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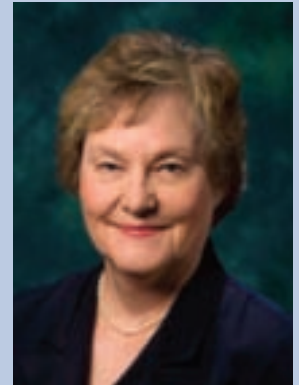
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NCFR Fellows 2011



Congratulations to Joyce Arditti, Andrew Cherlin, Arminta Jacobson.

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Kelly Raley named editor of the *Journal of Marriage and Family*

The NCFR Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Kelly Raley, Ph.D., Professor of Sociology at the University of Texas at Austin, as editor of the *Journal of Marriage and Family* (JMF).

Raley, a demographer who is also the training director in the university's Population Research Center, has published extensively on changes in marriage and relationships and the causes and societal consequences of those changes. Much of her work in this area has addressed racial and ethnic differences in marriage and cohabitation, but her current line of inquiry focuses on educational variation in family formation.

NCFR President Elaine Anderson praised Raley as an outstanding scholar and sociologist. “The NCFR Board of Directors is very pleased to have Kelly Raley as the next editor of JMF. We were particularly impressed with her creative ideas for continuing to advance the journal, her suggestions for involvement of new scholars, and the depth of her understanding of the

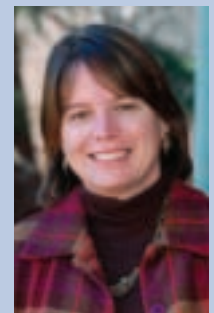
role of deputy editors. Kelly's own scholarship is highly respected and she will bring that same degree of professionalism to her position as editor. The journal and NCFR will greatly benefit from her leadership.”

“I'm honored to have this responsibility,” says Raley. “I've relied on JMF throughout my career so far and I know many others do as well. I look forward to publishing the important and interesting research being generated by family scholars.”

During 2012, Raley will work closely with current JMF editor, David Demo, in the transition of administrative and editorial duties.

Submissions invited

For details about the *Journal of Marriage and Family* and how to submit articles for publication, visit www.ncfr.org/jmf.



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Fellows named for 2011

Fellows status is an honor awarded to members of NCFR who have made outstanding and enduring contributions to the family science in the areas of scholarship, teaching, outreach, and professional service, including service to NCFR.

Fellows are nominated by their peers and selected by the Fellows Committee. Members of the 2011 selection committee were: Shirley M. H. Hanson, Frank Fincham, Gladys J. Hildreth, Roger H. Rubin, Catherine A. Surra, Jennifer Hardesty (board liaison), Jeanne Strand (staff liaison).

Joyce Arditti, Ph.D., is Associate Professor in the Department of Human Development at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, in Blacksburg, Virginia.



Dr. Arditti's area of scholarship includes parental incarceration, children and families of incarcerated parents, family research in correctional settings, families and divorce, fatherhood, and single parenthood. She is known both nationally and internationally for her disciplined study of marginalized groups (e.g. prisoners and the families of prisoners) including issues of poverty, diversity, social justice and the intersection of families and social policy.

Dr. Arditti served as the editor for one of NCFR's scholarly journals, *Family Relations: Interdisciplinary Journal of Applied Family Studies*, for five years. She has served on the editorial boards/associate editorships of other journals as well. In addition to serving as an assistant and associate professor at Virginia Tech, she was a visiting scholar at the University of Arizona and Arizona State University. Joyce has been a consistent and prolific writer in professional journals, books/chapters, and other research publications. In her role as faculty, she has been major professor on numerous theses and dissertation committees and has led student groups to study abroad. She has been active in university/community service as well as community outreach.

Andrew Cherlin, Ph.D., Benjamin H. Griswold III Professor of Public Policy and Sociology at Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Cherlin received his B.S. degree in engineering and applied science from Yale University and his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in sociology from the University of California at Los Angeles.

Dr. Cherlin is considered among the most prominent experts and pioneers in the field of family studies. His work is accessible to family professionals and lay audiences. He is a recognized authority on divorce, remarriage, stepfamilies, cohabitation, family trends, poverty and child well-being. He has authored many popular books and over 80 scholarly articles and is a much sought-after public speaker and writer.



Dr. Cherlin has served as President of the Population Association of America (PAA) and chair of the Family Section of the American Sociological Association (ASA). His many honors include the Distinguished Career Award for the ASA Family Section; the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship; the Irene B. Taeuber Award for outstanding accomplishments in demographic research from the PAA; the Olivia S. Nordberg Award for Excellence in Writing in the Populations Sciences; and appointment as a member of the American Academy of Political and Social Science. He has provided major contributions to family research, theory, policy and teaching. A colleague refers to him as an "innovative and creative scientist, scholar, mentor, and humanitarian," readily available to students and new scientists.

Arminta Jacobson, Ph.D., is the Elaine Millikan Mathes Professor at the University of North Texas. She is the founding director of the Center for Parent Education (CPE) and for 19 years has directed the Annual Conference on Parent Education, a national/international forum for exchange of knowledge and networking among researchers and practitioners. Other international work includes developing a vibrant collaboration with the University of Monterrey in Mexico.



Under her leadership the Center for Parent Education has been a leader in the field of parent education and has served as a model for other states. She also founded the Texas Association of Parent Educators. Dr. Jacobson has served as principal investigator for the

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The beginning of a new term

by Elaine A. Anderson, NCFR President, eanders@umd.edu

I want to send my best to all of you and hope that your year has started off well. This is my first NCFR Report column since becoming NCFR's 63rd president. I am honored and humbled to fill such an important role for the organization. I also want to acknowledge Gary Bowen, our most recent NCFR past president, 2009-2011. Many of you have heard me say that Gary is a tough act to follow. He led the NCFR Board with great professionalism, fairness, wisdom, and humor; and he was highly respected by his fellow Board members. We so appreciate his leadership in helping the Board to refine the mission, vision, and priorities of the NCFR. We further value his respect for diversity in NCFR's membership, with an increased emphasis on international initiatives. On behalf of all of us, thank you Gary.

We have just completed a very successful annual conference in Orlando. Thank you to Leonor Boulton Johnson, program chair, who organized many thought-provoking sessions related to families and the shifting economy. The plenary speakers, as well as many of the concurrent sessions, round tables, and posters offered by you the members, challenged us to think about the consequences of economic stress and to pose new strategies to address this pressing personal and social issue. I had the pleasure of meeting and welcoming many first-time attendees at the Newcomers Reception and to provide them

insights, with the assistance of Bethany Letiecq, about how to navigate the conference. I thank all of the Board members, section chairs, journal editors, NCFR staff and other NCFR members who also welcomed these newcomers and who helped them realize the amazing network of professional colleagues and friends that one can develop through involvement with this incredible organization. I am looking forward to working with this year's program chair, Leigh Leslie, one of my own colleagues at the University of Maryland, as plans are finalized for what proves to be another timely conference in Phoenix focusing on the theme "Families and Health."

During this coming year, the Board of Directors will be working on identifying and making recommendations to the NCFR staff regarding several new and exciting initiatives. The strength of our current governance is the vigilance of accountability that is established through our policies and the means by which we implement those policies that result in positive outcomes from that work. The Board will expand our efforts to be more generative in the development of new positive outcomes for NCFR. Based on feedback from members, our experiences on the NCFR Board, suggestions from the staff, and "reading the tea leaves," three areas were chosen where we will focus our work – increased engagement and activities for our sections, elevating the role of NCFR in our

policy discourse, and the development of international partnerships and opportunities.

My hope is that generation of new knowledge and activities in these areas could bring greater meaning and relevance of NCFR for all members and develop a greater alliance of the members to the organization. We hope that the result of this Board generation of new ideas and actions could enable the sections to become more vibrant in activities, with members more engaged and feeling connected. Additionally, the development of NCFR international partnerships and opportunities could create a greater member alliance globally with others around the world. Last, further preparing NCFR members through policy trainings, initiatives, and partnerships could serve to elevate the role of NCFR in policy discussions.

The Board has already started this generative work through our conversations we had with members at each of the Section meetings during this year's annual conference in Orlando. We encouraged the Sections to re-engage senior members of the organization by developing strategies to invite some of their senior section mentors to offer a session for the section at next year's conference. We recognize the important role that mentors and leaders of each section have played in the success of the organization, and we want new members to also benefit from their wisdom.

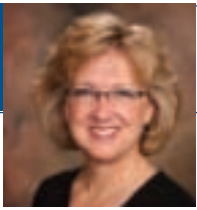
I look forward to working with the Board of Directors and the NCFR staff on these initiatives. We have an excellent staff, under the leadership of Executive Director Diane Cushman. They are very committed to continuing to advance the well-being of the organization and to creating and supporting new and exciting initiatives for NCFR and its members. On behalf of the Board we are pleased to engage with the staff and the membership to develop a new series of initiatives that include NCFR members, and will expand our research and evidence-based practice and knowledge base to support the well-being of families. ■

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Texas HIPPY Corps Project since 1992 and director of state evaluation since 1997. The HIPPY project is a parent education home visitation program for parents of preschoolers.

She has also provided leadership for the development of Parent Teacher Education Connection and nationally disseminated online training modules for pre-service teachers which are incorporated into college classes across the nation. The project has generated graduate student research, collaborative work

at other universities, and fostered knowledge of working with families in the teacher education field. She has been an active member of the Texas Council on Family Relations for 40 years including serving as its president for two years. She has received both the Meritorious Service Award and the Moore-Bowman Award for Outstanding Service and Continuing Support of Families in Texas. Dr. Jacobson has participated in the NCFR Annual Conference for more than 25 years. ■



NCFR is rich with talented members

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

JMF Editor Update

Welcome new *Journal of Marriage and Family* (JMF) editor, Kelly Raley. Dr. Raley, a demographer who is also the training director in the University of Texas Population Research Center, has published extensively on changes in marriage and relationships and the causes and societal consequences of those changes. Dr. Raley holds her B.A. in sociology from the University of Texas at Austin, and her M.S. and Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. She is currently on the JMF editorial board.

The core of Dr. Raley's current research program focuses on educational differentials in fertility and marriage. Dr. Raley's research has been published in *American Sociological Review*, *Demography*, *Journal of Marriage and Family*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *Sociology of Education*, *Race and Social Problems*, *Sociological Spectrum*, *Demographic Research*, *Social Science Research*, *Maternal and Child Health Journal*, and *Journal of Family Issues*.

Thank you to the NCFR Board and the editor search committee: Chair Jay A. Mancini, Rosemary Blieszner, Chalandra M. Bryant, Michael P. Johnson, Alexis J. Walker, and board liaison Gary R. Lee. Dr. Raley began reviewing JMF manuscript submissions on February 1, 2012. Her first issue of JMF will be published in February 2013. Current JMF editor Dr. Dave Demo will continue to edit JMF through the final issue of 2012.

Staff planning for 2012 work

The NCFR staff continues to use an integrated model for annual work planning that involves all the staff and follows the overall strategic direction set by the NCFR Board. We draw from the 2011 member survey (including 46 pages of comments), the 2011 post-conference survey, the board initiatives (international strategy, policy direction, and Section engagement), plus required tax and financial compliance, and operational systems enhancements. Concrete actions for 2012 include: a streamlined conference submission process; a concerted effort to make NCFR an

organization of value to top-level researchers; the packaging of NCFR materials into ready-to-use resources for practitioners; and a renewed focus on policy.

There are multiple opportunities for individual members, Focus Groups, and Sections to contribute to NCFR in ways that will make the organization of greater value to all members and to advance the field of family science. Please consider NCFR as a vehicle for the development of your interest.

- Create a peer-reviewed Section newsletter that provides resources of value to members of the Section. The NCFR website can host Section publications.
- Organize a dynamite interdisciplinary symposia and submit to the 2012 conference.
- Participate in the Theory Construction and Research Methodology (TCRM) conference workshop.
- Share your ideas with the International Section and NCFR staff on how NCFR can better serve family scholars and practitioners from outside the United States. Better yet, volunteer to partner with NCFR staff to add webpages in multiple languages.
- Share your program ideas, marketing strategies, adult-friendly learning tools and other resources by adding them to the online Professional Resource Library: <http://www.ncfr.org/professional-resource-library>.
- Develop a mentoring program within your Section.

- Commit to assisting NCFR staff develop a more useful online research "funding" resource.
- Volunteer to work with NCFR staff to do a webinar for members on the topic of your choice.
- Support the professional development of clinicians across specialty areas so that when they graduate they have a specialty practice area.
- Assist the NCFR staff with the identification of appropriate articles from *Report* and *Network* to package for classroom reading assignments.
- Create an Extension Family Life Educator Focus Group.
- Become active in the Issues and Aging Focus Group and submit more proposals on aging family issues to the annual conference.
- Don't wait to be asked to contribute your know-how to NCFR. Work through a Section or the staff organization to be the change you want to see in NCFR.

Passing of a friend and colleague

Carl Williams, NCFR conference audio visual consultant since 1978 in Philadelphia, passed away on February 5, 2012. Carl was a hard-working man of character on whom we relied for over 30 years to record the conference sessions and produce cassette tapes and later digital files for post-conference use. Many of you developed friendships with Carl over the years and will miss him as much as we will. ■

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CFLE program celebrated at CFLE Reception

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The CFLE Reception held at the NCFR Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida, in November, was once again an inspiring event. We are especially appreciative to the reception sponsors (see page 6) who helped make the event, including a delicious dessert buffet, possible.

We took the time to recognize some of the many people who have contributed to the success of the CFLE program over the past year, including current members of the CFLE Advisory Board **Sharon Ballard**, Chair, **Shann Hwa (Abraham) Hwang**, **Susan Marsh**, **Beth Quist**, **Elise Radina**, and **Amelia Rose**. Members leaving the Board including **Yiota Courelli**, **Carol Darling**

and **Tara Newman** were recognized for their years of service.

Carol Darling was given a little extra attention in part because she had served on the CFLE Advisory Board for seven years but also in recognition of the fact that she had served in some capacity related to CFLE for the past 30 years! Her involvement has included the following contributions:

- Member of the original Standards and Criteria Committee (developed CFLE standards)
- Member of the CFLE Certification Review Committee
- Member of the CFLE Academic Program Review Committee

- Member of the CFLE Advisory Board; chair for 5 years, member for 7
- Member of the CFLE Exam Development Committee including Job Analysis, Item Writing, and Cut Score sub-committees
- Recipient of CFLE of the Year Award - 1994
- President of NCFR, 2001 to 2003; CFLE was an important part of her platform

We know that she will continue support the CFLE program in the years to come!

We also recognized members of the newly formed Online Clearinghouse Committee including Chair **Deb Bailey**, **Jill Bowers**, **Jerry Cook**, **Lis Maurer**, **Todd Gomez**, **Sandy Osborne**, and **Jonathan Davis**. This committee will be working to identify CFLE-related academic courses available online as well as on the development of online modules for each of the ten family life content areas.

CFLE Advisory Board member **Elise Radina** shared information on the Family Life Education Month Contest launched for the first time in 2011. We received 16 submissions to the contest including press releases, posters and flyers, newspaper articles, and activity suggestions.

Deborah Gentry, the Academic Program Review Liaison, recognized the schools that received first-time approval and program renewal in 2011 (see insert). The Academic Program Review continues to grow with over 130 CFLE-approved universities and colleges. Members of the Academic Program Review Committee were introduced and thanked for their efforts in reviewing the many academic applications we receive each year. They include **Sadguna Anasuri**, **Duane Dowd**, **Lauri Etheridge**, **Tami Moore**, **Dorothy Berglund**, **Kristie Chandler**, **Martin Covey**, **Janet Crow**, **Michael Fleming**, **Clara Gerhardt**, **Tammy Harpel**, **Melinda Markham**, **Tara Newman**, and **Meeshay Wheeler**. (Over 35 schools are due for renewal in 2012 so we need a large committee!)

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List of approved and renewed programs

Congratulations to the following CFLE Approved Programs

(Newly approved since November 2010)

Baylor University

Child and Family Studies - Undergraduate

California State University at Los Angeles

Child Development - Undergraduate

North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University

Child Development and Family Studies -
Undergraduate

Southeastern Louisiana University

Family and Consumer Sciences -
Undergraduate

University of Rhode Island

Human Development and Family Studies -
Graduate

Congratulations to the following Renewed Programs

(Renewal approved since November 2010)

Ball State University

Family Studies - Undergraduate

Concordia University - Ann Arbor

Family Life - Undergraduate

Concordia University - Nebraska

Family Life Ministry - Graduate

Florida State University

Family and Child Sciences - Undergraduate

Kansas State University

Family Studies Option - Graduate

Loma Linda University

Family Studies - Graduate

Lubbock Christian University

Human Services - Graduate

McNeese State University

Family and Consumer Sciences -
Undergraduate

Texas Tech University

Human Development & Family Studies -
Undergraduate

Texas Woman's University

Family Studies - Undergraduate
Child Development - Undergraduate

Texas Woman's University

Family Studies - Graduate
Child Development - Graduate

University of Alabama Tuscaloosa

Human Development and Family Studies -
Undergraduate

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Certified Family Life Educators

The following is a list of Certified Family Life Educators designated between October 1, 2011 and December 31, 2011. Provisional unless otherwise noted.

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Kathleen Kirk

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Lisa Lott
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Nicole Pasquale
Vicki Rosengarten

Oklahoma

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Oregon

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Shelly Gillaspie
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Micaela Pennell Wilson

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Marcie Dawson
Amelia Prete

Washington

Erin Bricker
Kelly Maynard

West Virginia

Rachel Nestor

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Carmen Ng

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Amanda Adam

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The evening ended with the presentation of the *CFLE Special Recognition Award* to a very deserving **Robert Keim**. Bob has been a member of the National Council on Family Relations since 1966 and a CFLE since 1988. He was always been an ardent supporter of the CFLE program while a professor at Northern Illinois University.

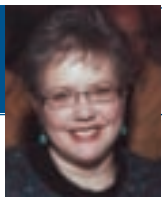
A few years back, he began to talk about the idea of writing a book that would consist entirely of ideas and contributions from CFLEs regarding parenting. *Wisdom for Parents—Key Ideas from Parent Educators* is the results of his efforts. It includes a collection of short stories, personal experiences, and poems from CFLEs. Bob and his co-editor, **Arminta Jacobson**, donated their time and expertise to the development of this book. Additionally, Bob used his own money to fund some of the publication and promotional cost of the book, so that most of the author proceeds are being donated to the Certified Family Life Educator program.

Bob's effort in producing *Wisdom for Parents* has provided a wonderful parenting resource for both parents and parent educators. It highlights the wisdom and expertise of CFLEs from around the world. We are grateful for this gift. Please consider purchasing a copy. It is available through the NCFR store on the NCFR website. ■



Left: Carol Darling, with CFLE Advisory Board Chair, Sharon Ballard, is recognized for 30-plus years of service to the CFLE program. Right: CFLE Advisory Board Chair, Sharon Ballard, presents Bob Keim with the 2011 CFLE Special Recognition Award.





Crocodile what?!

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

There's a special kind of pain in recognizing when everyone else can understand something—except me. One of the first memories I have of this is from seventh grade. I was at a junior high dance. As an aside, the word “dance” was a bit of an overstatement. As I recall, the girls stood around on one half of the gym and the boys on the other. But what I couldn't understand were the lyrics to one of the songs at the dance—“Crocodile Rock,” Elton John's hit song from that year. My hearing was excellent. I just couldn't make out what he was saying.

For example, there's one line that I now know is “long nights crying by the record machine, dreaming of my Chevy and my old blue jeans.” It's so obvious now! Here all these years I've been trying to understand why he was so obsessed with beverages, “dreaming of my sherry and my Ovaltine.”

Sir Elton John has had an amazing career that is certainly almost 40 years long by now. He's never gone out of style. I admire not only his single hits, but his score of “The Lion King,” his playful choice of eyewear and, most of all, his many generous humanitarian projects. Year after year, he would release songs that were always wonderful tunes. But in about half of the songs—about half of the time—I had no idea what he was saying. I completely and freely admit this is my problem. Everyone else must be able to hear the words, or his songs wouldn't hit the charts as they do. Especially in seventh grade, I would have been too embarrassed to ask someone to interpret his lyrics. Now that I think about it, it's too embarrassing now.

Thank goodness for the internet. Now I can—via the secrecy of my own laptop—type “lyrics” and “Crocodile Rock” and it's all laid out for me. Oh, of course! THAT'S what he's saying! Even so, I discovered that reading the lyrics doesn't completely answer all my questions. I just looked up the lyrics to another Elton John hit that I've never understood, “Bennie and the Jets.” Now I've read the lyrics, in plain English, and still

I have only a vague idea what they mean. There must be something wrong with me.

What my little parable reveals are a couple of things related to family studies. Even when families “hear” a message under the best of circumstances—in their native language, with no hearing impairment—sometimes they have no idea what's being said. What our job is, if we are to be the multidisciplinary source of information about the understanding of families, is to be the connection between what is said and what is heard. Practitioners, such as family life educators, can create that safe place to ask questions and get answers. Increasingly, this may be via websites developed for families. With regard to disseminating information about families, we are just beginning to exploit the possibilities we have with new technology. It's embarrassing for me to ask about the lyrics to “Crocodile Rock”; how joyous it was to have the internet and quickly dispel over 30 years of ignorance.

Researchers? It all starts with you. You are the composers who write hit songs. Most of the time, however, a journal article wouldn't be understandable to a family in its original form. Then it's up to us—NCFR practitio-

ners and CFLEs like me. By reading the research, we know what the words are. But when we serve families directly, we have to have enough of a command of research to know how to translate it into a format that can be understood by our clients. There will be times that even we don't understand the words. We have to be courageous enough to ask our researchers “what does this mean?”

Researchers? Scholars can learn from practitioners, too. If we tell you that an unusually large number of Elton John fans cannot understand his lyrics, you can find out why.

This is the beauty of NCFR. This is where this process happens. Theory, research, translation, practice, new questions from practice, more theory and back to research. Hmmm. Reminds me of an Elton John song that I do understand, “The Circle of Life.”

Epilogue: I asked my husband to read this article, which he did. I've been married over 25 years, and I thought I knew everything about him. Turns out he's had the same problem with Elton John's songs too. He said he never understood the line, “Hold me closer, Tiny Dancer. Count the head lice on the highway...” ■

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Recommended Resources

The following resources are appropriate for background preparation and as sources of information for students. Explore websites, as many contain additional reports, handouts, and program information appropriate to assign as readings.

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Programs

Essential Life Skills for Military Families, <http://www.militaryfamilylifeskills.org/>

FOCUS: Family Resiliency Training™ for Military Families, <http://www.focusproject.org/>

MSPAN: Military Support Programs and Networks, <http://m-span.org/>

Passport Toward Success and Our Heroes' Tree, <http://www.cfs.purdue.edu/mfri/public/programs/outreach.aspx>

Reports

Military Home Front, <http://www.military-homefront.dod.mil/>

RAND, <http://www.rand.org/topics/military-families.html>

Websites

American Red Cross, <http://www.redcross.org>

Center for Deployment Psychology, <http://deploymentpsych.org/>

Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center, <http://www.dvbic.org/>

Military Child Education Coalition, <http://www.militarychild.org>

Military Family Research Institute at Purdue University, <http://www.cfs.purdue.edu/mfri/public/default.aspx>

Military HomeFront, <http://www.military-homefront.dod.mil/>

Military OneSource, <http://www.militaryonesource.com>

National Center for PTSD, <http://www.ptsd.va.gov/index.asp>

National Child Traumatic Stress Network, <http://www.nctsn.org>

National Military Family Association, <http://www.militaryfamily.org/>

National Resource Directory, www.nationalresource-directory.org

Navy & Marine Corps Public Health Center, <http://www.nmcphc.med.navy.mil/index.aspx>

Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Military Community and Family Policy, <http://prhome.defense.gov/MCFP/>

Official Home Page of the United States Army, <http://www.army.mil/>

Official U.S. Marine Corps Web Site, <http://www.marines.mil>

Official Web Site of the U.S. Air Force, <http://www.af.mil/>

Official Website of the United States Navy, <http://www.navy.mil>

Penn State Clearinghouse on Military Family Readiness, <https://www.militaryfamilies.psu.edu/>

Sesame Workshop Talk, Listen, Connect Programs, <http://archive.sesameworkshop.org/tlc/>

Student Veterans of America, <http://www.studentveterans.org>

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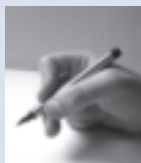
U.S. Department of Defense Education Activity, <http://www.dodea.edu/home/index.cfm>

U.S. Department of Defense Personnel and Military Casualty Statistics, <http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil/>

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, <http://www.va.gov/>

Zero to Three, <http://www.zerotothree.org> ■

Write for NCFR Report!



NCFR Report is member-written. All are encouraged to submit articles for publication. The upcoming themes for the 2012 issues of NCFR Report are:

- Summer 2012: Teaching Family Science—deadline 3-21-2012
- Fall 2012: “Open Mic”—deadline 6-21-2012
- Winter 2012: Families and Spirituality—deadline 9-21-2012

Interested in writing on one of the themes? Write to Editor Nancy Gonzalez to request the submission guidelines: nancygonzalez@ncfr.org

Update: Inclusion and Diversity Committee

by Maresa Murray and Donna Sollie, IDC Co-Chairs

The Inclusion and Diversity Committee (IDC) is a standing committee that reports to the Board regarding issues of inclusion and diversity. We hosted our inaugural continental breakfast meeting at the 2011 NCFR Conference in Orlando, Florida. Over 28 people attended this gathering, and participants voiced positive support for the service provided by the IDC to NCFR members and

leadership. Participants were also actively engaged at roundtable discussions, with IDC members facilitating discussions at each table. Topics included:

- The definition of diversity and inclusion
- Sponsorship ideas for the IDC at forthcoming NCFR conferences
- Discussion on the high relevance of the IDC to current family political issues

- Brainstorming suggestions on collaborative opportunities with NCFR Sections
- Affirmation of the “open door” policy for newcomers to the IDC

After the participants at the roundtables shared their respective ideas with each other, each table shared an overview of thoughts with the entire group. Everyone was heard, from the most seasoned IDC member to the newcomer who was curious about the group. Donna Sollie and Maresa Murray, Co-chairs for the IDC, made a commitment to translate the shared ideas and suggestions into the short- and long-term planning of the committee through conference calls and in-person meetings. The event was successful in generating meaningful conversation, fostering connections between NCFR members and IDC members, and providing important information that the IDC will use in planning for presentations and events at upcoming conferences. Thanks to all who participated, and we look forward to seeing you in Phoenix! ■

On the bookshelf

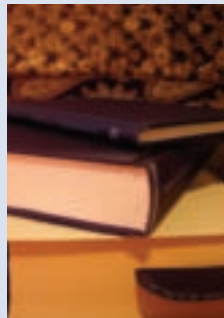
On the Bookshelf is a news column intended to build community by letting colleagues know about new books by fellow members. Inclusion on this list does not constitute an endorsement by NCFR. To submit your book for consideration in the next On the Bookshelf column, at least one author must be an NCFR member and the announcement will be published once. Send your submission in the exact format of these listings to nancygonzalez@ncfr.org.

Lisa Newland, Harry Freeman, and Diana Coyl-Shepherd (2011). *Emerging Topics on Father Attachment: Considerations in Theory, Context and Development*. Routledge, <http://www.psypress.com/emerging-topics-on-father-attachment-9780415508957>.

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Our NCFR family

NCFR member Lauren Rinelli McClain and David McClain were married October 2, 2010. In her own words, Lauren describes the day: “We had an outdoor ceremony on a rather cold fall day. The reception was a big party with 162 of our family and friends. We danced our first song to ‘Then’ by Brad Paisley and smashed the cake

in each other’s faces.... we had a great time and enjoyed every minute of our special day.” If you look closely, there are little pictures hanging off of Lauren’s bouquet. They are of both of sets of grandparents who were unable to be there. Congratulations to the newlyweds!

Photo courtesy of Dallas Galbreath



NCFR Report - A member forum

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Internet access at the annual conference

by Jason Samuels, IT Manager, jasonsamuels@ncfr.org

After the 2011 NCFR annual conference in Orlando we asked attendees: How important was it to have internet access at the annual conference? The result was overwhelming – out of 261 survey responses, 96.2% said that it's at least somewhat important and 81.2% said very important.

Last year was the second conference that NCFR offered attendees a free WiFi zone, and 58.8% of 257 respondents said they used it. No fewer than two dozen people said that they had some trouble with the service. We also heard, repeatedly, that attendees want WiFi available throughout the meeting room

floor and in their guest rooms at no additional charge. I'm writing this column to clarify why WiFi access is limited to a specific area and to explain some of the challenges involved.

To put it bluntly, it comes down to money. Hotel network services vendors charge into the thousands of dollars to provide conference internet connections on the meeting room floor. Open WiFi access for attendees costs far more.

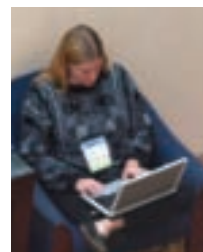
Because of the exorbitant cost we've taken another approach – utilizing mobile hotspots that connect to newly-launched 4G wireless networks to provide our attendees with a free

WiFi zone. In 2010 this option became available only two days before the conference began, when Clear expanded their coverage in Minneapolis. We rushed to obtain the devices, print informational signs, and have the access code available at registration. With more time to plan in 2011 we advertised free WiFi in the Gathering Place and printed the access code on the back of attendee badges.

Thus far, WiFi provided via mobile hotspots has been a functional but imperfect solution. One of the biggest limitations is that each mobile hotspot only supports up to five concurrent connections. In Orlando not everyone understood this limitation, knew where to look for the code, or even where the WiFi zone was set up. We learned a lot of lessons that we're going to apply to improve the setup at subsequent conferences. As we accumulate more devices and learn how to better configure them, the quantity and quality of connections should improve. But for the foreseeable future and until the cost to provide attendee WiFi throughout the meeting room floor comes down to a reasonable level, free attendee access will necessarily be limited to the area that our staff sets up.

Regarding the cost to access WiFi in the guest rooms, this is something that NCFR has begun negotiating in our conference contracts. Because hotel contracts are negotiated years in advance, and free internet access wasn't a consideration until just a few years ago, there are no concessions for WiFi through the 2012 conference. The bad news is that guest room internet access in Phoenix this year will cost about \$13 a day. The good news is that we are planning to double the number of connections available in our free WiFi zone. At the 2013 conference in San Antonio we were able to negotiate a reduced rate of \$5 a day for guest room WiFi. There will be free guest room WiFi at the 2014 conference in Baltimore.

In sum, we hear what you've told us about internet access at the annual conference. The challenges are daunting. We are working hard and employing innovative solutions to do our best to meet attendee needs. If you're interested in a more technical case-study that I wrote on configuring mobile hotspots for attendee WiFi, see <http://www.nten.org/blog/2011/12/21/case-study-providing-event-attendees-with-wireless-internet-via-mobile-broadband>.



Conference video highlights and presentation downloads

The 2011 Annual Conference plenaries were among the highest rated of the last few years, particularly those by David Williams and Benjamin Karney. The good news is that you can readily revisit many of the great sessions of this past conference.

The Williams and Karney presentations plus the other plenaries and many Special Sessions are available on video through the NCFR website. This is an individual members-only benefit, although the sessions are also available for purchase to the general public. DVDs or MP4 files also may be a more efficient format for use in class presentations or on teaching systems like Blackboard.

In addition, the PowerPoint slides for many presentations are posted with the session listing in the online schedule.

Here's a sampling of what's available, followed by instructions on how to access these resources.

- *Beyond Health Care Reform: Key Steps to Improve the Health of All American Families*. David Williams, Harvard University School of Public Health (Session 304; Day 3—Fri, 8:15am)
- *Intergenerational Equity: Balancing the Needs of Young and Old*. Isabel Sawhill, Brookings Institution (Session 212; Day 2—Thurs, 9:45am)
- *What's (Not) Wrong with Low-Income Couples: Maintaining Intimacy in More and Less Affluent Marriages*. Benjamin Karney, UCLA (Session 419; Day 4—Sat, 11:15am)
- *Tough Times: The American Family Under Economic Stress*. Frank Furstenberg, Jr., University of Pennsylvania (Session 122; Wed, 1:15pm)

- *On Being Spiritual, Feminist, and Professional*. Integration of professional and personal values in practice. Manijeh Danishpour, Froma Walsh, Tom Carlson (Session 321; Day 3—Fri, 1:45pm)
- *Storms, Spills, Floods: Families and Disasters*. Catastrophic events in the southern U.S. Barry Keim, Brenda Phillips (Session 223; Day 2—Thurs, 1:15pm)
- *Overturning Florida's Law Prohibiting Gay Men and Lesbians from Adopting*. Shelbi Day, J.D. (Session 329; Day 3—Fri, 3:30pm)

Recorded sessions online

Go to <http://www.ncfr.org/ncfr-2011/watch-and-listen>. This link is under the section for the 73rd NCFR Annual Conference. Brief video clips are available for the major plenaries followed by the complete presentation. Audio recordings available of a limited number of concurrent sessions; inquire if your choice is not listed.

Recorded sessions on disc

Purchase video recording for \$29 and audio recordings of concurrent sessions for \$7 (session availability limited—inquire if your choice is not listed). Shipping/handling, \$5 per order. Email info@ncfr.org with requests.

PowerPoints/handouts

All presenters in all sessions, including concurrent sessions, are urged to submit files of PowerPoints or printed handouts. These documents are attached to the session record in the conference database and are available as online resources for members and others. Navigate to sessions through the conference schedule pages for the 73rd Annual Conference: <http://www.ncfr.org/ncfr-2011/conference-schedule/conference-schedule-day>

Family and Health Section

Jan McCulloch, Chair, jmccullo@umn.edu

What an exciting time to be a member of our section. We have embarked on our “Walk to Phoenix” project – a project that will keep the NCFR membership involved all year as we anticipate and prepare for the 2012 Annual Conference with its focus on Families and Health! I encourage all of you to participate. When you sign up, you will be asked to identify your section. For FH section members, be sure to identify our section. Once you do that, you automatically become part of the Family and Health Section Team earning points on behalf of our section. For details and a link to the online form, see <http://www.ncfr.org/ncfr-2012/ncfr-walk-phoenix>.

Another part of the Family and Health project will be our sponsorship of the 5K Walk/Run to be held as part of the 2012 Conference. Get ready to participate in this fun activity with proceeds going to an organization supporting families in Phoenix!

This is a wonderful time for us to be thinking of special Family and Health symposia for the 2012 meeting. If you have ideas, please contact me so we can work together to integrate some symposia for the meeting.



Abstracts for the 2012 have now been submitted and our review process is underway. I encourage Family and Health section members to make plans now to submit your work for one of the section's two paper awards, the Professional Paper and Student/New Professional Paper.

In closing, I hope NCFR members who are not currently affiliated with the Family and Health section will join our section if you have interests in families and health, defined broadly. Some have asked me if we focus on physical health. The answer is a resounding “No!” We are interested in all aspects of health and family well-being. Come and join us!

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News from the Research and Theory section

by Tom Holman, thomas_holman@byu.edu

Not only will NCFR in Phoenix this year provide opportunities for great Mexican and Southwest dining, but also an opportunity to learn, connect, and network. And for those of us from northern climes, the warm desert sun will also be much appreciated!

Unlike other sections that emphasize one component of family, the Research and Theory section seeks to encourage the papers and presentations across the full spectrum of issues related to family with special emphasis on the highest quality research and theory. Also, the RT section sponsors workshops on cutting-edge statistical and methodological innovations and on theory development and application. This year the RT section will sponsor at least two special sessions and will likely co-sponsor one or two others. While we are still in the formative stages as this article was written, we anticipate one special session on applying a well-known social theorist's ideas to family life. Still much in its formative stages is a special session on theorizing the medical model or on where research on family life and physical health needs to go next.

We have a new focus group—Military Families—joining our existing Men and Family and Qualitative Family Research Network focus groups. These focus groups allow members to network with other members within these specific realms and we encourage members to be involved.

NCFR is more than its annual conference, and the Research and Theory section officers hope to assist NCFR to broaden and to extend its reach. One place we hope to have influence is the United Nations International Year of the Family—20th Anniversary. While the UN can be highly politicized, we know NCFR members of the Research and Theory section can bring good theory and research to bear on the attendant conferences and resolutions.

On behalf of the other section officers—Joyce Arditti, Sara Johnson, Brian Ogolsky, and Shelley MacDermid Wadsworth—we look forward to putting together a great program, looking for new ways to have influence and seeing and meeting you in Phoenix this year. ■

News from Religion and Family

by Joanne Roberts, Ph.D., CFLE, Section Chair, jroberts@hsutx.edu

The Religion and Family Life section is working on the strategic plan developed by the officers in January. We have several goals that we would like to pursue as we seek to promote the field of religion and family. Some of the goals include creating a section newsletter, developing curriculums for religion and family courses, as well as continuing with current projects such as the collection of syllabi and updating our bibliography. As part of this process, we are enlisting section members' participation and expertise.

As many of you know, RFL section members and NCFR staff met at the annual conference in Orlando this past November to discuss the possibility of creating a journal related to family and spirituality. While we all agreed that this is a worthwhile goal, much preparation work must be done before this can become a reality. The section will continue working toward this goal as well as others we have identified as important for the section. ■



2011 Religion and Family Life Section award winners: (Left) Karen Quek (Alliant International University) along with colleagues Byoung-chul Joseph Jun, Hye-Sun Ro, Peter Lim, and Seongeun Kim for “Religiosity and the Constructions of Personal Development and Family Dynamics,” Professional Paper Award. (Right) Julie Zaloudek (University of Wisconsin-Stout) for “Are You My Mother? Evangelical Perceptions on Maternal God Images.” This is the second time that Zaloudek has received this award.

Feminism & Family Studies Section News

by Elizabeth Sharp, Chair, Elizabeth.sharp@ttu.edu

Hello! I am pleased to report that the FF section has several exciting announcements, including a new slate of officers. I (Elizabeth Sharp) am the new section Chair, Libby Blume is Chair-Elect, Janel Leone is the Secretary/Treasurer, Kristen Benson and Kimberly Crossman are the new Student/New Professional Representatives and Lisa Taylor is Past Chair. We recognize that we follow a long tradition of strong and energetic feminist leadership and we hope to build on this rich legacy in the next two years.

The 2011 conference was a great success. The conference program was infused with feminist scholars, our 2009-2011 S/NPs (Russell Toomey, Megan Haselschwerdt) resurrected the feminist mentoring program, and we sold cookbooks containing feminist twists to classic (and not so classic) dishes from more than 75 section members. The cookbook helped raise money for the Jessie Bernard S/NP Awards.

We are eagerly planning the 2012 conference. We will be considering health issues both nationally and globally. In particular, we hope to offer sessions discussing health disparities among LGBTQ individuals; the interplay between women's health and policy; eco-feminism—discussing how the environment and family health intersect; and reproductive health, including global concerns such as maternal mortality. We also hope to consider more deeply theoretical intersections and diversions of feminist and queer theories as well as Chicano feminism.

If we can get enough feminists out of the library and into the kitchen, we will nourish the bodies and minds of our colleagues by having a feminist cook-off (using the recipes from the cookbook).

Finally, drawing on the feminist tenant of praxis (i.e., putting theory into action), our section is encouraging all NCFR members to be mindful of her/his environmental impact (in the spirit of eco-feminism) while attending the conference. At our 2011 business meeting, Ramona Oswald initiated a dialogue among section members to generate ideas about the ways in which NCFR members can present posters in a “greener” and less expensive way. For example, NCFR members could consider recycling posters to local elementary schools & use “old school” poster format (i.e., use multiple 8 ½

by 11 sheets of paper) instead of the large one-page posters. Currently, we are working with NCFR staff to help promote more widespread eco-friendly practices.

Student/New Professional FF Sponsored Awards

Nominations Due Date—April 15, 2012
The Jessie Bernard Outstanding Research Proposal from a Feminist Perspective Award is presented in memory of Jessie Bernard, former NCFR Board Member and pioneer in the field of feminist family studies. This

award recognizes a graduate student/new professional who has demonstrated excellence in research and potential contribution to feminist scholarship. The Jessie Bernard Contribution to Feminist Scholarship Paper Award recognizes a graduate student/new professional who has published or is about to publish a paper using feminist frameworks and methodologies in research. To apply, please see instructions on the NCFR web site <http://www.ncfr.org/sections/ff> or contact the 2012 Jessie Bernard Awards Chair, Libby Balter Blume, at jbawards2012@gmail.com. ■

Family Therapy Section News

by Tom Blume, Chair, blume@oakland.edu

We had strong attendance this year in Orlando—somewhere around 50 people packed the room as Chair-Elect Christi McGeorge led a mentoring-themed activity in which we divided up as mentors or mentees and met people we'd never talked to before. We hope to follow up at next year's meeting with a speed-mentoring activity. You won't want to miss it!

The big news in the Family Therapy Section this year was the selection of Karen Wampler and Richard Wampler (both at Michigan State University) as co-recipients of the first Kathleen Briggs Mentoring Award. The award was established to honor the memory of Kathleen Briggs, whose career was so clearly focused on the goal of building the next generation of family therapy scholars and practitioners through personal mentoring relationships. After years of planning, we were delighted to be able to present this award at an NCFR plenary session.

Erika Lynn Graftsky won the 2011 Outstanding Student Paper Award for “The Disclosure to Family Experience of Queer Youth,” and Markie L.C. Blumer won the Outstanding New Professional Paper Award for “Exploring Intergenerational Clinical Mentoring” with co-authors Mary Sue Green, Ashley M. Barrera, and Desiree Compton.

Jessica N. Fish won the 2011 Outstanding Student Poster Award for “The Role of Attachment and Differentiation in Extradynamic Experiences” with co-authors Thomas Pavkov, Joseph Wetchler, and Jerry Bercik.

Rashmi Gangamma won the Outstanding New Professional Poster Award for “Relational Ethics, Differentiation & Relationship Satisfaction in Couples,” with co-authors Suzanne Bartle-Haring, Michael Knerr, and Jennifer Collins.

For several years we have talked about the fact that our section is one of the few that does not sponsor at least one focus group. At this year's business meeting, Karen Wampler proposed a focus group on mentoring. The idea was extremely popular. We passed a sign-up sheet to get the minimum of 15 charter members for the application, and it came back with 33 names. We will now submit the application through the NCFR Board. We hope to be ready to reserve a room for the group to meet at the 2012 Conference in Phoenix. The final challenge is that we need to have a strong showing of participants when the Mentoring Focus Group meets. Please help to spread the word!

You should receive several reminders to send in proposals for the 2012 Conference, chaired by FT Section member Leigh Leslie. The theme, “Families and Health,” highlights an emerging theme in family work of all kinds. After about 30 years of intense activity in the area of Medical Family Therapy and Collaborative Healthcare, we hope to show our members' involvement in this critical effort by sponsoring many health-related posters, papers, symposia, and workshops. We especially like to see our members select

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Family Policy Section news

by Kelly Davis, Secretary-Treasurer, kdavis@psu.edu

We had a wonderful Family Policy Section meeting in Orlando! Thanks to all who were able to attend. For those who could not make it, the minutes are posted on the NCFR website.

At the meeting we recognized two outstanding students. First, we announced that **Joanna Wu** received the *Feldman Internship Award*. Joanna is a Ph.D. student in Human Development and Family Studies at the University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign. She has an internship at the Urban Institute's Income and Benefits Policy Center and will examine child care subsidy and welfare policies. Her goal is to understand better the policies applicable to her research about family structure, immigration, and the transition to adulthood.

Second, we presented **Rachel Hagues** with the *Feldman Outstanding Research Proposal Award*. Rachel is a PhD student in Child and Family Development at the University of

Georgia. Her qualitative research proposal aims to discover if and how girls are taken advantage of or solicited for sex around schools in Tanzania and what risk and protective factors exist for these girls for prevention and intervention implementation.

Congratulations to both of you!

Please note that submissions for these awards, as well as the Feldman Travel Award, will be due to the Family Policy Section on June 1, 2012. Applications should be submitted to Diana Baltimore at dianabl@iastate.edu. For more information about these awards, please go to our section webpage.

We continue to fundraise to support the Harold and Margaret Feldman Fund. The Feldmans were long-time NCFR members and pioneers in the field of family policy. Margaret represented NCFR in Washington, D.C., serv-



Kelly Davis, FP Secretary/Treasurer and Rachel Hagues, Feldman Award recipient.

ing as a family advocate. Please consider honoring the Feldman's legacy and becoming a Friend of the Feldmans. You can make a donation today on the NCFR website! ■

Wisconsin affiliate news

by Jami Kaiser, WICFR President, jamikaiserCFLE@gmail.com

Wisconsin was a big winner at the NCFR conference in Florida this past November. WICFR won "Best State Affiliate Poster," with a \$50 prize, and the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point UCFR group won "Best University Affiliate Poster" with a \$100 prize. What a great way to start our first year!

We are busying ourselves preparing for our April 13 WICFR State Conference. Our

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FT as the section to which their proposals are sent—that way we get more recognition on the program.

On Ground Hog Day 2011, a new NCFR website was unveiled. It offers many new ways in which Sections can support their members. Among the most important is the new ability for members to access current conference presentations as well as those from past years (both recordings and presentation slides). I encourage you to go to the site and search for your favorite clinical and scholarly interests—see what has been happening! ■

theme this year is "Sustainability: Thriving in Challenging Times." We invite proposals for a variety of topics related to the work of NCFR, i.e. family, children, finances, health, policy, etc., in a variety of formats from academicians, extension educators, community practitioners, graduate and undergraduate students in related fields. Students and/or persons from related disciplines, and other states, are also invited to submit their work. If we are to thrive, it will be together! Please contact jamikaiserCFLE@gmail.com for details.

We have accomplished the major task of creating the infrastructure of our affiliate. We have a website, a public and members-only Facebook page, and an online payment process through Constant Contact that allows us to build our contact list as well as provide secure online payments. We are glad to be officially up and running.

We have established a membership promotion for our first full year. Anyone that joins during the WICFR Inaugural Year (through April) will be granted dues at student rates for **life!** We hope this promotion will boost membership and help us build momentum.



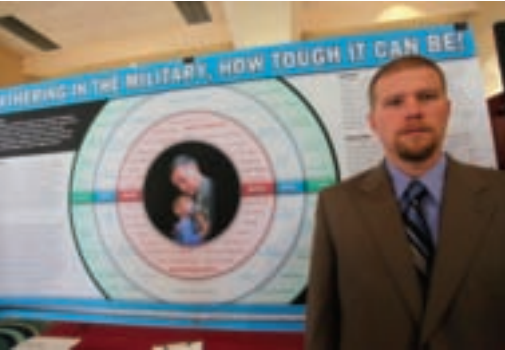
In trying to build value and community into our state affiliate, we have chosen to use a members-only Facebook page as our main platform of communication with members. This 24/7, live environment allows us to connect on many different levels. We still maintain a public page, where we post information about WICFR/NCFR, and encourage membership. We are working hard to gain members in all parts of the state and in the different topics of family life in order to have a robust conversation. Most of the postings to date are regarding job opportunities, which is a fantastic benefit.

Hope to have news from a great conference for our next WICFR update! ■



NCFR Conference in Phoenix, Oct. 31 - Nov. 3

2011 conference highlights



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The World Health Organization defines health as "a state of complete physical, mental, and social well-being." As a discipline, we have long been focused on the mental and social foundations of health. The theme of the 2012 conference encourages us to also explore the multitude of ways in which the physical aspects of health are relevant to our understanding of well-being for children, families, and communities.

At the substantive level, the conference will address critical questions such as what is "family health" and how do we promote it through our research, interventions, and policy? At the discipline level, we will engage the question of how do we, as family scientists, interface with the health disciplines.

Plenary speakers are listed below. Special Sessions will be identified and posted shortly. Tentative topics include immigrant health; the academic connections between Public Health and Family Science; health care reform policy; family theory; religion and families scholarship; and health diagnoses changes in the DSM.

Major Sessions

Brian D. Smedley, Vice President and Director of the Health Policy Institute of the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, Washington DC.



Barbara Fiese, Professor of Human Development and Family Studies at the University of Illinois and Director of the Family Resiliency Center.

Jackie Campbell, Chair and Professor, Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing and the Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Sara Honn Qualls, Professor of Psychology and Director of the Gerontology Center at the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs.

