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### Aging

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The articles in the Family Focus section this issue concentrate on aging. Contributing writers review care giving, phases of aging, and the new normal when it comes to aging and personal finance.

Insert: 2014 Call for Proposals

Next issue: Families and the criminal justice system

## Walker Award winners named

NCFR members Linda M. Burton and Ingrid Arnet Connidis have been named co-recipients of the inaugural Alexis Walker Award, which recognizes excellent family studies research.

The award, sponsored by publisher John Wiley & Sons, was created in memory of the late Alexis Walker. Dr. Walker served as NCFR president and was editor of the *Journal of Marriage and Family* from 2002 to 2006. She was an NCFR Fellow, eminent scholar and pathfinder in the family field.

A prize of \$5,000 will be presented biannually for the best original research paper published in a Wiley journal in the preceding two years. It will alternate between recognizing senior scholars and an emerging scholars.

Dr. Burton, the James B. Duke Professor of Sociology at Duke University, is receiving the award for her article "Low Income Mothers as 'Othermothers' to Their Romantic Partners' Children: Women

Co-parenting in Multiple Partner Fertility Relationships," which was published in the journal *Family Process* in September 2012.

Dr. Connidis, professor of sociology at Western University in Ontario, Canada, is receiving the award for her article, "Interview and Memoir: Complementary Narratives on the Family Ties of Gay Adults," published in NCFR's *Journal of Family Theory & Review* in June 2012.

The inaugural award considered research published by senior scholars in Wiley journals in 2011 and 2012, and was presented in November at the 75th NCFR Annual Conference in San Antonio, Texas. ■

*Both award winners acknowledged the legacy left by Alexis Walker and the influence of her leadership in their professional lives. See page 2 for their responses.*



ALEXIS WALKER

## Save the date

### NCFR Annual Conference 2014 November 19-22, Baltimore, Maryland

#### "Families at the Nexus of Global Change," Catherine Solheim, University of Minnesota, Program Chair

"Our goal for the 2014 conference is to examine multiple facets of globalization and their impact on families from a variety of disciplinary traditions, from a variety of research paradigms, and from a variety of practice perspectives. The hope is that conference participants will be challenged to consider their own scholarship and application from a global perspective, linking larger trends to more proximal interactions."

#### Confirmed speakers . . .

**Bahira Sherif Trask**, Ph.D., Professor of Human Development and Family Studies, University of Delaware; NCFR Section Chair, Family Studies

**Fouzia Saeed**, Ph.D., Pakistani social activist in issues of gender, democracy, and human rights

**Maurizio Ambrosini**, Ph.D., University of Milan, expert in migration and immigration

2014 Call for Proposals – see center insert in this issue of *NCFR Report*.

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## Linda Burton, Walker Award recipient

“There is not much in one’s career or personal life that can top receiving an award named in honor of Alexis Walker. Alexis was the quintessential humanist scholar whose scientific accomplishments, commitment to advancing family science through theoretical and methodological innovation, and care and mentorship of her colleagues and any junior scientist who came her way will forever be a game-changing legacy for the field and for many generations to come. I am sincerely humbled by this award and honored in ways that my own words will never be able to fully capture. Thank you, Alexis.”



LINDA BURTON

Linda M. Burton is the James B. Duke Professor of Sociology at Duke University. She currently serves on the Editorial Board of the *American Sociological Review* and the *Journal of Marriage and Family* and was recently a member of the Committee on the Science of Research on Families for the

Institute of Medicine, the Advisory Board of the National Center for Marriage and Family Research, the Board of Directors for the Family Process Institute, and the Board of Directors for the Council on Contemporary Families.

In 2013 she was inducted into the Sociological Research Association (National Honor Society for Sociological Researchers) and is also a recipient of the Family Research Consortium IV Legacy Award and the American Family Therapy Academy Award for Innovative Contributions to Family Research. Dr. Burton directed the ethnographic component of *Welfare, Children, and Families: A Three-City Study* and is principal investigator of a multi-site team ethnographic study (*Family Life Project*) of poverty, family processes, and child development in six rural communities. Her research integrates ethnographic and demographic approaches and examines the roles that poverty and intergenerational family dynamics play in the intimate unions of low-income mothers and the accelerated life course transitions of children, adolescents, and adults in urban and rural families. ■

## Ingrid Connidis, Walker Award recipient

“Alexis Walker brought many good things to my professional and personal life while she was alive: intellectual rigor and engagement; great discussions; amazing editorial skills as a wordsmith, sound thinker, and wise diplomat; great fun while working and playing; impeccable judgment and integrity; generous support; warm friendship. I am deeply touched to continue to be a beneficiary of Alexis Walker’s legacy, this time as a co-recipient of the inaugural Wiley Alexis Walker Award. I offer my sincere thanks to my nominator, Sarah Matthews, to the Awards Committee, to Margaret Zusky of Wiley for honoring Alexis Walker’s commitment to excellence in publishing with the generous support of this award, to the National Council on Family Relations and, most of all, to Alexis for encouraging the best in us all. As much as her influence lives on in so many ways, it is not the same without her. I am so sorry that I was unable to receive my award in person at the NCFR meetings in San Antonio, but am delighted that Katherine Allen accepted it on my behalf.”

Ingrid Arnet Connidis is Professor of Sociology at the University of Western Ontario.

Her work on family ties and aging, ambivalence, intergenerational relations, adult siblings, and the family lives of gay and lesbian adults appears in a variety of books and journals including the *Journal of Family Theory & Review*, *Journal of Gerontology*, *Journal of Marriage and Family*, *Canadian Journal on Aging*, and *The Gerontologist*. The second edition of her book *Family Ties & Aging* was published in 2010 (Pine Forge Press).

Dr. Connidis is co-recipient of the GSA 2004 Richard Kalish Innovative Publication Award (“Sociological ambivalence and family ties: A critical perspective,” *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 2002 with Julie McMullin). Her article, “Interview and Memoir: Complementary Narratives on the Family Ties of Gay Adults,” *Journal of Family Theory & Review*, 2012, received Honorable Mention for the 2013 Anselm Strauss Award Committee, National Council on Family Relations. She is a Fellow of the Gerontological Society of America. ■



INGRID CONNIDIS



## Time is a funny thing

by Elaine A. Anderson, Ph.D., NCFR President, [eanders@umd.edu](mailto:eanders@umd.edu)

As I reflect back over my four-year tenure on the NCFR Board I am reminded of two adages we have all probably heard or used ourselves, “time flies” and “time stands still.” This thing called time is a funny thing that reflects two sides of a coin. It is here and always exists, yet it seems so fleeting and is gone before you know it. For the young, time often moves slowly, particularly when we are waiting for our birthday or thinking that a holiday or summer vacation will never come. In contrast, for those who are older, time moves so quickly that we make statements like “please give me more time” or “wow, time just flew by,” or “if only I could slow down time!”

For those of us in the family field, we are particularly cognizant of the pattern of time. There is birth, growth, and eventually death. A child is born and grows into childhood, which is followed by adolescence and young adulthood. That moves into middle age and eventually concludes with old age. Everything is fixed in some manner to a time-frame. So for my presidency, I want to briefly remember and acknowledge those who were centrally involved during that time.

I wrote one of my column's on the role of mentoring in an organization. Clearly one of my strongest mentors for undertaking the responsibility of NCFR president was my predecessor in this position, Gary Bowen. Gary modeled for me the importance of patience, listening to all perspectives, and maintaining a sense of humor; I have attempted to implement that these past two years.

I have been fortunate to have a Board that was thoughtful, encouraging and willing to take risks by sometimes asking hard questions, taking difficult stands, and trying new initiatives. There is a reason why these Board members were elected to represent the NCFR membership. Each brought his or her own perspective and expertise, while listening to fellow Board members. They were able to work together and speak as one voice, which is sometimes not easy when there are

differences represented.

I want to acknowledge each of them for their professionalism and contributions and thank them for their service to NCFR. In the first year of my Presidency, the eight members of the Board were Rose Allen, Paul Amato, Andrew Behnke, Joyce Chang, Brad van Eeden-Moorefield, Carolyn Henry, Jennifer Hardesty, and Maureen Perry-Jenkins. In the second year, with the election of a new Student/New Professional representative, Andrew rotated off and Lyndal Khaw joined the Board. This year, Rose, Jennifer and Maureen will leave the Board with me, and newly elected members joining the remaining members will be Bill Allen, Frank Fincham, Hilary Rose, Rebecca Ward, and Rachel Engler. Under the leadership of Paul Amato, the incoming president, I am sure this group of NCFR Board members will carry forward the tradition of serving the membership well and moving us forward.

The staff of NCFR are centrally important to the success of our organization and the work of the Board. Without this dedicated group of individuals, NCFR would struggle to survive. Diane Cushman is a consummate leader, who is always thinking about the welfare of the organization, recognizing our strengths, identifying new areas of exploration, and challenging us to be better. In her relatively short time as the Executive Director of NCFR, she has managed us into an era of stability and a future of great opportunity. The other staff person the Board works with most closely is Jeanne Strand, whose major responsibilities include managing the governance of the organization. I am sure that many of you who have served on various NCFR committees have also experienced the quiet ways of Jeanne, where she reminds us of what to do, gives us suggestions, and then tactfully shepherds us forward. Further, all of the other staff with whom the Board has contact are very responsive to our needs and make us look good, but most importantly, they are serving NCFR well. I respect them all and thank them dearly. I have enjoyed

working with them all.

I have shared in previous columns information about numbers of the innovative activities the Board has implemented these past two years. I will not review all of those actions here but will say I think we have moved the organization forward in our emphases on increased engagement and activities for our sections, elevating the role of NCFR in our policy discourse, and the development of international opportunities and partnerships.

I also want to say I had the pleasure of awarding the NCFR President's Award, given by the presidents in their second year, to an NCFR member they deem to have advanced the organization, whose work is aligned with the president's initiatives, and who deserves recognition for her or his contributions and significant service. I chose Dr. Karen Bogenschneider, University of Wisconsin, to be the recipient of the award during my term. Many of you may know Karen and know something about her work, most likely because she has consistently made major contributions to NCFR for the past 20 years. She was instrumental in starting the Family Impact Seminars at the state level and now mentors over 25 states who are members of this partnership. Further, she personally has presented seminars every year at the annual conference to our members on strategies for conducting policy initiatives utilizing the Family Impact Seminar model. Karen also has written the policy article in the past two NCFR decade review journal issues. Her scholarship and high energy and enthusiasm for bringing and expanding a policy focus to the NCFR is commendable and for that we recognized her at the annual conference this year in San Antonio.

This year, 2013, we honored the marching of time with our celebration of NCFR's 75th anniversary. What a memorable celebration it has been. For those of us who are part of the Legacy Circle (membership over 25 years)

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# Vote and nominate!

by April Few-Demo and Gary W. Peterson, NCFR 2014 Elections Council Co-Chairs

## Get involved in the leadership of YOUR organization!

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

## VOTE

### ... in the upcoming election (February 2014)

The Elections Council wants to encourage all members to vote in February 2014. We have submitted a nomination slate (ballots will be e-mailed to members in February 2014) for terms that will be filled at the end of the national meeting in Baltimore, Maryland, in November 2014. The nominees are:

#### Board Member-at-Large (2014-2017) – (3 Positions)

Julia McQuillan - NE	vs	Karen Seccombe - OR
Ronald Cox - OK	vs	Sandra Stith - KS
Alan Hawkins - UT	vs	Nicolas Wolfinger - UT

#### Students and New Professionals Program Representative (2014-2016)

Megan Haselschwerdt - IL	vs	Kyung Hee Lee - IN
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#### Elections Council (2014-2017) - (2 Positions)

Kevin Bush - OH	vs	Alan Taylor - NC
Claire Kamp Dush - OH	vs	Le Anne Silvey - MI

#### IDC Board Member-at-Large (2014-2017) – (3 Positions)

Shann Hwa (Abraham)		
Hwang - TX	vs	Russell Toomey - AZ
Constance Dallas - IL	vs	Ambika Krishnakumar - NY
Sara Feeney - WA	vs	Christine McGeorge - ND

## Nominate

### ... yourself/others for February 2015 Slate (due January 31, 2014)

The Elections Council encourages all members to apply for or nominate others for the February 2014 slate. Nominees must have current membership in NCFR.

As you think about who would serve NCFR well, remember that we are a multidisciplinary association—one that serves researchers, college faculty, practitioners, and students. A slate of candidates that reflects the membership helps engage more people in the election process.

Professional interests are another consideration in filling leadership positions, and our members' occupation titles reflect that: demographers, social workers, Certified Family Life Educators, college faculty and administrators, extension outreach agents, clergy, marriage and family therapists, pre-K/12 teachers, and more.

NCFR is committed to inclusion in creating opportunities for members to hold office. Candidates are sought that will reflect that commitment to diversity in culture, race, age, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, spirituality and personal beliefs, ability/disability, marital status and family structure, geographic location, and social and political views.

See the Nomination Information section of the NCFR website for more details about eligibility, forms, and the work of the Elections

Council, <http://www.ncfr.org/about/board-directors/ncfr-elections-process/nominations-information>.

Keeping this in mind, we invite self-nominations and nominations of others for the following positions for the next slate to be elected in February of 2015. The terms for these positions will begin November 2015 at the end of the annual conference in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

#### Board President-elect – 2015-2017 (President 2017-2019)

The President-elect shall assist the President and in the event of the President's absence, incapacitation, resignation or death, the President's duties (general management of the business of the NCFR Board) shall devolve upon the President-elect. President-elect will serve on the Board Audit Committee and be in the charge of the Newcomer's Reception at the Annual Conference.

#### Affiliate Councils President-elect – 2015-2017 (Affiliate Councils President 2017-2019)

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

#### Students and New Professionals Board Representative-elect – 2015-2016 (Board Rep 2016-2018)

The Students and New Professionals Board Representative-elect serves a one-year term as a non-voting member of the Board. After serving their one-year term this position will move to the position of Students and New Professionals Board Representative and serves a two-year term as a voting member of the Board of Directors. During their one-year term, the SNP Board Representative-elect will learn about the organization and their roles as the future SNP Board Representative by shadowing and assisting the current SNP Board Representative and SNP Program Representative.

#### Elections Council Members - 2015-2018 (two positions open)

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

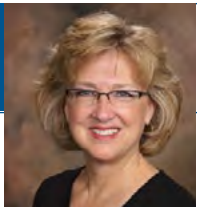
#### Fellows Committee – 2015-2018 (three positions open)

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

#### Inclusion & Diversity Committee Students/New Professionals Representative – 2015-2017

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

Again, become involved in leadership positions of our organization. Consider what your involvement will be. Send nominations to Jeanne Strand at [jeannestrand@ncfr.org](mailto:jeannestrand@ncfr.org). For additional information, please review our website, [www.ncfr.org](http://www.ncfr.org). Deadline for nominations is January 31, 2014. ■



## NCFR's 75th year in review

by Diane Cushman, Executive Director, [dianecushman@ncfr.org](mailto:dianecushman@ncfr.org)

NCFR topped off its 75th year with the highest number of conference attendees in 13 years at just under 1,200. We found the winning formula for Friday night by offering a great speaker late in the day in Stephanie Coontz followed by a Wiley Blackwell hosted reception and a celebratory 75th anniversary fiesta with live music, food and dancers.

Conference attendees were treated to an oral history of NCFR by Mary Jo Czaplewski and Jason Samuels and a look into the future by President Paul Amato, <http://www.ncfr.org/ncfr-2013/watch-and-listen/ncfr-pathways-past-present-and-future-video-recording>.

Over 20 hours of conference sessions were live-streamed and we have 80 audio-recorded sessions with over 100 hours of content, <http://www.ncfr.org/ncfr-2013/watch-and-listen>. We are now rolling out selected conference video and audio recordings in curated collections.

### Future NCFR conferences

Plan ahead for 2014 in Baltimore, Maryland, November 18 - 22, at the Hilton Baltimore. The theme is "Families at the Nexus of Global Change." In 2015, the annual conference is in beautiful Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, November 10 - 14, at the Hyatt Regency.

### Changes in board members

This is the time of year when we thank the members of the board whose terms have come to an end -- Maureen Perry-Jenkins, Jennifer Hardesty, Rose Allen and President Elaine Anderson -- and welcome new board

members William D. Allen (president-elect), Hilary A. Rose and Frank D. Fincham (board members-at-large), Rebecca Ward (Affiliate Councils president-elect), and Rachel R. Engler (student and new professional board representative-elect).

### Notable 2013 accomplishments

New in 2013 were the board's innovation research grants. The grants program was designed to enhance interdisciplinary collaborations around issues of importance to family well-being. Twenty-six proposals were submitted. The Board selected submissions from Casey Totenhagen and Ashley Randall for their proposal on the study of daily stress on same-sex relationships and from Kristen Holm for her proposal related to the role of family relationships in adherence to medical therapy.

In 2013 the Board also selected the NCFR member to succeed founding editor Dr. Robert M. Milardo as the editor of the *Journal of Family Theory & Review*. Dr. Libby Balter Blume will begin her four-year term as editor with the publication of the March 2015 issue but will begin accepting manuscripts in January 2014.

NCFR launched its online educational programming in 2013 with six webinars and webcasts, including "The Domains of Family Practice Model: Differentiating the Roles of Family Professionals" and "Ethical Thinking and Practice" for family life educators. Online programming will continue and expand in 2014.

### Policy and NCFR's Global Ends

I've written about NCFR's policy direction in past issues of Report but it bears repeating. NCFR has three over-arching statements called Global Ends that guide the work of the staff and the Board of Directors. They are:

1. NCFR will provide opportunities for professional development and knowledge development in the areas of family research, theory, education, policy, and practice.
2. NCFR will support the dissemination and application of research- and theory-based information about the well-being of families.
3. NCFR will represent the professionals in the field of family science by establishing standards for research, education, and practice and by advocating for the development and advancement of the profession.

Each Global End statement goes on to further articulate how NCFR is to achieve these Ends. Those that relate to policy are included below:

- NCFR will provide information about the policy-making process and the impact of public policies on families. (This is in the context of Global End #1, above.)
- NCFR will raise the visibility of family research, theory, and practice to policy makers and the general public. (This is in the context of Global End #2, above.)

(The complete set of Global Ends is located at [http://www.ncfr.org/sites/default/files/downloads/news/section\\_i-ends.pdf](http://www.ncfr.org/sites/default/files/downloads/news/section_i-ends.pdf)).

We are in the process of developing a strategy for NCFR's work in the area of policy that will include mechanisms for member involvement. NCFR's policy work will continue to be grounded in peer-reviewed research. We are eager to welcome new staff member Dr. Jennifer Crosswhite to NCFR in January; she will be instrumental in working with members and the Board to develop this strategy.

It will be very important for NCFR to develop clear guidelines and an inclusive and transparent process for any policy work that falls under our primary goal of enhancing the well-being of families.

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we ask how is it possible for time to have moved so quickly? And for those of us who have been members 40-plus years, including myself, we now acknowledge that we have been part of NCFR over half of the lifetime of our organization! But for those of you who have more recently joined this community of scholars and professionals, you have a wonderful journey ahead toward celebrating 100 years of scholarship with NCFR.

I thank you for bestowing on me the honor of being NCFR's 63rd president. I am humbled to join the ranks with an esteemed group of past presidents. As many of you know, my own mother lived to be over 103 years of age. Thus, I believe I have some history of longevity and can look forward to continuing my own journey with NCFR and with you over the next quarter century in order to reach 100 years with NCFR as the premier professional organization that works on behalf of families.



## A Systemic Approach to FLE – Family Life Education in Singapore

by Dawn Cassidy, M.Ed., CFLE, Education Director, [dawncassidy@ncfr.org](mailto:dawncassidy@ncfr.org)



In April of this year, I was contacted by Pauline Mo, the Director of the Family Education and Promotion Division under the Ministry of Social and Family Development in Singapore. The Ministry “develops policies, infrastructure, programs, and services to nurture resilient individuals, strong families, and a caring society in Singapore.”

The Ministry is dedicating \$40 million over the next three years to cultivate a pro-family environment. The funds will allow schools, communities, and workplaces to run family life education (FLE) programs aimed at helping Singaporeans improve the quality of their family life. The funds will be used under a new initiative called *FamilyMatters!*, which involves a national movement to enhance relationship skills, marriage preparation and work-life harmony.

Ms. Mo invited me to participate in an *Expert Panel on Building Capability for FamilyMatters!* The panel was created to assist in the development of a foundational certificate in family life education. The certificate program will enable the training of new family life educators, build up the capability of existing educators who may not have had training in family life education, and ensure a minimum practice standard for all family life educators conducting programs funded by the Ministry.

The panel consists of six professionals involved in some aspect of family life education in the community and academia. Most live and work in Singapore, but there is also representation from the United States (NCFR) and Taiwan.

The certificate program will consist of nine modules developed by a training agency. The role of the Expert Panel is to ensure that the family life education curriculum meets the needs of the industry by providing advice and guidance on the development of the foundational certificate and inputs and recommendations on the training curriculum.

To date, much of the work has been carried out via email with the Ministry sharing draft versions of some of the modules and the panel members responding with comments and suggestions. I enlisted the aid of Dr. Carol Darling, (who was involved in the original development of the CFLE credential and in many aspects of the CFLE program ever since) in the review and evaluation of the modules. I also responded to a number of questions regarding the efficacy and status of family life education in the United States.

In addition to email review and correspondence, my role on the panel included

attendance at a face-to-face meeting and conference in Singapore in early October! It was quite a journey--12 hours to Tokyo and another 7 to Singapore. Not only did I lose a day on the way over but the time is almost exactly opposite – 2:30 pm in Minnesota is 3:30 am in Singapore! It was a fairly quick trip (although I did add in a few days so I could do some sight-seeing) so just as I started to adjust to the time change, it was time to go home.

But the trip was well worth it. It was a wonderful experience to meet so many lovely

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### Certified Family Life Educators

The following is a list of Certified Family Life Educators designated between July 1 and September 30, 2013. Provisional unless otherwise noted.

<b>Alabama</b> Kelly Wilson Sarah Arnberg Joanna Greene Melissa Brock	Mollie Nelson	<b>Minnesota</b> Kerry Youso Bao Vang Leonard Cain Darcy Hauth	<b>Pennsylvania</b> Cora Metzel
<b>Arizona</b> Bradley Andrews	<b>Louisiana</b> Raven Washington Victoria Sarkies Chelsea Everding Brenda Bergeron	<b>Missouri</b> Patricia Shamburger FULL Christina Pucci Brittanie Cali	<b>Rhode Island</b> Brenda Potter FULL
<b>California</b> Roudi Nazarinia Roy FULL Ronda Melendez Araceli Castellanos Shannon Thompson	<b>Maryland</b> Ashley Holt Kara Kelehan Christine Elder Karl Muhlbach Rebecca Wassel Fevia Greenhill	<b>New Hampshire</b> Kristen Lyons FULL	<b>South Dakota</b> Alejandra Hyzer
<b>Colorado</b> Emily Cozzetto	<b>Michigan</b> Kylie Rymanowicz FULL Stephanie Marino FULL Angel Gullón-Rivera FULL William Potter Paul Cunningham Colleen Wheeler Melvin McDowell Matt Boshier Abigail Schmit Sara Brooks Rachel Deren Ayanna Eggleston-Pye Emily Kuhlman Megan O'Connell Rachel Nieboer Robyn Dover	<b>New Jersey</b> Stephanie DeMola Samantha Stewart	<b>Tennessee</b> Ebony Smith Catherine Butler Nocona Canady-Flatt
<b>Florida</b> Courtney Stocks Felicia Hines		<b>North Carolina</b> Chasity White FULL Brittany Sullivan	<b>Texas</b> Miguel Brambila Desiree Hartman Kami Higbee Demetra Caston Katherine Yarbrough Nia Williams-Farris Lynette Stuck
<b>Georgia</b> Amy Arnold FULL Meghan Dove FULL Kelly Godfrey		<b>Ohio</b> Rhonna McConnell FULL Gabriella Schura Courtney Feigle Stacie Shackle Chantelle Ellis Jessica Needham	<b>Utah</b> Jillene Crawley Jamelyn Corbridge Ryanne Carrier
<b>Illinois</b> Adrienne Riegle FULL		<b>Oregon</b> Kimberly Oxford FULL	<b>Wisconsin</b> Stephanie Bartelt
<b>Indiana</b> Anne Edwards FULL			<b>Canada</b> <b>Prince Edward Island</b> Danielle Fortin
<b>Kansas</b> Morgan Hofmeister Kristie Kruss			

people and have the opportunity to learn about and contribute to the amazing initiative being carried out by the Singapore government – not to mention the beautiful scenery and delicious food!

Members of the Expert Panel met on a Wednesday afternoon where we learned more about the people and culture of Singapore and then participated in a discussion regarding the modules that have been created so far. Singapore is a small country with a large population (over 5 million) and a vital economy. The government is concerned about decreasing and delayed marriage rates, the rising divorce rate, falling fertility rates, and smaller family sizes. Family is highly valued in Singapore as evidenced by their investment in the *FamilyMatters!* initiative. The initiative is more than just the development of a certificate program. It is really a systemic approach with outreach to families in their homes, schools, at work, in their community, and via businesses. For example, \$4 million is being specifically allocated to businesses that want to establish more family-friendly working environments.

Singapore has been offering family life education programs for many years, but through this new initiative the ministry wants to provide a more standardized curricula focused on evidence-based practice and involving more formal training for providers (thus the FLE certificate modules).

The content of the certificate program, while clearly influenced by the Certified Family Life Educator (CFLE) content areas, reflects the culture and needs of the Singaporean people. The final certificate program will total 45 hours which initially concerned me. However, the intended audience of the certificate program is para-professionals or peer educators supervised by qualified profession-

als. They will not be conducting family life education programs on their own but rather assisting professional family life educators.

The following day, I attended and participated in the *Building Research and Practice Family Life Education Conference*. Over 300 mostly para-professionals attended this inaugural event. The Expert Panel had the opportunity to have tea with Ms. Low Yen Ling, Parliamentary Secretary for Social and Family Development. Speakers at the conference included Ms. Ling as well as Dr. Alan Hayes, Director of the Australian Institute of Family Studies, and Dr. Daniel Shek, Chair Professor of Applied Social Sciences, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, both of whom spoke about the importance of evidence-based practice. In the afternoon the majority of the audience attended training workshops focused on a specific curriculum called Signposts. I presented information on best practices in family life education to a group of about 40 family life education program directors and administrators.

The entire focus of the conference was on evidence-based practice and it was clear that the intention of the conference was to begin the process of ramping up the standards for the providers and programs funded through the *FamilyMatters!* initiative.

Shortly after my return, I received the draft version of the next two modules. It is anticipated that the final two modules will be ready for review by mid-November. I am not sure what my role will be once the program has been developed, but I intend to follow their progress. It was an honor to represent NCFR and inspiring to see the support provided to family life education by the Singapore government. Hopefully we can learn about the benefits of providing such a systemic approach to the support and well-being of families. ■

## NCFR staffing update

### Jennifer Crosswhite, Director of Public Affairs

Dr. Jennifer M. Crosswhite was hired in September as the organization's director of public affairs. She will begin her new role in January 2014.



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Dr. Crosswhite will be NCFR's point person on families, using her expertise on the topics and disciplines within the family field to work with NCFR members and the public. She'll produce and facilitate the creation of translational resources — those that identify practical applications of scientific research — on family topics, develop career resources for members, and oversee public policy initiatives while maintaining NCFR's nonpartisan status and credibility.

"Jennifer is our quintessential NCFR member," says Diane Cushman, NCFR's executive director. "She's a certified family life educator; a university professor; a student affiliate council adviser; and a peer-reviewed published author. Jennifer has taught policy courses and developed internships in her community for undergraduate family studies students."

Dr. Crosswhite, who is originally from St. Cloud, Minn., has been an NCFR member for 10 years and a certified family life educator (CFLE) for six years; she also serves on the editorial board of the *Journal of Family Theory and Review*. She earned her Ph.D. in human development and family studies from Auburn University in 2005 and was then hired as an assistant professor at the University of Nebraska at Kearney in the Department of Family Studies and Interior Design, where she is an associate professor. Her research has primarily examined parents' influence on child and adolescent delinquency, and to a smaller extent the impacts of texting on familial relationships and policy implications related to work-family balance.

"I am very excited and honored to be the next director of public affairs at NCFR," Dr. Crosswhite says. "I look forward to working with my new colleagues and members of NCFR to build career resources, advance the recognition of CFLE, and establish future policy and translational initiatives and resources." ■

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## Awards 2013

Awards to members and other scholars and practitioners in family-related areas are an important part of the work of NCFR. As an organization, we congratulate these deserving recipients for awards presented in 2013.

You are encouraged to nominate members or to apply for NCFR awards. Most awards include recognition at the annual conference, sometimes a cash award or travel stipend, and a plaque. The awards brochure will be included in the spring issue of *NCFR Report*.

### Felix Berardo Scholarship Award

## Dr. Marilyn Coleman



MARILYN COLEMAN

The National Council on Family Relations (NCFR) is proud to recognize Dr. Marilyn Coleman as the 2013 recipient of the Felix Berardo Scholarship Award, which is given to an NCFR member whose work has been noted for excellence in mentoring one or more junior colleagues.

Dr. Coleman is Curators' Professor Emerita at the University of Missouri and an NCFR Fellow, and has been an NCFR member since 1978. Dr. Coleman spent 18 years as director of graduate studies in the univer-

sity's Human Development and Family Studies department, and 18 years as department chair. She was the first faculty member there to receive the MU Graduate Faculty Mentor Award, and also was the first female editor of NCFR's *Journal of Marriage and Family* to serve a full term. Dr. Coleman studies post-divorce families, especially stepfamilies.

"The reason I have stayed in the field so long is because of my love of working with students," Dr. Coleman writes. "That is why this award is such an honor."

Shannon Weaver, a former student of Dr. Coleman and now an associate professor at the University of Connecticut, writes that she tries to emulate Dr. Coleman in mentoring her own students.

"She was always quick with feedback on student work [and] her door always seemed to be open for a meeting," Weaver writes. "She was there when a student needed a sympathetic ear or a motivating kick in the pants. If she saw potential opportunities for students she made sure they knew about it and then helped them to make the most of their opportunities."

Dr. Coleman will be recognized for her achievements at the 2013 NCFR Annual Conference, planned for Nov. 6-9 in San Antonio, Texas.

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

### Jessie Bernard Award - Contributions to Feminist Scholarship

## Ana L. Jaramillo Sierra

Dr. Ana Lucia Jaramillo Sierra has been named the 2013 recipient of the Jessie Bernard Contribution to Feminist Scholarship Pa-

per Award, which is given to a graduate student or new professional who has published or is about to publish a paper using feminist frameworks and methodologies in research. Her winning paper is titled "Who Pays After the First Date? Young Men's Discourses of the Male-Provider Role."



ANA L. JARAMILLO SIERRA

Virginia Tech. Dr. Jaramillo Sierra completed her bachelor's degree in psychology at Universidad de los Andes, and her master's degree in clinical psychology and her specialization in systemic therapy at Pontificia Universidad Javeriana.

Her research interests include gender in romantic relationships during emerging adulthood, and gender relations and feminist interventions in couples and family therapy. Dr. Jaramillo Sierra has published in *Psychology of Men and Masculinities*, *Child Abuse and Neglect*, and *Journal of Family Psychotherapy*.

Jessie Bernard, the namesake of the award, is a former NCFR Board of Directors member and a pioneer in the field of feminist family studies. She declared herself a feminist in 1970 and is known for her celebrated description of "his" and "her" marriages.

### Jessie Bernard Award - Outstanding Research Proposal

## Kimberly Crossman

Kimberly Crossman was named the 2013 recipient of the Jessie Bernard Outstanding Research Proposal from a Feminist Perspective Award, which is given to a graduate student or new professional who has demonstrated excellence in research and potential contribution to feminist scholarship.

Ms. Crossman is a doctoral candidate in the Department of Human and Community Development at the University of Illinois

at Urbana-Champaign, and has been an NCFR member for eight years. Her dissertation project is entitled "A Grounded Theory Analysis of Mothers' Experiences of Nonviolent Coercive Control in Marriage and After Separation."

She hopes that, through her research, she can call attention to a hidden form of intimate partner abuse and inform future research and practice efforts that address the unmet needs

of women affected by non-violent coercive control.

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## Kathleen Briggs Award

### Fred P. Piercy

Fred P. Piercy, Ph.D., is the 2013 recipient of the Kathleen Briggs Outstanding Mentor Award, which is given to an outstanding mentor of students and new professionals in the area of marriage and family therapy.

Dr. Piercy is a professor of family therapy in the Marriage and Family Therapy doctoral program at Virginia Tech, and has been a member of NCFR since 1975. At Virginia Tech, he was head of the Department of Human Development for eight years and associate dean of research and graduate studies in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences for three years. Prior to that, he taught family therapy for 18 years at Purdue University, and spent seven years as a family therapy educator at East Texas State University (now Texas A&M Commerce).

Dr. Piercy has served twice on the Board of Directors of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT), and on the Commission on Accreditation for

Marriage and Family Therapy Education as chair. He is a member and fellow in AAMFT and the American Psychological Association (Division 43), and also is the current editor of the *Journal of Marital and Family Therapy*.

Dr. Piercy's scholarship has involved family therapy education; family therapy of substance abuse; HIV social science research and prevention; qualitative research and evaluation; infidelity treatment; and couples enrichment.

Kathleen Briggs was a long-time member and leader of NCFR's Family Therapy section. She was committed to mentoring marriage and family therapy graduate students and new professionals, and was known for her leadership, insight, optimism, and enthusiasm. ■



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## NCFR Student Award

### Gizem Erdem

Gizem Erdem is the 2013 recipient of the NCFR Student Award, which is given to an NCFR graduate student member who has demonstrated excellence as a student and shows great potential for contributing to the family studies discipline.



GIZEM ERDEM

Ms. Erdem is a Ph.D. candidate at The Ohio State University, specializing in couple and family therapy. She recently completed her clinical internship and supervision training in the program, and has received her Marriage and Family Therapy license at the State of Ohio. She earned her bachelor's degree in psychology at Bogazici University in Istanbul, and her master's degree in human development and family science at The Ohio State University.

Ms. Erdem's research interests revolve around marginalized populations, particularly adolescents and young single mothers struggling with poverty, homelessness, substance abuse, and mental health issues. She explores capabilities, resilience, and coping strategies of at-risk adolescents and families, and is interested in developing treatment interventions for these populations.

"Gizem is one of those rare students that an adviser might be assigned once or twice a career," writes Dr. Natasha Slesnick, who advises Ms. Erdem and nominated her for the award. "She genuinely enjoys, and experiences great satisfaction from ... identifying and addressing gaps in knowledge and contributing to it. And, while part of this enterprise may be the intellectual challenge and curiosity, her ultimate goal is solving important social problems. I strongly believe that she has the capacity to contribute great things and become a leader in the field." ■

## Reuben Hill Award for Outstanding Family Research

### Thomas Soehl, Roger Waldinger

Thomas Soehl and Dr. Roger Waldinger have been named recipients of the Reuben Hill Award, which is given to the author(s) of an outstanding article or book that combines theory and methodology to analyze and interpret a significant family issue. Their winning article is titled "Transmission of cross-border ties in migrant families," and was published in the *American Journal of Sociology*.

Mr. Soehl is a Ph.D. candidate in sociology at UCLA, where he is currently finishing his dissertation, titled "Modes of Difference and Connection: Language and Religion in Migrant Families." He earned an MPA degree from the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, where he was a McCloy scholar. He grew up in the Bavarian countryside, and in 2001 moved to New York to study urban politics at CUNY. He also worked as a policy analyst for the New York City Council.

Dr. Waldinger is Distinguished Professor of Sociology at UCLA and a 2008 Guggenheim Fellow. He has authored six books — most recently *How the Other Half Works: Immigra-*



THOMAS SOEHL



ROGER WALDINGER

tion and the Social Organization of Labor — and many articles and book chapters, and has been awarded research grants from several major foundations. He is completing a new book, *Foreign Detachment? Immigrants, Emigrants and their Homeland Connections*. He also was the recipient of the 2012 Distinguished Career Award from the International Migration Section of the American Sociological Association.

Reuben Hill, the namesake of this award, was a university professor who pioneered the scholarly study of family. He is remembered for his determination to advance family theory for practical benefit. ■

# Additional Section Awards

## Education & Enrichment Section

### *Student Proposal Award*

Young-Hoon Ham – University of Minnesota;  
“Predictors of Parents’ Internet Use as a Parenting Resource: A Path Model Approach.”

### *Student Proposal Award*

Tonya Ricklefs – Kansas State University;  
“FLE Curriculum Development for the National Guard: Bridging the Gaps”

### *Student Proposal Award*

Melissa Gordon – University of Delaware;  
“Parenting and Adolescent Academic Achievement: The Role of Community Poverty”

## Ethnic Minorities Section

No awards given out this year

## Family & Health Section

### *Outstanding Professional Paper/Publications Award*

Larry Ganong – University of Missouri;  
“An Intervention to Help Older Adults Maintain Independence Safely”

### *Outstanding Student/New Professional Paper Award*

Aubrey Rodriguez – University of Southern California;  
“Wives’ and Husbands’ Cortisol Reactivity to Proximal and Distal Dimensions of Couple Conflict”

## Family Policy Section

### *Feldman Travel Award*

Morgan Cooley – Florida State University

## Family Science Section

### *Wesley Burr Graduate Student Scholarship Award*

Lauren Hardy – Illinois State University;  
“Cyber Infidelity: How Family Life Educators Can Use the ABCX Model as Learning Tool”

## Family Therapy Section

### *Best Research Paper Award – Student*

Alexandra E. Schmidt – Texas Tech University;  
“Effects of Infidelity on Relationships between Adult Children and Parents”

### *Best Research Paper Award – New Professional*

Keeley Jean Pratt – The Ohio State University;  
“Weight and Body Size Awareness: Implications for the Supervisor, Clinician, and Field”

## International Section

### *Jan Trost Award*

Marcela Raffaelli – University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

### *International Travel Award*

Linh Nguyen – University of Alberta, Canada

## Religion & Family Life Section

### *Outstanding Paper Award*

Natalia Sira – East Carolina University;  
“Mothers’ Coping with Child’s Heart Defect: Exploring Spirituality and Internet Use”

### *Student/New Professional Outstanding Paper Award*

Jennifer Konzen – Alliant International University;  
“A Phenomenological Study of Experiences of Shame about Sexuality for Married, Evangelical Christian Women”

## Research & Theory Section

### *Anselm Strauss Award for Qualitative Family Research*

Marcus B. Weaver-Hightower – University of North Dakota;  
“Waltzing Matilda: An Autoethnography of a Father’s Stillbirth”

### *Best Abstract by a Student/New Professional Award*

James Kale Monk – University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign;  
“Commitment and Sacrifice in Emerging Adult Cyclical and Non-cyclical Romantic Relationships”

### *Men in Families – Best NP Research Article Award*

James S. Bates – The Ohio State University  
Alan C. Taylor (Mentor) – East Carolina University

“Grandfather Involvement and Aging Men’s Mental Health,” *American Journal of Men’s Health*, 6(3), 229-239

### *Men in Families – Best Research Article Award*

Rongfang Jia – The Ohio State University  
Letitia E. Kotila – The Ohio State University  
Sarah J. Schoppe-Sullivan – The Ohio State University

“Transactional Relations between Father Involvement and Preschoolers’ Socioemotional Adjustment,” *Journal of Family Psychology*, 26, 848-857

## TCRM

### *TCRM Best Student/Early Career Presentation Award*

Letitia Kotila – The Ohio State University;  
“A Test of the Revised Conceptualization of Father Involvement in Married Families” ■

## Cindy Winter Award

# Kimberly Crossman

Kimberly Crossman is the 2013 winner of the Cindy Winter Scholarship Award, a biannual award given to a student or new professional member of NCFR who has shown outstanding leadership or service in family studies, human ecology, human development, family science, or a related field.

Ms. Crossman is a doctoral candidate in the Department of Human and Community Development at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and has been an NCFR member for eight years. She has been active in the Feminism and Family Studies section by reviewing presentation proposals for NCFR’s annual conference; serving on the fundraising committee; representing students and new professionals; and helping form a mentoring program. She is active on NCFR’s SNP Leadership Council and is co-president of the Illinois Council on Family Relations. Ms. Crossman also was a member of a committee to form her

university department’s graduate student organization, of which she became president; she also served on a search committee to find a new department head.

“What impresses me most about Kimi is that she faces all challenges with great determination,” wrote Dr. Jennifer Hardesty, Ms. Crossman’s graduate adviser. After identifying a challenge she needed to overcome, Ms. Crossman set goals that pushed her out of her comfort zone.

“She dived right into situations that forced her to grow and ... went above and beyond to establish herself as an emerging leader in the field. Thus, I believe Kimi embodies the spirit of the Cindy Winter Award,” Dr. Hardesty wrote. ■



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# International Section news

by Angela Wiley, Chair, [awiley@illinois.edu](mailto:awiley@illinois.edu)



The International Section selected Professor Marcela Raffaelli to receive the Jan Trost Award for 2013. The award recognizes outstanding contributions in International Family Studies and is given in honor of Jan Trost (Uppsala University, Sweden), one of the founding members of the International Section and a past Section chair. The award honors an individual for his/her lifetime achievement in research, teaching, and service to international families.

Dr. Raffaelli has had a notable and sustained impact on the international dimensions of research in adolescent and emerging adult development, and she has worked to effectively further internationalize her home institution, the University of Illinois. She is a co-PI on

an international project established in 2006 that represents a collaboration between U.S. researchers and a group at Mexico's Autonomous University of San Luis Potosí. The international team is investigating obesity and metabolic syndrome among Mexican-origin populations, a critical problem because obesity is a growing global burden.

Dr. Raffaelli also has been studying one of the most troubling problems in developing countries, homeless youth, and she has pioneered a resilience approach in the study of these young people and their families. This results not only in an understanding of the risks facing these young people, but also an understanding of their ways for overcoming



Section officers Angela Wiley and Yan Ruth Xia with award recipient Marcela Raffaelli (center)

these challenges thus providing powerful implications for service providers.

At Illinois, Dr. Raffaelli developed a course "Families in Global Perspective" and a study abroad experience to introduce students to Brazil and the changes affecting children and families. Both of these efforts have dramatically strengthened the international dimension of the undergraduate program. ■

# Families and Health Section news

by Duhita Mahatmya, Ph.D. SNP Representative

The Families and Health Section is now on social media! Follow us on Twitter (@NCFR\_FH) and like our Facebook page for announcements, NCFR news, resources, and

other information on ways to support the FH community. If you have a smartphone or tablet, you may also consider linking up to social media tools and applications that can

support your personal and family health.

For instance, there are many app's that can manage your health and medical records.

- *Family Medical Manager and Cake Health* are free and allow you to save your personal and family information for insurance, doctors, medications, allergies, emergency contacts, and track your health care spending.
- App's like *WebMDmobile* (free) and *Kids-Doc* (\$1.99) can help you to identify health symptoms. Healthy eating is another great way to promote family health; free apps from *Whole Foods* and *Epicurious* house hundreds of recipes for family meals.
- For food allergies and other special dietary needs, *Foodditive* (\$3.99), *My Food Facts* (\$0.99), *Honest Label* (free), *Fooducate* (free), *Healthy Out* (free), and *Allergy Eats* (free) are a few of the app's available that help to identify ingredients, nutrition facts, food allergens, and healthy restaurant options.
- And once you eat, don't forget to exercise! From simple pedometer app's like *Move* (free) to numerous exercise guides, including ways to exercise your brain (e.g., *Lumosity*, also free), there is an app to meet your fitness needs.

On the other hand, if you are looking for ways to slow down, *Stress Check* (free) can track your stress levels and provide actionable recommendations to reduce your high-stress areas. Applications for mediation, tai chi, and yoga

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# Family Science Section news

by Bahira Sherif Trask, [bstrask@udel.edu](mailto:bstrask@udel.edu)

Having just returned from the annual conference, I am delighted to report that we had an excellent discussion at our section meeting about the "identity" of our section with many positive suggestions about future directions, and in particular, a potential name change.

The meeting led to a consensus about the need for a section that focuses on administrative and pedagogical concerns. But there also exists a need for a section that fosters discussions and reflections on the identity and future directions of our field. The group agreed that the Family Science section should be the primary forum where researchers and practitioners can come together and debate core disciplinary concerns.

At virtually every university, Family Science is a discovery major and under constant pressure to, so to speak, prove itself. And yet, Family Science continues to attract large numbers of undergraduate students who are drawn to working with individuals and families in a helping capacity. At the graduate level, Family Science makes unique contributions to understanding families in local, national, and global contexts, and introducing

and furthering prevention and intervention approaches to complex societal concerns.

As we turn to next year and the theme of "Families at the Nexus of Global Change," I would like to encourage all of you to think about submitting proposals to our section about the state of Family Science in various settings and other regions of the world. For instance, where in other countries are Family Science type programs located? Are they subsumed under Sociology? Psychology? Anthropology? Behavioral Sciences? What are some of the challenges that are faced by these programs? What kind of research on families is being conducted in these programs? Are they affiliated with national Ministries of Families or Ministries of Children and Youth? How is the research that is generated on families used to inform public policies? Educational systems? Human services?

These are just some potential topics that we would love to hear about and that would broaden our understanding of the field. We look forward to hearing from the membership and to moving the dialogue on the discipline in a global context forward! ■



# Feminism and Family Studies Section news



by Libby Balter Blume, CFLE, 2013 Section Chair-elect

The Feminism and Family Studies Section meeting at NCFR in San Antonio was a wonderful tribute to our remarkable FFS members! We celebrated our Legacy Circle members, our past and current Jessie Bernard Awardees for Feminist Scholarship, our founding mother Alexis Walker, and our dedicated outgoing officers for their outstanding leadership: Section Chair Elizabeth Sharp, Secretary/Treasurer Janel Leone, SNP Representatives Kimberly Crossman and Kristen Benson, and Past Chair Lisa Moyer.

As many of you know, my new role as Editor-elect of *Journal of Family Theory & Review* has led me to resign as chair of Feminism and Family Studies. At this bittersweet moment, I especially wish to thank so many of you who enthusiastically supported my appointment as the next JFTR editor! I have greatly enjoyed my two years as Chair-Elect, coordinating the Jessie Bernard Awards and working closely

with Elizabeth, Janel, Kimi, Kristen, and Lisa on the NCFR conference program and the FFS fundraisers—especially the fabulous Jessie Bernard tote bags for sale this year.

At this time, I am pleased to announce that FFS Section Chair-elect Shannon Weaver has graciously agreed to move up to the chair position and was able to attend the 2014 Program Committee meetings in San Antonio. Shannon welcomes Crystal Duncan Lane as the incoming Secretary/Treasurer and Lorian Jordan and Kevin Zimmerman as SNP Representatives. As Past Chair, Elizabeth Sharp is coordinating with NCFR to hold a special election for a new FFS Chair-elect.

Finally, a heartfelt thank you to all of the FFS 2013 symposium and focus group chairs, session presenters, discussants, presiders, and participants for a memorable and stimulating conference in San Antonio—and a very special thank you to the entire NCFR

Board of Directors and Executive Director Diane Cushman for their public statement on child and family well-being, same-sex parenting, and marriage equality.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Baltimore in 2014! ■

## Affiliate Councils Awards

### Affiliate Councils Award for Meritorious Service

This award is given to NCFR members who have been active in affiliate councils and provided a significant leadership role in community service or public policy on behalf of an affiliate.

Betty L. Cooke – University of Minnesota  
Janis L. Henderson – Texas Tech University

### Affiliate Councils Outstanding Graduate Student Research Paper

Joann Lianekhammy – University of Kentucky; “World of Warcraft Widows: Women’s Perspective of Partners that Play Massively Multi-Player Online Role-Playing Games Excessively”

### Affiliate Councils Outstanding Undergraduate Student Research Paper

Alyssa Szymanski – Samford University; “Rates of Stalking, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Bystander Intervention on University Campuses”

### Affiliate Councils President-For-A-Day Award

Alisha M. Hardman – University of Minnesota ■

## Family Therapy Section news



by Christi McGeorge, [Christine.McGeorge@ndsu.edu](mailto:Christine.McGeorge@ndsu.edu)

Greetings from the Family Therapy Section! The conference this year was an exciting one as NCFR celebrated its 75th anniversary and the Family Therapy Section awarded the second Kathleen Briggs Mentoring Award to Dr. Fred Piercy. Thank you to all who attended the section meeting; we had 103 people in attendance! It is certainly an exciting time to be a member of the Family Therapy Section.

I want to thank the legacy scholars who participated in a memorable mentoring activity during the section meeting: Drs. Pauline Boss, Bill Doherty, Suzanne Bartle-Haring, Carmen Knudson-Martin, Leigh Leslie, Sandra Stith, Karen Wampler, Richard Wampler, and Joe Wetchler. It was truly wonderful to watch all of the interactions that took place at each of the mentoring tables. I would also like to thank the legacy scholars for how each of them has shaped the field of family therapy and for the mentorship they provided to section members.

I also want to thank all the scholars who donated books for the Kathleen Briggs Award Fundraising book auction. It was fun to see how excited members were to “win” books at the auction. We raised \$326.95 for the Briggs

Mentoring Award. You can also donate to the Kathleen Briggs Mentoring Award at: <http://www.ncfr.org/awards/section-awards/family-therapy> or by sending a check to the National Council on Family Relations, 1201 West River Parkway Suite 200, Minneapolis, MN 55454. You will need to specify that your check is for the Kathleen Briggs Award.

At the 2014 NCFR conference, the Family Therapy Section will celebrate its 75th anniversary. In honor of this major milestone, the Family Therapy Executive Committee is planning a special celebration during the section meeting. If you have photos or mementos from the section and are willing to share them please email me at [christine.mcgeorge@ndsu.edu](mailto:christine.mcgeorge@ndsu.edu).

Finally, I would like to thank the amazing Family Therapy Section executive committee for all of their commitment and hard work: Chair-elect Shayne Anderson, Secretary/Treasurer Rachel Tambling, Student/New Professional Representative Lindsey Edwards, and Past Chair Tom Blume.

I look forward to seeing you in Baltimore for what will surely be another truly outstanding conference. ■

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are also available. Finally, apps like *Caring-Bridge* (free) can help you stay connected to your family and friends during challenging health events.

For a full menu of health app options search your iTunes store, Google Play Store, or [appcrawlr.com](http://appcrawlr.com) and find tools to get your holiday season and New Year started on a healthy foot. Even with all these great resources, don’t forget that unplugging from technology and spending time with your family and friends are always simple ways to promote your personal and family health. ■

# Family Policy Section news



by Bethany Letiecq, Chair, [bletiecq@gmu.edu](mailto:bletiecq@gmu.edu)

Greetings from the Family Policy Section! We hope you enjoyed the 2013 conference in San Antonio and that you are now inspired to participate in the 2014 annual conference in Baltimore, Maryland.

The FP Section is particularly excited about the upcoming conference given the theme "Families at the Nexus of Global Change." We recognize that social policies and laws

often create the pushes and pulls that promote or necessitate family change and movement around the globe. We also recognize that individuals, families, states and nations are differentially impacted by policies and laws based on social location variables, statuses, power relations and myriad other factors that privilege some while disadvantaging others. As family scholars and practitioners,

it is critical that we examine the ways in which policies and laws create the conditions that determine family well-being.

With this in mind, we want to encourage you to submit a conference proposal to the FP Section. Your proposal might investigate the influence of social policies on family

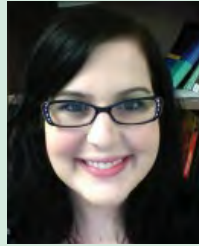
structures and functioning, family processes and transitions, or the ways in which individuals and families navigate, negotiate, and make meaning of their lives in multiple and global contexts. We likewise encourage submissions that consider, more broadly, the policy implications of research and practice for family well-being. As a section, we are also keenly interested in examining effective and innovative methods of teaching family policy, and how scholars as agents of change negotiate policy engagement, advocacy, and/or activism in their professional lives.

We also want to encourage you (or your students) to apply for one of three Feldman Awards, presented in memory of Harold and Margaret Feldman, NCFR members and pioneers in the field of family policy. These awards recognize family policy researchers and practitioners engaged in policy-related activities, and encourage family policy as a career path for student/new professionals.

Enjoy the upcoming holidays and we look forward to engaging with you on matters of family policy in Baltimore! ■

## Feldman Award

Morgan Cooley, a doctoral candidate in marriage and family therapy at Florida State University is this year's recipient of the Harold and Margaret Feldman Travel Award. Her research interests revolve around risk and protective factors of foster parents and the children in their care as a means of informing child welfare practice, training, and policy. She has been a member of the National Council on Family Relations since 2009 and is the SNP representative for the Family Policy Section from 2013 to 2015.



MORGAN COOLEY

The award is presented in memory of the Feldmans who were NCFR members and pioneers in the field of family policy.

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# Program chair announced

In October, Lee Ann De Reus, Ph.D., was appointed program chair for the 2016 NCFR Annual Conference, scheduled to be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota. 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. De Reus is an associate professor in the Department of Human Development and Family Studies at Penn State Altoona, where she has been a faculty member since 1997. She earned her doctorate in child development and family studies from Purdue University in 1997.

This is the first year that the conference program chair has been named through appointment by the NCFR Board of Directors (rather than election), a change implemented in consultation with the NCFR Elections Council. The Elections Council will be responsible for recommending a qualified candidate who meets the eligibility criteria and can fulfill the responsibilities as outlined in the job description. Upon approval of the recommendation, the NCFR Board of Directors will appoint the recommended

person to the position of Annual Conference Program Chair.

Dr. De Reus has been a member of NCFR since 1989. She will select the theme for the organization's 2016 annual conference by spring 2015, and as part of her appointment, will serve as a member of the 2015 conference program committee.

"[Dr. De Reus] brings a variety of 'hats' to the NCFR to knit together a variety of constituents' interests at the national meeting," wrote NCFR Elections Council members in their recommendation to the NCFR Board of Directors. "She has both U.S. and international interests. She has a family studies and women's studies background. She cares profoundly about basic academic research, as well as advocacy and outreach. ... Her vast experience in organizing and managing various projects, including ones with unique international components, attests to her potential as a strong organizer, an essential skill for NCFR conference program chair." ■



LEE ANN DE REUS

## In Memoriam

### Charles B. Hennon, Ph.D., CFLE



CHARLES HENNON

Longtime NCFR member and CFLE, Charles B. Hennon of Hamilton, Ohio, passed away May 14, 2013 at age 65, after a six-year battle with cancer. He is survived by two daughters, one son, two sisters, and many nieces and nephews.

Chuck graduated from Lincoln High School, Geneva College and Case Western University. He taught at universities in Morgantown, WV; Salt Lake City, UT; Madison, WI; and then approximately 30 years at Miami University of Ohio as professor of Family Studies and Social Work and Associate Director of the Center for Human Development, Learning, and Technology. He traveled to many countries giving presentations and he received many awards for being an outstanding educator. In 2007 he was a nominee for Miami University's Alumni Association's Effective Educator Award as a distinguished educator. In 2006 he received the Richard T. Delp Outstanding Faculty Award at Miami.

As a Family Life Education Cooperative Extension Specialist, he developed approximately 40 family life education materials for community use, including family games, teaching guides, information packets, and booklets. Chuck conducted over 60 workshops to a wide variety of audiences on topics such as stress management, communication, and building family strengths.

He was Chair and Vice Chair of NCFR's Family Action Section, served on the Board of Directors, and Program Committee, and was a member of NCFR's Distinguished Service to Families Award committee. He also served on numerous other committees and task forces in NCFR. Chuck was also very active in the Ohio Council on Family Relations where he served as President-elect, President, Past-president, and Board member, as well as being on the planning committee and mentoring students and young faculty.

He published six books and numerous research and scholarly papers and conducted presentations at NCFR and other professional organizations.

Chuck was Editor of the *Journal of Family and Economic Issues* and guest co-editor of several journals including *Journal of Family and Economic Issues*, *Journal of Comparative Family Studies*, *Family Relations*. ■

## In Memoriam

### J. Kenneth Davidson, Sr., Ph.D., CFLE

John Kenneth (Ken) Davidson, Sr., 73, of Round Rock, Texas, passed away in Austin on September 1. He was born in Augusta, Georgia, and raised in nearby Martinez. After receiving a teaching diploma at Augusta State College, Ken graduated from the University of Georgia with a Bachelor of Arts in Education and a Master of Arts in Sociology. He went on to earn his Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Florida. At the University of Georgia, he met and married Josephine Frazier Davidson. Ken and Jo were married for almost 40 years until her passing in 2003. Ken and Jo had two sons, John and Stephen.

His 40-year teaching career began at Augusta State College. After spending two years teaching at Indiana University-South Bend, Ken and his family moved to Eau Claire, Wis., where he had a 30-year career at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. Ken retired as Professor Emeritus of Sociology.

Ken published more than 80 research publications, as well as co-authoring numerous

textbooks in the areas of sociology, marriage and family, and human sexuality. Many of his textbooks are used in classrooms across the country to this day. In 2005, the Kinsey Institute at Indiana University acquired the lifelong collection of research files and scholarly work on human sexuality compiled by Ken and his collaborator, Nelwyn B. Moore, Southwest Texas State University.

During his retirement years, Ken stayed active in many of his professional and teaching organizations, including Groves Conference on Marriage and the Family, the National Council on Family Relations, the Texas Council on Family Relations, and the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality. Also, the American Sociological Association,



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## Honors graduates

*These graduates are honored for their scholarship, leadership, and community service through the NCFR Honors Student Recognition Program. All graduated with family-related degrees during spring, summer, or fall terms 2013. For spring 2014 graduates, the application deadline is March 1.*

Katherine Ake, Messiah College  
Stephanie Alwin, University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point  
Kyle Barth, Weber State University  
Melissa Belflower, Samford University  
Ida Bennett, University of Central Oklahoma  
Taylar Bischoff, Weber State University  
Teagan Bohn, Messiah College  
Miguel Brambila, Amberton University  
Katrina Brown, Samford University  
Araceli Castellanos, California State University, Los Angeles  
Nancy Chris, Weber State University  
April Eastman, Texas Woman's University  
Michelle Eggemeyer, Illinois State University  
Andrea Englehorn, Weber State University  
Amanda Fisher, Messiah College  
Corinne French, Texas Woman's University  
Esmeralda Gallegos, Spring Arbor University  
Lisa Greene, Concordia University-St. Paul  
Kayla Griffith, Messiah College  
Sarah Hahner, Messiah College  
Tari Henson-Romero, Weber State University  
Brittany Hicks, Stephen F. Austin State University  
Kami Higbee, Texas Woman's University

Karin LaRose-Neill, University of Detroit Mercy  
Sarah Law, Central Washington University  
Sharon Luu, Kansas State University  
Katrina Marquardt, Central Washington University  
Samantha Eve Morris, University of St. Thomas  
Jennifer Mussen, Illinois State University  
Sarah Narehood, Messiah College  
Mallory Parish, Samford University  
Maria Perry, University of Central Oklahoma  
Amanda Pierce, Weber State University  
Kathleen Pratt, Messiah College  
Nicole Redmer, Messiah College  
Caroline Sanner, University of Missouri  
Brittany Seamon, University of Florida

Rachel Shenk, Messiah College  
Jessica Short, Messiah College  
Victoria Speake, University of St. Thomas  
Todd Spencer, Weber State University  
Tonya Stephens, East Carolina University  
Greta Stuhlsatz, Central Washington University  
Deanna Sweigart, Messiah College  
Yamuna Teter, University of North Texas  
Jody Thompson, Spring Arbor University  
Kimberly Tribe, Weber State University  
Alyssa White, Messiah College  
Angeline Williams, Illinois State University  
Melanie Wolff, University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point

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the Midwest Sociological Society, and the Southern Sociological Society. Ken served as President of the Mid-South Sociological Association and as President of Alpha Kappa Delta, the International Sociology Honor Society that has named its distinguished service award in his honor.

Ken became the chair of the committee on Standards and Certification for Family Life

Educators in 1979-80. In 1980-81 The Board approved the initial plans for the Certification of Family Life Educators Program under his chairmanship. He chaired the Certification of Family Life Educators Program when it was first recommended, and was a member of the Certification Review Committee when that program was implemented in 1985. In 2002-2003, he and Nelwyn Moore shared the Ernest Osborne Award, and in 2003-2004, he was named an NCFR Fellow. ■