

IN THIS ISSUE

Family Focus theme: Families with Differences

The Family Focus section of this issue addresses a type of family diversity that often is not focused on: heterogeneity *within* families. These articles review issues faced by families living with differences of racial, ethnic, or cultural background and/or identity; the implications of different experiences and attitudes within the family; and differences in families related to location and legal status.

In the News:

Get Involved in NCFR Leadership, 2

Anisa Zvonkovic on Being
"In Conversation With One Another," 3

Family Scientists Provide Hope, 4

FLE Assessment Exam
Now Available, 5

Update on Research and Policy
Briefs, 6

Member Group Updates, 8

2017 Award Winners, 10

2018 Conference Preview, 18

Nominate Candidates for NCFR Leadership

Submissions for the 2019 slate
are due Jan. 31, 2018.

Go to bit.ly/NCFRelections

More election details inside on page 2

Congratulations to All 2017 NCFR Award Winners

An important part of NCFR's work and mission is to recognize excellence and service in the Family Science discipline. Congratulations to all our deserving 2017 award recipients!

Start planning now to apply or nominate someone for next year's awards. Information is on the NCFR website (ncfr.org/awards), and the annual awards information will be distributed in late winter or early spring. Nomination deadlines for many awards are in April or May. See the complete list of 2017 award recipients beginning on page 10.

Scenes From the NCFR Conference

Nov. 15–18, 2017 | Orlando, Florida



More Conference photos on page 17

Mission Statement for NCFR Report

NCFR Report, the quarterly newsletter of the National Council on Family Relations, provides timely, useful information to help members succeed in their roles as researchers, educators, and practitioners. Articles address Family Science issues, programs, and trends, including association news.

President: Anisa Zvonkovic

Board Members: Kimberly Crossman, April L. Few-Demo, Karen Benjamin Guzzo, Tammy S. Harpel, Leigh A. Leslie, Bethany L. Letiecq, Brian G. Ogolsky, Andrea L. Roach, Stephan M. Wilson

Executive Director: Diane Cushman

News Editor: Trip Sullivan

Family Focus Editor:

Judith A. Myers-Walls, Ph.D., CFLE

How to contribute to the Family Focus section:

The Family Focus section of NCFR Report is member-written. Articles accepted for publication will be edited using standard editorial practice, and given priority based on 1) relevance to the Family Focus theme, 2) brevity due to space limitations, and 3) how articles form a complementary collection. For information and guidelines, contact the editor, Judith A. Myers-Walls, Ph.D., CFLE at reporteditor@ncfr.org. *The contents of articles represent the views of their author(s), which may not represent the position of the entire organization.*

How to advertise in NCFR Report

To advertise in NCFR Report, please see the specifications and price list at ncfr.org/about/advertise-ncfr/ncfr-report. NCFR reserves the right to decline any paid advertising at our sole discretion. Deadlines for each of the quarterly issues are:

Spring issue—Jan. 1

Summer issue—April 1

Fall issue—July 1

Winter issue—Oct. 1

Send advertisements to Trip Sullivan at tripsullivan@ncfr.org. For all submissions, please supply an email address to allow readers to contact you.

NCFR Report is published quarterly by the National Council on Family Relations
661 LaSalle Street, Suite 200
St. Paul, MN 55114
Toll free: 888-781-9331 Fax: 763-781-9348
www.ncfr.org

Third class postage permit. Reprints of this publication are available by contacting NCFR headquarters at the address above.

Copyright © 2017 National Council on Family Relations. All rights reserved.

VOTE and NOMINATE

Get Involved in the Leadership of Your Organization!

Claire Kamp Dush, Ph.D. and Alan C. Taylor, Ph.D., CFLE, NCFR 2017 Elections Council Co-Chairs

Get involved in the leadership of YOUR organization! The vitality of NCFR depends on the dedication of its members to serve in leadership capacities at various levels of the organization.

Leadership in NCFR offers many benefits and rewards, including the following:

- The opportunity to share our knowledge and expertise in ways that will help to promote the welfare of families and children
- Status among and recognition by local, state, national, and international audiences
- Networking and professional development opportunities

The charge of the Elections Council is to identify people who are willing to commit their time and energy for leadership positions. Please consider how your skills and gifts might benefit NCFR. In turn, we are quite sure that you will gain valuable leadership experience and will grow personally as well as professionally. Here are two ways to be involved.

1. VOTE in Upcoming Elections (February 2018)

The Elections Council wants to encourage all members to vote in February 2018. We have submitted a nomination slate (ballots will be emailed to members in February 2018) for terms that will be filled at the end of the national meeting in San Diego, California, in November 2018. The nominees are as follows:

Elections Council – 2018–2021 (Two Positions)

Shann Hwa (Abraham) Hwang – TX
or Ani Yazedjian – IL
Cassandra Dorius – IA
or Vanja Lazarevic – CA

Fellows Committee – 2018–2021 (Three Positions)

Francesa Adler-Baeder – AL
or Sarah Schoppe-Sullivan – OH
Spencer Olmstead – KY
or Shawn Whiteman – UT
Christine Proulx – MO
or Elise Radina – OH

Inclusion and Diversity Committee Member-at-Large – 2018-2021 (One Position)

Daphne Hernandez – TX
or Robin Yaure – PA

Students and New Professionals Program Representative – 2018–2020 (One Position)

Erin Lavender-Stott – VA
or Kale Monk – IL

2. NOMINATE YOURSELF OR OTHERS for February 2019 Slate (due Jan. 31, 2018)

The Elections Council wants to encourage all members to nominate someone for the February 2019 slate. As you think about who would serve NCFR well, please give serious consideration to nominating yourself as well as others. Here are the selection criteria to help you decide whether you would be willing to be nominated and/or to identify potential candidates for the upcoming election:

Eligibility for Nominations

- Current membership in NCFR
- Knowledge and/or experience in areas reflecting broad trends in human development, Family Science, marriage and family practice, sociology, and related professions
- Knowledge and/or experience in leadership roles through sections, affiliate councils, focus groups, conference planning, publishing, public policy, or other committee work

Get Involved continued on page 7



In Conversation With One Another

Anisa M. Zvonkovic, Ph.D., NCFR President, anisaz@vt.edu

This is my first NCFR president's column, and so I want to let you all know how grateful I am, both for your support of me and for your involvement in this organization. My own NCFR story may sound familiar, and perhaps it is similar to yours. NCFR was my first professional membership and my first professional conference. I have had numerous objective career successes because of NCFR members, and I have experienced even more subjective benefits from being active in the organization.

Whether it's networking professionally, renewing friendships with colleagues across the United States and internationally, keeping current on teaching, research, and programming, or connecting with others facing similar professional challenges, NCFR has really allowed me to thrive in this family-focused profession I find so gratifying.

For me, and I suspect most of us, choosing a family-focused profession was a natural outgrowth of a drive and passion to do some good in the world. For many of us, it's a calling. Focusing on family relationships allows us to connect with other people regarding the most intimate parts of their

lives, in conversation and collaboration with them, toward understanding their experiences and our common humanity. I have heard university administrators talk about the mission of higher education as "devoted to improving people's lives." That mission is also certainly true for those of us in social service agencies, and other direct-service organizations.

In order to work with you, I need to know what concerns you have, and I need to communicate to you what the board is doing and discussing.

This sense of mission relates very well to the discipline of Family Science. While I would like for everyone to live the best life they can, I am convinced that we need to be in conversation with people to understand what improving their lives would mean for them, rather than presuming that we know how to improve people's lives without their own voice. So much of the world disregards people's own goals for themselves and their

lived experience. I have always resonated with family-focused research and practice that is truly with individuals, rather than on them. I carry that same perspective into my new role with NCFR – in order to work with you, I need to know what concerns you have, and I need to communicate to you what the board is doing and discussing.

We have made great progress in board communication under Bill Allen's leadership (I have learned so much from Bill!), and we plan to continue to reach out to you. As you have probably noticed, the NCFR board has surveyed members over the past year about policy involvement activities, and the board has begun regular communications with section chairs over the year to hear members' opinions. I plan to continue this communication with section chairs. The board welcomes your opinions, and we do talk about them in our monthly conference calls.

My hope as I take on being president of this organization—to which I owe so much, and to which I am so devoted—is to be effective in communicating its benefits and to sustain, and even enhance, its value to NCFR members and to the world. ✨



Program Chair
Bahira Sherif Trask,
Ph.D.
University of Delaware



CALL FOR PROPOSALS

2018 NCFR Annual Conference

ncfr.org/ncfr-2018

Save the Date

Wednesday, Nov. 7 - Saturday, Nov. 10, 2018
Preconference Workshops, Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2018
Town and Country Resort & Convention Center, San Diego, CA

Conference Theme
*Families and Cultural Intersections in a Global Context:
Innovations in Research, Practice, and Policies*

**Proposal Submission
Deadline:**
11:59 p.m. Pacific
Standard Time
March 1, 2018

More about NCFR 2018 on page 18



Family Scientists Provide Hope

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

Members Take Action in Face of Uncertainty and Disasters

The 2017 year has been a difficult one. To enumerate the ways in which the world has changed in the past 12 months would be overwhelming. To languish in despair, after taking time to digest and assimilate new information, serves little purpose. Most of us seem to go on doing the best we can and, in increasing numbers, seeking ways that we can make a positive difference in the world.

NCFR member Tammy Henderson let us know that her church had taken on a major role in the Hurricane Harvey disaster relief effort, and we let you know how you could help (bit.ly/2ymYe55). Member Wendy Middlemiss launched a campaign to purchase bedside infant bassinets for donation so parents and their babies could sleep next to one another in the Houston storm shelters, and she was able to spread the word through NCFR's member-group emails. There are probably scores of stories like this involving NCFR members who chose to make a difference in the wake of tragedies throughout our world in 2017.

Mass shootings, storms, floods, earthquakes, fires, and real and threatened policy changes combine in what has become a regular assault on our safety and security and on the welfare of families. Parents are doing their best to hold steady for the sake of their children while the world undergoes change at an unimaginable pace. Faces of the homeless, the helpless, and the hopeless surround us everywhere we turn.

Making Family Science Matter More in the World

It is understandable that NCFR members want to increase their impact on global society. Some have found ways to do so through their work, and others through their avocational passions. Still others turn to the organizations with which they're affiliated, to help those organizations serve as platforms through which they can accomplish change.

In the last issue of *NCFR Report*, the NCFR Board of Directors articulated a process to use to determine the circumstances under which NCFR might involve itself organizationally in policy advocacy (bit.ly/ncfrpolicysurvey2). The Oct. 11, 2017, edition of *Zippy News* (NCFR's weekly email newsletter) included a video that described how the National Science Foundation involved social scientists in a project with the National Weather Service to develop early warning messages intended to save lives when severe storms threaten communities (bit.ly/2yj9X2h). Research published in NCFR journals has informed decisions about practices and policies throughout the world.

As we come to the close of another calendar year, we want to extend our heartfelt thank you and best wishes to all members of the NCFR community.

NCFR's board members, staff, and many members have been examining ways to increase the impact of Family Science on these and other societal issues. We have resumed production and distribution of policy briefs. We have proposed a new program of developing and distributing translational briefs that are based on selected NCFR journal articles. We continue to work on the branding of Family Science and on advocacy for Family Science professionals, defined broadly as academics, therapists, researchers, theorists, Family Life Educators, and others whose work affects families (see wearefamilyscience.org).

Volunteers Key to NCFR's Ability to Make a Difference

From annual conference submission reviewers to board members, NCFR is only as strong as its volunteers. Each November we thank those whose terms in elected office are ending and welcome those who are stepping

in to serve in these valuable roles. We want to thank Bill Allen, outgoing NCFR Board president, for his four years of service to the board, and we welcome Anisa Zvonkovic as our new board president. Other board members who have completed their terms include Nate Cottle, Jennifer Kerpelman, Karen Seccombe, and Sandra Stith. Thank you all for your dedication to leading NCFR.

We welcome new board members Leigh Leslie (president-elect), April Few-Demo (member-at-large), Brian Ogolsky (member-at-large), Bethany Letiecq (member-at-large), Andrea Roach (Students and New Professionals representative-elect), and Tammy Harpel (affiliate councils president-elect).

Each November, half of our section chairs end their terms. We want to thank Brenda Lohman, Tara Saathoff-Wells, Yan Ruth Xia, and Christine Proulx for their leadership, and we welcome Anne Farrell, Abbie Goldberg, Mihaela Robila, and Kari Adamsons to the section chair positions. Thank you to Mike Goodson, who is serving a three-year term as chair for the Religion, Spirituality, and Family Section.

So many students and new professionals serve important leadership roles. Thanks to all of you, and we hope the leadership experience serves you well as you begin your careers in Family Science.

Two other recent notable board actions are the appointment of Brad van Eeden Moorefield as the program chair for the 2020 NCFR conference in St. Louis, Missouri, and Mark Fine as the incoming editor of *Journal of Family Theory & Review*. More about both of these appointments will appear in a future issue of *NCFR Report*. Congratulations to Brad and Mark. We look forward to working with both of them.

State Policies Affect Conference Site Selection

Finally, as we have written about in past *NCFR Report* columns (bit.ly/2ymHNpa), conference site selection is a complex task. It is made

continued on page 5



FLE Assessment Exam Now Available

Dawn Cassidy, M.Ed., CFLE, Director of Family Life Education, dawncassidy@ncfr.org

Over the past few years many NCFR members have expressed interest in using the Certified Family Life Educator (CFLE) Exam as an assessment tool for their Family Life Education (FLE) program. For a number of reasons, this is not feasible. Additionally, the creation of a completely separate assessment exam was cost prohibitive. However, several pieces have since come together to now make this possible. A standing CFLE Exam Committee has been formed and a process has been established to update the CFLE Exam item bank on a regular basis. I am pleased to report that the FLE Assessment Exam is now available!

Items for the assessment exam were developed using the same criteria as the exam used to award the CFLE credential to individuals. Both the CFLE Exam and the FLE Assessment Exam will be populated with items pulled from a single NCFR test bank. However, items will appear only on one test

form; we will not pull questions from the CFLE Exam for use on the assessment exam and vice versa.

If you are interested in being one of the first programs to offer the FLE Assessment Exam to your students, please contact me.

It is important to note that the assessment exam will not result in certification for those who successfully complete it. The assessment exam will be used only to help Family Science programs evaluate how well their program is covering the family life content areas identified as representing the knowledge, skills, and abilities needed for the effective practice of Family Life Educators.

To keep the cost of the assessment exam within reach of most programs, it will be

administered by paper and pencil rather than computer-based testing (CBT), although CBT administration may be an option in the future. Schroeder Measurement Technologies (SMT), our testing vendor, will ship printed copies of the exam to programs via secure shipping. The exams will be administered by an approved onsite proctor and shipped back to SMT on the same day.

Exam data will be reported to the program and not to individual students. At this time, we plan to provide a program with the following aggregate data:

Aggregated student data: Average data for all students' performance (e.g., average score for all students was 80%)

Aggregated student data for each of the 10 family life content areas: Average data for all students' performance in each of the 10 content areas (e.g., average score for all students in Content Area 1 = 60%, in Content Area 2 = 95%, and so on)

Comparison of aggregated student data: Data comparing students' average performance to the average performance of students from peer institutions, which would be identified only by ID number (e.g., average score for all students from University 1 = 79% and University 2 = 84%)

Comparison of aggregated student data for each of the 10 family life content areas: Data comparing students' average performance in each of the 10 content areas to the average performance in each of the 10 content areas of students from peer institutions (e.g., average data for all students' performance in each of the 10 content areas at University 1, Content Area 1 = 75%, Content Area 2 = 97%, and so on; University 2, Content Area 1 = 83%, Content Area 2 = 91%, and so on). Comparison data will not be available until a sufficient number of students have completed the assessment exam.

Directions continued on page 6

Executive Review continued from page 4

more difficult by the changing political landscape and state policies that contradict NCFR's diversity values. Once selected, sites are difficult to change. States can pass laws in short order, making a once-suitable site less suitable. For example, recent legislation in California forbids reimbursement for costs incurred while traveling on business to certain states with policies found unfavorable by the California legislators.

NCFR has members in just about every state and, by its governance bylaws, is supposed to host its annual conferences in locations where members live and work. Some members have suggested that by avoiding states with laws that are inconsistent with NCFR's values of diversity, we miss out on opportunities to be ambassadors of change in the very areas where it is needed most. Other members suggest that by avoiding those states we withhold financial support, which may be

another way to influence policy changes.

The NCFR Board of Directors is kept informed of the changing policy landscape of states already chosen and under consideration as sites for future NCFR conferences. This issue is so widespread that associations, including NCFR, are now adding clauses in their hotel contracts stipulating that changes in state laws may be cause to invoke a force majeure clause that allows for alterations to the contract. There is still the matter, however, of finding a replacement hotel in short order. We'll continue our work in this area.

As we come to the close of another calendar year, we want to extend our heartfelt thank you and best wishes to all members of the NCFR community. Together, you form the core of a discipline that makes the world a better place, that gives hope to many families, and that brings research and knowledge to bear on improving all societies. ✨



An Update on NCFR’s Research and Policy Briefs

Jennifer Crosswhite, Ph.D., CFLE, Director of Research and Policy Education, jennifercrosswhite@ncfr.org

Over the past two years while the NCFR Board of Directors has worked with NCFR members on NCFR’s policy direction, work has continued on the research and policy briefs. Author guidelines for writing the briefs and a publication process were developed, and NCFR hired Joyce Arditti, Ph.D., as the research and policy brief editor to enhance the peer-review process and to begin publishing research and policy briefs.

The purpose of the research and policy briefs is to provide policymakers with research on families to help inform decisions that affect families at the federal, state, and local levels. Brief topics must be timely and include a family perspective. Briefs are based on high-quality research; are educational, nonpartisan, and objective; and are written by experts in the field.

Directions continued from page 5

Individual student data: Survey respondents expressed some interest in individual student data (students would be identified only by an ID number), but there was greater interest in aggregated data. NCFR will have the option of providing data on individual student scores upon request.

To work out the logistics of offering the FLE Assessment Exam and reporting data back to the programs, we will pilot the exam with a few schools. **If you are interested in being one of the first programs to offer the FLE Assessment Exam to your students, please contact me.** In exchange for your involvement, NCFR will waive the initial setup fee that will be charged to programs going forward.

NCFR is excited to be able to respond to a need expressed by the membership and to provide this service to the discipline of Family Science. ✨

NCFR has published three peer-reviewed policy briefs under Dr. Arditti’s editorship. Those briefs include the following:

- *Lesbian and Gay Parents and Their Children*, by Charlotte Patterson, Ph.D., and Abbie Goldberg, Ph.D. (November 2016)
- *Alleviating the Stress on Working Families: Promoting Family-Friendly Workplace Policies*, by Bahira Sherif Trask, Ph.D. (January 2017). This brief also includes an executive summary.
- *How Parental Incarceration Harms Children and What to Do About It*, by Sara Wakefield, Ph.D., and Christopher Wildeman, Ph.D. (January 2018). This brief also includes an executive summary.

Briefs are based on high-quality research; are educational, nonpartisan, and objective; and are written by experts in the field.

These briefs, along with the research and policy brief author guidelines and the reviewer guidelines and evaluation form, can be found online at bit.ly/NCFRpolicy.

Dr. Arditti commissioned two additional briefs that are still in the publication process—one on parent and family education in the context of early childhood education and the other on childhood obesity.

We want to thank Dr. Arditti for serving as NCFR’s first research and policy brief editor. She has provided great insight, direction, and thoughtfulness in the brief development, publication, and peer-review process. We also want to thank those individuals who were originally involved in developing the research and policy briefs, those who

have thus far served as reviewers, and the leadership of NCFR’s Family Policy Section in advancing the research and policy briefs.

In 2016 and early 2017, the NCFR Board of Directors invited NCFR members to participate in two surveys to examine NCFR’s approach to public policy. The results of those surveys were shared in the *NCFR Report* and can be found online at bit.ly/ncfrpolicysurvey1 and bit.ly/ncfrpolicysurvey2. These results provide evidence that NCFR members would like to see family-relevant research being disseminated to policymakers and the public with the research and policy briefs as one method of dissemination.

As NCFR moves forward in publishing additional research and policy briefs, the Family Policy Section leadership will continue to be an integral part of the process. Dr. Arditti has concluded her term as editor, and we will begin the search for a new editor and continue to look for brief authors. Please visit bit.ly/NCFRpolicy to review the author guidelines and to indicate your interest in writing a research or policy brief.

The results of the two board policy surveys also indicate that NCFR members are interested in NCFR developing additional methods for disseminating Family Science research to policymakers and the public. Ideas for translating Family Science research from our three journals, *Journal of Marriage and Family*, *Family Relations: Interdisciplinary Journal of Applied Family Science*, and *Journal of Family Theory & Review*, are being discussed so that the research can be more widely understood and used by the public, practitioners, and policymakers.

We look forward to the further development of NCFR research and policy briefs and additional tools for disseminating research. ✨

Definition of Diversity

When identifying members to run for office, consideration should be given to a slate that is diverse in its representation of members, for example:

- Ability and disability
- Aboriginal, mixed, immigrant
- Age
- Bilingualism and multiculturalism/English language learners
- Body size and condition
- Customs and traditions
- Educational, disciplinary, or career status
- Ethnicity, race, national origin, or cultural identity
- Gender, gender identity, and gender expression
- Geographical background and location
- Marital status, relational status (including singlehood), and family structure or identity
- Objective and subjective worldviews and standpoints
- Political ideologies and affiliations
- Religion/no religion, spirituality and affiliations, and faith
- Sexual orientation, identities, and expressions
- Socioeconomic status, residential status, social class, employment, and national service

[Note: The aspects of diversity are listed alphabetically, but not in any order of priority.]

Keeping this in mind, we invite self-nominations and nominations of others for the following positions for the slate to be elected in February 2019. The terms for these positions will begin November 2019 at the end of the annual conference in Fort Worth, Texas.

Board President-Elect – 2019–2021 (President 2021–2023)

The president-elect shall assist the president, and in the event of the president's absence, incapacitation, resignation or death, the president's duties (general management of the business of the NCFR board) shall devolve to the president-elect. The president-elect will serve on the Board Audit Committee and be in charge of the Newcomers Welcome at the annual conference.

Board Member-at-Large – 2019–2022 (Two Positions)

NCFR board members are responsible for the overall governance of the organization on behalf of all NCFR members. They attend two face-to-face board meetings per year, along with regular conference calls and email exchanges. They take responsibility of maintaining contact with the membership and reflecting the needs of all NCFR members.

Affiliate Councils President-Elect – 2019–2021

The affiliate councils president-elect shall serve on the National Council on Family Relations Board of Directors for a two-year term and shall represent concerns of the members of the affiliate councils. This position shall assume the presidency of the affiliate councils for a two-year term following his or her term as president-elect.

Students and New Professionals Board Representative-Elect – 2019–2020

The Students and New Professionals board representative-elect serves a one-year term as a nonvoting member of the board. After serving their one-year term, this position will move to the position of Students and New Professionals board representative, to serve a two-year term as a voting member of the Board of Directors. During the one-year term, the SNP board representative-elect will learn about the organization and his or her role as the future SNP board representative by shadowing and assisting the current SNP board representative and SNP program representative.

Elections Council Members – 2019–2022 (Two Positions)

It is the responsibility of the Elections Council to prepare a slate of nominees for officers and members of the Board of Directors, Students and New Professionals board representative, Students and New Professionals program representative, Fellows Committee, Elections Council, and Inclusion and Diversity Committee positions, and to ensure that the policies regarding recruitment as provided by the NCFR Bylaws and the Elections Council Policies and Procedures are followed.

Fellows Committee – 2019–2022 (Two Positions)

The Fellows Committee shall review the applications from nominees for NCFR Fellow status. During the NCFR Annual Conference, they will discuss and vote on which nominees will be recommended to the Board of Directors for NCFR Fellow status.

Inclusion and Diversity Committee (IDC) Member-at-Large – 2019–2022 (Two Positions)

IDC members-at-large will serve to assist the IDC to respond to the needs and desires of NCFR members. The members-at-large will help the committee send updates on its work via web postings, *NCFR Report*, and other effective venues of communication.

Inclusion and Diversity Committee Students and New Professionals Representative – 2019–2021

The Students and New Professionals representative shall act as a liaison between the IDC and the Students and New Professionals Leadership Council.

Annual Conference Program Chair-Elect – 2019–2020, Program Chair for 2021 Conference, Baltimore, Maryland

The NCFR conference program chair-elect is appointed by the NCFR Board of Directors. The Elections Council is interested in your suggestions for potential program chair appointees. Please feel free to suggest names along with your other nominations.

Again, become involved in leadership positions of our organization. Consider what your involvement will be and send nominations to Jeanne Strand at jeannestrand@ncfr.org. For additional information, please review our website, bit.ly/NCFRelections. **Deadline for nominations is Jan. 31, 2018.** ✨



Families and Health Section Update

Jerica Berge, Ph.D., M.P.H., LMFT, CFLE, Section Chair, jberge@umn.edu

We hope that you enjoyed the 2017 NCFR conference in Orlando, Florida!

FH Section Happenings at the NCFR Conference

The Families and Health (FH) Section presented a record high of 90 posters (four poster symposiums) and 18 sessions, including 10 symposia, four paper presentation sessions, three lightning paper sessions, and one workshop focusing on various families and health topics, such as obesity, chronic illness, violence, trauma, aging, substance abuse, sleep, aging, siblings and health, military families, and health disparities. We continue to lead the NCFR sections with the most conference proposal submissions. Keep it up! Submissions = presentation slots!

We also put out a call for nominations for section leaders. Next year our section leadership will change, and elections will occur before the 2018 NCFR Annual Conference. The positions available are chair-elect, secretary/treasurer, Students and New Professionals representative, and communications specialist. If you are interested in running for a position, please contact our chair-elect, Karina Shreffler at karina.shreffler@okstate.edu.

Paper Winners

At the FH section meeting we also announced the winners of our Outstanding Paper Awards. They received a plaque and \$200.

Student and New Professional

Public Perspectives Toward the Sexual Behavior of an Individual With Dementia Residing in Long-Term Care

First author: Erin L. Yelland, Ph.D., Kansas State University

Co-authors: Adam W. Cless, B.S., Kansas State University; Allen B. Mallory, M.S., Kansas State University; Jessica D. Cless, M.S., Kansas State University

Professional

Perceived Child Weight Status, Family Structure and Functioning, and Support for Health Behaviors in a Sample of Bariatric Surgery Patients

First author: Keeley J. Pratt, Ph.D., Ohio State University; Department of Surgery, College of Medicine, Ohio State University Wexner Medical

Co-authors: Megan Ferriby, M.S., Ohio State University; Sabrena Noria, M.D., Ph.D., Ohio State University Wexner Medical; Joseph Skelton, M.D., M.S., Wake Forrest University; Christopher Taylor, Ph.D., Ohio State University; Bradley Needleman, M.D., Ohio State University Wexner Medical

Poster Winner

This year was our section's inaugural year for an Outstanding Poster Award. The awardee received \$100 and a certificate. Congratulations to our winner, Dina Izenstark.

More details and a list of all section award winners is on page 13.

Thank you to all who submitted papers and posters for awards, as well as those of you who reviewed for our section in 2017! The success of the section depends on your engagement. In the upcoming months, please consider submitting a proposal to the FH Section for the 2018 conference in San Diego!

Free Trial Membership for One Year

In our preconference newsletter and at the Newcomers Welcome, we gave out a coupon to try out the FH Section for one year. Those of you who took advantage of this opportunity will be getting an email soon regarding your FH one-year free membership. We hope you find membership advantageous and stick around after the year is up! ✨

Families and Health Section Spotlight

Dr. Antoinette M. Landor
Assistant Professor at the University of Missouri

Antoinette M. Landor is an assistant professor in the Department of Human Development and Family Science at the University of Missouri (MU). She received a Ph.D. from the University of Georgia and completed a NICHD postdoctoral fellowship at the University of North Carolina–Chapel Hill. Antoinette's research and teaching cuts across the FH and Ethnic Minorities (EM) Sections of NCFR. Her research focuses on the impact of skin tone on individual, relational, and family health and functioning. Her work has appeared in top-tier journals, such as *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*, and has been presented at domestic and international conferences, including the European Congress of Psychology. Antoinette teaches thought-provoking courses on Black families and human sexuality. She also serves as a nationally elected representative for NCFR's EM Section and is a mentor for MU's McNair Scholars Program. Antoinette grew up in southern Louisiana and is a proud and active member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, and The Links, Incorporated.



Ethnic Minorities Section Update



Roudi Nazarinia Roy, Ph.D., CFLE, Section Chair, Assistant Professor, Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, California State University, Long Beach, roudi.roy@csulb.edu

Over the past 38 years, the Ethnic Minorities (EM) Section has been a place where educators, scholars, and practitioners have made connections with colleagues, friends, and mentors from across the country and around the world. Our section provides a supportive environment for all NCFR members dedicated to creating a better understanding of families from diverse ethnic groups. The dedication of our members to their profession, and the development of their colleagues, is evident in their level of service to our section and the larger NCFR organization. In this report, I would like to spotlight two of our former section chairs who exemplify service to their profession and continue to be important figures in our section. Both women are assets to their field and admired for their dedication to our section. Drs. Burgess and Lewis have served the EM Section and NCFR in numerous elected positions over the past 30 years, and we are grateful for their leadership and mentorship throughout the years.

Dr. Norma J. Bond Burgess is an NCFR Fellow and current dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Lipscomb University, Nashville, Tennessee. Dr. Burgess

earned an undergraduate degree in political science from the University of Tennessee at Martin and a master's degree in public administration and Ph.D. in sociology from North Carolina State University. She also completed seminars at Bryn Mawr College (HERS), Cornell University (AMI), and the Millennium Leadership Institute. She is an established leader in the academic community and conducts workshops on leadership nationally and internationally.

She has held numerous leadership roles at NCFR, including co-chair of the Leadership Development Seminar (Department Chairs) and president of the Association of Councils. She has also served on the NCFR Board of Directors in several capacities. She currently serves as a member of the Fellows Committee. As a member of the



Norma J. Bond Burgess

Groves Conference on Marriage and Family, she served as the chair of the Membership Committee. Dr. Burgess is past president of the Southeastern Council on Family Relations, where she served in the 1990s. With a great sense of humor, Dr. Burgess is a powerful motivational speaker, committed to sharing strategies for integrating work, family, and success.

Dr. Edith A. Lewis is an NCFR Fellow and professor emerita of social work and women's studies in the School of Social Work at the University of Michigan. A social work and Afro-American studies undergraduate who also completed her MSW at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, and her Ph.D. in social welfare at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Dr. Lewis is well known for her national and international work on culturally competent practices. She is also well known for her scholarship on women and families of color.

She has served on numerous committees within NCFR, including the Diversity Task Force, the Inclusion and Diversity Committee, and the Action



Edith A. Lewis

for Diversity Committee. She has served on the board of directors for both the Groves Conference on Marriage and Family and the Michigan Affiliation Council. She also currently serves on the *Journal of Family Theory & Review* editorial board. Working from a strength-based perspective, her work has affected the lives of families on an international level. Dr. Lewis is an educator and scholar who demonstrates innovation and dedication to working with families in the United States and abroad. ✨

Thank NCFR You, Donors

July – Sept. 2017

| | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| William D. Allen | Judith L. Fischer | Kennon Rider |
| Debra L. Berke | William Michael Fleming | Sandra Stith |
| Deborah P. Coehlo | M. Janice Hogan-Schiltgen | Richard S. Wampler |
| Nancy Deringer | Mitchell Jackson | Stephan M. Wilson |
| Martha Farrell Erickson | Glen F. Palm | |

Felix Berardo Scholarship Award for Mentoring

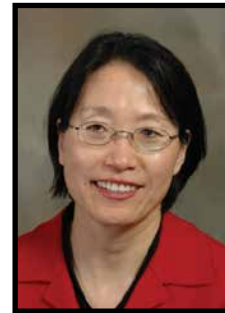
Yan Ruth Xia and Randal D. Day

Yan Ruth Xia and, posthumously, Randal D. Day are the 2017 co-recipients of the Felix Berardo Scholarship Award, which is given to NCFR members for excellence in mentoring junior colleagues or students.

Dr. Xia is a professor in the Department of Child, Youth, and Family Studies, College of Education and Human Sciences, at University of Nebraska–Lincoln. Dr. Xia, a Certified Family Life Educator (CFLE), earned her Ph.D. in Family Science from the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. Her research interests are behavioral and mental health of immigrant youth, parent–adolescent communication and relationship, strengths and stress among Asian immigrant families, adolescent substance abuse, program evaluation, and

Chinese adolescent social competence. Dr. Xia currently supervises student research in the program areas of global family health and well-being, international family studies, and youth development.

Dr. Day was an emeritus professor in the School of Family Life at Brigham Young University, from which he retired in 2015. Soon after retiring from BYU, he and his wife moved to Romania, where they performed humanitarian service. He unexpectedly died in Romania in early 2017. Dr. Day was an outstanding teacher and an influential researcher, although his greatest talent was a unique ability to mentor students. Many of these students went on to graduate school in Family Science programs across



Yan Ruth Xia



Randal Day

the country. After his death, tributes from grateful former students filled his Facebook page, and former students traveled hundreds of miles to attend his funeral and honor him.

Felix Berardo, the namesake of this award, was a beloved professor at the University of Florida who went beyond expectations in his mentoring of many students who became leaders in the family field. ✨

Cindy Winter Scholarship

Megan L. Haselschwerdt

Megan L. Haselschwerdt is the 2017 recipient of the Cindy Winter Scholarship, which is given to a student or new professional who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and service in the discipline of Family Science. This award recognizes Cindy Winter, NCFR's conference director from 1964 to 2007.

Dr. Haselschwerdt is an assistant professor in the Department of Child and Family Studies at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Along with her research team of graduate and undergraduate students and faculty collaborators, Dr. Haselschwerdt studies intimate partner violence from the perspective of women, children exposed

to such violence in their family of origin, and social service providers working with women and children. She serves as the director of the Family Violence Across the Lifespan research team that she established at Auburn University. Additionally, she serves as an emerging investigator on a CDC-funded project, Bystander Program Adoption & Efficacy to Reduce Sexual Violence-Intimate Partner Violence in College Communities, along with a team of veteran and junior scholars of gender-based violence.

NCFR has been a central part of Dr. Haselschwerdt's professional development and growth since 2007, her first year in

graduate school. Since then, Dr. Haselschwerdt has served in a variety of leadership roles, including the Students and New Professionals (SNP) representative for the Feminism and Family Studies Section, co-chair of the Qualitative Family Research Network Focus Group, and the SNP program representative. More recently, she was voted chair-elect for the Feminism and Family Studies Section.

In her letter of recommendation, Dr. Amy J. Rauer writes that Dr. Haselschwerdt "is someone who goes above and beyond to ensure that her department and her field thrive. The fact that this has not come at the cost of her research, teaching, and mentoring reflects the fact that Megan appears to have a nearly endless supply of passion and motivation, and our field is certainly the better as a result!" ✨



Megan L. Haselschwerdt

Ernest Osborne Award

Robert Hughes, Jr.

Robert Hughes, Jr. is the 2017 recipient of the Ernest G. Osborne Award, which is given to an NCFR member who has excelled in teaching Family Science and providing service to families through teaching.



Robert Hughes, Jr.

Dr. Hughes is professor of human development and family studies at the University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign. A major aspect of his professional work has focused on the development of effective Family Life Education (FLE) programs. He has written articles and chapters that outline best practices in the design of FLE programs and applied these ideas to the creation of online programs. A highlight of his work was being a technical adviser to *Sesame Street* in its development of the online app Little Kids, Big Challenges—Divorce. In recent years he has focused on developing courses for undergraduate students that provide professional development experiences and career planning. In his freshman-level course, he guides students in developing a series of out-of-class service and research activities that can prepare them for work or advanced study. In his junior-level course, he provides individual guidance in helping them finalize the next stages of their careers. He also teaches the course Introduction of Family Studies, in which he identifies the grand challenges facing families and encourages students to commit to a lifelong effort through science, service, and social change to improve the lives of families.

Ernest G. Osborne, the namesake of this award, was a three-time NCFR president and a professor of family at Columbia University. He excelled in innovative teaching methods. ✨

Reuben Hill Award

Christina J. Diaz and Jeremy E. Fiel

Christina J. Diaz and Jeremy E. Fiel are the 2017 recipients of the Reuben Hill Award, which is given to the author(s) of an outstanding article or book that combines theory and methodology to analyze and interpret a significant family issue. Their article is titled “The Effect(s) of Teen Pregnancy: Reconciling Theory, Methods, and Findings.”

Dr. Diaz is an assistant professor in the School of Sociology and an affiliate in the Department of Mexican American Studies at the University of Arizona. Her research interests center on the ways large-scale demographic processes—particularly migration and family formation—exacerbate and mitigate social inequality. Dr. Diaz’s work, which has been recognized by the American Sociological Association and the Population Association of America, has been published in *Demography* and *Social Science Research*.

Dr. Fiel is an assistant professor of sociology at the University of Arizona. His research uses



Christina J. Diaz



Jeremy E. Fiel

quantitative methods to examine problems of educational inequality and social stratification, with particular interests in contemporary school segregation and in processes of intergenerational educational stratification. Dr. Fiel’s work has been published in *American Sociological Review*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Educational Research Journal*, and *Demography*.

The award is given in memory of Reuben Hill, who had a distinguished career as a university professor and pioneered the scholarly study of family. Dr. Hill is remembered for his determination to promote high-quality research and to advance theory about families with the intent of producing practical benefits for families. ✨

Feldman Award for Outstanding Research Proposal for Research in Family Policy

Jordan A. Arellanes

Jordan A. Arellanes is the 2017 recipient of the Feldman Outstanding Research Proposal for Research in Family Policy Award, which recognizes a graduate student or new professional who has demonstrated excellence in research and potential contribution to family policy studies, particularly in the areas of gender and women’s issues and poverty. His paper is titled “Investing in the Future: Latino Family Beliefs on Educational Attainment.”

Mr. Arellanes is a third-year doctoral student in the Department of Human Development and Family Studies at Iowa State University. He is the Dorothy A. Wyant Fellow in Family Health, and he studies how Latino families

and fathers can have an impact on their children’s educational attainment. Mr. Arellanes is the recipient of the Inaugural Outstanding Student Award and the Inaugural Outstanding Graduate Award from the University of Colorado Denver, where he received his master’s degree in educational psychology with an emphasis on human development.

The award is presented in memory of Harold Feldman and Margaret Feldman, NCFR members and pioneers in the field of family policy. ✨



Jordan A. Arellanes

Jessie Bernard Outstanding Research Proposal From a Feminist Perspective Award

Joy Heafner

Joy Heafner is the 2017 recipient of the Jessie Bernard Outstanding Research Proposal from a Feminist Perspective Award, which

is given to a graduate student or new professional who has demonstrated excellence in research and potential contribution to feminist scholarship. Her paper is titled "A Qualitative Study of Feminist Therapists' Experiences of Managed Care."

Ms. Heafner is a doctoral candidate in the Department of Human Development and Family Studies at the University of Connecticut. Ms. Heafner is a researcher and practitioner with a concentration in marriage and family therapy, as well as a certificate in women, gender, and sexuality studies. Her doctoral research is a qualitative study of how therapists integrate feminist theory and activism into their clinical work, as well as how they enact feminist principles in an increasingly medicalized system of mental health care. In all of her roles — particularly researcher, clinician, and instructor — Ms. Heafner strives to connect individual experiences to social and political structures with the goal of creating positive change.

This award is presented in memory of Jessie Bernard, former NCFR board member and pioneer in the field of feminist family studies. *



Joy Heafner

NCFR Student Award

Rachel Arocho

Rachel Arocho is the 2017 recipient of the NCFR Student Award, which is given to an NCFR graduate student member who has demonstrated excellence as a student and shows great potential for contributing to Family Science.

Ms. Arocho is a doctoral candidate in human development and Family Science at Ohio State University. Ms. Arocho completed her bachelor's degree in family, consumer, and human development at the Uintah Basin Regional Campus of Utah State University and her master's degree in human development and Family Science at Ohio State. She was awarded a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship to pursue her research agenda on the marital expectations of American adolescents and young adults. Her dissertation focuses on developmental and historical changes in marital expectations, specifically the interplay between expectations for marriage and for divorce and uncertainty that young people may express when thinking about marriage.

In her letter nominating Ms. Arocho, Dr. Claire Kamp Dush writes: "Rachel is extremely talented, motivated, and hard working and is poised to make important contributions to research at the intersection of adolescent development and Family Science." *



Rachel Arocho

Kathleen Briggs Outstanding Mentor Award

Leigh A. Leslie

Leigh A. Leslie is the 2017 recipient of the Kathleen Briggs Outstanding Mentor Award, which recognizes an outstanding mentor of students and new professionals in the area of marriage and family therapy.

Dr. Leslie is an associate professor in the Department of Family Science in the School of Public Health at University of Maryland. She teaches courses in gender and ethnicity issues in service delivery, feminist family therapy, and assessment and diagnosis. She holds a Ph.D. in human development and family studies from Pennsylvania State University, with a predoctoral internship in clinical community psychology from Yale University, School of Medicine. She is the author of many book chapters and more than 30 journal articles focusing on topics related to feminist therapy, minority families, and gender issues in families. She has conducted numerous evaluations of psychoeducational programs in areas such as couples communication, parent education, and promoting emotional resiliency in children.

This award is given in honor of Kathleen Briggs, a longtime Family Therapy Section member and leader. She was committed to mentoring marriage and family therapy graduate students and new professionals. Dr. Briggs was well known and respected for her leadership, insight, optimism, enthusiasm, and mentoring. *



Leigh A. Leslie

2017 Affiliate Councils Awards

Affiliate Grant Award

University of Connecticut Student Affiliate

Meritorious Service Award

Sterling K. Wall, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

Affiliate Councils Student and New Professional President-for-a-Day Award

Cyrus M. Hair, University of Minnesota

2017 Section Awards

Advancing Family Science Section

Wesley Burr Graduate Student Scholarship Award

Jessica D. Cless and Briana S. Nelson Goff, Kansas State University
 “Trauma-informed Pedagogy: The Trauma-informed Classroom Care (TICC) Model”

Education & Enrichment Section

Student Proposal Award

J. Kale Monk, University of Missouri
 “Systemic Relationship and Psycho-education Programs for Military Couples”

Anthony J. Ferraro, Kansas State University
 “Co-parenting After Divorce: Perceived Competence as a Coping Mechanism”

Samantha LeBouef, University of Minnesota
 “Near, Far, Wherever You Are: Siblings and Social Media Communication”

Ethnic Minorities Section

New Professional Best Paper Award

Christiana Awosan, Seton Hall University
 “Racial Stressor and its Effects on Black heterosexual Spousal Support”

Student Best Paper Award

Megan Hicks, University of Georgia
 “Risk and Protective Factors Predicting Sexual Risk Behavior Among Black Men”

Families & Health Section

Outstanding Professional Paper/Publications Award

Keeley J. Pratt, Ohio State University
 “Child Weight Status, Family Functioning, and Support Among Bariatric Patients”

Outstanding Student and New Professional Paper Award

Erin Yelland, Kansas State University
 “Sex, Dementia, and Long-term Care: Public Opinion and Importance of Policy”

Outstanding Student and New Professional Poster Award

Dina Izenstark, San José State University
 “Impact of Childhood Experiences in Nature on Adults’ Mental Health and Family Relationships”

Family Policy Section

Feldman Best Conference Proposal Award

Junhan Cho, University of Georgia
 “Community and Family Influences on Engagement in Georgia’s Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program”

Family Therapy Section

Best Research Paper Award – New Professional

Youngjin Kang, University of Illinois-Springfield
 “Divorced Fathers’ Perceptions of Disclosures About Divorce-related Topics to Children”

Best Poster Award – Student

Allen Mallory, University of Texas at Austin
 “Remembering the Good Times: The Influence of Relationship Nostalgia on Relationship Satisfaction”

Feminism and Family Studies Section

Alexis J. Walker Award for Mid-Career Achievement in Feminist Family Studies

April L. Few-Demo, Virginia Tech

International Section

Jan Trost Award

Judith A. Myers-Walls, Purdue University

Annual Conference Travel Scholarship

Tumaki Aruanã da Silva Cassiano, Tremembe Municipal Government

Student and New Professional Travel Scholarship

Nadia Semenova Moratto Vásquez, Universidad CES

Mika Omagari, Ochanomizu University

Religion, Spirituality & Family Section

Outstanding Paper Award

G. Kevin Randall, Sam Houston State University
 “Distal Family Events, Proximal Influences, and the Religiosity of Incarcerated Males”

Student and New Professional Outstanding Paper Award

Hilary Dalton, Kansas State University
 “Sacrifice and Self-care as Relational Processes: The Connections and Tensions”

Deirdre A. Quinn, University of Maryland
 “Family Religiosity, Parent Monitoring, and College Students’ Sexual Risk”

Research & Theory Section

Best Abstract by a Student and New Professional Award

Allen Barton, University of Georgia
 “Family Routines in Adolescence Forecast African Americans’ Young Adulthood Outcomes”

Letters to the Editor

You may submit letters to the editor to *NCFR Report* on topics and activities relevant to NCFR member interests. The following guidelines apply:

- Only letters submitted by members will be accepted.
- Length is limited to 250 words; letters may be edited for space and clarity.
- Letters must be signed and include author contact information; submissions are verified.
- Letters that are deemed libelous, malicious, or otherwise inappropriate will not be published.

Email letters to the editor to:

tripsullivan@ncfr.org

Or mail to:

NCFR Report
 661 LaSalle Street, Suite 200
 St. Paul, MN 55114

Are you passionate about improving **the lives of others?**

Kansas State University Global Campus offers **ONLINE** programs to enhance your career. In a world focused on things, we focus first on people. Contact us for more information about these programs.

- Conflict resolution
- Dietetics
- Early childhood
- Family studies
- Financial planning
- Gerontology
- Merchandising
- Nutrition
- Youth development



2017 Focus Group Awards

Qualitative Family Research Network Focus Group

Anselm Strauss Award for Qualitative Family Research

Adam Isaiah Green and **Jenna Valleriani**, University of Toronto, and **Barry Adam**, University of Windsor
 “Marital Monogamy as Ideal and Practice: The Detraditionalization Thesis in Contemporary Marriages,” *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 78(April), 416–430

Men in Families Focus Group

Best Research Article Award

Daphne C. Hernandez, University of Houston
 “The Role of Boomerang Fathers in Adolescent Female Depression,” *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 78(October), 1285–1299

Best New Professional Research Article Award

Todd M. Jensen, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
 “Stepfather Involvement and Stepfather–Child Relationship Quality: Race and Parental Marital Status as Moderators,” *Journal of Marital and Family Therapy*, 42(October), 659–672

Diversity and Inclusion Research Article Award

Karen Z. Kramer, University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign
 “At-Home Father Families in the United States: Gender Ideology, Human Capital, and Unemployment,” *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 78(October), 1315–1331

Issues in Aging Focus Group

Student and New Professional Award

Yijung Kim, University of Massachusetts Boston
 “Effects of Parent Death on Relationship Quality With Adult Children”

Professional Award

Joshua Robert Novak, Utah State University
 “Associations Between Economic Pressure and Physical Health in Later Life Marriages”

Latino(a) Research Focus Group

Best Student Posters

Lorena Aceves and **Mayra Bamaca-Colbert**, Pennsylvania State University,
 “Transactional Associations: Latina Girls’ Self-Esteem and Parenting Behaviors”
Stephanie Martinez Fuentes (first author), Arizona State University
 “Latinos’ Ethnic-Racial Socialization, Identity, and Academic Engagement”

Best Student Paper

Jordan Arellanes and **Kimberly Greder**, Iowa State University
 “Investing in Future Generations: Realities and Goals of Latino Immigrant Families”

Family Economics Focus Group

Best Family Economics Paper of the Year

C. Ryan Dunn (first author), Weber State University
 “The Impact of Family Financial Investment on Perceived Parent Pressure and Child Enjoyment and Commitment in Organized Youth Sport,” *Family Relations*, 65(April), 287–299.

Theory Construction and Research Methodology

TCRM Best Student/Early Career Presentation Award

Autumn M. Bermea, Montclair State University
 “Queer Theory in Family Science: Theorizing the Undoing of Heteronormativity”

Inclusion and Diversity Committee

Social Justice Award for Contributions to Family Science

Ramona Faith Oswald, University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign

Certified Family Life Educator (CFLE)

Advisory Board

CFLE Special Recognition Award

Jerica M. Berge, University of Minnesota

Welcome, New Members!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our fall Connect-a-Colleague member drive. Your efforts resulted in 22 new members who were referred by 16 colleagues. NCFR is your community, and you can help build it by inviting others to be involved. Please continue to share your love of NCFR with colleagues throughout the year.

New Members

Katrina A.R. Akande
 David Allsop
 Elizabeth M. Anania
 Joseph Lee Boles
 Cassidy Crunkilton
 Jasmine Easter
 Emily Gaillard
 Aran Garnett-Deakin
 Susan Gibson
 Harriet Louise Graff
 Teresa Kay Hughes
 Alexandra Emily Jolley

Margaret L. Lesser
 Sarah Meghan McClanahan
 Marci Nichole Mills-Malloy
 Rachel Miramontes
 Asya Reynolds
 Matthew Rodriguez
 Jonathan Tudge
 Kristina Joy Westberg
 Bailey Lynn Woodruff
 Kaitlyn Wrenn

Referring Members

Mark S. Adams
 Bill Anderson

Laurie A. Bulock
 Raeann R. Hamon
 Heather H. Helms
 E. Jeffery Hill
 Shera C. Jackson
 Sallie Lide-Hooker
 Alyssa McElwain
 Phyllis E. Michael
 Sarah Dillon Morris
 M. Angela Nievar
 Constance L. Shehan
 Sterling K. Wall



WILEY



UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND



DEPARTMENT OF
Family Social Science
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
Driven to DiscoverSM



**Human Development
& Family Science**
College of Family and Consumer Sciences
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA



Department of
**Human Development
and Family Studies**

Thank You to Our 2017 Conference Sponsors!

Thanks to all who attended the 2017 NCFR Annual Conference and volunteered to help make it a success.

NCFR especially would like to acknowledge and thank the organizations and people who generously supporting this year's conference through NCFR's sponsorship program!

2017 CONFERENCE HOST

Florida State University, Department of Family and Child Sciences

FAMILIES AS CATALYSTS SPONSOR

University of Missouri, Department of Human Development & Family Science

PLENARY SPONSORS

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

University of Maryland

Regents of the University of Minnesota, through its Department of Family Social Science

University of Georgia

PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION SPONSOR

Wiley

NEWCOMERS WELCOME SPONSOR

Texas Tech University

CFLE RECEPTION MAJOR SPONSOR

Miami University, College of Education, Health and Society, Department of Family Science and Social Work

MENTORING/NETWORKING BREAKFAST SPONSOR

Montclair State University, Family Science and Human Development

CHARGING STATION SPONSOR

Virginia Tech, Department of Human Development and Family Science

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTORS

The Meeting Connection, Inc. (Dwight Loken, President)

Johnson Printing Company of Rochester, Minnesota

CFLE RECEPTION GOLD SPONSORS

University of Central Oklahoma

WisdomForParents.com

CFLE RECEPTION SILVER SPONSORS

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Carol Darling, Ph.D., CFLE

Curtis A. Fox, Ph.D., CFLE

Deborah Gentry, Ph.D., CFLE



NCFR Report: A Member Forum

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 *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.

Save the Date for the 2018 NCFR Conference

On the heels of our 2017 conference in Orlando, Florida, in November, we're already well into the planning for the 2018 NCFR Annual Conference, to be held on Nov. 7–10 in San Diego, California.

In fact, you can already review the call for proposals (ncfr.org/ncfr-2018) and start thinking about your proposal submission. The online system for proposal submissions will open in January.

For the 2018 event, Conference Program Chair Bahira Sherif Trask, Ph.D., University of Delaware, has selected the theme “Families and Cultural Intersections in a Global Context: Innovations in Research, Practice, and Policies” with three goals in mind:

1. To highlight research on families in Western and non-Western contexts, culturally and socially marginalized families, and families that live at or embody cultural intersections.
2. To feature innovative evidence-based best practices, programs, and pedagogies that promote family resiliency and well-being in varying settings.
3. To draw attention to and critically analyze policies that support and strengthen all types of families, including the most vulnerable.

Contemporary families live in a world that is complex, increasingly interconnected, and culturally diverse. Families are affected by continuously evolving economic, technological, ideological, cultural, and political changes. In many areas, a decreasing fertility rate, the decline in household size, the aging population, and the sharp increase in the proportion of women entering the labor force have led to new and diverse family arrangements.

Despite these changes, families remain a central arena for promoting the well-being and resiliency of their members. The 2018 NCFR Annual Conference will focus on innovative approaches, theories, research, policies, and programs that support and strengthen families in all types of Western and non-Western settings. For those considering submitting proposals, of particular interest are proposals that focus on new lines of research and prevention and intervention approaches, programs, and policies that support vulnerable families.



The theme allows for a wide variety of topics, debates, and policy analyses, including these examples:

- The current state of empirical research on families of difference races and ethnicities
- The intersection of social class, gender, ethnicity, and race from a global perspective
- Reproductive technologies and new conceptualizations of motherhood and fatherhood
- How families are responding to increasing racial and cultural diversity around the world
- Families' increasing use of technology to maintain connections globally
- The effect of immigration issues on families in Western and non-Western societies
- Multiple-partner fertility and parenting
- Evaluating family support programs and their utility from the lens of complex families
- Incorporating family complexity into quantitative and qualitative research
- Changing demographics in the European Union, Asia, Latin and South America, and Africa, and policy responses to those changes
- Gender–work balance in the Asian context, in Canada, in the European Union, as well as how gender-work balance compares in the United States

Find preliminary details about the conference at ncfr.org/ncfr-2018, and review the call for proposals to start planning your submission! ✨

Confirmed Plenary Speakers



Nora Spinks, Ph.D.
Chief Executive Officer
The Vanier Institute of the Family
Topic: Perspectives on Family Diversity in Canada



Dominic Richardson, Ph.D.
Senior Education Specialist
UNICEF, Office of Research–Innocenti
Topic: Supporting the Most Vulnerable Families Through Culturally Appropriate Policies



Carola Suárez-Orozco, Ph.D.
Professor, Human Development and Psychology, UCLA
Cofounder, Re-imagining Migration
Topic: Family Influences on Latino Adolescent Educational Achievements

Proposal Submission Deadline: 11:59 p.m. Pacific Standard Time | March 1, 2018

Congratulations to Our Fall 2017 NCFR Honors Recipients

NCFR awarded honors to 25 college and university students who completed their academic programs in fall 2017. NCFR Honors Student Recognition is awarded to students who demonstrate outstanding achievements in academics, leadership, and community service in the family field.

Congratulations to these recipients! The deadline to apply for honors for spring 2018 graduates is March 1, 2018. Learn more at ncfr.org/honors.

Alabama A&M University

Latetricia D. Wilson

East Carolina University

Dennis C. Dillon

Kent State University

Kaitlyn M. Bouch

Iowa State University

Shane A. Kavanaugh

Samford University

Molly Morgan C. Brooks
Stephanie K. Parnell

Spring Arbor University

Lisa Elizabeth-Ann Marshall
Valerie H. Albright
Ashlyn A. Brinklow
Amelia A. Wassermann
Lori L. Balogh

University of Nebraska, Kearney

Selena M. Beard

University of Nevada, Las Vegas

David J. Johnson
Christian M. Stewart

University of North Texas

Payton L. Birlew
Shabaz M. Brown

University of Wisconsin - Madison

Zoe Milavetz

University of Wisconsin - Stout

Samantha M. Riesterer

Utah Valley University

Nathan D. Astle

Warner Pacific College

Marci Nicole Mills-Malloy
Anna L. Winslow

Weber State University

Haley A. Ballou
Courtney H. Condie
Rachel M. Jennings
Alexandra E. Jolley



661 LaSalle Street
Suite 200
St. Paul, MN 55114
www.ncfr.org

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Rochester, MN
Permit No. 289

in this issue:
Family Focus on...
Families with Differences

Congratulations to Our New Certified Family Life Educators

The following is a list of Certified Family Life Educators (CFLEs) designated between July 1 and Sept. 30, 2017.
Provisional unless otherwise noted.

| | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|---|
| <p>Prince Edward Island, Canada Tayte Willows</p> <p>Alabama Megan Lamneck Alisha Glover Zoie Duncan</p> <p>California Rebecca Epperly FULL Rhett Billen Marilyn Monterrojas Julie Zarza Mercedes Flores Jessica Rodriguez</p> <p>Florida Bonny Caldwell Shafannia Ellis</p> <p>Georgia Mark Pettit</p> | <p>Iowa David Brown Megan Hasley</p> <p>Illinois Solomohn Ennis-Klyczek FULL Deanna Franklin FULL</p> <p>Indiana Madison Viering</p> <p>Kansas Laura Lyddon</p> <p>Louisiana Heather McCarty</p> <p>Maryland Teresa Conrad FULL Markell Kunzelman Sara Ebrahim Katelyn McFaul Christine Johnson</p> <p>Michigan Lori Eccles FULL Sherry Reinbold Rachel Huffman</p> | <p>Patricia Ryan Troy Smith Samantha Edwards Ashley Phillips Camille Walker Dianne McClintic Lynn Williams Kayla Perdue Marci McCoy FULL</p> <p>Minnesota Jennifer Doty FULL</p> <p>Missouri Chasidy Walker</p> <p>Mississippi Anna White</p> <p>Montana Brittany Homer</p> <p>North Carolina Jasmine Hall Margaret Stridick Valerie Auber Ashley Clayton</p> | <p>Nebraska Miranda Smith Joseph Cadek</p> <p>New York Chelsie Clickner Melisa Harricharan Brianna Hunt Jessie Gibb</p> <p>Ohio Xiomara Hernandez-Marcelo Kristi Honigfort Lynda Kennedy Emily Lappin Stephanie Benner</p> <p>Oklahoma Andrea Floyd Marissa Schmidt</p> <p>Oregon Debra Penkin FULL Meredith Derfler</p> <p>Pennsylvania Gillian Glackin</p> | <p>Tennessee Elizabeth Ramsey FULL Parish Crawford Sabrina Haid Michaela Moffitt</p> <p>Texas Ashley Hawkins FULL Kay Levi FULL Briana Coleman FULL Stephanie Waller FULL Sandy Hill Hannah Mechler Charles Bellows</p> <p>Utah Jim Mock Jennifer Gardner Angelica Burnett</p> <p>Virginia Amber Phillips</p> <p>Washington Kendal Bates</p> <p>Wisconsin Jennifer Beeman</p> |
|--|--|--|--|---|