

National Council on Family Relations 2020 Annual Conference

Wed.–Sat., Nov. 11–14, 2020

Preconference workshops: Tues., Nov. 10

St. Louis, Missouri | Marriott St. Louis Grand Hotel

Conference Theme

Family Expansions, Expanding Families: Contouring Family Science's Negative Spaces



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The 2020 NCFR conference theme is rich with meaning, with a broad goal of using engagement with each other to better understand the dynamic nature of family life in ways that are inclusive, innovative, and waiting to be discovered. The theme places a particular emphasis on taking time to reflect and look for elements of family life that not only are present or emerging, but also those that become visible with the use of a new or yet to be discovered perspective or vantage point.

Family Expansions reflects the idea of our growing knowledge across the Family Sciences, partially as demonstrated by the recent closing of one decade of progress and the moving into a new decade. The use of family expansions also is a nod to the Gateway Arch of St. Louis, built as a symbol of the westward expansion—a time of growth and advancement that, certainly, came with many challenges and controversies.

Expanding Families reflects NCFR's commitment to inclusion and diversity, and is intended to acknowledge families as dynamic, fluid, and diverse in forms and functions.

Contouring Family Science's Negative Spaces suggests the need to be grounded in our historical and contemporary knowledge about the everyday experiences of families, but also engage a critical reflection that affords us opportunities to step back and ask unimaginable questions needed to drive the discipline forward. More simply, the theme suggests engaging the past, present, and future of all families. This also is a nod to the 1979 NCFR conference theme "Everyday life in families: Past, Present, and Future", and accordingly, the 79 neighborhoods that make up our conference location, St. Louis.

As stated at the beginning, our theme is truly rich with meaning and I am confident you will find the same richness and meaning at this year's conference!

Special Note on New Opportunities and Formats:

One of the conference hopes is to create more opportunities for engagement within sessions rather than focusing mostly on presenting. It is through engaging multiple perspectives and vantage points that we can begin to make a yet unimagined discovery or practice possible, which is a second hope for the conference.

Proposal Submission

Deadline:

11:59 p.m.

Pacific Standard Time

March 2, 2020

For proposals, it is important to demonstrate the potential of the scholarship's contributions in innovating the future. For presenters, this should become part of the presentation dialogue across presenters as well as the audience. Because realizing these hopes require more time devoted to dialogue in sessions, we suggest authors focus most on the quality (e.g., methods used, limitations) and contributions (e.g., findings and how they add to the field) of their work when presenting. We also added **new workshop formats** to help achieve our hopes. These workshops should focus on the co-creation of new knowledge and skills in real time. Examples include: developing or demonstrating novel research methods, processes, or analysis strategies; theory development; conceptualizing emerging or novel phenomenon; developing or demonstrating novel clinical, programmatic, or education practices; leadership skills; community engagement; and ways to adapt or improve the inclusiveness of any of the above. Specific directions for the new workshops will be provided in the long call for proposals. Find more information about submitting your proposals at ncfr.org/ncfr-2020. The online proposal system will open in January 2020.

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Sustainable Conference Goals

To better understand the dynamic and fluid nature of families for this new decade, we will use dialogue, engagement, and presentations of scholarship to articulate a set of inclusive

1. research priorities.
2. evidence-supported practices.
3. policy priorities.
4. educational/pedagogical priorities.

Criteria for Proposals

The proposal describes work that meets BOTH of the following criteria:

- (a) The work is sufficiently developed.
- (b) Regardless of focus (e.g., research, practice), an appropriate, rigorous approach is used.

Proposals can be based on qualitative, quantitative, or mixed methods; systemic literature reviews; or analyses of a theoretical, pedagogical, or policy nature, and must include:

- (a) A strong connection to existing research
- (b) A strong connection to theory
- (c) The potential to stimulate new knowledge and or innovative practices

The proposal is written clearly, logically organized, and includes references.

Submission Questions

May I submit a previously published/presented paper?

No. Papers that have been published or previously presented are not accepted.

When will I know if my proposal has been accepted?

You will be notified by June 1, 2020.

If my proposal is accepted, what is expected of me?

- At least one author of accepted proposals must attend the conference, register, and pay the registration fee to present.
- Upload copies of the PowerPoint slides you will be using to the NCFR website by one week prior to the conference.
- If your presentation is accepted as a paper, symposium, lightning paper, or poster symposium, a copy of your presentation must be sent to the session facilitator/discussant by Oct. 15, 2020. You also are required to upload your presentation PowerPoint slides to the NCFR website (except poster symposium).

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