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### Family Focus theme: Fictive Kin

Articles in the Family Focus section of this issue address the close, family-like relationships and commitments people build outside of biological or legal ties. How these relationships function among different populations, cultures, and situations is explored along with the interactions between them and biological or legal family members. Implications for families, practitioners, policymakers, and researchers are suggested. All of this helps us as family professionals really think about what "family" means.

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## Brad van Eeden-Moorefield Selected as 2020 NCFR Annual Conference Program Chair

NCFR's Board of Directors has appointed Brad van Eeden-Moorefield, Ph.D., CFLE, to be program chair for the 2020 NCFR Annual Conference, scheduled to be held in St. Louis. The program chair's primary duties are to select the theme, identify the plenary

speakers, and prepare the call for abstracts for a particular year's conference.

Dr. van Eeden-Moorefield is an associate professor and the director of the Family Science and Human Development doctoral *Program Chair* continued on page 2

## Mark Fine Named Next Editor of NCFR's *Journal of Family Theory & Review*

NCFR is delighted to announce that Mark A. Fine, Ph.D., has been named the new editor of the *Journal of Family Theory & Review* (JFTR), one of NCFR's three family-research journals. He will begin his four-year term as editor of the peer-reviewed, quarterly journal—which publishes original contributions in all areas of family theory—with the publication of its March 2019 issue.

"[Dr.] Fine is one of the giants in the interdisciplinary family field," wrote Katherine R. Allen, Ph.D., in her nomination letter. "A prolific and generous scholar, administrator, and practitioner, he has superior academic, leadership, editorial, and interpersonal skills. Whether in public, in print, or in private, he brings experience, wisdom, intelligence, sensitivity, and justice to each encounter."

Dr. Fine will succeed JFTR's current editor, Libby Balter Blume, Ph.D., of the University of Detroit Mercy.

Since 2011 Dr. Fine has been chair of and professor in the Department of Human Development and Family Studies at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. His scholarly output includes 11 books, 53 book chapters, and more than 135 referred journal articles. Dr. Fine completed

his master's and doctoral degrees at the Ohio State University.

Dr. Fine has been a member of NCFR since 1985 and was selected as an NCFR Fellow in 2000.

He has served extensively in editorial roles for NCFR journals and other leading social science journals. He was the editor of what is now *Family Relations: Interdisciplinary Journal of Applied Family Science* (FR) from 1993 to 1996 and currently serves on the editorial boards of *Family Relations* and *Journal of Family Theory & Review*.

Robert M. Milardo, Ph.D., the founding editor of JFTR, noted in his nomination letter that Dr. Fine's tenure on the JFTR Editorial Board since its inception is a "strong asset" that would enable him to "build upon the journal's past and current strengths." Dr. Milardo concluded by writing of Dr. Fine: "I cannot imagine an applicant better positioned to assume the role of editor of JFTR or one with a broader array of direct experience in developing and managing a leading journal." \*



**Mark A. Fine, Ph.D.**

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Brad van Eeden-Moorefield, Ph.D.

area of stepfamilies and has conducted extensive research on LGBTQ+ populations.

Dr. van Eeden-Moorefield is an established leader at NCFR, serving in many capacities, including as an elected member of the NCFR Board of Directors, and as a member of the editorial board of *Family Relations: Interdisciplinary Journal of Applied Family Science*. Dr. van Eeden-Moorefield is a rare scholar with expertise in both practice and research. He has an MSW from a joint program between the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and North Carolina A&T State University, and is sensitive to practitioner issues. He is also an excellent researcher, and a prolific

program at Montclair State University. He received his Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. He has made critical contributions to the field of Family Science in the

author, having published two books this year, *Contemporary Families at the Nexus of Research and Practice* and *Designing and Proposing Your Research Project*, the latter of which is directed at students and new professionals.

Dr. van Eeden-Moorefield has proposed the theme “Family Expansions, Expanding Families: Contouring Family Science’s Negative Spaces” for the 2020 NCFR Annual Conference, which suggests a focus on the past, present, and future of families, with a nod to the Gateway Arch of St. Louis, built as a symbol of the westward expansion.

The NCFR Elections Council was impressed with Dr. van Eeden-Moorefield’s innovative ideas to make sessions more active and to have a conference “in which we create rather than receive knowledge,” as he stated in his proposal. In their recommendation to the NCFR Board of Directors, council members wrote that Dr. van Eeden-Moorefield’s proposal “will continue to establish this annual conference as *the* professional conference where ‘family’ is the central gathering place of experts in the family field.” \*

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# Belonging to the NCFR Family

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It is a wonderful thing to belong to something larger than oneself. Family Scientists and family professionals cultivate this sense of belonging in the topics we study. Our human emotional need to belong to a group, through which we receive attention from others and contribute to a group's well-being, can be found across all cultures and in many different forms. While families often form naturally out of caring relationships, other types of groups may form out of common interests, values, or goals. Belonging to a professional association like NCFR provides many of these same benefits. Indeed, I have heard other members describe NCFR as a family itself, and our annual conference as a "family reunion." There have been sessions about the close relationships of colleagues and coworkers, including conference roommates. For more about the implications of families formed outside of biological or legal ties, see this issue's Family Focus on fictive kin.

When we think about our association with NCFR, it is natural to consider our own experiences as being typical of all members, and thereby take for granted the diversity of our membership. We are an interdisciplinary organization with members who are researchers, practitioners, and sometimes both. Our vocation is informed and shaped by the culture of our employers, the communities we serve, where we previously lived, and where we currently reside. We come to NCFR equipped with varied backgrounds, skill sets, perspectives, and often we are seeking different benefits of membership.

In my own activity at NCFR, I have seen members who attend only affiliate council meetings, members who attend only national conferences, and members who have never been to any conference or meeting. I have known many members who enjoy contributing to the *NCFR*

*Report*, and I have known members who have never even opened it (not you, dear reader!). Some members join as students and continue their involvement into their professional careers, others belong only during their time as students, and others still join later in their careers. Some memberships are funded by employers, whereas some members have always paid their own dues. Simply put, people interact with NCFR in different ways. This diversity makes us a stronger organization, and continuing to recognize and understand our different perspectives, experiences, and needs is vital as we move forward.

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According to the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE), of which NCFR is a member, membership in professional associations has been in a period of recent decline. NCFR has member statistics beginning in 1994. While membership has fluctuated significantly over the past 23 years, with peaks in 1997, 2001, and 2011, and valleys in 1999, 2009, and 2017, the overall trend line has been gradually downward. Some of you might recall Robert Putnam's book, *Bowling Alone: The Collapse and Revival of American Community* (2000), in which he surveys a mountain of data illustrating this decline in membership from civic organizations (such as Kiwanis, Rotary, Lions), and the loss of social capital that results. The title refers to a 40% decline in bowling league membership with a simultaneous 10% growth in individual bowlers from 1980 to 1993.

Putnam's critics, such as Nicholas Lemann, writing for *The Atlantic* (April 1996),

have pointed out that civic activity has simply assumed different forms, such as a greater parent involvement in youth soccer leagues during the 1990s. In that same spirit, people are interacting with NCFR in different ways, from accessing journal articles online to participating in events, including visits to legislatures, working with nonprofits, and educational opportunities. Overall participation and engagement remains high. NCFR celebrated a record 734 proposals accepted in 2017 for our annual conference, and one of the highest conference attendances in recent years (1,297). There is much to be proud of at NCFR.

Membership experiences will continue to evolve in different ways. NCFR board members and staff are currently engaged in analyzing membership trends among a variety of groups, considering retention of student members, and reaching out to international colleagues, student organizations, and others. Factors to consider include new ways to access NCFR's journals and professional resources. NCFR's education staff is developing new ways to connect members with family research and continuing education opportunities throughout the year. Jennifer Crosswhite, director of research and policy education, dives deeper into these methods on page 6. Meanwhile, Dawn Cassidy, director of Family Life Education, is working diligently to ensure that Certified Family Life Educators (CFLEs) are obtaining the knowledge and information they need relevant to their practice from NCFR webinars and other resources. You can read Dawn's thoughts on page 5.

Maintaining the valuable benefits of membership, discerning which new initiatives we can develop that are consistent with our mission, and serving new types of members across the globe

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# Welcome to the 80th Year of NCFR

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## 1938–2018, NCFR's 80th Anniversary Year

When founders Paul Sayre, Ernest Burgess, and Sidney E. Goldstein first began to communicate about NCFR, they envisioned a multidisciplinary organization that “through academic research and discourse among all disciplines could be instrumental in improving the lives of all families.”<sup>1</sup> Eighty years later NCFR's members are doing this work around the world.

The first organizational meeting of the National Conference on Family Relations (which changed only later to the National Council on Family Relations) was held on April 21, 1938, in Chicago, followed by the first conference, held at the Hotel Pennsylvania in New York City on Saturday, September 17, 1938. The theme of the 1938 conference was “The Contribution of the Family to the Cultural Wealth of the Nation.”

Today NCFR's peer-reviewed journals are recognized by scholars around the world as the leading source of research on families.

In 2018, the National Council on Family Relations will convene its international conference on November 7 in San Diego, California, to examine the theme “Families and Cultural Intersections in a Global Context: Innovations in Research, Practice, and Policies” ([ncfr.org/ncfr-2018](http://ncfr.org/ncfr-2018)). We hope you can join in this global community of professionals whose primary concern is the well-being of all families.

## NCFR Journals, Past, Present, and Future

The NCFR founders included a print journal in their early planning, and in January 1939 they launched *Living*, which eventually would become *Journal of Marriage and Family*. Early issues of *Living* included

proceedings of NCFR conferences and other information about the organization, and *Living* is a rich source of NCFR's history. The first article in the first issue of *Living* was titled “Predictive Factors in the Success or Failure of Marriage,” by Ernest W. Burgess, professor of sociology at the University of Chicago. Other articles included “Marriage Laws,” “A Plan for Successful Marriage,” “Preparation for Marriage in the High School Program,” and others. These titles hint at the possible motivation of the founders to form NCFR—their belief in the decline of the American family.

Many of these early journal articles were expressions of personal opinion and observations of contemporary living. Much has changed since then, and we can be proud that NCFR's peer-reviewed journals are thought of by scholars around the world as the leading source of research on families. Indeed, through our journal publishing partner, John Wiley & Sons, NCFR's journals are now available through more than 4,784 institutions around the world. Additionally, our current journal content is offered either free or at low cost to 6,943 institutions in the developing world.

In early 2018, *Journal of Family Theory & Review* (JFTR) joined *Family Relations* (FR) and *Journal of Marriage and Family* (JMF) as part of Wiley's Early View online library. In Early View, articles are published under a journal's title with a digital object identifier (DOI) as soon as they are typeset and before publication of the journal issue. This allows articles weeks or months of exposure before their inclusion in a specific volume and issue. NCFR members who purchase journals via their membership have access to all Early-View articles by logging on to the journal websites through [ncfr.org/journals](http://ncfr.org/journals).

If you haven't had an opportunity yet, check out the new feature that debuted in the December 2017 issue of JFTR (Volume 9,

Issue 4): the Film Review Symposium. In this feature, book review editor Áine Humble introduces an interesting translational family theory exploration of 2017 Oscar-nominated films. Movies include *Moonlight*, *Loving*, *Hidden Figures*, *Manchester by the Sea*, *Lion*, *The Lobster*, *20th Century Women*, and *Captain Fantastic*. The authors of these pieces walk us through family theoretical models such as parenting styles, attachment, trauma, risk and resilience, family systems, mate selection, ambivalence, life course, ambiguous loss, and more that are depicted in the films. It's a fascinating review of the movies from a family theory perspective and illustrative of how Family Science can be used to interpret contemporary art forms.

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A word about journal editor transitions. Two years before the end of the incumbent editor's term, the NCFR Board of Directors launches a search for a new editor. A committee is formed, a chair is named, and the search begins. Ideally, the new editor is named before the annual conference so that he or she can attend the editorial board meeting with the current editor and begin to transition into the position. Effective one year before the end of the incumbent editor's term, all new manuscript submissions will go to the new editorial office. In January this year, Dr. Mark Fine opened a JFTR editorial office at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. New submissions are now going there while Dr. Libby Blume completes her work

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<sup>1</sup> NCFR History Book, <https://history.ncfr.org/>



# Meeting the Needs of Family Science Practitioners

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As NCFR's Director of Family Life Education, I think a lot about the needs of Family Science practitioners, most notably, about those of Certified Family Life Educators. The CFLE program was designed to establish and promote standards of practice and bring awareness to the field of Family Life Education. A significant number of CFLEs work in college or university settings (31% of CFLEs who completed the CFLE job analysis survey in 2014) but in most cases their focus is on providing education to those who will go on to practice Family Life Education in the field, working directly with or for families. The CFLE credential is valued and recognized in academia, but it may be more necessary as an indicator of expertise in practice settings, where the qualifications of family professionals are more diverse.

The knowledge, skills, and abilities identified and influenced through Family Science research and theory represent the foundation of the CFLE credential. An equally important component is the translation of this research-based information to the day-to-day practice of Family Life Educators (see the *Family Relations: Interdisciplinary Journal of Applied Family Science* special issue "Translational Family Science"). NCFR is largely an academic organization, and this has had an impact on the programs, services, and products we provide. NCFR does a good job of meeting the needs of CFLEs working in academic settings, but we could do more to meet the needs of practitioner CFLEs, and of all practitioner members, for that matter.

The success of the NCFR webinar series *Starting and Running Your Own Family Life Education Business*, and the rich array of conversations that have occurred on the CFLE listserv (and now on the discussion group) confirm that CFLEs are hungry for information that will help them in their practice. One of the reasons certification

programs exist is to provide a forum for professionals to share information and influence best practices. Collectively, CFLEs have a wealth of knowledge and experience that they are quick to share. I want to do more to enable practitioner CFLEs, and other practitioner members of NCFR, to connect with and learn from one another.

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NCFR has the infrastructure in place to do this. We can offer webinars addressing Family Life Education program development and implementation and share information on research that

influences practice. The new discussion forums available to CFLEs and NCFR members allow for a more robust and interactive way to share ideas and resources. The CFLE newsletter, *Network*, and the Family Focus section of the *NCFR Report*, can include articles that highlight specific initiatives, programs, curricula, events, and so on that are relevant to the practice of Family Life Education.

However, to make the best use of these tools, we need the input and involvement of NCFR members. I encourage you to contact me to share your ideas for how we can better meet the needs of practitioners. What concerns do you have? What topics would you like to learn more about? Are you interested in presenting a webinar or writing an article sharing information about a successful program or experience you have had as a Family Life Education practitioner? NCFR is your organization. Let's work together to help you be the best family life practitioner you can be! ✨

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are important and exciting efforts that await us. Our work in the Future of Family Science initiative ties into this issue, as we continue to articulate what Family Science is, to demonstrate to a broad audience the unique perspectives and inherent worth of a family perspective to a broad audience.

My conclusion is that belonging to NCFR is about activating our social capital—connecting in a variety of ways with a community of family-focused professionals, or as Diane Cushman recently described to me, "becoming part of a global community of professionals

whose primary concern is the well-being of all families." To truly represent all members, the NCFR Board of Directors wants to hear membership stories from people like you. How have you constructed your own NCFR experience? What are the most valuable aspects of your membership? How can NCFR expand on what it offers? What topics are relevant to your professional life?

Please reach out to the board by emailing [board@ncfr.org](mailto:board@ncfr.org) or find board members' individual contact information when you log in to [my.ncfr.org](http://my.ncfr.org). Thank you for your feedback, and thanks for belonging. ✨



# Curating Content for an On-Demand World

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NCFR has access to a wealth of research on families culled from presentations at our annual conference and articles from its journals and other publications. We are constantly developing new methods to deliver this content to you and your fellow family professionals in ways that are useful, relevant, and timely. Gone are the days where individuals learn solely during the annual conference. Scholars and practitioners are now interested in learning at any point during the year and at any time of the day. People also are interested in using these resources for teaching purposes in the classroom.

Two new methods of content delivery we're developing — resource collections and virtual journal issues — will allow individuals to continue their education (e.g., for professional development or skills enhancement) on demand throughout the year.

### Resource Collections

We are in the process of curating conference sessions that were live streamed and audio recorded this past November at the 2017 NCFR Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida. Examples of the topics of new conference-session resource collections include:

- Fathering
- Gerontology

- Immigration
- Inclusion and Diversity
- LGBTQ+
- Parenting and Childhood Outcomes
- Policy
- Religion
- Teaching Family Science
- Theory and Research
- Advancing Family Science

We also have recordings of the four plenaries, the presidential address, and a few other sessions that will be released along with other resource collections at a later date.

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All those who registered for the face-to-face or live-streamed conference already have free access to the recorded audio and video sessions at [learning.ncfr.org](http://learning.ncfr.org). Didn't attend the conference but are interested in viewing these sessions? You can purchase online access to conference video and audio recordings at [ncfr.org/store](http://ncfr.org/store).

Content from an annual conference becomes accessible to all NCFR members after one year. All sessions from the 2016 conference in Minneapolis are available for free now! Sessions from the 2017 conference will become available to all NCFR members following the 2018 conference.

### Past NCFR Conferences

Speaking of conferences, do you remember watching an excellent plenary or concurrent session from one of the past conferences, and wish you had access to it for your personal use or use in the

classroom? We may have it! NCFR provides all video- and audio-recorded sessions from past NCFR conferences starting in 2008 in NCFR's learning center at [learning.ncfr.org](http://learning.ncfr.org). These are free to all NCFR members for individual use, and are available to purchase for classroom use. Interested in an older conference? We may have that session too. Email me with questions.

### Virtual Journal Issues

In July 2017, several NCFR staff traveled to Hoboken, New Jersey, to meet with representatives from Wiley, the publisher of NCFR's journals. It was a fantastic trip and we learned about many great resources that Wiley has for NCFR and for you as an NCFR member.

One of the newest resources that Wiley is creating are virtual journal issues. A virtual issue will curate articles in specific content areas published in all three of NCFR's journals: *Journal of Marriage and Family*, *Family Relations: Interdisciplinary Journal of Applied Family Science*, and *Journal of Family Theory & Review*. For example, we can create a virtual issue on military families that provides articles from all three journals in one convenient location. Access to virtual issues will be an NCFR member benefit.

We're still learning specific details about these virtual issues, such as the number of articles we can include in each virtual issue. We hope to have more of an understanding of these details soon to begin curating articles. The first issues we're developing are related to the excellent content presented during the 2017 NCFR Annual Conference.

Moving forward, we intend to connect the virtual issues and the resource collections for easy accessibility. I am very interested in hearing your ideas for resource collection and virtual issue topics. Please contact me with your ideas. ✨

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on articles to be published in the remaining 2018 issues of JFTR.

The search for the next editor of *Family Relations* is under way. Dr. Jason Hans, the current editor of FR, will complete his term at the end of 2019. In January 2019 all new FR manuscript submissions will be handled by the new editorial office, under the leadership of the new editor. If you have an interest in applying for this editor position, please contact Jeanne Strand at [jeannestrand@ncfr.org](mailto:jeannestrand@ncfr.org).

And finally, for those of you who have noticed that FR has been behind in production, we have caught up. The remaining issues of 2017 and the first issue of 2018 have all been released. Early View has allowed us to publish many of the articles online while they work their way through the print stage of production. We apologize for all who have been inconvenienced by the publication delays.

## 2017 Conference Wrap

As noted in NCFR's annual report ([ncfr.org/2017-annual-report](http://ncfr.org/2017-annual-report)), 734 proposals were accepted, resulting in 1,297 conference participants, the highest number in the past 10 years. The conference program chair Dr. Maureen Perry-Jenkins encouraged the planning committee to reach out to members and invite them to conduct symposia, which resulted in 25 invited speaker sessions. The recorded conference sessions are available free for those who registered for the conference and can be accessed at [learning.ncfr.org](http://learning.ncfr.org). You can also purchase a classroom license to use these recorded sessions in your teaching.

## The Work Ahead

While NCFR and Family Science has come a long way since 1938, we still have much work to do to realize our vision of affecting the well-being of all families through research, education, practice, and policy. Of particular concern of late is how NCFR fulfills its mission of inclusivity of research and practice. Cindy Winter, NCFR

Conference program consultant, who has more than 50 years of service to NCFR, has shared that there has always been tension around the realization of this goal of research-informed practice and practice-informed research, particularly as it pertains to the annual conference. Post-conference survey results confirm that this issue remains of concern to conference attendees.

As NCFR seeks to stabilize its current membership and add new members, it will be critical to its success to fulfill the needs of both researchers and practitioners, in their broadest definitions. As we continue to examine the issues and develop solutions to this challenge, we invite the members of NCFR to engage in conversations with one another to seek solutions to this perennial dilemma. Use the new online discussion forums at [groups.ncfr.org](http://groups.ncfr.org). Family professionals are tremendously creative and resourceful. I am certain that we can work together to fulfill the needs of all NCFR members. ✨

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## Inclusion and Diversity Committee Report: Reflections on the 2017 NCFR Conference

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The Inclusion and Diversity Committee (IDC) is committed to supporting NCFR's process of becoming an organization that is diverse and inclusive both in its membership and in its members' research, scholarship, and practice. The 2017 Annual Conference demonstrated progress in the focus of many sessions—including

plenaries—on social justice themes, such as the obstacles facing refugee families and other groups who are underrepresented and marginalized, as well as victims of violent acts and oppressive policies. In recognition of our conference location in Orlando, where 49 nightclub patrons, many of whom identified as Latino LGBTQ,

were killed in a 2016 mass shooting, NCFR distributed information about local resources serving LGBTQ people of color.

This year the IDC presented the third in a series of special sessions. This installment of the series "Social Justice Strategies to Address the Elephant in the Classroom or the Family Room: Race and Racism in America, the Conversation Continues" was a community dialogue on social justice awareness and change strategies. It featured 14 roundtable discussions led by NCFR members who shared information and facilitated discussion on different topics: racial discrimination, colorism, and African American families' interactions with legal systems; Asian American families and the model minority myth; Latino families and immigration; LGBTQ Latino(a) families' experiences of racism and sexual minority prejudice; Muslim families and Islamophobia; Native American/Indigenous families and historical trauma; White families and White privilege; experiences of trauma, persecution, and racism by refugee families; trans-identified individuals experiences of racism; and teaching about race in a class about gender.

All NCFR sections promoted the special section, and with their support it was attended by 120 people. Table leaders shared handouts and other resources and ended the session by sharing summaries of their table conversations, including strategies for action. The NCFR Board of Directors has approved a slot for future IDC special sessions at the annual conferences in 2018, 2019, and 2020. Handouts and resources from the session are available to all NCFR members on the committee web page ([ncfr.org/board-and-governance/board/board-committees/inclusion-diversity-committee](http://ncfr.org/board-and-governance/board/board-committees/inclusion-diversity-committee)).

The Inclusion and Diversity Committee also continued its tradition of hosting a breakfast meeting at the 2017

### Ethnic Minorities Section Spotlight

#### Anthony G. James, Jr., Ph.D., CFLE



The Ethnic Minority Section of NCFR examines child, youth, individual, family, and community issues in the sociopolitical, historical, economic, and cultural contexts and through the lenses of ethnicity, race, and other social addresses. Our section membership consists of a spectrum of professionals from researchers to community-based practitioners. Within this spectrum of section members, we also have members who balance research and practice by engaging community members through presentations, workshops, and other creative outlets. Dr. Anthony James, of Ohio's Miami University, has served on several NCFR conference panels discussing his experiences in working with and engaging his community in discussion related to diversity, race, ethnicity, bias, and discrimination. More important, he has provided real-life examples of how parents anticipate and react to these issues in the process of their children's racial and ethnic socialization.

A 2012 graduate of the Human Development and Family Studies doctoral program at the University of Missouri, Dr. James has spent the past five years serving his community in various capacities. He is a board member of two community-based organizations, the Booker T. Washington Community Center and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Butler County. He has conducted numerous evaluations of community-based programs and continues to conduct trainings on race-based disparity in social service delivery. One of these, Providing Socially Just Services to the Community, includes a two-part interactive training addressing biases that can advance disparities in social service delivery. He has also conducted numerous trainings with ethnic minority youth, all with the goal of advancing their positive development via developmental relationships.

Dr. James has presented his work internationally, including at the 2014 and 2016 International Conferences on Child and Adolescent Psychopathology in London and the 2016 International School Psychology Association conference in Amsterdam. We have had the privilege of hearing Dr. James speak on several issues related to diversity in academia, bias, and discrimination in our communities and their outcomes during his participation on several panels during the 2016 and 2017 NCFR Annual Conferences. Dr. James is always gracious with his time and dedicated to serving our section and our greater community. ✨



conference—a more casual venue where all conference attendees were invited to participate in discussions pertaining to issues of inclusion, diversity, and social justice within NCFR. The breakfast was well-attended, with several members of the NCFR board present, in addition to long-term members and first-time attendees. New attendees were especially helpful in identifying challenges they encountered in their efforts to feel connected to the organization. Table conversations are summarized on the committee web page ([ncfr.org/board-and-governance/board/board-committees/inclusion-diversity-committee](http://ncfr.org/board-and-governance/board/board-committees/inclusion-diversity-committee)).

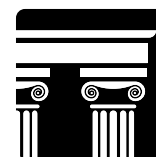
The IDC also gained approval in 2017 to grant the NCFR Social Justice Award for Contributions to Family Science, with Ramona Faith Oswald, professor of family studies at the University of Illinois selected as the first awardee. Dr. Oswald was honored for 20 years of social justice leadership through her community-based research, advocacy, consulting, teaching and mentoring, and authoring of dozens of articles focusing on lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer individuals and families.

The IDC looks forward to working with sections and focus groups as well as the NCFR Board in pursuing the goal of transforming teaching, scholarship, and practice to better represent and serve members of groups who are oppressed and underserved. We invite all NCFR members to join in an inclusive, reflective, and productive dialogue on inclusion, diversity, and social justice at NCFR. If you have suggestions for topics that should be addressed through organizational initiatives or through special sessions, please submit them through our web form at [ncfr.org/idc-webform](http://ncfr.org/idc-webform). We appreciate your suggestions and look forward to continuing our dialogue about future plans for these special sessions.

Additional members of the IDC for 2018 include Tiffany L. Brown, Chalandra M. Bryant, Elizabeth G. Holman, Miriam Mulrow, Kristy Y. Shih, and Stephan M. Wilson (Board liaison). \*

## Advancing Family Science Section

Raeann R. Hamon, Ph.D., CFLE, AFS Section Chair, [rhamon@messiah.edu](mailto:rhamon@messiah.edu)



Attendees at the 2017 NCFR Annual Conference had another amazing conference experience! We are grateful to Program Chair Maureen Perry-Jenkins, the program planning committee, and the NCFR staff for planning a wonderful program. I want to extend a special thanks to all of you for your contributions to the program, as well. Our section sponsored a variety of thought-provoking sessions which were sure to offer resources and ideas for participants to take back to their own institutions and classrooms.

I hope that you are planning to attend the 2018 conference in San Diego, Nov. 7-10. Bahira Sherif Trask, Ph.D., a past chair of the Advancing Family Science (AFS) Section, is the program chair. The theme for the 2018 conference is Families and Cultural Intersections in a Global Context: Innovations in Research, Practice, and Policies. I hope that many of you submitted a proposal to the AFS Section. Topics we often look forward to seeing in proposals and conference presentations from AFS Section members relate to the strength and sustainability of Family Science programs, including marketing and recruiting for Family Science programs; innovative and effective teaching strategies for Family Sciences courses including the development, delivery, and evaluation of Family Science curricula; best practices for administrators of Family Science programs; ethical issues in the practice of Family Science; and the state of Family Science as a discipline. In addition, each year the section welcomes conference proposals which address the conference theme. Some topics that could relate to this year's conference theme include:

- How study abroad and other international collaborative partnerships help to expand Family Science student awareness about families and cultural intersections in a global context.
- Skills necessary for Family Science students to work with increasingly complex and culturally diverse families.
- Innovative strategies for teaching about contemporary challenges and salient

topics in Family Science.

- Approaches for educating students about their capacity to build bridges between disparate family and cultural groups.
- Expanding Family Science programs and the influence of Family Life Education across the globe.
- The role of Family Science administrators in advancing Family Science programs and the discipline by addressing pressing needs of families across the globe

I hope that you will use our new AFS discussion group technology provided by NCFR to discuss further conference plans leading up to the November event.

The AFS Section is also making progress on two major section initiatives. First, Silvia Bartolic and Trent Maurer are working to create a new Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) Published Paper Award. They are assisting me in the development of the nomination process, as well as the criteria for selection. I am very excited about the possibility of recognizing pedagogical best practices in family science. Our section can better promote SoTL work through this award, and hopefully as a result, promote the sharing of innovative and effective teaching strategies for Family Science classrooms. Second, Jennifer Reinke, Jessica Cless, and Jaimee Hartenstein volunteered to serve on a committee to develop a Legacy Award for our section. They are working on eligibility criteria, an evaluation rubric, committee structure, etc. My hope for the award is that we might better recognize section members who make significant and lasting contributions to the field of Family Science through their teaching and scholarship of teaching/administration and/or advancement of the discipline of Family Science. I am most grateful for the creative energy of each of these AFS Section members.

I am always interested in hearing ideas that our members have for promoting the work and ideals of our section. Please don't hesitate to contact me with your thoughts. \*

# Call for Nominations and Applications

## Journal Editor Position

*Family Relations: Interdisciplinary Journal of Applied Family Science*



The National Council on Family Relations (NCFR) is seeking nominations and applications for the position of Editor of *Family Relations: Interdisciplinary Journal of Applied Family Science* (FR). The term of the current editor, Jason D. Hans, Ph.D., CFLE (University of Kentucky – Lexington, KY), will be completed with the publication of the **December 2019 issue**.

The four-year term of the new editor will begin with the publication of the February 2020 issue. However, editorial responsibilities will begin to transfer to the new editor beginning January 2019. The FR Editor Search Committee anticipates making the selection of the new editor by October 1, 2018, and the new editor will be introduced at the 2018 NCFR Annual Conference in November in San Diego.

A detailed description of the editor's responsibilities may be obtained from: Search Committee for Editor of *Family Relations: Interdisciplinary Journal of Applied Family Science*, National Council on Family Relations, Jeanne Strand at [jeannestrand@ncfr.org](mailto:jeannestrand@ncfr.org).

Nominations and applications, including a letter of application, and a curriculum vitae should be sent to National Council on Family Relations, 661 LaSalle Street, Suite 200 Saint Paul, MN, USA, 55114 or electronically to [jeannestrand@ncfr.org](mailto:jeannestrand@ncfr.org). The FR Editor Search Committee will review application materials **beginning August 1, 2018**.

The finalists will be interviewed via video conferencing during the month of September. **Nominees and applicants must be members of the National Council on Family Relations.**



## A Special Welcome to our Newest Members!

Oct. – Dec. 2017

Aaron Lok Chi Tse

Abbey Gross

Adam Kloha

Alaysia Brown

Amanda C. Barnes

Amanda Colleen Johnson

Amanda Marie Veldorale-Griffin

Amanda Stafford

Andrew Karl Darian

Anna Arceneaux

Anna K. Thurmes Barigayomwe

Anthony D. Winslow

Aran Garnett-Deakin

Ashley Steed

Ashley Vandenberg

Asya Reynolds

Bethany Parker

Beverly Thorpe

Bianca Faccio

Brian Knop

Brianna Suzanne Butler

Brieanna Sue Schofield

Brinn Watson

Camilla Hodge

Carrie Lyn Hanson-Bradley

Cassidy Crunkilton

Cassidy Ogletree

Chanran Seo

Chelsea Noelani Yanuarua

Christian Mittring

Christine Pion

Claire G. Crowley

Courage Chikomborero

Mudzongo

Courtney Kinneard

Courtney LeAnn Ukpabi

Courtney Witt

Damir Stevan Utrzan

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David Allsop

David Ashley Alexander Miller

David C. Diehl

David Mehlhausen-Hassoen

Deana Bower

Deidra Dudney

Destini Shawn Solomon

Dianna Clingan

Elizabeth M. Anania

Emily Catherine Seibel

Emily Gaillard

Eric Piper

Erica Emilie-Anne Genn Johnston

Erica Larkett

Erin Denise Imhoff

Erin Hemmelgarn Nelson

Geoffrey Jospheh Zehnacker

Gina Lynn Weatherly

Gonul Hilal Kuscul

Gretchen Buchanan

Hannah Elizabeth Mauel

Hannah Walsh

Harold Lee Flanary

Heather Baker

Heather Knauer

Hector M. Nolasco

Jasmine Easter

Jasmine Ferrill

Jaycie J. Case

Jeffrey Blevins

Jenna Rebecca Cassinat

Jennifer L. Schug

Jennifer Rasmussen Rose

Jody Moser Russon

Joshua Craig

Julia Christian

Justin Harty

Kaila Marie Neitzel

Kaitlin B. Albert

Kaitlyn Wrenn

Kali Anne Moore

Kari Sawyer

Katarina Krizova

Katelynn M. Twenhafel

Kathleen Mangeri

Kathryn A. Sweeney

Kayla Buss

Kendra M. Simpson

Kieara Johnson

Kurtis Easton Kelly

Kyle Simon

Kylie Cassidy

Kylie Prough

Lauren Lewis

Lindsay J. Barnhart

Loren Taylor

Madeleine C. Tibbits

Mai Kaneda

Mallory Preston

Marci Nichole Mills-Malloy

Marie Anne Owen

Marisa Nihill

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Melanie Elizabeth Miller

Micha Edwards

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Michael Sean McColley

Miranda A. O. Stewart

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Natalie Richard

NKhoa Dieu Thuy

Pam Caine

Rayshawn Wright

Ross Glen Chandler Nunamaker

Sakiera Denise Malone

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Sara Murphy

Sarah Dodoo

Sarah Jones

Sarah Thelander

Sei Eun Kim

Sharlene J. Nauta

Sherrie Raynor

Tabitha McCoy

Tabitha Tiemeyer

Tammy G. Kolbe

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Teresa Kay Hughes

Vanessa Villafane Gregory

Vicki L. Taylor

Victoria Salazar

Yang Li

Yuan Zhang

## Member Advantages

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- Discounted registration for the NCFR Annual Conference
- Automatic membership in your local NCFR Chapter (state/regional affiliate)
- Access to NCFR's online resources
- Discounts on NCFR webinars, CFLE fees, and other NCFR products
- Voting rights and the opportunity to serve in leadership positions
- Communication and networking opportunities with others in your field
- The opportunity to apply for NCFR awards
- And more!

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- Gerontology
- Merchandising
- Nutrition
- Youth development



## Call for Nominations for 2018 NCFR Awards

### Honor Your Distinguished Colleagues

The National Council on Family Relations (NCFR), the NCFR Sections, NCFR Focus Groups, Certified Family Life Education (CFLE) Advisory Board, and the Affiliate Councils have established awards to recognize those groups and individuals who further the interests of the organization and/or exemplify the standards to which members aspire. Award winners are distinguished colleagues who have dedicated themselves to working in the discipline of Family Science and have given outstanding service.

Members nominate other members for the awards, send supporting evidence, and list other people who can verify the nominee's qualifications. A selection committee evaluates the applicants or nominees and selects the winner(s).

The deadline for most designated awards is May 1 of the year in which the award will be presented (unless indicated otherwise). Awards with special deadlines include the Jessie Bernard Awards (April 15), the Reuben Hill Award (March 30), Affiliate Councils awards (June 1), and the CFLE Special Recognition Award (Sept. 1).

Student and New Professional Awards—marked as SNP below—are available to anyone who is an undergraduate or graduate student, or anyone within five years of their last degree earned.

Please check the NCFR website for a listing of all awards, criteria, the nomination and application processes, and deadlines: [ncfr.org/awards](http://ncfr.org/awards).

### NCFR Sponsored Awards

#### Czaplewski Fellowship Award

##### *Purpose*

Past presidents of NCFR established this fellowship in administration in honor of Mary Jo Czaplewski, retired executive director. She served as NCFR's chief executive from 1984 to 1999. The fellowship's purpose is to provide funding to support the efforts of family scholars who want to obtain and make midcareer moves into academic or nonprofit administration.

##### *Award*

The fellowship is awarded only when there is a request for the support, but not more often than once every other year, and then after review of application materials. An award of up to \$500 can be given biennially to a qualified applicant.

#### Felix Berardo Scholarship Award for Mentoring

##### *Purpose*

The Felix Berardo Scholarship Award for Mentoring is given in honor of Dr. Felix Berardo, a well-known and beloved professor from the University of Florida who went above and beyond expectations in mentoring many students to become outstanding leaders in the family field. The award recognizes an NCFR member for excellence in mentoring junior colleagues, graduate students, or undergraduates. Outstanding mentoring goes beyond classroom teaching and includes the provision of support, guidance, and opportunities for professional development.

##### *Award*

The annual award is recognized with a plaque and a \$500 stipend, both of which are presented at the beginning of a plenary session at the NCFR Annual Conference.

#### NCFR Student Award (SNP)

##### *Purpose*

This award is given to an NCFR graduate student member who has demonstrated excellence as a student and shows high potential for contributing to the discipline of Family Science.

##### *Award*

The winner receives a \$500 cash award and a plaque, both of which are presented at the beginning of a plenary session at the NCFR Annual Conference.

#### Ruth Hathaway Jewson Award

##### *Purpose*

This award is given in even-numbered years in honor of Ruth Hathaway Jewson, NCFR's second executive director. It funds the best dissertation proposal submitted by a doctoral candidate in the field of family science. Dr. Jewson was responsible for expanding what was, early on, a small NCFR membership to more 4,000 members by the time she retired. When Dr. Jewson was in her 60s and working full-time at NCFR, she earned her master's degree and went on to complete her doctorate, with her dissertation "The Retired Professional Woman." In the 1970s, when she wrote her dissertation, there were very few retired professional women.

##### *Award*

The award winner receives a \$500 cash award and a plaque, which are presented at the beginning of a plenary session at the NCFR Annual Conference.

### Affiliate Council Awards

#### Affiliate Councils Award for Meritorious Service

##### *Purpose*

The Affiliate Councils Meritorious Service Award recognizes the outstanding service of affiliate members within their local, state, and regional councils.

##### *Award*

The award winner receives a plaque, which will be presented at the Affiliate Councils business meeting, held at the NCFR Annual Conference. Up to five Meritorious Service Awards are given each year to deserving candidates who have been chosen from nominees who fulfill the criteria (criteria are the same for university faculty members and community members).

#### Affiliate Grant

##### *Purpose*

The Affiliate Grant is designed to support an affiliate's activities and promote involvement in the affiliate and/or NCFR. Student and state or regional affiliates are invited to apply for a grant of up to \$300 to support an activity or project in their community or region. Grant applications will be evaluated on the basis of the grant criteria. Student and state or regional affiliates are evaluated separately, and more than one grant may be awarded. Affiliates may receive this award only once every three years.

##### *Award*

The recipient affiliate(s) will receive a grant of up to \$300 and will be recognized during the Affiliate Councils business meeting at the NCFR Annual Conference.

#### Students and New Professionals President-for-a-Day Award

##### *Purpose*

This award recognizes the commitment, energy, and innovation of NCFR student or new professional members in service to NCFR and empowers them to continue evolving their leadership role.

## *Award*

In recognition of dedication, the award recipient receives a \$500 conference travel stipend, a President-for-a-Day plaque, and the opportunity to shadow the current NCFR board president during one day of the NCFR Annual Conference. The award will be presented during the Affiliate Councils business meeting at the NCFR Annual Conference. The recipient will be notified in advance and the date of shadowing the NCFR board president will be predetermined on the basis of the award recipient's and president's schedules.

## **Certified Family Life Education (CFLE) Award**

### **Certified Family Life Educator Special Recognition Award**

#### *Purpose*

The intention of the NCFR Certified Family Life Educator (CFLE) Special Education Award is to recognize an individual or individuals who have demonstrated exceptional effort in promoting the CFLE designation or program. These efforts can be demonstrated through committee involvement, development of related publications or materials, advocacy, or marketing and outreach efforts. Nominees can include individuals (academic or practitioner) or teams of CFLE individuals.

#### *Award*

The recipient will be presented with an award at the CFLE Reception and recognized in the CFLE *Network* and via social media and the CFLE Discussion Group.

## **Section Awards**

### **Education and Enrichment Section**

#### **Margaret E. Arcus Outstanding Family Life Educator Award**

#### *Purpose*

The Family Life Educator award honors Margaret E. Arcus, who made a remarkable contribution to Family Life Education (FLE) during her long, productive career. Margaret Arcus helped create the NCFR Certified Family Life Education program, setting standards for the field. A prolific author and dedicated teacher, Dr. Arcus is widely recognized as one of the best Family Life Educators the world will ever see. This award is meant to:

- encourage a tradition of excellence and scholarship by recognizing family life education scholars and practitioners who advance the field; and

- increase the visibility and credibility of family life education scholarship and practice.

#### *Award*

The award winner receives a \$1,000 cash award, up to \$500 in travel allowance, and a plaque. The award is presented biennially (even years) at the beginning of a plenary session. The recipient also is invited to present a Family Life Education update for practitioners at the NCFR Annual Conference in the year in which the award is presented (even years).

### **Ethnic Minorities Section**

#### **John L. and Harriette P. McAdoo Dissertation Award**

#### *Purpose*

As eminent scholars and educators, Drs. John L. and Harriette P. McAdoo made significant contributions to the scholarship on ethnic minority families, especially to the understanding of African Americans' familial experiences. John L. McAdoo was a founding member of the Ethnic Minorities Section. Harriette P. McAdoo was the first recipient of the Marie Peters Award and became president of NCFR in 1993. The purpose of this award is to provide support for the completion of an approved doctoral dissertation with a focus on issues that affect ethnic minority families.

#### *Award*

The winner receives a \$450 cash award (presented in two allotments) and a plaque. A cash award of \$225 and a plaque will be presented in the even years. The remaining \$225 is given in odd years.

The award is presented biennially (even years) at the beginning of a plenary session at the NCFR Annual Conference. Recipients are expected to give an address that, among other things, provides a description of the dissertation research and its implications at a concurrent session at the following annual NCFR Annual Conference (odd years).

### **Family Policy Section**

#### **Feldman Internship Award (SNP)**

#### *Purpose*

The award is presented in memory of Harold Feldman and Margaret Feldman, who were NCFR members and pioneers in the field of family policy. It reflects an effort to increase the number of family policy researchers and practitioners engaged in policy-related activities. The award also serves to further encourage family policy as a career path for students and new professionals.

## *Award*

The award, totaling \$250 and a certificate, is given annually. Preference is given to those applicants who have secured a policy-oriented internship that lasts for at least one academic semester. The internship award of \$250 is given to only one individual each year. This award is presented at the Family Policy (FP) Section annual meeting.

If there are no qualified Feldman Internship Award applicants, a cash award totaling \$250 and certificate is distributed to students and new professionals who have had posters or papers accepted by the Family Policy (FP) Section for the NCFR Annual Conference. This award is presented at the Family Policy (FP) Section annual meeting.

### **Feldman Best Conference Proposal Award (SNP)**

#### *Purpose*

The award is presented in memory of Harold Feldman and Margaret Feldman, who were NCFR members and pioneers in the field of family policy. It reflects an effort to increase the number of family policy researchers and practitioners engaged in policy-related activities. The award also serves to further encourage family policy as a career path for students and new professionals.

#### *Award*

A cash award totaling \$250 and certificate is distributed to students and new professionals who have had posters or papers accepted by the Family Policy (FP) Section for the NCFR Annual Conference. This award is presented at the Family Policy (FP) Section Annual Meeting. The \$250 is divided among at least two (one student and one new professional) and no more than five students and new professionals who are presenting a paper or poster at the NCFR Annual Conference.

### **Feldman Outstanding Research Proposal for Research in Family Policy**

#### *Purpose*

The award is presented in memory of Harold Feldman and Margaret Feldman, who were NCFR members and pioneers in the field of family policy. The award 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/or women's issues or poverty.

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## Award

The winner receives a \$250 cash award and a plaque. The winner is expected to present a brief report on the project and related findings during the Family Policy Section Meeting at the following year's NCFR Annual Conference.

### Feminism and Family Studies Section

## Jessie Bernard Outstanding Research Proposal From a Feminist Perspective (SNP)

### Purpose

This award is presented in memory of Jessie Bernard, a former member of the NCFR Board of Directors and a pioneer in the field of feminist family studies (FF). Dr. Bernard declared herself a feminist in 1970 and is known for her celebrated description of "his" and "her" marriages. She was a board member of the American Sociological Association, the Groves Conference on Marriage and Family, and NCFR. The award recognizes a graduate student or new professional who has demonstrated excellence in research and potential contribution to feminist scholarship.

### Award

The winner receives a \$750 cash award to fund feminist research, up to \$350 in travel allowance, up to \$95 toward the NCFR Annual Conference registration to accept the award, and a plaque. A summary of the recipient's research results will be published in the FF Section newsletter, and recipients are expected to present a report of their project and findings at the next NCFR Annual Conference. The award is presented at the beginning of a plenary session at the NCFR Annual Conference.

## Jessie Bernard Contribution to Feminist Scholarship Paper Award (SNP)

### Purpose

This award is presented in memory of Jessie Bernard, former member of the NCFR Board of Directors and pioneer in the field of feminist family studies (FF). Dr. Bernard declared herself a feminist in 1970 and is known for her celebrated description of "his" and "her" marriages. She was a board member of the American Sociological Association, the Groves Conference on Marriage and Family, and NCFR. This award recognizes a graduate student or new professional who has published or is about to publish a paper using feminist frameworks and methodologies in research.

## Award

The award winner receives a gift of complimentary books, up to \$350 in travel allowance, up to \$95 toward the NCFR Annual Conference registration to accept the award, and a plaque. A summary of the recipient's research results is published in the FF Section newsletter. The award is presented at the beginning of a plenary session at the NCFR Annual Conference.

### Research and Theory Section

## Ernest W. Burgess Award

### Purpose

The award is given in memory of Ernest W. Burgess, a noted professor at the University of Chicago with a career spanning five decades. He was an NCFR cofounder and became NCFR's fourth president. Dr. Burgess was a pioneer in his contributions to marriage and family research in America. The award recognizes outstanding scholarly achievement during the course of a career in the study of families. The recipient is chosen in recognition of continuous and meritorious contributions to theory and research in the family field.

### Award

The winner receives a \$1,000 cash award, up to \$750 in travel allowance, and a plaque. The award is presented biennially (even years). He/she presents the Ernest Burgess Award Address during the NCFR Annual Conference (even years) and commits first publication rights to the *Journal of Marriage and Family*.

## Reuben Hill Award

### Purpose

The award is given in memory of Reuben Hill, Ph.D., 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. The award is presented to the author(s) of the best research article for the year prior to the award. It is given in recognition of an outstanding article, book, or monograph that combines theory and methodology in the analysis and interpretation of a significant family issue.

### Award

A plaque is given to the authors of the award-winning contribution. Also, a cash award of \$1,000 and \$750 travel allowance are divided equally if there is more than one author. The award is presented at the beginning of a plenary session at the NCFR Annual Conference.

### Additional Section Awards and Focus Group Awards

The sections and focus groups offer additional awards (nondesignated). See links at [ncfr.org/about/awards](http://ncfr.org/about/awards)

#### Advancing Family Science Section

- Wesley Burr Student Scholarship Awards (one undergraduate award and one graduate award)

#### Education and Enrichment Section

- Student Proposal Awards (SNP)

#### Ethnic Minorities Section

- Student and New Professional Best Paper Award

#### Families and Health Section

- Outstanding Professional Paper/Publications Award
- Outstanding Student and New Professional Paper Award
- Outstanding Student Poster Award
- Outstanding Professional Poster Award

#### Family Therapy Section

- Best Student Poster Award
- Best New Professional Poster Award
- Best Student Research Paper Award
- Best New Professional Research Paper Award

#### Feminism and Family Studies Section

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

#### International Section

- Jan Trost Award
- Annual Conference Travel Scholarship
- Students and New Professionals Annual Conference Travel Scholarship

#### Religion, Spirituality, and Family Section

- Outstanding Paper Award
- Student and New Professional Outstanding Paper Award

#### Research and Theory Section

- Best Abstract by a Student or New Professional Award

#### Family Economics Focus Group

- Best Family Economics Paper of the Year Award

#### Issues in Aging Focus Group

- Issues in Aging Focus Group Award

#### Latino(a) Research Focus Group

- Best Student Poster Award
- Best Student Paper Award

#### Men in Families Focus Group

- Best Research Article Award
- Best New Professional Research Article Award
- Diversity and Inclusion Research Article Award

*Nominations continued*



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**Qualitative Family Research  
Network Focus Group (QFRN)**

- Anselm Strauss Award for Qualitative Family Research

**NCFR Inclusion and Diversity  
Committee Award**

- Social Justice Award for Contributions to Family Science

**Theory Construction and Research  
Methodology (TCRM)**

- Best Student/Early Career Presentation Award

**NCFR Fellow Status  
ncfr.org/awards/ncfr-fellow-status**

Fellow status in NCFR is an honor awarded to relatively few living members on the basis of their outstanding contributions to Family Science. Nominations of all family professionals who have made contributions to the family field are encouraged. Among the recognized areas of contribution are scholarship, teaching, outreach, practice, and professional service—including service to NCFR. By definition, outstanding contributions are those that have broad impact on the field and are enduring over time. Deadline is Sept. 15. ✨

## Congratulations to Our New Certified Family Life Educators

The following is a list of Certified Family Life Educators (CFLEs) designated between Oct. 1 and Dec. 31, 2017. *Provisional unless otherwise noted.*

<b>Trinidad and Tobago</b>	Anna Catherine Kruger		<b>Ohio</b>	Terra Kerr	
Crystal Renee Benjamin	Christian Michelle Allen		Nichole A. Davenport		
	Steven A. Taylor		Anna M. Tokarsky		
	Joshua Craig		<b>Pennsylvania</b>		
<b>Colorado</b>	Hannah Walsh		Kalani M. Palmer	FULL	
Julia Prior	Brieanna Sue Schofield		<b>South Dakota</b>		
	Katie Lin Reck		Krystal LeAnn Trull		
<b>Delaware</b>			<b>Tennessee</b>		
Mary Kay Keller		FULL	Tori Ameila Bowman		
	<b>Minnesota</b>		Olivia Ann Smith		
<b>Florida</b>	Nicole Kathryn Wahl	FULL	<b>Texas</b>		
Jenna Cory Scott		FULL	Chinatu Judith Gladrich	FULL	
Victor W. Harris	<b>Missouri</b>		Rachael Martin	FULL	
Miranda A. O. Stewart	Brittany Marie		Shemeka S. Phipps	FULL	
	Wittenberg	FULL	Susan M. Wolfe	FULL	
<b>Georgia</b>	Chang Su-Russell	FULL	Miriam Lord		
Jenee' Duncan	Luke Thomas Russell		Shabaz Monet Brown		
Victoria Leigh Wheat	Alexa Morrison		Claire E. Stanley		
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<b>Indiana</b>	Jacob Aron Gendron		Karyann Doty Parkinson	FULL	
Casey B. Stover	Amanda Moser		Yolanda S. Fredrickson		
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<b>Maryland</b>	Ashley Kreutzer				
Ellen M. Diem		FULL			
Bethany N Willis Hepp	<b>Nevada</b>				
	Milagro D. Guardado	FULL			
<b>Michigan</b>					
Karen A. Carpenter	<b>New York</b>				
Lisa Michelle Sherrard	Allison Schwartz				