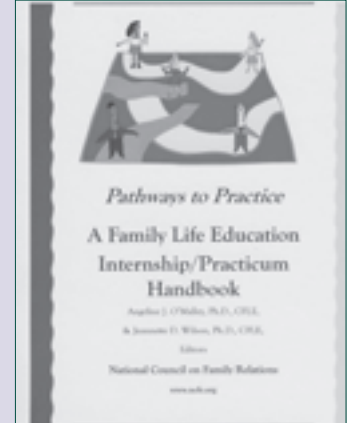
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coordinating the student competition this year. Beginning in 2005, the AOC intends to present a new award, the NCFR Affiliated Council Award of Excellence. Available for college/university campus, as well as state and regional councils, the award is designed to reward those affiliated organizations that surpass the required standards of activity. More information about this award will be forthcoming and available on the website. I hope that you will consider helping your affiliated council to achieve this distinction.

I look forward to seeing you at the NCFR Conference in Orlando where we can share in and celebrate the work of our colleagues.

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The editorial team calls for abstract proposals for book chapters on a variety of topics, eg. theory development, measurement and assessment, clinical application, or content areas such as addiction, adoption, chronic illness, divorce, incarceration, spirituality, stress and trauma, and resilience. Abstracts must explicitly relate to boundary ambiguity and/or ambiguous loss. The editors are especially interested in abstracts that move the work forward for future theory development and research applications.

Authors of selected abstracts will be notified by January 15, 2005, and invited to complete a first draft of their chapter by March 15, 2005. Completed first-draft papers will be distributed to discussants, presented, and discussed at a working symposium on May 20-21, 2005, at the University of Minnesota. A celebratory dinner in honor of Professor Pauline Boss will be held on the evening of May 21, 2005, for participants and the public. Revisions of chapters need to be completed following the symposium by August 15, 2005. Inclusion in the book will be decided on the basis of the finished article.

The abstract should be about 1500 words, double-spaced text, and include the problem statement and/or purpose, method or approach, results or unique contributions, conclusions, implications, and key references.

Please submit three hard copies of the abstract no later than November 22, 2004 to: Kathryn D. Rettig, Ph.D., CFLE, University of Minnesota, College of Human Ecology, Department of Family Social Science, 290 McNeal Hall, 1985 Buford Avenue, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55108, Telephone: (612) 625-7745, Email: Krettig@che.umn.edu



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