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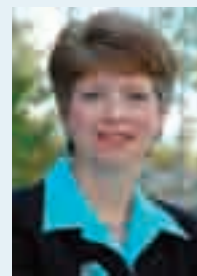
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“Something for Everyone” at the 2009 NCFR Annual Conference in San Francisco!

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If you haven't yet taken a close look at the 2009 NCFR program (<http://www.ncfr.org/conf/current/annual.asp>), you'll want to do it soon! More importantly, if you haven't made your hotel reservation, registered for the conference, and made your travel arrangements to this very affordable event, you'll want to do that now—it's just a few weeks away. This year's meeting has something for everyone, and lots and lots of it!

We've got exciting Plenary sessions with Dr. Andrew Cherlin (*Partnership Turnover in the U.S. and Other Western Countries*); Dr. Scott Stanley and Dr. Pamela Smock (*Cohabitation*); and Dr. Harold Grotevant, Dr. Leslie Hollingsworth, and Dr. Sarah

Dorow (*Adoption*). Note that the Adoption Focus Group meets immediately after this plenary, so we hope that the panelists will be able to join the group for continued discussion.

Our Special Session speakers will afford leading-edge research, practice and policy discussions on topics including *Religion and Families*, *Aging and Kinship*, *The Maori of New Zealand*, *Sexuality and Families*, *The Impact of HIV/AIDS on Families in the U.S. and Abroad*, *Military Families*, *Same Sex Marriage*, *Emotion-Focused Therapy*, *Grounded Theory*, and *International Programs in Family Life Education*. Within each

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session you'll notice a commitment to diversity of populations and experience, in line with the theme of *Families in a Multicultural World*. For instance, the session on *International Programs in Family Life Education* will examine best practices and exciting FLE programs occurring in Brazil, Taiwan, Greece, and Nigeria. The Religion and Family Section speakers will examine how many different faith traditions impact the daily lives of families, as well as the quality of couple relationships. Check out the online program for more details on each session.

We had a high number of strong submissions to our Sections this year for the competitive portion of the program. Thus, there are literally hundreds of paper and poster presentations from which to choose. Many focus on racial/ethnic issues; international, immigrant, and transnational families; feminist methodologies; innovative pedagogical strategies; aging and intergenerational relationships; marriage, parenting, and divorce education; research and theory; work and professional preparation; health and illness; therapy and counseling matters; and much, much more. I hope you'll spend lots of time perusing the stimulating sessions offered by your colleagues.

This year we have several special events that I'd like to highlight:

First, the International Section's *Children of the Camps* pre-conference workshop on Tuesday with Dr. Satsuki Ina, MFT, is sure to provide a memorable experience. Dr. Ina will introduce her Emmy award-winning documentary that portrays the lingering personal impact of the World War II incarceration experience on Japanese Americans who were children during their imprisonment. This film provides a rare glimpse into the very private lives of Japanese Americans who typically have not talked openly about the humiliation and trauma they suffered. Following the screening, Dr. Ina and Dr. Walter Kawamoto will discuss how to use this film as a teaching tool in college instruction. The preconference will also include a walking tour of the historic San Francisco Japan Town.

Secondly, the Ethnic Minorities Section is celebrating its 30th anniversary, so you will note several special events being sponsored by this Section which I hope you will plan to attend. These include two Special Sessions and a "Living Quilt" project during the conference. For more details, see the EM Section article in this issue of *Report*.

The program is replete with sessions and activities designed for students and new professionals. Students will want to check out all the special cost-saving measures available to facilitate their conference attendance including discounted hotel rates. Be sure to try out the *Pecha Kucha* session and attend presentations on the job market for family-related careers, applying to graduate programs, and more.

Saturday is a therapist's delight. Following a Special Session on *Emotionally Focused Family Therapy*, there will be a post-conference workshop (at no extra cost), concentrating more closely on the core skills and tasks in therapeutic practice, corresponding interventions, change events that foster a secure bond between family members, and interventions to help families re-process negative affect and restructure negative interactions.

Fifth, we will continue our ongoing tradition of having our NCFR Fellows host Roundtables on a variety of topics. These Roundtable gatherings offer an opportunity to engage NCFR's outstanding scholars on their areas of expertise.

Finally, we're introducing the opportunity to *Honor our Mentors* at this year's conference. Go to <http://community.ncfr.org/blog/Lists/Posts/Post.aspx?ID=103> to learn how you can publicly acknowledge a mentor who has been instrumental in your professional development.

As we approach our 71st NCFR Annual Conference, I want to publically express my appreciation to the NCFR Section Chairs for their work in assembling a wonderful conference program. Any conference of this magnitude demands a group effort and this was a fantastic assembly of colleagues. I also want to extend my deepest gratitude to Cindy Winter, Nancy Gonzalez, Judy Schutz, and Charlie Cheeseborough, as well as the rest of the NCFR staff for the critical roles that each of them plays in bringing this conference to fruition. Finally, I want to thank NCFR members for their confidence in affording me the privilege to serve NCFR as the 2009 Conference Program Chair. I have truly enjoyed it.

So, take some time to scroll through our conference program, whet your appetite for the intellectual stimulation, think of the colleagues and friends with whom you will re-connect, and make your conference plans, if you haven't done so already. There is "something for everyone" and lots and lots of it. ■



Branding and serving

Migrating to a service role in your professional organization

by Maxine Hammonds-Smith, President, maxinehammonds@NuMeWellness.com

As we continue to reflect, to research, to teach, to practice and to report about family issues, we will need our members to serve in volunteer leadership roles. Accomplished members are continually needed to mentor the next generation of family professionals and assist them in moving up career ladders.

Where do we start?

We continue to familiarize ourselves with our new identity, the process lead by Dwight Jewson as a gift to NCFR, that was rolled out at the 2008 conference in Little Rock. Branding our organization will take time to re-tool our minds with the logo and to internalize the institutional identity pyramid that demonstrates what we do, who we are and the type of organization we represent.

Keeping the pyramid in front of us can help to jumpstart branding and to promote our organization—known among those in the family field as evidence-based as our research journals demonstrate. Being “enlightened,” “affirmed,” and “energized” provides a comfort zone for our members to tell others about NCFR.

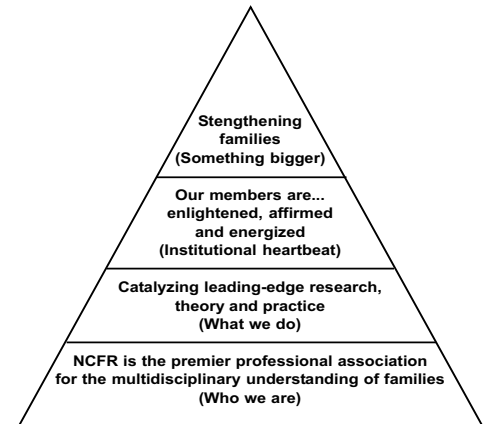
What can we do?

We can continue to promote our new identity—sharing who we are, what we do, and who makes up our membership. It is most important that all accomplished family professionals reach out to our emerging family professionals to introduce them to the organization, encouraging them to join and sustain their membership. There are many ways to “reach out.” A good starting point might be to reflect back on being a student and/or being an emerging professional. What were your needs from accomplished professionals? Of course, times have changed, yet needs might be the same. With our research hat on, we can learn what the needs of our emerging family professionals are, how we can help them meet their needs and help them identify roles they can serve in to make NCFR their primary professional organization.

Also, as accomplished family professionals, it is important to continue to have our work as scholars measured by peers in our field. Our accomplished scholars can identify and invite other accomplished scholars who study family-related issues to join NCFR and present their work in challenging conference sessions. This type of setting is what we all need—whether it is in research, theory or practice—to inspire our emerging family professionals. In order to maintain a strong, trained and dedicated pool of family professionals, we must broaden our territory and help emerging scholars visualize their career advancement. Generation Y may be looking for something different, but they will be looking to accomplished family professionals for guidance.

How can members provide service to NCFR?

Our members serve the organization in many, many ways and have for many, many years. It is truly appreciated. Members have



National Council on Family Relations Institutional Identity Hierarchy

come to NCFR serving the organization as a student or as a new professional or conference participant. Whatever way you entered and served the organization, it was the right way for you, and your participation is valued. As members, we want to give as much and get as much from our efforts as possible. I maintain that the more we give, the more we receive.

Knowing that NCFR is a volunteer membership organization, we need member involvement to serve the organization. The ways to serve the organization and the profession are unlimited, and creativity is the key. For example, for many of you there are affiliate councils at the university, state, and regional levels that can be a starting point to serve the family science profession.

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NCFR Report A member forum

The *NCFR Report* is a quarterly magazine for members designed to encourage member-to-member dialogue, to inform colleagues about our research and to discuss research application for practitioners and policy professionals. Through the *NCFR Report*, NCFR also builds our community by reporting on people, events and organizational news.

Unlike the content of our scholarly journals, the articles in *NCFR Report* have not been peer-reviewed. In the spirit of open debate and academic freedom, *NCFR Report* is a member forum for exchanging ideas. The opinions or findings expressed are those of the author(s), which may or may not represent the official position of NCFR as an organization nor the prevailing scientific consensus on the topic.

Author email addresses are provided to encourage readers to offer comment to writers. Members may access the content of our scholarly journals on-line at www.ncfr.org. To join NCFR, click on our convenient on-line membership application at www.ncfr.org. Journalists with media inquiries are invited to contact Nancy Gonzalez at 763-231-2887 or via email at nancygonzalez@ncfr.org for information on our scholarly research.

At the national level, NCFR is consistently looking for ways to encourage members to serve in leadership roles. There are formal and informal ways of serving the organization: election as an officer; long- and short-term appointments on committees and ad hoc groups (some as short as a few hours); and positions as reviewers and editorial board members.

A few years ago, we conducted a four-year piloted Leadership Institute aimed to assist members in preparing for roles that might be of interest to them. Data from the institutes revealed a high level of participation the first three institutes, but the fourth year had low participation. We learned a lot from that effort and are in the process of launching a leadership focus again with a different goal. Keep your eyes and ears open for an announcement of a Leadership Focus initiative that will help in understanding roles and responsibilities for various positions.

How can you step into a service role in NCFR?

Be Bold. Boldness is a good thing when moving up in leadership and in your profession. Sometimes shyness, reluctance, or resistance overshadows your personal or professional progress. It is best to break through the shyness and step out in order to let your talent and gifts shine. If you are covered by your professional shell, it is hard to have a breakthrough. Break through and be bold—NCFR is a family organization and what better place to break out of your shell and be visible?

“The challenge of leadership is to be strong, but not rude; be kind, but not weak; be bold, but not bully; be thoughtful, but not lazy; be humble, but not timid; be proud, but not arrogant; have humor, but without folly.”

John Rohn

Be visible. Being visible sends a signal that you are interested in being involved. NCFR wants its membership to serve and be involved in various opportunities. Each year, the Elections Council makes an all-out effort to get members to step into leadership opportunities. When you are called upon, please consider the opportunity to serve the organization by having your name placed on the ballot for leadership positions.

“Visible leadership enables those that you lead to watch and see how you respond publicly.” *Unknown*

Be a volunteer. We are always seeking students to serve the organization at annual conferences by volunteering in various positions. Serving in this role provides an opportunity for networking and meeting students and professional members from various universities and practitioners from agencies and organizations that serve families. And it is an excellent way to have a portion of the registration fees waived.

“Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.”

Thomas Edison

Strengthening NCFR

- We invite members to continue branding our organization by keeping the logo and the pyramid out front—to refresh our memory about who we are, what we do, and who makes up NCFR.
- We encourage accomplished members to reach out to our emerging family professionals to help them find their place in the organization and beyond, including affiliate councils, sections, and committees.
- We urge our accomplished members to stay engaged and to identify scholars to participate at conferences and to present in challenging sessions.

Let's join together to make NCFR the premier professional association for the multidisciplinary understanding of families. Step up and serve the organization! ■



Preconference Learning Experience

Children of the Camps

The 2009 Annual Conference includes a preconference learning event that fits perfectly with our conference site and our family-related mission.

Dr. Satsuki Ina will lead a preconference program about her “Children of the Camps” project and PBS documentary. More than 120,000 Japanese Americans were relocated to internment camps by the U.S. government during World War II, and over half were children.

The Children of the Camps program is Tuesday, Nov. 10, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and starts at the conference site with a morning screening and discussion lead by Dr. Ina and her colleague, Dr. Walter Kawamoto. Topics include using the film and related materials as a teaching tool in college classes; relevance of social/historical content; and group process methods used in working with community trauma.

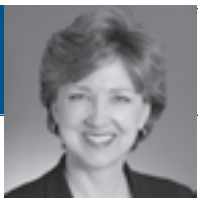
The program continues with an afternoon walking tour of historic San Francisco Japan Town (noon to 3:30 p.m.). Sites

planned: Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temple, National Japanese American Historical Society, the Japan Center, and the Kimochi Senior Services Program. Members of the local community will join the group to share their personal and historical perspectives of the camps. Included is a Japanese box lunch at the outdoor pavilion of the Japan Center.

The event is sponsored by the International Section. Cost is \$50 and includes lunch and transportation. You may register now for this event online; see links from the conference section of the website.

Satsuki Ina, Ph.D.

Dr. Satsuki Ina is a licensed marriage and family therapist and founder of the Family Study Center, a community agency dedicated to providing community counseling services and post-graduate clinical training for marriage, family and child therapists. Dr. Ina is Professor Emeritus in the Department of Counselor Education, School of Education, California State University, Sacramento. ■



Navigating NCFR can be a challenge

by Diane Cushman, Executive Director, dianecushman@ncfr.org

A member recently told me that she hadn't participated in the Sections because she thought they were only for researchers. Several members have indicated that they spent years actively involved in their state affiliate before learning that there was a national organization. Members elected to leadership positions have shared that at best they had a minimal understanding of their role. They didn't fully know who they were representing or how to do it but ran for office because another member asked them to do so. It is clear from situations such as these that confusion about the structures and functions of NCFR prevent members from full engagement in the organization.

In my last column I briefly mentioned the complexity of NCFR before focusing on the Affiliate Councils. This column will be dedicated to an overview of the NCFR organizational structures in an effort to remove some of the mystery that obscures NCFR. The accompanying organizational diagram (on page 6) illustrates the structures and how they are connected with one another.

Carver Policy Governance allows Board of Directors to focus on impact of NCFR

NCFR uses Carver Policy Governance, a form of governance that allows the Board of

Directors to delegate the day-to-day operations of the organization to the executive director while they focus on what impact the organization is going to have on the world. The Board aims to define the "global ends" of NCFR. To accomplish those ends, the Board hires and oversees the executive director and, through a series of policies, defines how those ends are to be achieved. The Board speaks with one voice and provides direction only to one staff member, the executive director. The executive director is responsible for staffing the organization in a way that ensures adequate resources are available to accomplish the ends while adhering to the financial parameters the Board has set in the operating budget. In the diagram, the Board members are named across the top, and there is one line indicating a direct reporting relationship between the Board and the executive director.

The purpose of the NCFR staff is to support the membership components and programs of the organization, whether it is the Board, the Affiliate Councils, the Student Affiliates, the CFLEs, the journal editors, the conference chair and planning committee, or the committees of the Board of Directors. There are three standing committees of the Board: the Elections Council and the Fellows Committee, whose members are elected by the NCFR membership, and the Audit Commit-

tee, whose members are appointed by the Board. The Board may form committees or task forces at will in order to accomplish its work. They currently have one such committee, the Diversity Task Force. The Board is responsible for selecting journal editors, and the executive director is responsible for the administrative oversight of the journals.

The Affiliate Councils are governed by a board whose members are elected in two ways: the president-elect is elected by the entire NCFR membership; and the other officers (program chair, secretary and student/new professional representative) are elected by the presidents of all the Affiliate Councils. Until recently this board was called the Association of Councils Board. That name proved to be confusing and was changed earlier this year to Affiliate Councils Board (ACB). It is at the Affiliate Board level that the State Affiliate and Student Affiliate Councils link to the NCFR Board of Directors. The ACB president-elect serves simultaneously as a member of the NCFR Board of Directors.

Creating connections between Student Affiliates and Student/New Professional Representatives

In an effort to enhance the communication between the Student/New Professional Representatives, we have created the SNP Steering Committee (made up of the SNP NCFR Board rep, the SNP Affiliate Councils Board rep and the SNP Annual Conference Program rep) and the SNP Leadership Council which includes the SNP Steering Committee, the SNP reps from each Section, and the president of each Student Affiliate Council. Email listservs, SharePoint sites and conference calls are the tools by which these members connect to do their work for NCFR.

Sections and Affiliates are open to all NCFR members

The Sections are accessible and free to all NCFR members. Members register for the Sections when they join or renew their

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membership. Sections are one mechanism through which members can more deeply explore their areas of interest by networking with others who share similar interests and by developing conference programs. Each Section elects a slate of officers. Sections are integral to the development of the annual conference academic program agenda and the oversight of NCFR awards.

With regard to Affiliate Councils, one does not have to be a member of NCFR to be involved in an Affiliate nor be a member of an Affiliate to be a member of NCFR. Membership in NCFR automatically includes membership in your state affiliate council, if one exists. NCFR is developing resources for the Affiliate Councils so that they can grow in number and actively support the family professionals throughout the year.

Other important entities....

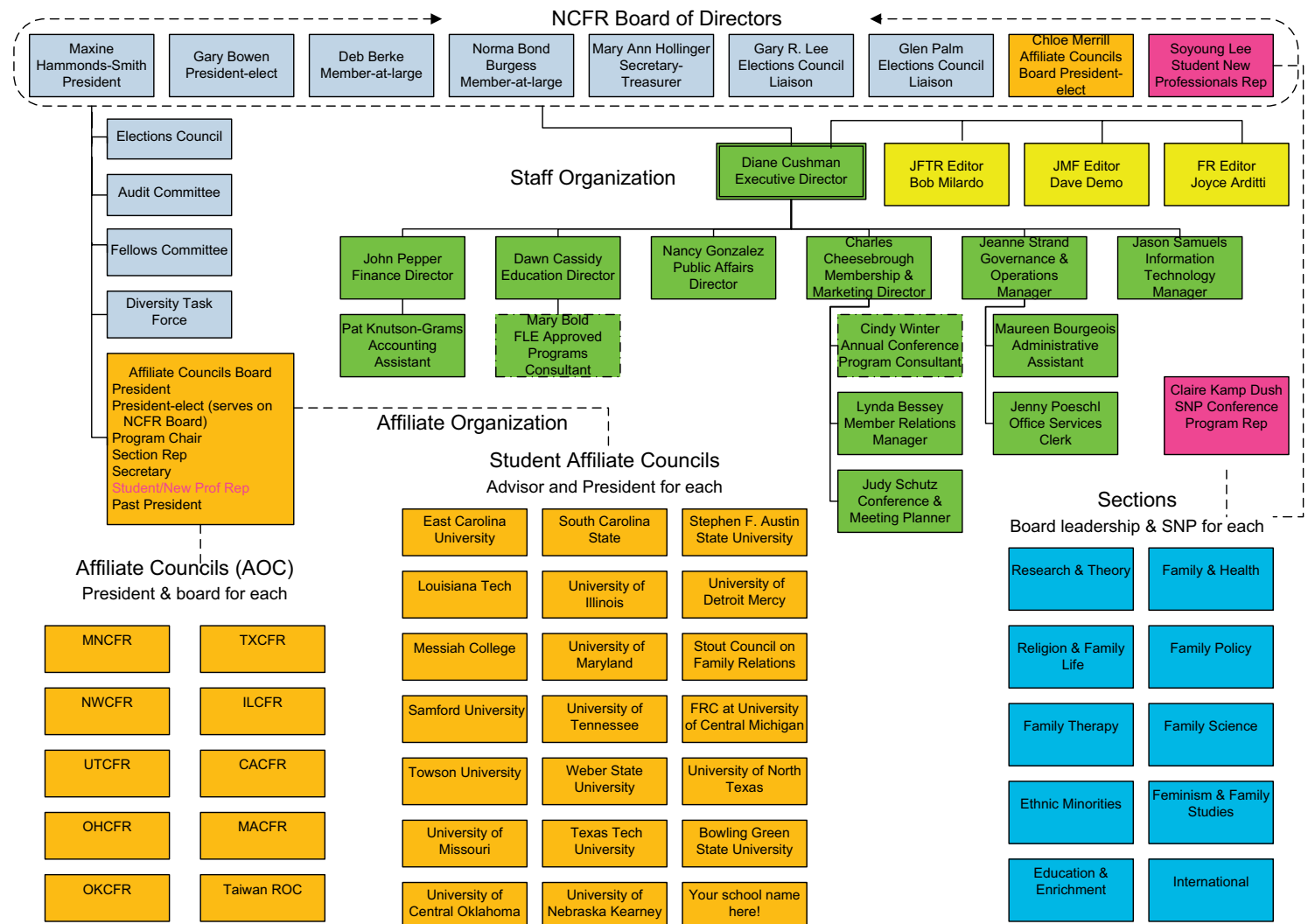
One can squeeze only so many boxes on a page, so several elements of NCFR are not shown on this diagram. Those include Focus Groups which are smaller special interest groups that align with Sections. Focus Groups, like Sections, meet annually at the NCFR conference. Also not reflected in the diagram are the Advisory Councils that assist the NCFR staff with their work by providing well-timed advice on matters of importance such as the journals, family life education and research. Another important component of NCFR is the group that develops the Theory Construction and Research Methodology preconference workshop. This entity was created by Harold and Margaret Feldman in the 1970s to plan and execute the Research and Theory Section preconference workshop.

In addition to those components already described, each of three NCFR journals has an editorial office and many, many people who review manuscripts and assist with the editorial process. There are four editorial offices this year, however, as we transition between editors for *Family Relations: Interdisciplinary Journal of Applied Family Studies*.

Engagement and leadership

While complex in nature, the structure of NCFR offers hundreds of opportunities for members to engage in and lead the organization. As the needs of the members and the profession change, the structures must evolve in order for NCFR to remain relevant. Plenty of evolution is underway this year, and you need not wait for an invitation to become involved. When you see an opportunity for NCFR to improve, please don't hesitate to step forward and let your concerns be known. ■

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NCFR adopts Code of Ethics for Certified Family Life Educator program

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by Dawn Cassidy, CFLE, Education Director, dawncassidy@ncfr.org

In an article entitled “Challenges in Family Life Education: Defining the Profession” in the recently published second edition of *Family Life Education: Integrating Theory and Practice* (Bredehoft & Walcheski, 2009), I discuss criteria for determining if an occupation, such as family life educator, can be considered a profession. One of the eight criteria identified by M. East (East, 1980) is the **Development of a Code of Ethics**. The National Council on Family Relations (NCFR) has recently made an important advancement in meeting this criterion with the development of an official Code of Ethics for the Certified Family Life Educator (CFLE) credential.

Upcoming issue of NCFR Report—we want your mentoring stories!

Based on a previous issue of NCFR *Report* on careers, and in response to the conference activity for honoring our mentors, there seems to be some dedicated mentors in NCFR. Our Spring 2010 issue of our member magazine will be on mentoring. In addition to articles on the process of mentoring, we are asking for submissions on your mentoring story. Who was there for key transitions in your life? Who was influential in your choice of career? Did you have a particularly supportive professor, adviser, high school teacher, aunt or uncle who believed in you and truly made a difference in your life? What did your mentor do that inspired you? This is our chance to honor those special people in our lives.

For articles that meet the submission guidelines, we will use them! We will print as many as we have room for in the printed *Family Focus* section of the magazine. For the remainder, we will publish them on a special section of the NCFR website. Write to the editor Nancy Gonzalez for the guidelines at nancygonzalez@ncfr.org. The deadline for these submissions is December 21, 2009. ■

In 1995, NCFR published the *Ethical Principles and Guidelines for Family Scientists*, (Adams, 1995) drafted by the Family Science Section (see http://www.ncfr.org/pdf/governance/NCFR_Ethical_Guidelines.pdf) and followed in 1999 with *Tools for Ethical Thinking and Practice for Family Life Educators* (NCFR, 1999). The “Tools” booklet included an ethical principles and case study process developed by the Ethics Committee of the Minnesota Council on Family Relations (MCFR). It also contained a shortened version of Dr. William Doherty’s seminal *Family Relations* article on the “Levels of Family Involvement Model,” and “Competencies for Family Life Educators,” developed by faculty at Weber State University. At the time, NCFR did not have an official Code of Ethics for the Certified Family Life Educator (CFLE) program. Instead, the MCFR ethical principles portion of the booklet was adopted to serve as the guidelines for ethical thinking and practice for the Certified Family Life Educator program.

In early 2009, NCFR published a second edition of the “Tools booklet” (NCFR, 2009) which included a new chapter, “Professional Ethics and Practice” by Dr. Glen Palm, CFLE;

a revision of MCFR’s *Ethical Thinking and Practice for Parent and Family Life Educators*; the Doherty “Levels” article; and new to the edition, the “Family Life Education Content and Practice Guidelines,” which combined the NCFR University and College Curriculum Guidelines with the content outline for the CFLE Exam and the Family Life Education Lifespan Framework. The new booklet is available for purchase through the NCFR website (http://www.ncfr.org/cert/CFLE_prod.asp).

All of these resources provided a solid foundation in ethics but the CFLE program still did not have a Code of Ethics that Certified Family Life Educators could read and commit to by signing. Earlier this year, a sub-committee of the CFLE Advisory Board, led by Wm. Michael Fleming, CFLE, reviewed the recently revised MCFR *Ethical Thinking and Practice for Parent and Family Life Educators* guidelines process, added a statement for signature, and officially adopted it as the CFLE Code of Ethics. The guidelines and the signature statement will now be included in all new CFLE application materials for both those applying through

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Certified Family Life Educators

The following is a list of Certified Family Life Educators designated between April 15 and June 30, 2009.

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Ohio

Brittney Schrickel *
Karen N. Stetka *
Amber Bethany Weinrich *

Oklahoma

Farzaneh Alavi *
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Janet K. Moore *

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Texas

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Life as a Swedish Latina

by Nancy Gonzalez, CFLE, Editor, nancygonzalez@ncfr.org

What I know about Immigration/Migration (the theme for this issue of NCFR Report) and racism began when I married a Latino. Up until my wedding day, as a lifelong Minnesotan, the extent of my exposure to all things global consisted of the occasional meal at the International House of Pancakes.

As a child and young adult, I was about as “majority” a demographic as one could get in the culture of greater Minnesota. I am 100% Swedish-American, Protestant, and speak “Fargo” fluently. I could fit right into Lake Wobegon’s Krebsbach family. For the first 25 years of my life, I had no idea how my Swedish surname, my blue eyes, and my Lutheran-bred, small-town identity allowed me to borrow on Minnesota cultural capital that I didn’t know I had.

On September 14, 1985, I became a Gonzalez. My free ride was over. The awakening was rude and sudden when, a week after the wedding, I began writing checks as “Nancy Gonzalez.” I was very rarely asked to produce any ID when I wrote a check before. This changed immediately. It took about four or five incidents before I realized what was going on. At first I was resentful, and then I just resigned myself to the fact that digging out my ID would now be Standard Operating Procedure. I do it automatically and proactively. It’s too exasperating to be asked, so producing it up front removes the stress. Writer Peggy McIntosh’s famous essay on “White Privilege” describes this process exquisitely—google it for a great read.

The limited experience I’ve had with the immigrant experience was pretty insulting too. I married an émigré from Argentina who is a naturalized citizen. Crossing the U.S. border with a Hispanic name is an adventure. I grew up on the Minnesota-Canadian border and, in my youth, was used to friendly chit chat with the border guards. The only time I have ever been stopped at the Canadian border and asked more than “where are you headed?” was the trip when my husband was with me. Not only did we have to get out of the car, the guards (two!) searched it pretty

thoroughly. I wanted to ask if they would like me to assist them with a tweezers, but I decided that sarcasm wasn’t going to get me anywhere. I’m torn by the immigration policy discussions underway in the U.S. As a Gonzalez, I view the issue through one set of lenses. As a citizen who is concerned about the possibility of another 9/11, I can understand another viewpoint. This vexing and heated debate tears *me* apart—how can I expect my country to settle the matter when I can’t sort out the issues in immigration reform myself?

Several years ago, my mother-in-law took all of her kids, spouses and grandkids on a Caribbean cruise. We were grateful for her generous gift. But this was another eye-opener. Naively, I guess I assumed the cruise

staff would look like the cast of the Love Boat—a variety of middle-class Americans like me who wanted to smell the salt air or college students taking a semester off to earn some money. The staff, as far as I could tell, was almost 100% people of color from developing countries. Our cabin maid and our “host” had pre-teen children being raised by relatives. They saw their children twice a year—a horrifying discovery for me, a mother. They were heroes, working hard and sending their remittances back to their families. When I signed up for a pampering session in the spa salon, I discovered that the woman who served me was from South Africa. She was working a six-month stint on the cruise

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the Abbreviated Application process and those taking the CFLE Exam. In addition, all CFLEs will be asked to re-review and sign the CFLE Code of Ethics at the time of their five-year renewal or when they upgrade from Provisional to Full Certification.

The profession of family life education may not yet have met all eight of East’s criteria. There is room to grow in many of the eight criteria, but three criteria have been fully met through the efforts I’ve just described: (1) a

name, standards of admission, a core body of knowledge, and competencies for practice; (2) certification established, which recognizes that a group is sanctioned for a particular service to society and that it is self-regulated; (3) a code of ethics developed to eliminate unethical practice and to protect the public. NCFR, through the efforts of its members and certified professionals, will continue to work diligently to establish this important profession. ■

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which would provide her with enough money to set up her own shop back home.

Another shocking aspect of the staff's lives was their onboard accommodations. I asked a couple of staff where their rooms were. Again, stupidly, I assumed that the staff assigned to our family lived near our cabins. They described their rooms, and they lived in crowded spaces with not so much as a porthole. I remarked to my husband that the vacationers were almost all white people in luxurious rooms—and the crew members were people of color who all bunked below deck. The context is different, but I wondered... how much had really changed in 300 years? I related this experience to a friend who tried to reassure me by giving it another spin; "Well, look at it this way—without the work on the cruise ship and the paychecks they cannot earn at home, their families would be worse off." Sorry. It made me sick. I will never go on another cruise. I couldn't wait to get off that boat.

"White guilt" is the subject of much debate. But the term doesn't really fit in my case. I don't feel guilty for being white. I am horrified that there is so much inequity in the world. But in my honest moments, I have to admit that my revulsion of taking another cruise is not just based on my refusal to sanction the world's heartbreaking inequalities. With shame, I admit that part of it is that I cannot have a relaxing vacation under these circumstances. It's just too painful. If I stay off a cruise ship, it's a lot easier to look the other way. This attitude, I confess, means that I'm part of the problem.

The Caribbean cruise changed me, however. As just one person, there's very little I can do to remedy these global problems. They have, however, adjusted my choices in charitable giving and have given me a new way to think about my options in the voting booth. I am in awe of one decent human being who took bold action—Muhammad Yunus—who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2006. His gift to the world was pioneering the practice of "microlending." Through microlending, ordinary people like me can donate funds to people in developing countries who are trying to set up their own businesses and care for their families without having to emigrate alone or work on a cruise ship.

One such organization that coordinates this effort is Kiva. Through Kiva, even those of us of limited means can participate as small scale bankers or "microlenders." Lenders

can sort through photos and biographies of real people to whom they can send specific funds. Several lenders can give even small amounts, but when those donations are combined, lives are changed one by one. The loans have a very low default rate. Email updates are sent to lenders letting them know how their "investment" is making a difference. When the money is paid back, the microlenders can choose another citizen of the world that they wish to help. Check their website at www.kiva.org for a list of impressive corporate and other sponsors. Watch the video of former President Bill Clinton who enthusiastically endorses Kiva as does his Clinton Global Initiative organization.

Another source of giving that supports people globally is—yes—NCFR. Glance at the table of contents in any of our scholarly journals, and you will find world-class research about families from a variety of countries and ethnicities. The article submissions to the journals and our conference sessions by international scholars are continually on the rise. One of the reasons our logo changed to NCFR was to reduce the perception that our institutional identity was the *National Council on Family Relations*. We now are truly *international* in scope. To make a donation to NCFR, go to our website at www.ncfr.org and click on the "Give Direct" button.

As an example of just one of NCFR's resources, I'd like to draw readers' attention to a Special Session at the San Francisco conference. Dr. Jan Pryor and Kim Workman will be talking about *Whanau and Family in Aotearoa New Zealand*. The multiethnic cultures in New Zealand are fascinating because of how the indigenous peoples, the Maori, and the White Euro immigrants are on the leading edge of making cultural pluralism a reality for themselves.

Nothing I've experienced compares with the oppression that others have been through. But just the little insults and inconveniences have been more than enough for me. Knowing that I'm now a representative of Gonzalezes everywhere, I've taken extra care to honor the name. Those checks I write? I have a line of overdraft protection to make darn sure that my bad arithmetic never results in a bounced check—this is something this "Latina" never worried about when she was a Swede. ■



S/NP Leadership Council formed

Three Student/New Professional (S/NP) officers and staff of NCFR met via conference call in March to review ways to strengthen the identity of S/NP within NCFR, coordinate S/NP communications, organize S/NP initiatives more effectively, and enhance involvement by S/NP representatives in the sections and student affiliates.

Soyoung Lee, S/NP Representative on the NCFR Board of Directors, Claire Kamp Dush, S/NP Conference Program Representative, and Amanda Williams, S/NP Representative on the Affiliate Councils Board, discussed several topics regarding the role of S/NPs in NCFR. Questions posed were:

- Who are the members of the S/NP group?
- What are the duties of the S/NP officers?
- Should the S/NP group have a specific name?
- What will facilitate the visibility of the S/NP group?
- What is necessary to support the S/NP group?
- How will S/NP and Student Affiliate Councils collaborate to support the whole S/NP group at NCFR?

From this meeting, the Student/New Professional Leadership Council was formed. Within this S/NP Leadership Council will be the S/NP Steering Committee which will include the S/NP Board Representative, the S/NP Conference Program Representative and the S/NP Affiliate Councils Board Representative. The Student/New Professional Section Representatives (10) and the Student Affiliate Presidents (20) will complete the S/NP Leadership Council. All segments of the S/NP Leadership Council have been assigned staff liaisons to help in facilitating S/NP activities. A listserv has been formed to facilitate planning S/NP activities.

Student/New Professional Activities at the 2009 Annual Conference, November 11-14

This is just a sampling. For details, <http://www.ncfr.org/conf/current/annual.asp>

- S/NP Leadership Council Meeting (7-8:15 a.m., Wed)
- Secondary data analysis and grounded theory (8:15-11:30 a.m., Sat)

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News from the Affiliate Council Presidents

by Richard Sale, Ph.D., President, sale@tarleton.edu

You may have noticed in the title of this article that the name of the Association of Councils, formerly the AOC, has officially changed. It is now the Affiliate Council Presidents—ACP. Although this organization was known as the Association of Councils, it was the organization of the affiliate presidents. The name was not descriptive of the function of the organization. The former AOC Board is now the Affiliate Councils Board—ACB. Finally, all of the state, international and student organizations related to NCFR will be referred to as “Affiliates” of NCFR.

All of these changes were developed at a two-day planning retreat by the (then) AOC Board. It was determined at the retreat that the names were confusing. Hopefully, the new names will be more descriptive of the actual organizations. As with anything new, it will take time for everyone to be comfortable with the new names and acronyms. Also, in NCFR publications, it may take a while for all of the old names to be replaced.

Also, at the planning retreat, the ACB worked hard at setting goals for the ACP. Any organization needs direction and a plan for getting from one place to another. The following is a list of the goals that were determined important to the success of the affiliates and NCFR:

- Increase membership in Affiliate councils and NCFR
- Increase number of Affiliate Councils
- Ensure long-term viability of Affiliate Councils
- Retain members at affiliate and national level
- Clarify why being part of NCFR matters
- Increase engagement of members

The next step in this process is for the affiliate presidents and officers to be involved in the process of ranking these goals. In addition, we will seek input concerning how to implement the goals in a method that would impact affiliates in the most positive manner.

There will be an ACP Leadership Workshop on Wednesday, November 11, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. As an officer of an affiliate, you can register for the workshop for free by checking the appropriate box on your registration for the Annual Conference in San Francisco. This year’s program, currently being developed by the Program Chair, Dr. Ada Alden, will include working through these goals and determining which ones are

the most urgent for implementation and how to accomplish that. The purpose of the workshop will be to meet the needs of the participants and ultimately the needs of the affiliates through this planning. I strongly urge each affiliate officer to make attendance at this year’s workshop a priority. Only with the

active support of the affiliate officers can the goals become reality. In this way, each affiliate has an opportunity to grow in quantity and quality. This also translates into positive growth in both of these areas for NCFR. I look forward to seeing you in San Francisco and especially at the ACP Workshop. ■

In memoriam—Alfred J. Kahn

Alfred J. Kahn, Professor Emeritus at the Columbia University School of Social Work and world-renowned social policy scholar and educator, passed away February 13, 2009. He was 90 years of age. His daughter, Nancy Valerie Kahn, survives him.



Dr. Kahn was the proud recipient of the first social welfare doctorate awarded by Columbia in 1952. He taught at the School of Social Work for 57 years—from 1947 to 2004. Those who studied child welfare and family policy, poverty and its causes and impacts, and social welfare will remember the monumental comparative work of Dr. Kahn, who along with Professor Sheila Brody Kamerman, shaped the discourse in these fields for decades. Program and policy recommendations advanced by Dr. Kahn and Dr. Kamerman were embraced by many international NGOs and were brought to life in social welfare programs around the world. His ideas also contributed to the development of graduate social work education. His lectures on the history of social welfare were rich, widely-acclaimed, and informed by experiences that were drawn from his leadership in the profession.

Dr. Kahn was a prolific author, a sought-after consultant, an admired educator, and a fierce advocate for children and families. Dr. Kahn favored universal social benefits and services, saying that they ought to be “good enough for every American, not for the poor alone.” He was a consultant to federal, state, and local agencies, international organizations, and foreign governments. In this role, he shared his expertise on family policy, cash and service programs, local community service planning and coordination, and issues of equality and equity. As an author, editor, co-author, and co-editor, Dr. Kahn produced more than 25 books and 300 articles and chapters that have continuing relevance and a palpable impact worldwide.

Early in his research career, Dr. Kahn served as a consultant to New York’s Citizens Committee for Children (CCC). He provided leadership to research staff and community lay leaders, and he authored some 15 studies of city and state programs concerned with truancy, youth, police, children’s courts, protective services, and child guidance programs for at-risk youth. The widely-publicized results offered blueprints for reform and were also the foundation for a 1963 volume, “Planning Community Services for Children in Trouble,” with a foreword by Eleanor Roosevelt, CCC board member, who wrote: “Too many communities have been willing to accept the agency and institution as the planning unit. Examination of experience discloses that effective intervention is so complex a process that it is doomed to failure unless all agencies are part of a truly integrated, carefully planned network.”

In the early 1980s, Dr. Kahn chaired the Committee on Child Development Research and Public Policy of The National Academy of Science. He was the recipient of awards, honors and honorary degrees from various universities and professional associations.

Contributions may be made to The Alfred J. Kahn Doctoral Fellowship Fund at Columbia University School of Social Work, c/o the Office of Alumni and Development, Columbia University School of Social Work, 1255 Amsterdam Avenue, New York, NY 10027.

International Section news..... See you in San Francisco!

by Catherine Solheim, Ph.D., Chair, csolheim@umn.edu

The stars will align in November 2009 for NCFR members who embrace a global perspective. Program Chair Raeann Hamon, Section chairs and NCFR staff have worked to make the most of the multicultural Bay Area of San Francisco location to focus on *Families in a Multicultural World*. Several Plenary and Special Sessions will focus on global themes: *Religion and Families*; *Whanau and Family in Aotearoa, New Zealand*; *Impact of HIV-AIDS on Families*; *Adoption*; *Aging and Kinship*; and *International Family Life Education*.

Additionally, two symposia sponsored by our Section (*Influences of Parenting and Cultural Values in South Korea and China* and *The Use of Internet Technology in Japan*) and three paper sessions (*Emerging Adulthood in Cultural Contexts*; *Multicultural Couple Relationships*; *Cultural Influences on Parenting*) will directly reflect the multicultural and global theme of the conference. Also be sure to check out international scholarship from many other countries including Sweden, Argentina, Mexico, India, China, Japan, Korea, Singapore, the Philippines, Taiwan, Turkey, Kenya, and Cambodia as well as in immigrant families in the United States.

Don't forget to put the International Section Meeting on your schedule. We will meet at 7:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 11 (I know.... but that's 9:00 a.m. Central and 10:00 a.m. Eastern time!). Coffee, juice and pastries will be served, so come and join us for breakfast. After a short business meeting, we will enjoy a presentation by Marilyn Bensman, NCFR's United Nations representative, who will share an interesting analysis of critical family policy initiatives at the United Nations.

Another exciting new development for our section is the inaugural convening of the Eastern European Families Focus Group. Join Mihaela Robila and colleagues on Thursday, November 12 at 7:00 a.m. Grab some breakfast and attend! More information to follow via email.

Last but not least, join us on Tuesday, November 10, for this year's pre-conference tour focusing on the Japanese internment experience during World War II. We are honored to have Dr. Satsuki Ina, marriage and family therapist, share her documentary *Children of the Camps* and lead a discussion

of the generational effects of children's experiences in the Japanese internment camps. Following our discussion, we will travel to Japan Town in San Francisco where we will share a Japanese lunch, have a walking tour of Japan Town, visit historic sites and learn from local experts about the history and culture in that neighborhood. The day-long venture is priced very affordably at \$50 and promises to be a wonderful opportunity to learn from cultural insiders about this little-known United States evacuation and imprisonment order issued by President Roosevelt. The documentary was characterized this way: "Unlike any other program on the subject, *Chil-*

dren of the Camps shares the experiences and the long-internalized anger, grief and shame felt by Japanese Americans who were children when interned behind barbed wire in 10 U.S. concentration camps during World War II." To read the press release, go to this website: <http://www.children-of-the-camps.org/broadcast/pressrelease.html>. Register for the pre-conference on the NCFR website www.ncfr.org. Space is limited, so please register early!

I am excitedly anticipating this year's conference. I encourage you to feed your intellect and your spirit by joining us in San Francisco for the 2009 Annual Conference this November!

In memoriam—Lawrence Kurdek

Longtime NCFR member and family researcher Lawrence (Larry) Kurdek passed away June 11, 2009, at age 57 following a long battle with cancer. He had been a faculty member of the Department of Psychology at Wright State University since 1976.

His colleague and friend, Dr. Mark Fine, offered these thoughts about Larry:

"Larry's research has had tremendous impact on numerous topics in the study of relationships and families. He is best known for his groundbreaking work on gay and lesbian families and how the factors that predict relationship stability for gay and lesbian couples are both similar to and (slightly) different from the correlates of relationship stability for heterosexual couples. His other major strand of research is on the effects that divorce and other family structural changes have on children's (and parents') adjustment. Perhaps even more important than the topics he studied is the tremendous integrity with which he did his work. In my over 20 years of knowing and working with Larry, I have yet to talk with another scholar who did not have anything but the highest praise for the quality of his work."

Dr. Kurdek is preceded in death by his mother, Lottie Kurdek; his sister, Klarissa Kurdek; his friends Pat Schmitt, Gary McDaniel, and Paul Duffield; and his canine companions Zorba, Maggie, and Sophie.

He is survived by his partner, Gene Siesky; his sister, Karen (Gene) Rogala; his brother, Len Kurdek; his sister, Kathleen Kurdek; his canine companions Lilly and Gretta; and his neighbor/family member, Gladys Zink. He is also survived by a next-generation of family members whom he grew to love and appreciate as friends. These include his niece, Vicki (Mike) Welch; his nephew, Ed (Shelley) Regan; his nephew, Jeff Rogala; and his "step-son," Jeff (Georgeann) Seisky and their son Nathan; and many nieces and nephews.

Services were held June 14. Memorial donations may be made to the Larry Kurdek Memorial Scholarship Fund, Department of Psychology, Wright State University, Dayton, OH 45435.



NCFR Ethnic Minorities Section Anniversary Celebration

by Tammy Henderson, Ph.D., CFLE, Associate Professor, Oklahoma State University, tammy.henderson@okstate.edu

The Ethnic Minorities (EM) Section is celebrating its history and honoring its contributions during the 2009 Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations in San Francisco. For the upcoming conference, focused on *Families in a Multicultural World*, attendees will learn about:

- Trends and issues affecting families in the United States with a focus on the

contributions of members of the Ethnic Minorities Section

- Scholarship in family science from a multidisciplinary perspective

Deficiency in human development and family scholarship rests on the backdrop of the intersecting sociopolitical and historical context of EM Section members with diverse social addresses. These intersecting realities

produce an environment conducive to the transformative work of scholars committed to dismantling oppression and injustice in higher education, therapeutic practices, scholarly books, journals, and other discourse. To this end, and recognizing the meaningful anniversary of the Ethnic Minorities Section of the National Council on Family Relations, a team of scholars developed articles that begin to document the contributions of EM Section members—their scholarship, service, practice, and sacrifice.

On Wednesday, November 11, 2009, we begin our celebration with the first part of the Special Session, *Intersecting Realities and Transformative Scholarship, Practice, and Service: The Vision, Mission, and History of the Ethnic Minorities Section*. Maresa Murray bridges the intersecting realities and divergent themes found in these presentations:

Reclaiming and Documenting Our History: Ethnic Minorities Section. Frankie Denise Powell, Tammy Henderson, and Jennifer Cook Middleton

Pivoting the Center in Family Studies and NCFR: Race, Scholarship, and the Intellectual Traditions of African American Women Scholars. Andrea G. Hunter, Shuntay Z. McCoy, and Nina P. Smith

That evening, we launch our “Oral History” in the EM Section meeting, a celebration of its history and accomplishments. After opening remarks by Curtis Fox and NCFR’s President Maxine Hammonds-Smith, Wynona Bryant-Williams will give a tribute to those who are no longer with us. Margaret Crosbie-Burnett, Maresa Murray, Norma Burgess, and Seongeun Kim will present the decade reviews associated with our Oral History. As is our custom, we will “Pass the Hat” and reflect our professional prosperity as we embrace our future prosperity. After acknowledgement and closing remarks, we invite everyone to view the beginning of our “Living Quilt” under the leadership of Chantel Lumpkin.

The celebration continues on Friday, November 13, with the second part of the Special Session, *Intersecting Realities and Transformative Scholarship, Practice, and Service: The Vision, Mission, and History of the Ethnic Minorities Section*. Edith Lewis discusses the compelling complexities and divergent

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Journal of Family Theory and Review Call for proposals

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We are now accepting proposals from prospective guest editors for special issues of the *Journal of Family Theory and Review*. Our intention is to provide opportunities to advance theory and develop integrative reviews in key areas of family studies. Special issues may focus on relatively narrow avenues of theory (e.g., social network theory) or research (e.g., relationships with mothers-in-law), or rather broad avenues (e.g., advancements in feminist theory or relationships with kin).

Whether the focus is narrow or broad our intention is to provide opportunities for guest editors to design collections of articles that significantly advance our understanding of a topic and do so in a way that would not be possible in a single article. Special issues will typically consist of four to eight articles.

Initial proposals should clearly state the scope and purpose of the special issue, identify potential authors and sample titles for contributions, and include a CV for the guest editor(s). Proposals will be reviewed by the journal’s editor and members of the editorial board. (Please note that the journal does not publish empirical reports with the exception of meta-analyses of particular areas of research.)

Applicants are encouraged to contact the editor at Rhd360@maine.edu for more detailed proposal requirements.



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- Intensive Pecha Kucha sessions (6.67 minutes per presentation). Faculty/student collaboration; transitioning from TA to instructor; job seeking; navigating the conference; and more (7:30-9:30 p.m., Wed)
- Speed Networking and Career Planning (12-1:30 p.m., Fri)
- Starting a Student Affiliate, Keeping it Alive and Successful (12-1:30 p.m., Thurs)
- How To Be a CFLE (12-1:30 p.m., Thurs)
- CFLE exam offered (8-11 a.m., Wed)
- University Receptions—meet with faculty and learn about programs (5-7 p.m., Fri)
- Newcomers Reception (11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m., Wed)
- Applying to Graduate Schools and Ph.D. Programs (8:15 a.m.-9:45 a.m., Thurs)
- Family Studies Job Market (3:30-5 p.m., Fri)
- The San Francisco Experience...sessions end at 1:30 on Thurs, complimentary buses run to/from San Francisco
- San Francisco Revisited—the annual Saturday night “Taste of...” informal event. Gather at the hotel late afternoon and head out on the town.

Thoughts from a first-generation American

by Jason Samuels, Manager of Information Technology, jasonsamuels@ncfr.org

I usually write a column about technology, but this time *NCFR Report* Editor Nancy Gonzalez asked me for something different – a story about my family. While it's a bit of a departure, the request was good timing. NCFR is in the midst of a database implementation right now, and we could probably fill this magazine trying to describe all of the changes. But if all goes as planned the new system will launch in August and you'll see those changes reflected in the online member portal before this issue goes to press – stay tuned to future issues of *NCFR Report*. But for this one issue – on Immigration/Migration – I have a decidedly non-technical story to tell.

What prompted Nancy to ask me for a personal story was my revelation to her that, on my mom's side, I'm a first generation American. Mom was five years old when she emigrated from the Netherlands. This event is truly the defining characteristic of our family, and something I believe has made and kept us the close-knit bunch that we are.

My grandparents met shortly after World War II. Grandpa was from the countryside, a farmstead near Lieshout, Holland, in the low country near the Belgian border. Less than a month before his 21st birthday, Nazi Germany invaded. He never talked much about the war but the resistance movement, Nazi occupation, and German work camps were defining experiences of his early adulthood. My grandmother was a teenager during the occupation, the second-oldest of seven children from the town of Voorburg, near the coastal city of Den Haag in Holland.

The Germans were driven out of the low country by the fall of 1944, but liberation didn't come to the rest of Holland until six months later. Grandma calls that season the "hunger winter" because many children became malnourished and ill. In the summer of 1945, the Catholic Church set up a program for the children of South Holland to go to farms in Brabant for a while and "fatten up." Two of my grandma's little brothers went to stay at the Vesters farm. The families developed a bond, and my grandparents fell in love.

They were married in 1948. My grandfather worked as a bookkeeper and went to school at night to get a degree in accounting. They had four children born in the Netherlands, but because resources and opportunity were scarce, the Dutch government encouraged people to emigrate to other countries. My

grandfather corresponded with a distant cousin in southern Minnesota who said there was lots of opportunity here. After much discussion and thought, my grandparents put their name on a list to emigrate to America.

In 1958, an extra 100 people were added to the American immigration quota system. In part because of special recognition for my grandfather's experience during the war, they were chosen. With only six weeks notice, they packed up, said their goodbyes, and with four children in tow – ages 4 through 9 – they departed for their new lives. The photo with this article was taken when my family arrived and got off the airplane.

The Dutch community in southern Minnesota was integral to my family's success, helping in the early years with places to stay, work opportunities, and kinship. My grandpa worked manual labor jobs when they first arrived. The family learned English and struggled to adjust. In time he was able to apply his accounting education, starting with seasonal tax work, and eventually he became the CFO of a small milling company. The family settled down and became a part of the community in Kenyon, a small town about an hour's drive south of the Minneapolis-St. Paul area.

There is a lot about our family that is defined by the immigrant experience, and in many ways it's hard for me to separate that from my perception of what "family" means. We have a distinct heritage. There's a special bond between my mom, her siblings and grandma that comes from an early childhood



The Vesters family emigrated from the Netherlands in 1958. The author's mother, Petra, is standing on the first step.

when "all they had was each other." They hold close the values learned from experience – hard work, thrift, education.

By the end of his life, my grandfather had given our family the American dream: a decent and successful life in a land of opportunity. He was always thankful for that, he never stopped learning, and he never gave up his thrifty nature. One of the few exceptions to the latter rule was buying a luxurious car (for him) in later life – a 1995 Ford Crown Victoria. My uncle eventually inherited the car from Grandpa and, two years ago, my uncle passed it down to me, giving me the chance to finally get rid of the old "beater" I had. Driving grandfather's treasured "Crown Vic" is a daily reminder of how lucky I am to come from this good family. ■

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life trajectories found in the following presentations:

Research Contributions by Asian/Asian American Scholars in Ethnic Minority Section. Grace H. Chung, Ph.D., and Kristy Shih, M.A.

Making the "Invisible" Visible in Family Studies and NCFR: Transformations in American Indian/Alaska Native Scholarship. Le Anne E. Silvey, Ph.D., ACSW, LMSW

Y Sige La Lucha: A Cuento/Tale About Latino/a in the NCFR-Ethnic Minority Section. Ruben P. Viramontez Anguiano and Katia Goldfarb

We invite everyone to view the final version of the EM Section Living Quilt to close our celebration of the accomplishments, contributions, and service of members of the Ethnic Minorities Section.

If you are not a member, but have any mementoes pertaining to the history of the EM Section, contact Tammy Henderson (princesstlh@gmail.com). If you would like to volunteer for this upcoming event, let Tammy Henderson know as well. We want to tell, share, and continue to transform the work done with and on behalf of families. We look forward to sharing this momentous occasion with all of you.

Family Therapy Section News

by Jeffry H. Larson, Ph.D., Chair, jeffry_larson@byu.edu

Getting excited for the fall conference in San Francisco? Remember the dates: November 11-14, 2009. The theme: "Families in a Multicultural World."

I am excited to announce the Family Therapy Section is sponsoring a special post-conference workshop on Saturday, November 14, entitled *Emotion Focused Family Therapy*, with Gail Palmer. Gail is

one of the best clinical trainers in the world in utilizing emotion focused therapy (EFT) in a family setting. EFFT, an empirically-supported couple therapy approach, is now being used to help families heal attachment injuries and dysfunction.

Gail will present twice on the same day. First is a 90-minute presentation focused on the theory of EFT and the current status of

research on its effectiveness; this will be followed 15 minutes later with her three-and-one-half-hour clinical workshop in which she will demonstrate this impressive technique using video tape examples and discussion. You do NOT want to miss these special sessions sponsored by our Section! Note that we scheduled it on a Saturday afternoon so most local clinicians can attend on their day off. For conference attendees, you can still fly home Saturday night! I hope you will take advantage of this unique opportunity.

Join us after the workshop for *A Taste of San Francisco* – meaning, let's go down to the wharf and get some of the world's best seafood and ethnic food! This will be a great way to end the conference.

Other conference presentations highlights include:

- A symposium on three new interventions for low-income couples
- Treating internet infidelity
- Family therapy with Latino youth
- Family therapy with African American families
- Intimacy in Asian cultures
- A workshop on gender, culture and power in couple therapy
- Family therapist use of prayer
- Sexual orientation and LGBT affirmative training for MFTs
- MFTs as financial consultants to couples

As you can tell, these are very timely topics for the profession of couple and family therapy and you can learn a lot by being at our Section presentations!

See more information about the conference at: www.ncfr.org/member/sections.asp and communicate with the entire Section (that's over 500 therapists!). You can send job announcements, ask questions appropriate for Section members to respond to, and network in our field.

Remember that NCFR is still taking donations for the new Kathleen Briggs Memorial Award fund for mentors of students preparing for careers in MFT. For more information, contact John Pepper at NCFR at johnpepper@ncfr.org.

I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you in San Francisco! ■

Family Science Section News

by Tammy Harpel, Ph.D., Chair, harpelt@latech.edu

Fall is here, a new academic year has started for many of you, and another NCFR conference is just around the corner! My first year as Section chair has truly been a learning experience as I have learned about and been involved in planning the conference program. I thank those of you who served as proposal reviewers. I appreciate the time and effort you put forth into the reviewing process. The end result is a stimulating conference program!

In addition to several poster sessions and one roundtable, the Family Science (FS) Section has two symposia and two paper sessions on the program. On Thursday, Sharon Ballard will chair a symposium that focuses on preparing family professionals to meet community needs. During the second symposium, chaired by Sterling Wall, presenters will share strategies for conducting and teaching research at smaller universities. Finally, attendees will leave the conference with innovative ideas for integrating work-family activities, technology, and culture into their curricula after attending the two paper sessions titled, *Moving Beyond the Lecture: Techniques for Teaching Family Studies and Sensitivity to Culture in Family Science Curriculum*. You don't want to miss these sessions! Our annual business meeting will be held on Saturday, November 14, at 7:00 am. Yes, it is early. Set your alarm clock, request a wake-up call, and do whatever else it takes to get you up that early!

A highlight of the Family Science business meeting will be the presentation of the Wesley Burr Student Paper Award. This award is somewhat of my "baby," as I proposed it to the Section when I was the student/new professional representative. Over the years, I have been honored to present the

award to promising future family scholars and professionals. Last year, Brian Willoughby received the award for his paper which dealt with predicting both cohabiting behavior and attitudes from a series of background and individual variables.

Results of the project, which utilized data from Project R.E.A.D.Y. (Research Emerging Adults Developmental Years), suggested that previous dating and sexual behavior were associated with a greater likelihood of cohabiting while other relational attitudes, such as permissive attitudes toward sexual behavior, were predictive of more endorsement of cohabitation. Brian's study helped distinguish between predictors of relational attitudes and predictors of actual relational behavior. Since earning the award, Brian has completed his doctorate and is now a visiting Assistant Professor at Brigham Young University. Congratulations to Brian on the award, your doctorate, and your new faculty position!

I look forward to writing about the next Wesley Burr Student Paper Award winner in a future *NCFR Report*. Student members of NCFR and the FS Section who served as first author on a paper or poster accepted by the Section for presentation at the 2009 annual conference are eligible to compete in the competition. The winner receives a check and an engraved plaque during the business meeting. I strongly encourage all eligible students to participate in the competition. For more details about the award, contact me or visit the Family Science Section webpage on the NCFR website at www.ncfr.org.

I hope to see you all in San Francisco at our annual Section business meeting! ■

Religion and Family Life Section News

by Linda Behrendt, Chair, lbehrendt@isugw.indstate.edu

The Religion and Family Life Section will meet in San Francisco on Thursday, November 12, over the noon hour. As you are making your conference plans, please reserve this time to join with other Section members. Our meetings consistently provide opportunities to engage in lively conversations, to make professional connections, and to examine common research interests. Our discussion also will continue regarding an endowed award from our Section, and member input will move the process forward. See you in San Francisco! ■

above right: 2008 Religion and Family Life Section award winners Joe Wilmoth and Julie Zaloudek

right: Section Members Bryce Jorgensen, Loren Marks, Lane Powell and Chris Gonzalez join in the conversation at the 2008 Section meeting in Little Rock



News from the Feminism and Family Studies Section

by Áine Humble, Ph.D., Chair, aine.humble@msvu.ca

Greetings everyone! This year's conference is looking to be a great one for the Feminism and Family Studies (FFS) Section. First, we are very pleased to be co-sponsoring a Special Session about sexuality issues. Dr. Caitlin Ryan, San Francisco State University, will be talking about *The Family Assistance Project* (<http://familyproject.sfsu.edu/>), which focuses on the relationship between family acceptance and well-being for LGBT adolescents. Dr. Marysol Ascencio, University of Connecticut, will be discussing Latina/o sexualities. Please visit our Section's website at <http://www.ncfr.org/member/sections/feminism/home.asp> where we have posted a list of various publications by each of these esteemed researchers.

We also have two of our own FFS members participating in other Special Sessions—Shelly MacDermid on military families and Hilary Rose on same-sex marriage in Canada. Closer to home, we have paper sessions and symposia on gendered power across cultural contexts, feminist methodologies, relationships across the lifespan, and domestic violence. Please check your program for the days and times of these presentations as well as other FFS Section poster sessions and roundtables.

Thursday afternoon, November 12, is set aside by the conference planners for you to get out and explore the lovely city of San Francisco. But before you do, please plan to attend two very important Section events. Our one-hour Section business meeting is set for the invigorating hour of 7 a.m. Don't worry, we'll have coffee and tea for you (it should be an interesting facilitation process for me, however, since I don't drink any caffeinated drinks!). Please come for this hour to hear about important business news.

Secondly, before you head into town in the afternoon, bring your lunch to the first ever FFS fundraiser auction from noon to 1:30 p.m.!

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News from the Minnesota Council on Family Relations

by Rose Allen, MCFR President, allen027@umn.edu

In Minnesota, we have been busy with several initiatives generated through the Board and committees of the Minnesota Council on Family Relations.

"Ethical Thinking and Practice for Parent and Family Life Educators"

MCFR developed this booklet a number of years ago and over the past year have updated it and added several new case studies. The content is included in the NCFR publication *Tools for Ethical Thinking and Practice for Family Life Educators*—Second Edition. In addition, MCFR is creating a version of this publication specifically for training and will be offering in-service opportunities to family professionals in late 2009 and 2010.

Reality Check: Work and Family in a 24/7 World

Our fall conference on December 4, 2009, will focus on the impact of work, globalization and the economy on contemporary family life.

Public policy

Many issues addressed in our conferences often inform public policy. We have developed several policy papers addressing some of the topics explored in our conferences that have a policy dimension. These can be found on our website at www.mcfr.net

Connections and support from NCFR

We have moved our website to the NCFR server and are exploring future use of other NCFR systems that can support the work of the Minnesota Council on Family Relations. ■

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Elections Council seeks leaders for NCFR

NCFR's future is inextricably tied to the quality and dedication of its leaders. We need you!

As we approach the annual conference in San Francisco, the Elections Council asks you to think about the leadership opportunities in NCFR that would be a good match for you. Speak with colleagues, mentors, section leaders, or Elections Council members about your desire to serve and your willingness to be nominated for a position. Also consider nominating colleagues who you think would be a good match for the positions available in the next election cycle:

- President-Elect (2011-2013)/President (2013-2015)
- Program Chair-Elect (2011-2012)/Program Chair 2013
- Board Member-at-Large (2011-2014); three positions open
- Elections Council members (2011-2014); two positions open
- Fellows Committee members (2011-2014); three positions open

Each year we begin our work on the next election cycle at the annual conference, asking sections to nominate potential candidates for the organizational level positions that need to be filled and encouraging individuals to nominate either themselves or others. Last year we were more than pleased at the number of candidates who ran for office, and we are excited about the outstanding list of potential candidates we have

before us. We are now in the process of contacting potential candidates to ask them to run in the 2010 election.

In the spring, we will meet to identify and discuss possible candidates for 2011 who have been identified by nomination or who appear on lists of members who have previously served in leadership positions across the organization. We consider not only the experience of individual candidates, but also the structure of the overall slate, asking ourselves if we are building a slate that reflects the strength and diversity of the organization and its members.

The Elections Council's responsibility is to help NCFR members match their leadership abilities to the leadership opportunities that

abound within our organization, and we take seriously the NCFR Board's charge to find the right people who are willing to have their names placed on the ballot each year. We are guided by the operating values outlined in the NCFR bylaws and the Elections Council Policies and Procedures. Our desire is to build a slate that represents the entire NCFR membership and that reflects and promotes the mission and goals of NCFR.

Are you interested in serving or do you have questions? Please contact NCFR staff member Jeanne Strand at jeannestrand@ncfr.org ■

Submitted by Sally Bowman and Mike Johnson (Co-chairs), Katherine Allen, Gary Lee, Glen Palm, Suzanne Randolph, Donna Sollie, Stephan Wilson

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All proceeds from this auction will go to the Jessie Bernard fund, which supports two student/new professionals awards. You can bid on items and various services in \$5 increments. Some items are academic (e.g., books), others are just fun (e.g., a framed picture). Similarly, services for bidding will be a mixture of academic and fun services. For example, you can bid on having Alexis Walker provide feedback on a paper of yours, and you can bid on a half-hour belly dancing lesson from me or having your hand mehndi'd by Anisa Zvonkovic! We continue to look for great items and services to be added to the auction. And by the way, don't worry about any potential duplications—if we have 10 more people offering proofreading or copyediting services similar to Alexis's, all the better! If you would like to contribute an item or a service, please send an email to Elizabeth Sharp at elizabeth.sharp@ttu.edu.

Finally, before you head out for dinner on Thursday, please consider joining us early in the evening on Thursday (5:30 to 7 pm) for a tour of the GLBT Historical Society Museum, located in downtown San Francisco. More details are posted on our Section's website. See you in the Golden Gate City! ■