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The National Council on Family Relations (NCFR) has conferred its organization's prestigious Fellow status to six members: Norma Burgess, Joseph Grzywacz, Thomas Holman, Sandra M. Stith, Judith Treas, Anisa Zvonkovic.

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

Fellows are nominated by their peers and selected by the Fellows Committee. Members of the 2012 selection committee were: Shirley M.H. Hanson, Chair; Frank Fincham; Gladys J. Hildreth; Roger H. Rubin; and Catherine A. Surra. Jennifer Hardesty was the Board Liaison; Jeanne Strand was the Staff Liaison.

The 2012 Fellows are highlighted on pages 4-5. They will be inducted at the 2013 NCFR Annual Conference.

Celebrating 75 years of NCFR

In 2013, NCFR marks its 75th anniversary, and that is reason to celebrate. Formed in 1938 as the National Conference on Family Relations, our organization has evolved into the premier professional association for the multidisciplinary study and understanding of families.

NCFR staff and members of the 75th anniversary advisory committee have several initiatives underway and in planning that will...

- Celebrate the organization's history and contributions to family scholarship, education, and service, including 75 years of the *Journal of Marriage and Family*.
- Demonstrate the accomplishments of NCFR members in studying families, educating family scholars and educators, and advocating on behalf of research and programs that lead to stronger families.

- Highlight the changing nature of families, marriage and relationships, and parenting, and the future role of NCFR as the leader in research and education of families.



So, how are we commemorating 75 years of growth, outreach, and service?

The NCFR History Project

Mary Jo Czaplewski, past executive director, is working on a comprehensive review of NCFR through the decades.

Jason Samuels, IT director, has retrieved hundreds of documents from the NCFR archives and is curating articles, reports, proceedings, and historical publications to compliment the narrative.

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Report

of The National Council on Family Relations

Mission Statement for Report:

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On the bookshelf

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Charles Figley and Laurel Kiser (2013). *Helping Traumatized Families*. Second edition. Routledge.

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Abbie E. Goldberg and Katherine R. Allen (Eds.). *LGBT-Parent Families: Innovations in Research and Implications for Practice*.

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Roger H. Rubin and Barbara H. Settles (Eds.) (2012). *The Groves Conference on Marriage and Family: History and Impact on Family Science*. MPublishing, University of Michigan Library

M. C. Russell and Charles Figley (2012). *Practitioner's Guide to Treating Traumatic Stress Injuries in Military Personnel: An EMDR Practitioner's Guide*. Routledge

Here's a great shot of one of NCFR's best friends, Dr. Stephan Wilson, Dean of the College of Human Sciences at Oklahoma State University. The picture was from one of the early days when he was leading a Human Sciences study-abroad course in Kenya. "During the first few days, my goal is to keep everyone awake and fighting jet lag," says Stephan. "We take them to several 'touristy' places including the Elephant Orphanage, the Giraffe Park, the Bomas of Kenya, and the Blixen Estate. The shock value of kissing the giraffe did keep my students awake (she was a big old loveable cow) but I am not sure what the giraffe thought (except there was food between my lips)."

Our NCFR family





Remembering NCFR

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

Greetings to all. We are now well into a new year, 2013. This is a particularly exciting time for NCFR as we celebrate our 75th year as an organization. Since many of us were not alive when the organization was born, I thought it would be fun to share with you information about what things were like in 1938 that may have further helped to birth NCFR. I am in the fortunate position to have my own mother (who is 103) here to discuss the year 1938. At the time she was 29 years old and teaching school in a small town in Nebraska. Together we looked up interesting facts for that year and reminisced about them together.

A loaf of bread cost 9 cents, Lipton's noodle soup was 10 cents a can, a gallon of gas was 10 cents, and average wages per year were \$1,730. The average cost of a new house was \$3,900 and monthly rental for a house was \$27. The Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae) was established. The price of a new car was \$763. The March of Dimes Polio Foundation was created. Orson Welle's "War of the Worlds" radio programming caused panic after being broadcast as a news story rather than a dramatization.*

Did you know that in 1938 a recession hit and increased unemployment to 19%? In the U.S., the law changed and the minimum hourly wage was 40 cents per hour for a 44-hour work week. Franklin Roosevelt was the U.S. President. In Europe, various groups were continuing to be persecuted, there was increased concern about another world war, and Hitler was chosen Time magazine's "Man of the Year" (most influential)!

In September of 1938, a giant hurricane hit the east coast. There was little or no warning from the Weather Service. Forty-foot waves hit Long Island and 60,000 people became homeless with some 700 dead. The same year, oceanic storms on the west coast, known as the Los Angeles Floods, flooded much of Los Angeles, Orange, and Riverside counties leaving many homes and the

transportation infrastructure destroyed and more than 100 dead.

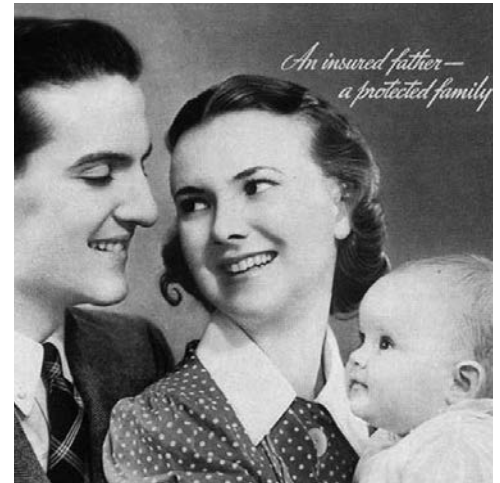
Last, a few technology facts surfaced. Ballpoint pens and Teflon were introduced. The photocopier and freeze-dried coffee were first used. Electronic television sets became available to the general U.S. public. Oil is discovered in Saudi Arabia.

God Bless America is sung for the first time on the radio.

Clearly as you can see there were multiple social, political, economic, and environmental issues impacting families that undoubtedly influenced our organization founders. As I began to review the incredible transitions that families have experienced in the last three-quarters of a century, I also thought about the changes I have experienced through my involvement with NCFR for the past 40 years.

I joined NCFR in 1973 as a new graduate student. The first NCFR conference I attended was in Toronto that fall, with the theme "Family Style and Personal Freedom." I'm not sure that I remember much from the content of the meeting, but I do know that some of the people I met that year continue to be my professional mentors or personal friends. This relationship stability has been supportive to my well-being and me. It is amazing how we are able to benchmark not only our professional but also our personal transitions by the NCFR conference. However, the changes that I have seen for the last four decades in NCFR, and our ability to respond to new initiatives, are also quite heartening as we continue to explore, develop, and implement our work with families.

I encourage each of you to remember your experiences within NCFR and its impact on you both personally and professionally. Please start planning now to attend the NCFR 75th anniversary celebrations during the annual conference in San Antonio, November 6-9, 2013 (www.ncfr.org/confer-



ence). I am thrilled to announce that Stephanie Coontz, noted social historian, will join us to offer a special 75th Anniversary Address on the history and future for families. We are so fortunate to have an organization that recognizes the impact of change, honors diversity, and continues to challenge us to be creative in our work on behalf of families. I look forward to celebrating the successes of the National Council on Family Relations with many of you this year. ■

*www.thepeoplehistory.com

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Norma Burgess



Norma J. Bond Burgess, Ph.D., is the current and founding Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Lipscomb University in Nashville, Tennessee.

Dr. Burgess completed a Ph.D. in sociology in 1986 with the express goal of becoming a university professor. Dr. Burgess was also the founding Dean for the College for Graduate Studies and Professor of Sociology at Chatham University in 2007. Prior to this, she was a Professor at Syracuse University where she also served as Department Chair in the Child and Family Studies department. She is a recognized expert in the fields of ethnic minority families, leadership, women, work and family.

Dr. Burgess is a former NCFR Board member, and an editorial reviewer in the journals *Gender and Society*, *Journal of Family Issues*, *Family Relations* and *Sociological Inquiry*. She has been the recipient of numerous institutional and national awards including NCFR's Marie Peters Award in recognition of excellence in the field of ethnic minority families. Her scholarship has been widely published in many journals, including *Journal of Family History*, *Journal of Black Studies*, *Family Science Review*, and *Journal of Family Issues*.

Dr. Burgess has a high level of commitment to student and faculty success. Her leadership activities have focused on excellence in the classroom, scholarship, globalization and professional development. She is widely traveled and developed and led study abroad programs. She is known for her ability to work with others and her enthusiasm for life, family and work. ■

Joseph Grzywacz

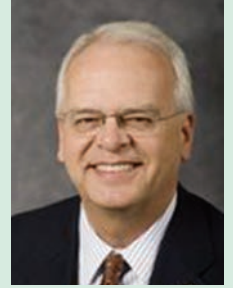


Joseph Grzywacz, Ph.D., is the George Kaiser Family Foundation Endowed Chair of Family Resilience at Oklahoma State University. Formerly, Dr. Grzywacz was a Professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at Wake Forest School of Medicine in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He received his Ph.D. in Child and Family Studies from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1998.

Professor Grzywacz's scholarly contributions are current, prolific, and consistent over time. He has published in journals pertaining to families: *Family Issues*, *Journal of Marriage and Family*, *Family Relations*, *American Journal of Health Promotion*, and the *American Journal of Public Health*. His area of expertise as an interdisciplinary social scientist in health, family and work is well known nationally and internationally. His commitment to bridge research interests (work-family linkages and family health/well-being) is notable. He is particularly interested in health as it relates to work and family issues including socioeconomic and racial disparities in health care. Since 1999, he has authored or co-authored more than 163 scientific publications. He has been awarded the "Endowed Professor of Family Resilience" from the Kaiser Family Foundation (2012).

Dr. Grzywacz has been involved with numerous research grants/awards since 1999. He has served as the principal investigator or co-principal investigator for many research projects. His work is at the edge of family and health scholarship and Dr. Grzywacz has made enduring contributions to the family field as a scholar. ■

Thomas Holman



Thomas Holman, Ph.D., is Professor in the School of Family Life at Brigham Young University, where he has served on the faculty since 1992.

Dr. Holman is among the most outstanding researchers in the field of family studies. Awarding of Fellow status recognizes Dr. Holman for his sustained and groundbreaking research on how characteristics of relationships before marriage predict the subsequent success of marital relationships. He is well known as a co-developer with colleagues of RELATE and READY, diagnostic programs designed for laypersons that provide feedback pertaining to the likely success of their relationship and relationship domains to consider when evaluating the health of relationships. In addition to numerous research articles and several books, in 2001, he published a highly acclaimed scholarly book, *Pre-marital Prediction of Marital Quality and Stability*, in which he summarizes key findings from his research and others.

In addition to his published scholarship, Dr. Holman has served as a consultant to the federal government on funding for research grants and to the Heritage Foundation. He has actively contributed to the activities of the National Council on Family Relations, where he is currently Chair of the Research and Theory Section, a member of the editorial board of *Journal of Family Theory and Review*, and a past member of the editorial board of the journal *Family Relations*. One individual who nominated Dr. Holman for this recognition wrote, "For more than three decades he has made outstanding and enduring contributions to the field of the family in scholarship and professional service, as well as teaching and mentoring thousands of students." ■

Fellows 2012

**Sandra
Stith**



Sandra M. Stith, Ph.D., LMFT, is Professor in the School of Family Studies and Human Services at Kansas State University. She is also the Program Director for the KSU Marriage and Family Therapy Program.

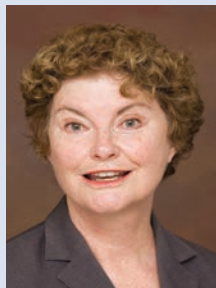
Dr. Stith received her B.S. in education from Oklahoma State University in 1970, her M.S. in Life Span Human Development from Kansas State University in 1982, and her Ph.D. in Marriage and Family Therapy from Kansas State University in 1986. Her clinical experience began with teaching in K-12 public school systems in Oklahoma, Ohio, and Wyoming. She was a Peace Corps volunteer in Venezuela and worked with Spanish-speaking families in California. After her advanced degrees, she served as a family therapist and supervisor in Virginia and Kansas. She is currently a Licensed Clinical Marriage and Family Therapist in the state of Kansas, and an Approved Supervisor with the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy.

Dr. Stith's scholarly contributions are plentiful. Her area of expertise is family violence and the treatment of intimate partner violence (IPV). Her name is connected with numerous articles in several journals including the *American Journal of Family Therapy*, *Contemporary Family Therapy*, *Journal of Marital and Family Therapy*, *Family Science Review*, *Family Relations*, *Journal of Family Psychotherapy* and *Journal of Marriage and the Family*. She has also been involved as an author in books and journal special issues pertaining to family and domestic violence.

Her grants and contracts pertaining to her expertise on family violence extend over many years. She has been a critical link

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**Judith
Treas**

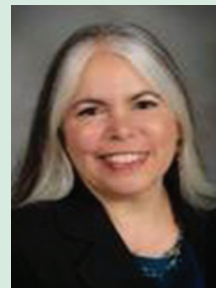


Judith Treas, Ph.D., is Professor of Sociology at University of California, Irvine. She received her B.A. degree in sociology at Pfizer College in Claremont, California, and her M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in sociology at the University of California at Los Angeles.

Dr. Treas is considered among the most prominent experts in the field of family studies. She is a recognized authority in several areas, including, the division of household labor, intergenerational relationships and aging families. She brings to this work a cross-national perspective that shows how couples' domestic lives are shaped by the broader context in which they live. Dr. Treas has authored more than 60 scholarly articles and book chapters. In addition, she has mentored many of the leading young family researchers studying the household division of labor around the world.

Dr. Treas has served as President of the Pacific Sociological Association; Chair of the Section on the Sociology of Population, American Sociological Association (ASA); and was the Founding Chair of the Sociology Department at University of California, Irvine. Her many honors include the Matilda White Riley Distinguished Scholar Award for Career Achievement from the ASA Section on Aging and the Life Course and the Petersen Scholar Award for Family and Aging from Oregon State University. She served on the U.S. Census Advisory Committee on Professional Associations and also consulted on the "relationship to householder" categories for the Census 2010 short form. ■

**Anisa
Zvonkovic**



Anisa Zvonkovic, Ph.D., is Professor and Department Head in the Department of Human Development at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, in Blacksburg, Virginia. She was formerly C.R. Hutcheson Professor of Human Development and Family Studies at Texas Tech University, where she also served as Department Chair.

Professor Zvonkovic received her B.A. in Psychology and Religious Studies from the University of Virginia and her M.S. and Ph.D. in Human Development and Family Studies from the Pennsylvania State University. She has been a leader in scholarship focusing on the effects of work and other demands on individual and interpersonal lives, dyadic issues in personal relationships, closeness and autonomy in interpersonal relationships, and feminist and post-modern perspectives on close relationships. On these topics and others, she has published numerous articles included in such journals as the *Journal of Marriage and Family*, *Family Relations*, *Journal of Family Issues*, *Marriage and Family Review*, *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, and the *Journal of Divorce and Remarriage*. Among her other contributions to the literature in family science are eleven book chapters and numerous reviews, reports, and papers.

Professor Zvonkovic has been invited to present dozens of papers at professional meetings including the National Council on Family Relations, the Groves Conference on Marriage and Family, Texas Council on Family Relations, American Psychological Association, American Sociological Association, Society for Applied Anthropology, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, International Association of Relationship

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Executive Review

Seventy-five years ago . . .

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

Seventy-five years ago filming began on what was to become the most watched movie of all time, *The Wizard of Oz*. While Judy Garland was singing *Over the Rainbow*, and trying desperately to return home to her family, Aunt Em and Uncle Henry, The National Conference on Family Relations was celebrating its inaugural meeting in New York City. NCFR founders Paul Sayre, Ernest Burgess and Rabbi Sidney E. Goldstein convened the 1938 meeting at the Hotel Pennsylvania, where attendees explored issues of working mothers, the effects of unemployment on families, the parole system, the effect of divorce on children, social security policy and practice, and predictable factors in the success or failure of marriage. This year NCFR celebrates its 75th anniversary in San Antonio, Texas, with a conference theme of the *Well-being of Children and Youth in Families and Communities*.

In the 75 years since that first meeting of clergy, therapists, researchers, educators, administrators and policymakers, technological advances have allowed NCFR members to share their work and engage with one another real-time 24/7. Today, NCFR combines 75 years of greatness and meaningful work with 21st century delivery of information.

Online resources

Two years ago ncfr.org underwent a significant change. A year later a survey of members revealed what you liked about the site (it was filled with resources) and what you didn't like (the resources were difficult to find). Our gifted director of innovation and technology staff member Jason Samuels, and our new online community and web content manager Allison Wickler, together with Charlie Cheesebrough our membership and marketing director, have used the member feedback from the 2012 survey as a guide to create a new navigation structure that will lead you to your destination resources with

speed and ease. One member's feedback, "...the new NCFR website looks awesome!!" Check it out at www.ncfr.org

We took advantage of the website navigation improvement project to build out a better professional resource library that now contains over 900 resources with more added daily. One recent addition, a contribution from the *Qualitative Family Research Network Focus Group* is an updated list of journals that publish qualitative research <http://www.ncfr.org/focus-groups/qualitative-family-research-network-focus-group/professional-resources-qfrn-members/j-0>.

NCFR collaborations—then and now

When NCFR began as the National Conference on Family Relations in 1938, the annual conference provided a once-a-year opportunity for colleagues to meet, share their work and develop professional relationships. Throughout the year colleagues interacted through hand-written and typed letters. NCFR archives provide a rich source of documentation of how those relationships matured and led to collaborative research projects. Seventy-five years later in 2013, networking is happening with much less effort via technology that allows colleagues

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between NCFR and military families--advocating, researching, and training with families in the military community. Her research area with violence in military families has been nationally recognized. She is recognized as an international expert in family violence and has given more than 100 presentations. Her other professional activities include serving on the editorial boards of the *Journal of Marital and Family Therapy*, *Family Relations* and the *American Journal of Family Therapy*. Dr. Stith continues to be a manuscript reviewer for many journals which speaks to her allegiance to bridge family social science and family therapy. ■

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Research, and the Society for the Study of Human Development. Her research interests have generated more than \$1.5 million in grants.

Professor Zvonkovic has served on the editorial boards of the journal *Family Relations*, *Journal of Family Theory & Review*, and *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*. Her leadership qualities have been recognized widely by her peers in the family science field. Recently, she began serving a three-year elected presidency for the Groves Conference on Marriage and Family. Dr. Zvonkovic's contributions to the National Council on Family Relations are extraordinary. These include Chair of the NCFR Conference Program, 2008; Member and Chair, Felix Berardo Mentoring Award Committee; Member, Reuben Hill Award Committee for Best Theoretical Paper in Family Studies; Member, Task Force on *Journal of Family Theory & Review*; Chair, Vice-Chair, and Nominations Chair of the Feminism and Family Studies Section; Chair, Executive Committee member, and Nominations Chair, Theory Construction and Research Methodology Workshop; and NCFR annual meetings abstract reviewer. ■

to be in touch 24/7. NCFR is providing tools and structures through which these collegial conversations can occur.

In the past few weeks, two NCFR Focus Groups have used their listservs to share news and invite members to participate in conference symposia. From the NCFR *Focus Group on Co-parenting & Divorce Education*, chair Lawrence G. Shelton, Ph.D., University of Vermont, shared through their new NCFR listserv:

- The research by Jane Riffe, Denise Brandon, and Maureen Mulroy on Extension involvement in serving separating and divorcing families, which Jane presented at our 2012 meeting, has been accepted for publication in the *Journal of Extension*.
- A small group of Focus Group members have been discussing the possibility of developing a general form and process that could be used for evaluation by different divorce education programs.

From the *Issues in Aging Focus Group* chair, Jeremy Yorgason, Ph.D., Brigham Young University, this listserv notice:

“I’m excited to report on some ideas that are being prepared for proposals for the 2013 annual NCFR conference. If you would like to participate in one or more of these presentations, please contact me.”

Dr. Yorgason goes on to describe a panel on elder abuse and a symposia on grandparent/grandchildren relationships and one on intergenerational caregiving and/or intergenerational transfers and a Special Session on issues faced by aging Latino(a) families.

If there are ways the NCFR staff can assist with networking and collaboration for members please let us know. We are eager to make sure your professional needs are met.

Fellow status in NCFR

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contributions to the field of family in the areas of scholarship, teaching, outreach or professional service, including service to NCFR. In this issue of *NCFR Report*, NCFR announces its newest class of Fellows: Norma J. Bond Burgess, Joseph Grzywacz, Thomas Holman, Sandra M. Stith, Judith Treas, and Anisa Zvonkovic. Congratulations to our new Fellows! We will honor you at the annual conference in November at the Fellows induction ceremony.

Webcasts and webinars

New this year and described in more detail in Dawn Cassidy’s column in this issue of *NCFR Report* are webcasts and webinars. Webcasts will be offered free and include “how-to” information such as how to submit a proposal to the NCFR conference and how to review a conference proposal. Webinars will be online instructional seminars offered for a fee. Webinars and webcasts will be archived for viewing on the NCFR website.

Search for new editor for JFTR

Robert Milardo, the founding editor of the *Journal of Family Theory & Review* (JFTR), is nearing the end of his editorial term. Dr. Milardo’s passion for family theory is well-known by his colleagues, many of whom have commented that he will be difficult to replace. The task of the board-appointed search committee will be to find the person who is ready and able to step into this prestigious editor position and continue to develop this young journal. If you have an interest or know someone whose knowledge, expertise and body of work qualifies him or her for this position, please contact Jeanne Strand at jeannestrand@ncfr.org. The search committee will work throughout 2013 to select an editor. The new editorial office will begin to receive submissions in early 2014 and will publish its first issue of JFTR in 2015.

Finally, please mark your calendar for November 6-9 and plan to join your colleagues at NCFR’s 75th annual conference in San Antonio, Texas. The people you meet at NCFR may change your life and help you discover your passion in family research, theory, policy, education or practice.



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Conference consultant Cindy Winter is acquiring and organizing additional materials and ideas from long-time members and her own 40+ years as the NCFR conference director.

Much more will be coming in the near future. For an easy introduction, check out the historical videos already posted at <http://www.ncfr.org/history>.

NCFR 75th Annual Conference

Special celebratory events include:

- *75th Anniversary Address*: A special presentation by well-known researcher, author, and speaker Stephanie Coontz. This session is the lead-off for the 75th anniversary recognition event.
- *Anniversary Fiesta*: Following the Anniversary Address...food, fun, music, and memories as we celebrate in traditional San Antonio style
- *NCFR history session*: Jason and Mary Jo will lead a Special Session about the

NCFR History Project.

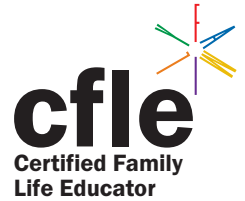
- *History on display*: NCFR history depicted through displays, signage, stories, and more

Historic communications

- *Zippy e-News*: Editor Nancy Gonzalez will include NCFR history notes in the weekly e-newsletter.
- *NCFR Report magazine*: Assistant Editor Charlie Cheesebrough will provide 75th anniversary celebration updates including more details about how members can be involved.
- *CFLE*: Director Dawn Cassidy is working with CFLEs to provide announcements and recollections in CFLE communications
- *NCFR website/social media*: Watch for announcements, stories, photos, and historic moments on the website and in Facebook by Allison Wickler, online community manager. ■



San Antonio



NCFR launches webinar series in 2013

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

Last September NCFR launched its first webinar. *An Introduction to Ethical Thinking and Practice for Family Professionals: A Case Study Approach* was a collaborative effort with members of the Minnesota Council on Family Relations. They had presented workshops on the ethical guidelines process throughout Minnesota but wanted to try an online approach.

Presenting the ethical guidelines process as a webinar provided the opportunity to bring this very important information to a much wider audience. The ethics webinar is the first in what promises to be a long list of topics presented by NCFR through a webinar format.

NCFR staff has been busy researching webinar platforms and identifying appropriate topics and presenters. In addition to the free webcast on *How to Submit a Conference Proposal* presented by NCFR member Bahira Trask in February, the following are also planned:

- **How to Review a Conference Proposal.** Karen Myers-Bowman and Thomas Holman; presented March 7; available online now
- **Who? Me Lead a Group? Group Facilitation Skills.** Jean Illsley Clarke; March 27
- **The Domains of Family Practice Model: Differentiating the Roles of Family Professionals.** Karen Myers-Bowman, Sharon Ballard, Judy Myers-Walls, and Carol Darling; May 30
- **Using the FLE Framework for Program Planning and Evaluation.** David Bredehoft and Michael Walcheski; September tba
- **OverIndulgence. Implications for Parenting Education.** David Bredehoft and Jean Illsley Clarke; December tba

In addition, the MCFR ethical guidelines webinar presenters are working on a continuation of the webinar presented in 2012.

We are also hoping to have a webinar on policy involvement.

The webinar topics are geared toward different audiences. Some are of interest to practitioners working in the field whereas others will be more relevant to those teaching family science classes at the university and college level. Some will be of interest to both. Eventually we plan to host webinars that address concerns of external audiences such as policymakers, healthcare professionals, those involved in the courts and criminal justice, educators, and others.

There will be a charge for most webinars but some will be free. We are finalizing our

pricing structure but can say that there will be a price break for NCFR members. We are also looking into licensing options for classroom use.

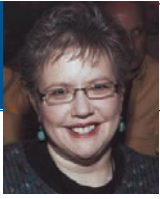
We know that we are just scratching the surface on the variety of topics and approaches NCFR can address through online learning. We will be contacting members and CFLEs soon to hear your ideas for webinar topics and to identify people interested in sharing their expertise and experience as webinar presenters. In the meantime, if you have a topic you'd like to see addressed or are willing to present, please contact me at dawncassidy@ncfr.org

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Certified Family Life Educators

The following is a list of Certified Family Life Educators designated between October 1 and December 31, 2012. Provisional unless otherwise noted.

Alabama		Alyson Walker		New York
Vanessa Finnegan	FULL	Amy Yates	FULL	Michelle Nagel
Kate Harcourt	FULL			
Ami Landers	FULL	Massachusetts		North Carolina
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California				Rhonda Cutler
Gillian Beiler		Maryland		Amber Diggins
Carlene Fider	FULL	Ambre Rypien		Erin Ellenwood Bain
Katelyn Kenny				
Melissa Putman	FULL	Michigan		Ohio
		Spencer Behmlander		Allyson Collins
Florida		Drusilla Blackmon		Alexis Duvall
Edna Herring-Cooper	FULL	Brianne Copeland		Rachel Letwin
		Dixie Gabalis		Kaitlynn O'Brien
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Ashlie Milton		Irene Johnson-Richmond	FULL	Pennsylvania
Jessica Smith		Katie LaPlant		Mary Neidermyer
		Rose Meinert		
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Amanda Arceri		Patti Quackenbush		April Ogden-Cortez
Indiana		Minnesota		Utah
Sarah Milligan		Whittney McCollum		Darcy Gregg
		Jacklyn Milton		Mindy Hendleman
Kansas		Susan Towley		
Kaylee McMahon				Virginia
		Missouri		Sarah June Carroll
Louisiana		Brittany Gronewold	FULL	
Kimberly Corson	FULL			Wisconsin
Jesslyn Langbein		Montana		Amy Brown
Heather McCollum	FULL	Kaitlyn Lyders		Sarah Tyree-Francis
Alex Person				
Julie Rutledge	FULL	New Jersey		Guam
Jessica Verret		Kellie Flynn		Tomika Smith



The history of our profession: Some shock and awe

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

Part of our preparation for NCFR's 75th anniversary conference in 2013 will be the unveiling of the NCFR History Project that is being overseen by NCFR Executive Director Emerita Mary Jo Czaplewski, conference consultant Cindy Winter, and staff member Jason Samuels. They have already uncovered some fascinating information about NCFR. Jason mentioned to me that I should look at the conference program from the very first conference in 1938. Specifically, he called my attention to one of the conference panelists, Ellsworth Huntington. If I hadn't seen some of his work in print, I would have never believed it was a part of NCFR's past.

Ellsworth Huntington is a name that has disappeared from the modern family sciences and for good reason. His ideology and "research" have been totally discredited. One still sees some social Darwinism carefully couched in public discourse today. Huntington took it a step further: eugenics. His thesis was that social engineering should be a process of encouraging superior humans to procreate while discouraging it among the rabble. His book, "Tomorrow's Children: The Goal of Eugenics" (1935) is

available online at the Hathi Trust Digital Library. Google it with keywords "Huntington" "Eugenics" "HathiTrust." I encourage anyone to play "drop the needle" and just start reading on any page. I read the whole book. It may be the most repugnant content I've ever read. I'll just supply a few quotes, in the Q & A fashion from the book, that are representative.

Q: What is the chief evil that eugenics can correct?

A: The present wrong kind of differential birthrate. People of the social types which display the most intelligence, foresight, thrift, self-control and other high qualities tend now to have much smaller families than do those of the types most deficient these qualities. (page 10)

Q: Among what sort of people does negative eugenics most actively seek to reduce the birthrate?

A: For the present the main effort is concentrated upon two groups. One comprises emotional and mental defectives, or in a broader sense persons who by reason of in-born temperament or intellectual deficien-

cies are a menace or an undue burden on society. Second, according to both Mendelian principles and historical experience, they are likely to have a high percentage of children who are actually defective. (page 39)

Q: These comparatively unintelligent but not actually defective people seem to comprise nearly one fifth of our population. Is it desirable to eliminate this type in future generations?

A: An army of educators, clergyman, philanthropists, social workers and physicians is attempting to achieve such elimination by improving the environment. It is time for the eugenists to persuade the country to replace the innately deficit ones among these unsuccessful people by others who unquestionably possess an innate endowment such that they are able to finish the grammar school, and are also temperamentally fitted to be good citizens. (page 44)

Far from promulgating a refuted and dangerous discipline, I see the airing of this text here as instructive. George Santayana gave us the oft-quoted opinion that those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it. Huntington was given the NCFR podium to share his ideas. The questions for us today are many. Did extending the NCFR welcome mat to Mr. Huntington encourage the scrutiny of his work? Or did it give him a mantle of validity? He spoke in 1938. We all know what was going on in the eugenics movement about that time.

What we continually hear from our conference attendees via our surveys is that they love a good panel discussion with a breadth of ideas and a lively debate. How should we treat controversy when planning an annual conference? What does this mean? How far can we go? I don't have any answers. This is one of those moments in which I am glad I am one of your staff servants at headquarters and therefore ex officio on these choices.

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Online FLE Modules

We are also working on a related project: the development of a series of online modules covering the ten family life content areas. Our work currently is focused on researching Learning Management Systems (LMS) to determine the most appropriate platform and process for this substantial project. Once we have selected the best LMS I'll continue my work with the Online Professional Education Committee in identifying subject matter experts and beginning the process of designing the modules. Our initial goal is to develop a separate overview module for each of the ten content areas. Each of the ten content areas has the potential to be broken down into a series of concentrated topics. For example, we could start with an overview module on

Family Resource Management but there is the potential to offer additional modules focused on specific concepts within such as *goal-setting and decision-making*, another on *time management*, and yet another on *budgeting*. These modules can be helpful in preparing and refreshing family practitioners in family life education concepts.

The world of education is changing rapidly with new approaches and technologies being introduced almost daily! NCFR is working hard to ensure that members and CFLEs have access to cutting-edge, research-based information. The availability of online education allows us to extend our reach. We look forward to using this exciting platform to share the knowledge of our members! ■

We have the advantage of considering eugenics through our viewpoint today. Today, I would get up and walk out of a lecture by this man. However, were I an NCFR member in 1938, what would I have done? After all, I'm the product of rural Minnesota peasants; I would have been a member of the great unwashed. My father had just an 8th grade education. My great uncle returned from WWI with "shell shock" and committed suicide—surely a mental "defective" by Huntington's assessment. My sister is cognitively disabled. Would I have heeded his advice and never become a mother? Moreover, I married into another ethnicity. According to his advice, I would have been destroying my one advantage by diluting my genetic heritage. I've based many of my life decisions on advice of experts. Huntington thought it was responsible to teach populations to self-police on these matters. Would I have passed up a wonderful man and married someone else?

That was the shock. Now for the awe. Another piece of history uncovered for the NCFR History Project was a speech given by Dr. David Mace when he was NCFR president in 1961. This will cleanse your palate. David Mace and his wife Vera were pioneers in the family field. If you would like a copy of Dr. Mace's entire speech, contact me at NCFR and I can send it to you. It is a wonderful assessment of the state of the field then and the vision that Dr. Mace had for us in the future. He and Vera were world travelers and studied families on their many trips. They embraced human differences and were delighted to engage those from other cultures as they traveled. One trip that fascinated him was their trip to the Soviet Union. They made friendships with many of its peoples, and he was proud to say it. In 1961, during the Cold War and not long after the McCarthyism era, identifying with anyone in the Soviet Union was something that took a great deal of courage.

I will finish with one of his closing paragraphs:

"Now let me conclude. We who work for family welfare must strive to build throughout the world a common front. We must be ready to share our skills to go to each other's help, to be striving always to make our services to families more effective. We need never doubt the great importance of what we are doing. In working with families, we are building the fundamental units upon which the life of the world depends. The life of the community can be no healthier than the life of the families that make up the community."

Epilogue

Mary Jo, Cindy and Jason are working on the NCFR History Project. As for myself, I was bitten by the history bug even before they got started. I have been collecting an archive of vintage family studies materials for about five years now. My oldest is from 1881. Some are entire books; others are just pamphlets, but adding them all together, I'm sure I have over 100 now. I have found them mostly at estate sales, thrift stores, used bookstores and the internet. Two books, however, have been sent to me by NCFR members who heard about my collection. I'd like to thank Wally Goddard and Margaret Arcus for these wonderful contributions. I'd also like to thank another contributor from outside our field, Tom Cassidy. Tom is married to co-worker Dawn Cassidy. He is an avid book collector. When he finds something family-related, he passes it along to me. Do you have any old (pre-1950s) family studies materials that need a good home? Send me an email at nancygonzalez@ncfr.org. If I don't have it in my collection, I will gladly reimburse postage for sending it to me. Someday my entire collection will go to the NCFR archive. ■

NCFR REPORT - A MEMBER FORUM

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International Section News



by Yan Ruth Xia, Chair, and Angela Wiley, Chair-Elect; rxia2@unl.edu; awiley@uiuc.edu

The International Section had a busy year.

- Section Chair Michael N. Mbito had to resign early, and Yan Ruth Xia stepped in as interim section chair.
- The section hosted five sessions (three symposia and two paper sessions) at the NCFR annual conference.
- The Mentor/Mentee Match Program continued under the leadership of Jaerim Lee (SNP Representative), providing international mentees with an experienced mentor to help navigate NCFR and the annual conference.
- The Eastern European Focus group (Michaela Robilia, Chair) has a devoted core of interested members who met with special speaker Silvia Assay.
- The Jan Trost Award was given to the very deserving Dr. Masako Ishii-Kuntz (Ochanomizu University, Japan) in honor of her outstanding contributions in international family studies.
- The International Section travel award, to help offset the considerable costs of attending our national conference for an international member, was given to Jaerim Lee (Yeungnam University, South Korea).

At the section business meeting during the 2012 NCFR annual conference in Phoenix, the International Section members had given many great ideas to support members' efforts in research, teaching, practice and outreach; to facilitate collaboration among global partners; and to increase the global presence at the NCFR annual meeting. One of the big and bold ideas is to celebrate the 75th NCFR anniversary with 75 international attendees at the 2013 NCFR Annual Conference in San Antonio, Texas. We need all NCFR members' support to reach this goal. We ask our colleagues to invite or to work in collaboration with international collaborators to submit proposals and to attend the conference in San Antonio. ■



Family Therapy Section news



by Christi McGeorge, PhD, Chair, christine.mcgeorge@ndsu.edu

The Family Therapy section will be awarding the second Kathleen Briggs Award at the 2013 annual NCFR conference. The purpose of the Kathleen Briggs Award is to recognize an outstanding mentor of students and new professionals in the area of family therapy. This will be done in honor of Dr. Kathleen Briggs, a long-time Family Therapy section member and leader, who was committed to mentoring family therapy graduate students and new professionals. The award recipient will be selected based on his/her contributions to the professional and personal development of graduate students/new professionals and his/her involvement and demonstrated leadership in field of family therapy.

Criteria for the award are below:

- Member of NCFR
- Contributes to the professional and academic development of graduate students/new

professionals in the field of family therapy

- Participates in mentoring activities
- Provides a nurturing environment for graduate students/new professionals
- Promotes the involvement of graduate students/new professionals in scholarly activities
- Demonstrates leadership in the field through active research and/or service

A nomination letter should provide specific examples of how the nominee meets the above criteria. A minimum of two additional letters supporting the nomination must be provided. Letters for nominations can come from students, new professionals or other senior colleagues. At least two of the letters of support must be from students or new professionals. Nominations should be sent to Christi McGeorge, Family Therapy Section Chair, at christine.mcgeorge@ndsu.edu by May 1, 2013. ■

Feminism and Family Studies Section

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



Updates from the 2012 conference and plans for 2013 and beyond...

The Feminism and Family Studies Section anticipates 2013 to be another eventful year and we are eager to be part of the 75th anniversary celebration of NCFR! The anniversary celebration helps keep our focus on the historical legacy of NCFR and our section. In that spirit, we are “re-cycling” some previous FF presentation formats for the 2013 conference (e.g., roundtables and focus on praxis) and we are planning to honor Jessie Bernard through roundtables and discussions and have invited a scholar to speak about her remarkable legacy.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with Jessie Bernard, she was a strong feminist family scholar and NCFR member. We have two SNP awards named after her (see the related announcement). We also are encouraging poster symposia and a workshop featuring feminist research practices. Additionally, the FF officers are designing a historically inspired T-shirt to sell to our members in San Antonio. Proceeds will go directly to our Jessie Bernard scholarship funds.



Consistent with the theme of the 2013 conference “Well-being of Children and Youth in Families and Communities,” we have invited a speaker to discuss children’s learning of race and gender, with a focus on effective interventions to decrease racism and sexism. We will continue to promote green practices at NCFR and we encourage all NCFR members to consider their environmental choices, especially in printing posters (try to think of alternatives to posters!). We will again offer an award for NCFR members who engage in eco-friendly practices.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind our section members to use the NCFR FF section website (<http://www.ncfr.org/sections/ff>). On the website, we post updates, section member kudos (please send us your accomplishments), and we are in the process of posting historical documents (e.g., previous FF newsletters from years ago). We are keen to keep all our members informed about our strong historical legacy of the FF section. We look back in order to move forward.

Here’s to another thoughtful and engaging 2013! ■

Students and New Professionals

Apply for Feminism and Family Studies Section Awards

Deadline is April 15, 2013. For application details, visit <http://www.ncfr.org/sections/ff/section-awards>

Jesse Bernard Outstanding Research Proposal from a Feminist Perspective

Graduate students and new professionals (with up to five years of postdoctoral work) are encouraged to apply for this award of \$750 to fund feminist research. Proposals will be reviewed for their potential contribution to feminist scholarship about families and the use of feminist frameworks and methods. A summary of the recipient’s research results will be published in the Feminism and Family Studies Section Newsletter, and the recipient will be expected to present a report of the project and findings at the 2014 NCFR Annual Conference. The award will be presented at the 2013 meeting. Recipients will receive \$350 toward their travel to the conference and up to \$95 for NCFR conference registration.

Jesse Bernard Outstanding Contribution to Feminist Scholarship Paper Award

The Outstanding Contribution to Feminist Scholarship Paper Award is accompanied by a \$250 gift certificate for complimentary books. Applications for this award are open to all graduate students and new professionals (with up to five years of postdoctoral work). A summary of the paper will be published in the Feminism and Family Studies Section Newsletter, and the award will be presented at the 2013 NCFR Annual Conference. Recipients will receive \$350 toward their travel to the conference and up to \$95 for NCFR conference registration.

Only one submission per category will be accepted from any applicant. To apply, send one electronic copy (Word document) of the proposal or paper by April 15, 2013 to: jbawards2013@gmail.com.

Confirmation email will be sent within 7 days after submission. Please make sure you receive a confirmation e-mail from the awards chair: Libby Balter Blume, FF Section Awards Committee Chair, jbawards2013@gmail.com

National Council on Family Relations

Journal Editor Position

Call for nominations and applications for the position of
Editor of *Journal of Family Theory & Review*

The National Council on Family Relations (NCFR) is seeking nominations and applications for the position of Editor of the *Journal of Family Theory & Review* (JFTR). The term of the current editor, Robert M. Milardo (University of Maine) will be completed with the publication of the December 2014 issue.

The four-year term of the new editor will begin with the publication of the March 2015 issue. However, editorial responsibilities will begin to transfer to the new editor beginning January 2014. The JFTR Search Committee anticipates making the selection of the new editor at the annual NCFR conference in November 2013 in San Antonio, Texas.

A detailed description of the editor's responsibilities may be obtained from: Search Committee for Editor of the *Journal of Family Theory & Review*, National Council on Family Relations, 1201 West River Parkway, Suite 200, Minneapolis, MN, USA, 55454. Phone 1-888-781-9331; FAX 763-781-9348; email jeannestrand@ncfr.org

Nominations and applications including a letter of application and a curriculum vitae should be sent to National Council on Family Relations, 1201 West River Parkway, Suite 200, Minneapolis, MN, USA, 55454 or electronically to jeannestrand@ncfr.org. The JFTR Search Committee will review application materials beginning September 1, 2013. Nominees and applicants must be members of the National Council on Family Relations.



SNP resources and where to find them

by Andrew Behnke, SNP Representative, NCFR Board of Directors (2011-2012)

Student members of NCFR have often questioned where they can learn about jobs in their field and how they can prepare to win them. Thankfully NCFR has a number of great places to start with resources like NCFR's "Careers in Family Science" booklet, its online Career Center, and its resource page for Students and New Professionals. There are also resources created by professors and university departments from around the US. Some of these include the career options website at Messiah College (<http://www.messiah.edu/departments/family/careers.html>) and Scott Plunkett's resource page (<http://www.csun.edu/plunk/resources.html>), among others.

In addition to resources, university faculty and community mentors will likely be your best resources for success after graduation. Today, more and more programs have an

increased focus on connecting students with practice-based and leadership positions with community agencies and organizations. Faculty want you to be successful and can help you explore job opportunities that you might have never considered. Work closely with your advisor, but don't be afraid to seek out additional mentors at your college or in your community that are doing something you are passionate about. The more mentors you meet or work with, the more options and opportunities you will open for yourself.

Many students are required to participate in one or more in-depth internships during their education. Be smart about it. Research potential internships way ahead of time, make some visits, and get a feel for what you really would like to do during your internship experience. A well-thought-out internship opportunity can be the springboard to great job opportunities.

In addition to these traditional resources, additional online resources are being developed every day. People like you are creating jobs online that serve individuals and families in diverse ways. Take some time to find out how technology and innovation can benefit families and how you might become proficient enough with them so that you can help families. Join online communities and listservs that are resources in areas you are interested in. These listservs will help you learn about other opportunities and potential mentors that will aid your success.

As with everything in life, be careful not to overextend yourself. Doing too many things can make it hard for you to excel at any one of them. No matter what you do, make sure to demonstrate your ingenuity, hard work, and ability to communicate well. These simple resources are sure to help you win success. ■

Using technology to stay connected

by Marissa Stone, SNP Representative, Family Science Section (2011-2012)

We all know how important it is to make (and maintain) connections we create during conferences. Of all the benefits we get from attending conferences, the connections made during the networking events are the most valuable, and maintaining those ties across time and space has never been so easy. Each generation brings about new applications to help us get and stay connected. For many of us, Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn are a normal part of our lives. But there are some new tools out now that may take us beyond the level of connectivity available in these applications.

The first is a Kimtag. A Kimtag (<http://kimtag.com/MarissaStone>) is a barcode that when scanned with a mobile device takes the user directly to a webpage of your choice. One of the ways many conference attendees are using these Kimtags now is to include all their social media accounts in one place making it easy for people to follow you with just one scan! No more losing someone's card or forgetting a user name.

More importantly, no more spending money on business cards others will lose; create Kimtags in moments instead.

The second is Vizify. Vizify (<https://www.vizify.com/marissa-stone>) is an online resume tool that allows you to create an interactive online resume of You! Vizify is free and easy to use and provides users with an excellent tool for sharing at conferences and even in cover letters when applying for jobs. Customize it to fit your occupation and your life. Add it to your business card, Kimtag or signature line making it easy for others to find you.

The third is Google+ Hangouts. Hangouts are user-friendly and provide connectivity on a whole new level! With a G+ account

and a webcam you can be voice-chatting with colleagues anytime, anywhere, on any device. Talk about real-time connectivity and collaboration. With Hangouts with Extras you can share screens, documents, videos and more. Grab your virtual donuts and take a virtual coffee break with colleagues. G+ makes you feel like everyone is all in the same room!

Get the most from the valuable networking you engaged in with everyone you met at the NCFR 2012 conference and beyond. Connect using these tools and create a lasting impression that extends well beyond November.

To learn more about how NCFR SNPs use technology to remain connected, just stop by any of our online social media sites and join us! We have created several places online for you to network with the NCFR Students/New Professionals outside of conference. Find us on Face Book at NCFR SNPs. We are looking forward to connecting with you in cyberspace! ■





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“Well-being of Children and Youth in Families and Communities”

by Judith Fischer, Program Chair, Judith.Fischer@ttu.edu

How do family professionals understand the well-being of family members who are children and youth? For the 2013 conference, we bring together all of us (e.g., researchers, practitioners, program evaluators, family life educators, policy makers, community members) to examine the well-being of children and youth in their families and communities. The 2013 conference theme encourages approaching the topic with a variety of perspectives and diverse stakeholders.

The multidimensional concept of well-being is associated with individual characteristics, family and social contexts, political and historical contexts, systems of advantage/disadvantage, and their interactions. The conference should empower and inform participants to take the next steps to better understand and enhance the well-being of children and youth in their families and communities. A unique feature is that this conference also celebrates the 75th anniversary of NCFR.



Plenary speakers and the special 75th Anniversary Address speaker are listed below. Additional Special Sessions will be identified and posted shortly. Tentative topics include research, theory, practices, and policies that enhance the well-being of all children and youth in families (including, but not limited to, families with biological, adopted, and fostered children, families of choice, families with children living apart from parents such as in group homes and institutions and international separations) and communities defined by state-recognized borders and physical geography as well as by common interests, social ties, and commitments.

Family Science looks to the future



by Bahira Trask, PhD Professor, University of Delaware, bstrask@UDel.edu

As the incoming Chair of the Family Science section, I am excited to start a discussion about the role of our field in a rapidly changing social environment. We have many issues to deal with: departments and the colleges in which our disciplines are located are being restructured; budget cuts and profit models are forcing us to rethink curricular models and pedagogical approaches; and other disciplines are rapidly encroaching on the fields of study that have traditionally been under our purview.

The Family Science section is the ideal location for the discussions around these issues. Both at the conference and on our listserv, I encourage you to share your challenges, your opinions, and your experiences. We need to be dialoguing with each other in order to learn how to strengthen our programs and our field. While some departments have encountered adversity, others have flourished and are leading the way at their universities. They are considered primary examples of interdisciplinarity and applied work; they epitomize the juncture between academia, policy, and service delivery; and they bring in external funding.

We need to learn which strategies are effective in dealing with external constituencies including administrators, grantors, and community partners, and under which conditions

they are best employable. We should also be reaching out to our international partners. The study of families is new in many parts of the world and there is heightened sensitivity to the important role that families play in providing the services that protect and strengthen individual development.

Family scientists bring an understanding of the complex interplay between individual, group and social forces to the table that is missing in most traditional disciplines. Instead of struggling to survive, our discipline should actually be recognized as providing a template for multidisciplinary and practice-oriented work. We epitomize “translational” scholarship. Thus, we need to be sharing our knowledge base and our pedagogical and methodological approaches with other disciplines. Again, this requires dialogue, brainstorming, and collegiality.

As we move into an ever more globalized environment, education and the skills needed by individuals are evolving rapidly. By sharing best practices we can assist each other in improving our programs, our field, our families, and our societies. If you have suggestions for our readership, or are interested in starting a newsletter, a blog, or any other forum for communicating, please e-mail me at bstrask@udel.edu. ■

Major sessions

Wednesday Plenary: Deanna Pollard-Sacks, J.D., L.L.M., is the Roberson King Professor of Law at the Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Texas Southern University. Sponsored by the University of Minnesota.

Thursday Plenary: America Bracho, M.D., MPH, is the Executive Director of Latino Health Access, a center for health promotion and disease prevention located in Santa Ana, California. Sponsored by the University of Illinois.

Thursday Plenary: Kristin Moore, Ph.D., is a Senior Scholar and Senior Program Area Director for Youth Development at Child Trends. Sponsored by Auburn University.

Friday Special Session: History of NCFR, Mary Jo Czaplowski, Jason Samuels.

Friday 75th Anniversary Address: Stephanie Coontz, M.A., teaches history and family studies at The Evergreen State College in Olympia, Washington, and is Director of Research and Public Education for the Council on Contemporary Families and a well-known author. Sponsored by the University of Maryland.

Saturday Plenary: Stephen Russell, Ph.D., is the Distinguished Professor and Fitch Nesbitt Endowed Chair in Family and Consumer Sciences at the University of Arizona and serves as the Interim Director of the Norton School of Family and Consumer Sciences. Sponsored by the University of Georgia. ■



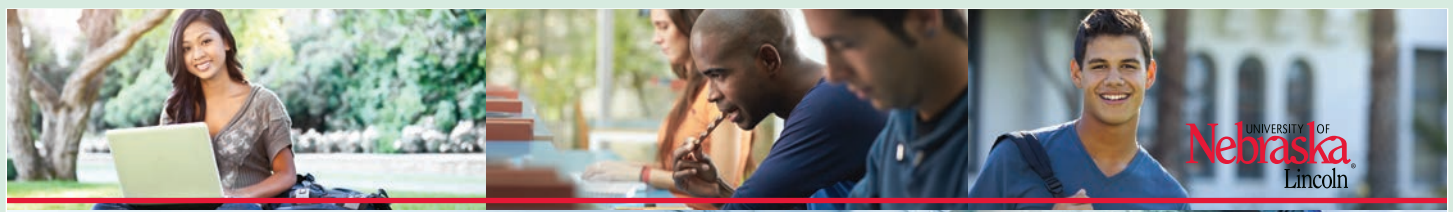
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