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Grand Opening

The Exhibits at the annual conference were officially opened Sunday morning by, from left, Ollie Pocs, Exhibits manager; Jay Schvaneveldt, program vice-president; and Mary Jo Czaplewski, NCFR executive director. The 1990 Exhibits were the largest ever booked for the conference.--Photo by Wally Goddard.

Open Forum held at meeting

NCFR's Strategic Plan was the focus of a special open forum during the organization's annual business meeting at the annual conference in Seattle. Approximately 250 persons attended the meeting.

Lynda Henley Walters, NCFR 1990-91 president, summarized the Plan, explaining the origins of the basic points, the definitions and assumptions made by the Strategic Planning Committee, and how the Plan was organized. (See the President's column on page two of this issue.)

Several members asked questions or made statements from the floor about the Plan and their concerns for NCFR.

The Board re-worked the timetable for some proposed changes at its meeting Saturday, prior to the Open Forum. As a result, these key changes were made in the Strategic Plan. (See the Executive Director's column on page 5 for a more detailed report.)

1. No dues rate increases, journal or membership type changes will be made until 1992.

2. Family Relations will continue as it is. A survey will be done to gather information on several aspects of the publication.

3. A CFLE Task Force was appointed to study the program and propose ways to keep it within NCFR, but on a cost-effective basis. (See the CFLE Director's column on page 3.)

4. The Family Resources Database will be ended December 31, 1990, but the Inventory of Marriage and Family Literature will be maintained - both in its hardcopy version, and on-line. An editor will be sought outside the headquarters office, much like the journals are handled.

5. The Affiliated Councils will receive rebates from national members, but the rebated amount will be \$5.00 per member, regardless of membership type. A minimum number of 10 persons is required and regular reports must be made to headquarters for the Affiliate to receive the rebated funds. (See the Association of Councils President's report on page 12.)

6. The 1991 annual conference fees will remain the same as 1990 (\$110), although the format will be changed.

7. The Board structure remains the same as it was before the Strategic Plan was proposed.

It was also announced during the business meeting that NCFR will retire its long-standing fund balance deficit on December 31, 1990, two years ahead of the projected date.

Although the proposed NCFR Constitution and by-laws changes were defeated by the membership in October, 1990, some changes still are necessary and will be brought before the members in Spring, 1991.

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President's Report

Understanding the words we use



Lynda Henley Walters
1990-91 President

Last spring, members of the Board of Directors agreed that the unique quality that set the NCFR apart from other family organizations is the interest of its members in research--the knowledge it provides and its dissemination and application. Since that time some have questioned whether the Board is insensitive to the interests of all of its members in representing them in decision-making for the organization.

A substantial element in the concerns expressed involves understanding the words to use. Yet, as I talked with members who attended the annual conference, I heard little disagreement with the basic idea that the Board expressed: We are interested in the NCFR because it is a source of knowledge about families and issues that affect families. But it is not just knowledge that we get from each other through NCFR, it is new knowledge that is obtained in a systematic and unbiased way; we share more with each other than our idiosyncratic thoughts and experiences; we expect more than opinions and impressions. Some members call this process research; some are more comfortable with the idea of gaining new knowledge, but we include in our definition of that phrase the understanding that new knowledge is more than impressions from personal experience.

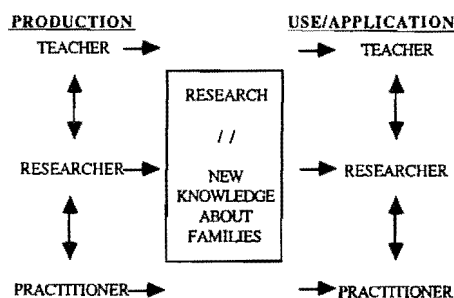
Who Are the Researchers?

Almost all of us are researchers: Some members are employed full-time to do research, some are teachers, some are therapists, some deliver services in family service agencies. Some do basic research on families, some do applied research on families, some do research on programs that were developed to serve families. Some do quantitative research; some do

qualitative research. Some do research in an effort to solve a problem in their work with families; some do research in order to find ways to improve the learning process of students.

Some research is more casual, other research is more precise. When we share it with each other through the NCFR, we expect to be able to have confidence in what we learn. We do not expect perfection because knowledge gained through research is not perfect. We don't expect always to agree with the conclusions of our colleagues, but we trust that their conclusions are more than idiosyncratic, personal impressions.

At the risk of belaboring my point, I would like to reiterate that I have said that most of us are researchers. Likewise, we are all users/consumers of research. Most of us actively participate in the process of generating new knowledge; all of us use new knowledge. Jan Hogan made this point very well in her Presidential address. She used a diagram to illustrate her point. Another illustration of our multiple roles in relation to research might look like this:



Members honored at conference

Several NCFR members were honored during the annual conference in Seattle in November.

Ruth Komarniski and Kenneth Barber, 1990 Local Arrangements co-chairs, were thanked for their organization of local events, receptions and services in Seattle.

Margaret Feldman was honored as NCFR's Washington staff representative. In addition to her involvement in public policy activities, she writes a column for each issue of NCFR's newsletter.

Appreciation was shown to **Jay Schvaneveldt** for his work as the 1990 program vice-president.

Ollie Pocs was honored for six years of service as the on-site Exhibits manager during NCFR's annual conference.

Martha Calderwood was recognized for nearly 20 years of service as the conference Video Festival chair.

Jan Hogan, NCFR's 1989-90 president, was recognized for her year of leadership and service.

In memoriam

Five NCFR members have died in the past year. They are: Fred Bozett, Oklahoma City, OK; Muriel Brown, Stephens City, VA; Dwight Dean, Ames, IA; William Mason, Emory, VA; and E. Mansell Pattison, Augusta, GA.

NCFR extends sympathy to their families and friends.

If you know of other members who have died in the past 12 months, please contact Cindy Winter at 612-781-9331.

Application of Knowledge

Some of us may not consider ourselves researchers. Still, we join NCFR because we want to learn what is new so that we can use it in our professional work. Also, we attend annual conferences because they provide an important opportunity for networking; at NCFR we are networking with others who are rigorous in their thinking about families. We expect to learn important, new knowledge from our colleagues at an NCFR meeting; we expect to gain knowledge that is grounded in systematic observation that characterizes precision in thinking.

We want what we teach and use in our professional practice to be research-based. That is, we want the observations that support suggestions of other professionals to be careful and systematic even though no statistics may have been involved.

My point is quite simple: **Researcher** is not a word that applies to those who

represent data with numbers and complicated statistical analyses. Application is impossible without knowledge to apply. If there is never any application of research findings, there is little point in being researchers.

It is not how we identify ourselves, in terms of our work, that is important. **What we need to focus our attention on is what is unique about NCFR.** There are other organizations that family researchers belong to. There are other organizations that are for family practitioners. Some of these organizations are multidisciplinary in their membership. But the NCFR is the organization that brings together professionals from a variety of disciplines and professional areas--who are involved in many different approaches to learning about, teaching about, and serving families--for the purpose of sharing both new knowledge and how we can use knowledge about families.

We all have good reasons for the particular words we use to express ourselves. Sometimes we think that other combinations of words miss the point. As people whose professional interests include interpersonal relationships in families, we understand that it is not uncommon for others to misunderstand, to be distrustful, and to become angry when what they believe they hear is different from what they believe. Still, it is important for us to express our views and to make a real effort to understand each other.

This is the time to express yourself. The Board of Directors of the NCFR is charged with the responsibility of making decisions that affect us all. As we approach our discussion of the statement of the NCFR's mission, we wish to know what you think, so that we will be guided by the wisdom of the Council's members, and be sensitive to your wishes.

Lynda Henley Walters
NCFR 1990-91 President

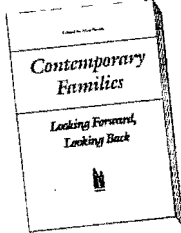
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Mrs. Winter has been on the NCFR staff for 26 years. In addition to her annual conference duties, she is liaison for the Affiliated Councils.

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CFLE Task Force appointed



Dawn Cassidy
Certification Director

The NCFR Board has established a CFLE Task Force in response to letters and calls about the program's phase-out. This Task Force was developed at the NCFR annual conference in Seattle, WA.

The charge given to the Task Force is: Develop a plan to promote and maintain the CFLE program so that it will be self-supporting during a normal operating year. This plan should be flexible to allow for variability in numbers of applicants. (Because of the current phase-out procedures, 1990 and 1991 will not be considered normal operating years). If such a plan cannot be developed or is not accepted by the Board, the Task Force will continue to explore alternative "homes" for the program so that certification may continue.

Most CFLEs and concerned NCFR members feel that CFLE belongs within NCFR. However, the commitment to preserving the program in the most appropriate setting means that CFLE will survive. The enthusiasm and dedication of the people at the NCFR annual conference should ensure that a solution can be found!

The Task Force will develop its plan by mid-March for presentation to the NCFR Board. The Board will then vote to accept or reject the plan at the Board meeting on April 19, 1991.

The Task Force will be headed by the chair of the Education and Enrichment Section, Judith Myers-Walls, Ph.D., and includes the chair of the Certification Review Committee, William Meredith,

Ph.D., CFLE; the chair of the CFLE Continuing Education Committee, Virginia Anderson, Ph.D., CFLE; Britton Wood, Ph.D., CFLE; Carol Rubino, M.S. CFLE; and Steve Jorgenson, Ph.D.

It is encouraging to see the dedication and commitment shown to the CFLE program by CFLEs and NCFR members who attended the annual conference. The CFLE Reception held November 11, provided CFLEs with an opportunity to share how the CFLE designation had helped them. Most agreed that the future and health of CFLE within NCFR lies in the hands of those currently certified.

As a result, a "grassroots" task force also was developed. Approximately 20 CFLEs in attendance at the NCFR conference met on November 12, to determine how to reach CFLEs not in attendance to encourage their continued and increased support of the CFLE program.

This grassroots committee will send postcards to all CFLEs asking for their committed involvement. In addition, a pledge campaign will be implemented asking each CFLE to recruit at least one potential applicant who will pledge to apply for certification.

The deadline for the Spring CFLE Review is **Monday, February 25, 1991**. This will be the last opportunity to apply at the current rates. If the CFLE program is continued under NCFR, the current application fees of \$125 for Experience Recognition and \$150 for the Standard Application will most likely be

increased.

A large number of applications for the Spring, 1991, Review should help show the strength of the program. If you value the Certified Family Life Educator Program and want it to continue under NCFR, apply at the Spring, 1991, Review and encourage your colleagues to do the same. Please feel free to call me at 612-781-9331 if you have any questions!

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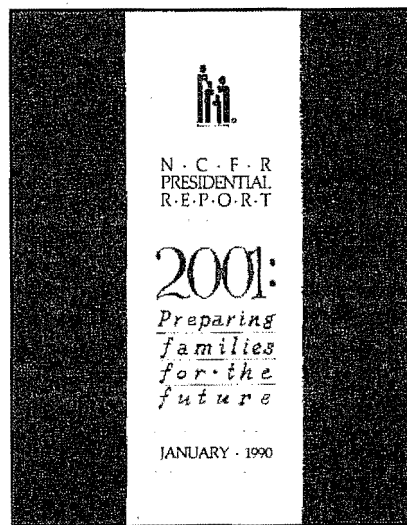
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Reuben Hill award winners honored

Winners of the 1989 Reuben Hill Award are Professors Deborah D. Godwin, Dept. of Housing and Consumer Economics at the University of GA and John Scanzoni, Dept of Sociology at the University of FL. Their winning article was "Couple consensus during marital joint decision-making: A context, process, outcome model," published in *Journal of Marriage and the Family* in 1989. The award was made during NCFR's annual conference in Seattle in November.

The Reuben Hill Award was established by NCFR in 1980. It recognizes the published article that best combines research and theory on a family issue.

Committee members nominated 44 articles from 41 journals which then were rated on theoretical/conceptual basis, appropriateness of methodology, theory enriching characteristics, and overall quality of presentation.

Using both self-report and observational data, the winning article provided evidence that couple consensus on a decision is best predicted by husbands who are cooperative during conflict episodes, equitable economic resources of spouses, wives with communication styles that are not coercive, and couples wherein both partners are able to influence changes in the other's position.

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In other words, couples who are gratified with their relationship, who are



Deborah D. Godwin, left, was presented the 1989 Reuben Hill Award at the 1990 annual conference. Making the presentation was Alexis Walker, award committee chair. Not pictured is co-winner, John Scanzoni.--Photo by Wally Goddard.

not coercive with each other, who have a history of cooperativeness with each other, who have economic equity, and who influence each other are then likely to agree on the subjective evaluation of decision outcomes.

In addition to the winning article, five runners-up were named:

Paul Allison and Frank Furstenberg for "How marital dissolution affects

children: Variations by age and sex," printed in *Developmental Psychology*;

John M. Gottman and Lynn F. Katz, "Effects of marital discord on young children's peer interaction and health," in *Developmental Psychology*;

Robert Max Jackson, "The reproduction of parenting," *American Sociological Review*;

Aafke Komter, "Hidden power in marriage," *Gender and Society*;

Sarah Rosenfield, "The effects of women's employment: Personal control and sex differences in mental health," *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*.

The 29 committee members making the selections were:

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The challenge: to move on through the 90s!



Mary Jo Czaplewski
Executive Director

The challenge to move into the 90s was the resounding message at NCFR's 52nd annual conference, "Children and Their Families." Nearly 1000 attendees reminisced and admired the personal and professional accounts of feminist pioneers, Jessie Bernard, Matilda White Riley and Helena Lopata, who challenged all to move to new frontiers in feminist research.

Plenary speakers, Jennifer James, Jay Belsky, Judith Wallerstein, and Karen Polonko challenged us to move into the 90s by rethinking research on children, to consider new theories, and to restructure service delivery programs. Distinguished lecturers, Frank Furstenberg, Pepper Schwartz, and Gerhard Neubeck also stretched the thinking of attendees, as did the Section sessions, round table, poster sessions and Exhibits participants.

President M. Janice Hogan sounded a dual challenge of "futuring" not only for families, but also for NCFR as an organization vital to family professionals. Doing something about tomorrow today...by considering all possibilities, probabilities, and preferences open to researchers, translators of research, and consumers or clients of family studies was the meat of her presidential address.

The NCFR annual conference business meeting was attended by a record

number of members. In an open forum on the Strategic Plan for NCFR's future, members challenged the Board of Directors to move the organization into the 90s with faith in the relevance of new programs impacting families and the professionals who work with them.

Both Boards of Directors worked diligently at meetings before and after the annual conference to take the challenges presented and structure a viable workable plan for the future of NCFR.

After the June review of the Strategic Plan by all NCFR members, an intense letter writing campaign ensued. Subsequently, in October, the NCFR members defeated by a 2/3 majority vote, the proposed changes in the By-laws of NCFR. The Boards worked to redefine parameters of the plan and the consequent by-laws revisions. The following Board actions were taken:

1. A task force was directed to develop a financial plan that supports and maintains the CFLE program within NCFR. Chaired by Judith Myers-Walls, chair of the Education and Enrichment Section, the committee's report is due to the Board in April.
2. The Association of State Councils' rebates will be set at a flat fee of \$5.00 per member regardless of category, contingent upon documentation of 10 NCFR members in each state, officer requirements, and submission of a state plan of action for marketing NCFR and its products. A flat fee for services will be charged to all councils. This does not change the current Constitution and by-laws.
3. Although the Family Resources Database will no longer be produced by NCFR, the *Inventory of Marriage and Family Literature (IMFL)*, a by-product of the database, will continue to be published in hard copy and on-line. The editorial

production and management of this project will be done by a Board-appointed university-based editor and editorial advisory board, rather than by NCFR paid staff. The project must be fiscally self-sustaining.

4. Individual subscription rates for *Family Relations* will be discounted from \$45.00 to \$29.00 for one year to encourage new practitioner audiences to subscribe.
5. Brief platform statements from all candidates for national board officer positions will be required to accompany the brief biographical data printed in the REPORT.
6. The 1991 annual conference call for papers will follow a change in format: to symposia and graphic paper presentations.

NCFR's challenge to move into the arena of public affairs will be tested in 1991 and 1992 by assuming the leadership role of the Consortium of Family Organizations (COFO) made up of AAMFT, AHEA, FRC, FSA, and NCFR. This group will mount a major initiative in the collection of family statistical data. Over the past 12 years, availability of sound family demographic and statistical data collected by the Federal government agencies, and upon which family research is based, has been eroded. This initiative will address the lack of coordination and relevance of much of the Federal data concerning families and the lack of availability of the federally collected data that is useful to policy-makers.

NCFR will submit a grant on behalf of COFO to hire a project director, and staff based in Washington DC; to sponsor a national invitational conference of family scholars, government statistics experts, policy officials and others; and to review how data is synthesized, disseminated, and used for policy formation. The end result will be the development of an inter-agency forum on family data and statistics collection based on a similar model used by the Interagency Forum on aging related statistics.

In addition to this project, NCFR will lead the COFO group in its monthly meetings and work on other projects including the production of the COFO FAMILY POLICY REPORT over the next two years.

Other policy projects in which NCFR will join coalitions of organizations include: Project 2000--a coordinated effort to recruit and retain minority students in home economics and other family

academic programs; and a plan for a national conference on graduate education in applied human development.

NCFR, as a viable organization of family professionals, has accepted the challenge to move ahead into the future by fulfilling the needs of those concerned about the quality of life for families. All NCFR members are needed in this venture, whether by supporting the elected Board officers or offering personal assistance on specific projects.

Mary Jo Czaplewski
Executive Director

Family Relations used by social workers

The *Family Relations* journal was recently rated at .247 points above the mean, and fourth highest, among social science journals in impacting the knowledge base of the social work profession.

A study was conducted by Kam-Fong Monit Cheung, Ph.D., assistant professor of the School of Social Work at the University of Hawaii, using data from the Social Science Citation Index to examine the interdisciplinary relationships between social work and other disciplines. The study was described in the September, 1990, issue of *Social Work Research and Abstracts*, 26:3, pages 23-29.

Since academic journals play an important role in social work education, the study also sought to provide information on the contribution of other disciplines to the social work educational process. Through an analysis of citations, the author found that only three other journals, *Social Work*, *Journal of Social Policy*, and *Social Service Review*, surpassed *Family Relations* in coverage of the interdisciplinary knowledge base used in social work. It was concluded that *Family Relations'* dual focus -- on social work and family issues -- explained its significant contribution, not only to social work, but also to other related disciplines of family studies, sociology, clinical psychiatry, and psychology.



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Call For Nominations and Applications for the position of EDITOR *Family Relations: Journal of Applied Family and Child Studies*

The Publications Committee of the National Council on Family Relations is accepting nominations and applications for the position of Editor of the journal *Family Relations*. The term of the current editor, Timothy Brubaker, will be completed with the publication of the October, 1992, issue. The four-year term of the new editor will begin with the publication of the January, 1993, issue. However, editorial responsibilities, including processing of manuscripts, will be transferred to the new editor beginning approximately June of 1992.

NCFR anticipates making the selection of the new editor at the annual conference in November, 1991, in Denver, CO. A detailed position description may be obtained by writing to the Family Relations Editors' Screening Committee, National Council on Family Relations, 3989 Central Avenue NE, Suite 550, Minneapolis, MN 55421 (612-781-9331). Nominations and applications, which should include a curriculum vitae and a letter of application, should be sent to the above address by **July 15, 1991**. The new editor must be a member of the National Council on Family Relations.

Student award goes to Chapman

Steven Chapman, doctoral candidate in the Child and Family Development Dept. at the University of GA, received the 1990 NCFR Student of the Year Award. The presentation was made at the annual conference in Seattle in November.

The award is presented annually to recognize a student's excellence in family-related studies, with high potential as a future contributor to the field.

Chapman currently is a member of a research team that is studying young families in the U.S., USSR, and Poland. While a student, he has served as a Congressional Legislative Aide, taught several courses, developed broad research experience, and assisted with several writing projects.

In addition, his participation in NCFR has included paper presentations at three annual conferences, serving as a student volunteer at the conference, and membership in the Remarriage and Stepparenting Focus Group.



Norma Bond Burgess, NCFR Student/Young Professional representative, presented the 1990 Student Award to Steven F. Chapman from the University of GA.--Photo by Wally Goddard.

NCFR part of sexuality education month

NCFR was one of 40 national community and youth-serving agencies participating in National Family Sexuality Education Month in October.

It was the 16th anniversary of this special month, with activities and events designed to encourage parents in their role as their children's primary sexuality educators.

A variety of family-oriented workshops, film festivals, health conferences, library and bookstore displays, open houses, advertising campaigns, and activities were offered. The focus this year was on families with pre-school children, with activities designed to help parents and their children talk about their values, questions and concerns about sexuality.

Honor Your Colleagues!

Call for Nominations for 1991 NCFR Awards!

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO FAMILIES AWARD

This award is given in recognition of those who have provided exceptional leadership and/or service to the cause of better family living. These contributions for "action" programs represent the importance of family relationships in the future rather than the past. **Who may be nominated:** National leaders in the family field, political figures, entertainers, volunteers who have played significant roles in helping families. **Nominees need not be NCFR members** to be eligible for this award, sponsored by the Association of Councils.

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This award is presented in memory of Ernest G. Osborne, an outstanding family life educator, who served three terms as president of NCFR. This award is given to an NCFR member in recognition of excellence in the teaching of family relations. **Criteria for selection:** 1) Demonstrated excellence in the teaching of family relationships; 2) Membership in NCFR; 3) Current and probably future engagement in the teaching of family relationships; 4) Willingness to promote dissemination of knowledge through participation in professional meetings and/or to seek publication in the NCFR journals. The award is presented to one individual, but nominations are encouraged for teachers at any level of education. Send nomination forms and attach statement to indicate basis of nomination, listing names and addresses of three additional people to document nominee's qualifications. Mail to: **Robert S. Pickett, Syracuse University, 603 Nottingham Rd., Syracuse, NY 13224 (315-443-4757).**

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The Award is presented to an individual, but nominations are encouraged in all areas identified above.

Send nomination form and attached statement to indicate basis of nomination, listing names and addresses of three additional people to document nominee's qualifications. Mail to: **Alice F. Edwards, 444 North Capitol St. NW, #606, Washington, DC 20001 (202-624-8560).**

STUDENT AWARD

This award is given to an NCFR graduate student member who has demonstrated excellence as a student with high potential for contributions to the field of family studies.

Criteria for selection: 1) A student currently enrolled in a Graduate Program whose work shows promise of a significant contribution to family studies. It is not assumed that research projects or other work be completed at the time of nomination; 2) Membership in NCFR for at least two years. Qualified students who are nominated will receive instructions for supplying other supporting credentials including: a) three additional letters of recommendation; b) brief (1-3 page) statement defining an important problem they see in the field of family studies and outlining possible steps toward its solution; c) a brief (1-3 page) description or summary of a personal program, research project, publication which they have done that is representative of the quality of their work and area of interest.

Nominations should be sent to **Patricia Hvier Dyk, Department of Sociology, University of Kentucky, 500 Garrigus Building, Lexington, KY 40546-0215 (606-257-3228).**

STUDENT/NEW PROFESSIONAL SMALL GRANT AWARD SPONSORED BY THE FEMINISM AND FAMILY STUDIES SECTION

The Feminism and Family Studies Section is sponsoring a new award which recognizes a research proposal that makes an outstanding contribution to feminist scholarship. The "Outstanding Research Proposal from a Feminist Perspective Award" is open to graduate students and new professionals (with up to 5 years post-doctoral work). A \$500 award is made. Proposals will be evaluated for the potential contribution to feminist scholarship and use of feminist frameworks.

Applications should include: a) an abstract of 100 words or less; b) a 5 page (maximum) proposal outlining the project's theoretical foundation, research methods, and potential contribution to feminist scholarship; and c) a half-page budget. Please submit five copies of your application.

The Award will be presented at the 1991 NCFR Annual Conference. A summary of the recipient's research results will be published in the Feminism and Family Studies Section newsletter.

Mail application form and supporting materials to **Polly Fassinger, Department of Sociology, Concordia College, Moorhead, MN 56560 (218-299-3549).**

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First child care bill passed in 20 years



Margaret Feldman
NCFR Washington Representative

The 101st Congress has finally left town, and the election is over. What has happened? Many people had hoped this year would bring a peace dividend which could be used for social programs. Instead we have troops on the alert in a foreign land, and any thought of a dividend has disappeared into the national deficit and S & L crises. The Child Welfare League published a legislative agenda in March listing 11 important bills for children, but most did not make it to final passage. The Family and Medical Leave Act, which did pass both houses, was vetoed by the President. Even so, some very important social legislation for children and their families did get passed.

The big achievement for this country was the new child care bill which was signed the day before Election Day as part of the massive Budget Reconciliation Bill. This is the first child care bill to have passed in peace time and the first child care bill for 20 years. The Children's Defense Fund, the lead agency for the Alliance for Better Child Care (ABC Alliance) of which NCFR is a member, has been working for years on this bill and worked effectively to help shape it. The final bill was a compromise between the Republican plan of tax credits (which was originally designed as compensation for

Social Security withholding for low income workers) and of block grants with standards and training to assure high quality care which was favored by CDF and the Democrats.

Title I of the Child Care Bill provides grants to states of \$300 million per year for five years to provide child care for parents at risk of becoming dependent on AFDC. Child care providers would have to be licensed. There is an additional \$50 million to improve standards and provide training to providers.

Title II of the Bill provides tax credits to families: an expansion of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) for low income working families with children, a supplemental credit for newborns, and a new Tax Credit for Health Insurance Premiums for families. The total cost of these programs is estimated to be \$19 billion over the five-year budget period. The amount a family can receive for the credit is indexed for inflation and varies with the number of children and their ages. The 1991 maximum credit is \$1,614 for families with only one child who is not under one year of age, with increases for more children. It is possible to get advance payment on the credit, but not more than the basic amount payable to a family with one child. All other credits are not payable in advance. These credits are fully disregarded in determining eligibility for any other federal programs.

These child care provisions of the Reconciliation Act, targeted toward already-working poor families, are the third part of a "New Deal" for poor children and their families which has been crafted over the last few years.

The first part of the "New Deal" was the Family Support Act (FSA) of 1988 which was targeted toward those on AFDC. An intensive effort is to be made to require fathers as well as mothers to be responsible for their children. FSA

brought guaranteed child care for all AFDC mothers and fathers who are required to enter a new JOBS program. Although this bill focused on requiring job readiness activities and training for all non-exempt AFDC recipients, a second important part was child care and health care for children. Some have called the FSA a two-generation program with important advantages for health and cognitive development of poor children coming as a result of the increased education of the parents and expanded health and care for the children. This complex act was to be implemented in all states in October and deserves awareness and monitoring by NCFR members interested in families and children.

The second part of the "New Deal" for children was also in the Family Support Act. The FSA provides for transitional child care benefits on a sliding scale and the continuation of Medicaid for parents for one year for those who were able to join the ranks of the working poor and get off AFDC. The transitional aspect created a "cliff" at the end of the 12-month period if a worker's income was not sufficient to pay for child care, and the new employer did not pay health benefits. The new child care provisions in the Budget Reconciliation Bill are to coordinate with this transitional care to keep the parents working.

Theoretically, these three programs provide a continuum of support for working poor families with children, but since some programs are capped by given dollar amounts, there may be insufficient funds for all who need them. For child care operators, there will be the complexity of looking to these three (and perhaps many more) different streams for funding poor children in their care.

Although the largest number of AFDC recipients are in female-headed families, the importance of the two-parent family is recognized in that father support is to be required, and one parent is to take the job training if there are two present. The two-parent family as the best environment for the raising of children is now an important topic of policy discussion.

What about non-poor children? With the lack of federal action for so long on family issues, businesses are beginning to understand that they will have to take action in order to preserve the bottom line and get competent workers. More and more, news about family support and child

care can be found in the business section of the paper. Here in Washington, two recent articles with headline status on the business page were: "Taking a First Step Toward Child Care: Firms begin answering cry for centers" and "More Men Taking the Daddy Track: Fathers combining careers, children." Both men and women workers are taking advantage of child care options when it is provided by business, but it is unusual for a father to take the stay-at-home father-track when he is the only provider. Once again, the two-parent family has the most options to provide both support and care.

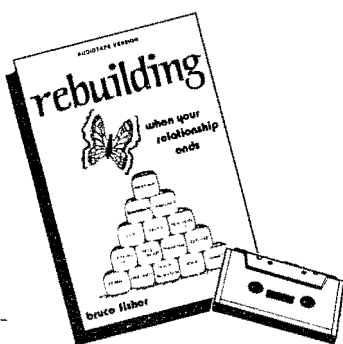
While not many men are taking their turn at child care, more are and even more, when surveyed, say they would like the option of part-time work so that they could. It is only when women are working at good jobs that men can afford to take the child care option. Finally, the ideal of the women's movement—that women would have options to participate in the wider world and men would share in the work of the home—is becoming more of a reality for larger numbers of families. However, with the realization of the ideal, has come problems for families and for children.

Brad Edmondson, in *American Demographics* magazine reports that "Americans...see the changes wrought by the women's movement as a mixed blessing...More than three quarters (76 percent) say it is now harder for marriages to be successful, and two thirds (66 percent) say that it is now harder for women to combine jobs and family. But a majority (56 percent) also agree that the women's movement has made it easier for women to lead more satisfying lives.. The same article showed that 82 percent of all adults agree that the women's movement has made it harder for parents to raise children.

Is it the women's movement, or is it the economic system? Who should take responsibility for making the job easier for parents? Perhaps it really is business which should rally to the task of being more family-friendly and provide, on a voluntary basis, the flexible work hours, medical leave, on-site child care or referrals, and the other supports families need. If this is the direction we

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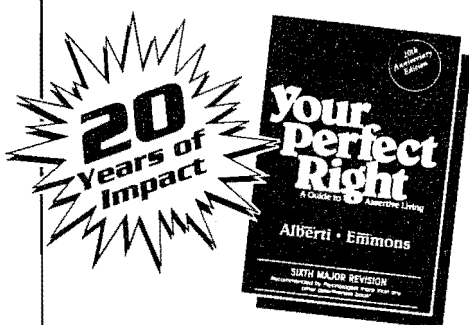
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FRD staff leaving



Rocky Ralebipi
FRD Director

Effective December 31, 1990, staff of the Family Resources Database (FRD) will leave their jobs at NCFR to seek out new employment. The first staff to leave

will be Dr. Rocky Ralebipi, FRD director. Other production staff will follow as soon as the transfer of the IMFL is complete and the computer programs are in place. NCFR staff, the Board of Directors, and members extend their appreciation to Dr. Ralebipi for her seven years of outstanding service first as a graduate student indexer/abstractor and subsequently as the database director. Her accomplishments include editing, producing and marketing Volumes 13, 14, and 15 of the **Inventory of Marriage and Family Literature**, editing and producing the **User Guide to FRD**, researching and writing the Family Resources section of **Family Relations**, and writing numerous articles on the database for online newsletters published by major international database vendors. Dr. Ralebipi currently teaches information systems at the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul, MN.



Congratulations!

John Conger presented the Distinguished Service to Families Award to Evelyn Rooks-Weir who accepted for the winner, Jack Levine. The Award is presented annually for exceptional leadership and service to the cause of better family living.--Photo by Wally Goddard.

Civil rights laws include disabled

The "Americans with Disabilities Act," offering civil rights protections for 43 million Americans with disabilities, prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities whether in employment, programs or activities of a State or local government, public accommodations, transportation and telecommunications. The protections are now consistent with other federal civil rights laws long on the books.

According to George Miller, chair of the Select Committee on Children, Youth, and Families, "...this law offers new opportunities for families with disabled children to play and live together as families. Most importantly, this legislation will mean that more children will be mainstreamed in life events that exist beyond school and beyond federally funded buildings. Children with disabilities will now have equal access to playgrounds and amusement parks, sports events and movie theaters, and many more daily childhood activities."

Employers with fewer than 25 employees will be exempted initially, and transportation authorities are granted reasonable amounts of time to make appropriate accommodations.

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have to go, can NCFR researchers and practitioners provide some of the evaluation needed? Can NCFR members provide the documentation when advocates go to businesses for changes in work rules which would benefit workers and children? And could NCFR members take the lead in developing these policies for their own work places--including the universities?

Back in Washington the activist groups will reorganize and try once again to get the Family and Medical Leave Bill passed, this time with a larger margin to be veto-proof. Since there are few changes in the make-up of Congress, it is unclear

what new opportunities there are, but the attempts to promote the interests of children and families will continue.

The reorganized Policy Committee of NCFR, with Roger Rubin as our new Policy Vice President, will be meeting to decide on an agenda for our advocacy efforts. We hope the COFO data project to improve the accessibility of federal statistics on the family will be implemented next year. It is NCFR's turn to chair the COFO group, and we hope this can be accomplished with the close cooperation of Mary Jo Czaplewski and the NCFR staff. Margaret Feldman NCFR Washington Representative

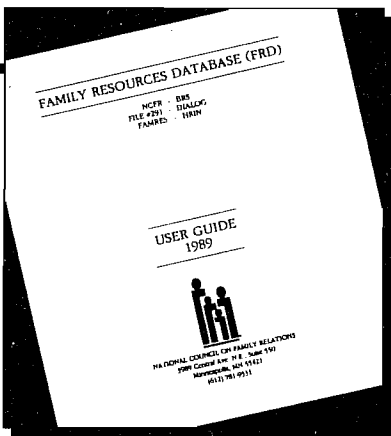
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1990 program vice president thanks many who helped

The great NCFR days in Seattle for 1990 have passed. It was a wonderful conference. Thanks to all who helped in every way to make it both a professionally and personally rewarding experience. A special thanks to all Section chairs who reviewed, scheduled and coordinated all the detailed portions of the program. Thank you to Glenna Boyce who directed the round table sessions and to Margaret Young who provided leadership for the poster sessions.

Total attendance at the conference was 996, and all plenary sessions and special lectures were well-attended. I sensed that the plenary sessions were particularly good this year. They were thought-provoking, challenging, informative, and keyed to the multiple facets of the conference theme, "Children and Their Families."

A very special thanks to all the good people in the Northwest who helped with local arrangements and housing. Ken Barber and Ruth Komarniski deserve thanks from all attendees for their work as co-chairs of Local Arrangements.

It seemed that people were vitally interested in issues and topics presented this year. In addition, I believe that people care deeply about the structure and mission of NCFR. It was very gratifying to hear people speak up and out for various issues, to raise good questions, and provide many creative and useful ideas on how Sections, annual conferences, and the structure of NCFR can better fill the needs of all members. I feel more committed, and I would like to do a better job in the future. I sensed that people were willing to work hard for the future of NCFR.

I would like to thank Cindy Winter, conference coordinator, for her special skills, good sense of history, and good common sense. She does much to make the annual program a successful and happy event. In terms of the conference program committee, we also thank Jan Hogan, NCFR 1989-90 president, for her good leadership and program support during this past year.

Finally, we are serious about providing program evaluation to those who participated. Additional efforts were made this year to provide opportunity for all parts of the conference to be evaluated. Please return your completed forms to Cindy at NCFR headquarters, and we will provide feedback.

We are interested in observations about the theme, plenary speakers, master lectures, special events, regular sessions, poster and round table sessions, and other aspects of the program.

How did you like the numbered sessions? This is the first year that each part was assigned a number from 1 to 424. Was it helpful?

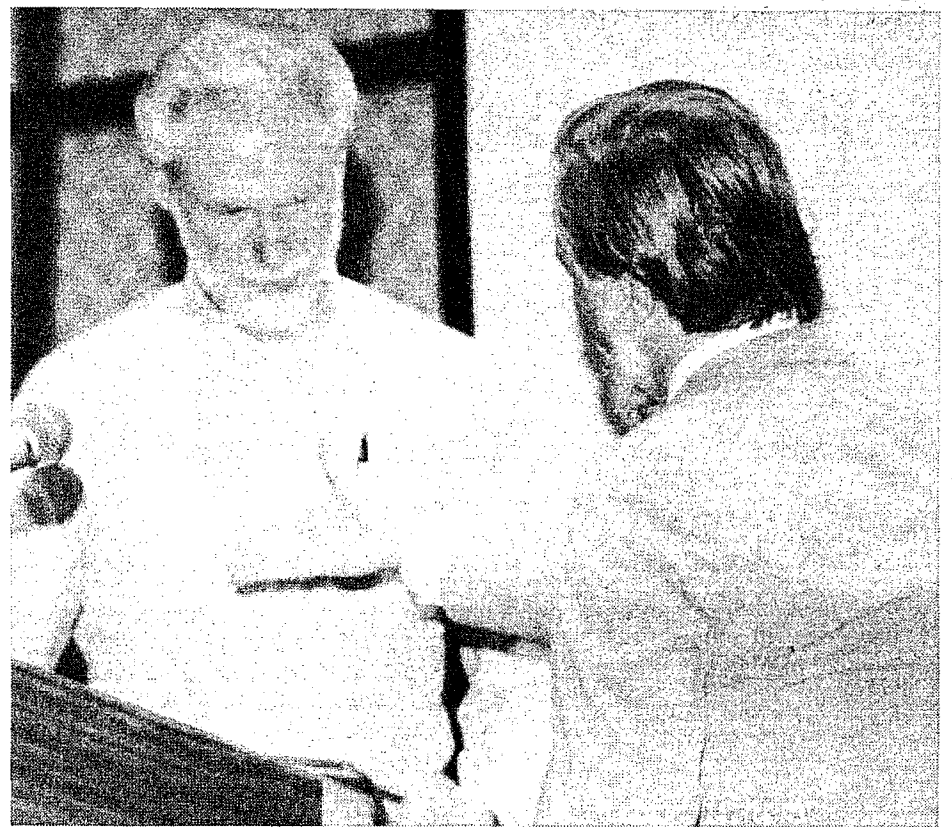
We also increased the number of poster and round table sessions, but actually reduced the number of presenters in the regular sessions. Give us your feedback.

Again, thanks to all for the 1990 program, and may happy holidays come to each of you.

Jay D. Schvaneveldt
1990 program vice-president

Meeting

Association for Death Education and Counseling 13th annual conference, April 26-28, 1991, Duluth, MN. Contact: Doris Bass, Dept. ER, 10852 N. Kendall Dr., No. 408, Miami, FL 33176; 305-274-2965.



Section Winner

Tony Jurich, right, chair of NCFR's Family Therapy Section, presented the Section Award to Robert Ryder during the annual conference.--Photo by Wally Goddard.

Directory lists internships

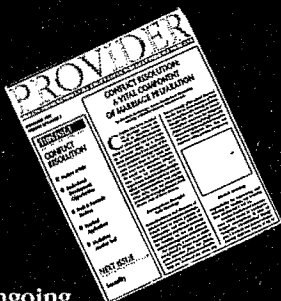
This year the American Mental Health Counselor Association is printing and distributing nationally a new expanded edition of a generic, non-specialty directory of undergraduate internships in human services agencies and institutions. The directory includes bachelor's and master's, as well as doctoral level internships. It is available at cost, as a service project; and is now in use at many colleges and universities throughout the nation. The directory is an invaluable reference for students in such majors as social work, psychology, criminal justice,

special education, counseling, and allied human services.

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Feminist Issues

Panelists for "The History, Struggle, and Development of Women in Academe and Feminist Research," the special benefit for the Jessie Bernard Endowment Fund of the Feminism and Family Studies Section were, from left, Matilda White Riley, Jessie Bernard, Harriet Presser (moderator), and Helena Z. Lopata.--Photo by Wally Goddard.



Jessie Bernard, left, received a special award from Polly Fassinger in observance of Bernard's career dedication to feminist studies. NCFR's Feminism and Family Studies Section has organized the Jessie Bernard Endowment Fund.--Photo by Wally Goddard.

Facts, problems shared on U.S. children

AMERICA'S CHILDREN

Every American should know certain basic facts about America's 63 million children and understand how the problems revealed in those facts endanger America's children and the nation's future.

1. Because of demographic changes, America faces a future in which children and young workers will be a shrinking share of the population. *In the year 2000 there will be 4.1 million fewer Americans in the young adult age group (18 to 24) entering the work force than there were in the mid-1980s, a decline of 14 percent.*

2. A growing share of this shrinking work force will be minority. *In the year 2000 nearly one-third of the nation's 18-to 24 year-olds will be from minority groups, compared with less than one-quarter in 1985.*

3. While we need every individual in this shrinking future work force to be a productive worker, we are subverting the attainment of that goal by consigning a growing number of children to poverty. *Between 1979 and 1988 the proportion of American children living in poverty grew by 23 percent. One in five American children lives in poverty, a rate much higher than is typical in other western democracies. If recent trends continue, by the year 2000 one in four will be living in poverty.*

4. American children's health and development are threatened as well by lack of health insurance and lack of access to health care. *More than 12 million children and more than 14 million women of childbearing age have no health insurance.*

5. The lack of access to health care is reflected in the worsening or stagnation during the 1980s of many key health indicators. *After many years of substantial progress, our nation's improvement in the rates of early prenatal care, low birthweight births, and infant mortality has slowed down dramatically or stopped. Immunization rates actually have declined. The United States has slipped to nineteenth in the world in preventing infant deaths, behind such nations as Spain, Ireland, Hong Kong, and Singapore.*

6. The earnings of men younger than 30 have dropped sharply since 1973. When young men make very low wages, young couples are far less likely to get married. *Since 1973 young men's marriage rates have declined by one-third, and the proportion of births that were out of wedlock doubled. As young workers' earnings declined and more single-parent families developed, median incomes for young families with children dropped by 24 percent from 1973 to 1987, even though many more women entered the work force. Just 29 percent of American children now live in "traditional" families in which fathers work for wages and mothers care for children at home.*

7. *One half of preschool-age children today have mothers employed outside the home. By the year 2000 that figure will rise to nearly seven in 10. But our nation barely has begun to adapt to the dramatically expanding need for safe, accessible, affordable child care. Head Start serves fewer than one in five eligible children, and the other longstanding source of direct child care assistance for poor families, Title XX, in 1981 lost its direction that states have quality standards. Title XX also has withered in scope over the past dozen years (it now is funded at levels less than half those of 1977, adjusted for inflation), while the number of preschool children in poverty soared.*

8. Our schools are failing. Many of them, and especially those serving poor and minority children, are simply not good enough to prepare our children for the demands of the twenty-first century. *One-half million children drop out of school in the United States each year. Poor teenagers are three times more likely than other teens to drop out and are four times more likely to have below-average basic skills.*

9. Between 1979 and 1986 there was a 66 percent increase in the reported number of cases in which children were endangered by abuse or neglect. *In 1986, 2.2 million children were reported abused, neglected, or both.*

10. The fastest growing segment of the homeless population in America is families with children. *Every night an estimated 100,000 children go to sleep homeless. The National Conference of Mayors reports that one in four homeless people in their cities is a child.*

11. The U.S. teen pregnancy rate is twice as high as that of other industrialized countries. *Two in every five American girls get pregnant and one in every five American girls bears a child before the age of 20. The vast majority aren't married. Much of this has to do with poverty and lack of achievement; regardless of race, teens with below-average academic skills and from poor families are about five to seven times more likely to be parents than are teens with solid skills and from nonpoor families.*

12. As families with children have struggled against this rising tide of poverty, out-of-wedlock births, single parenthood, lack of health insurance, homelessness and bad housing, lack of quality child care, and inadequate schools, many sources of public help, especially at the national level, have shrunk. *low-income housing assistance is down 76 percent (adjusted for inflation) since 1980; federal help for elementary and secondary education is down 22.4 percent from 1979; the AFDC grant for subsistence in a median state has fallen by 37 percent since 1970; and the main federal program to place doctors in underserved areas of the country has lost more than 90 percent of its doctors.--Children's Defense Fund, 122 C St., NW, Washington, DC 20001.*

Child care, tax credits part of Reconciliation Act

I. Grants to States

Entitlement Funding for Child Care Services

States will receive a total of \$800 million per year (\$1.5 billion over five years) beginning in fiscal year 1991 to provide child care to families who need such care in order to work and would otherwise be at risk of becoming dependent on AFDC. Child care providers receiving funds would have to be licensed, regulated or registered, except that no requirements would apply to care provided solely to family members. In addition \$50 million per year beginning in fiscal year 1992 has been authorized (but not yet appropriated) to improve standards, monitor compliance with State standards, and provide training to providers. Half of these funds would be used for training.

II. Tax Credits to Families

1. Expansion of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) for Low-Income Working Families with Children

a. Basic Credit - Substantially increases the value of the earned income tax credit, which is an income subsidy for working families struggling to make ends meet, beginning in 1991. Also adjusts the credit for two family sizes. The projected

maximum EITC in 1994 would be \$1,852 for a family with one child and \$2,013 for a family with two or more children, compared with \$1,127 under current law for all family sizes. In addition, includes provisions designed to simplify administration of the credit. Equals \$12.4 billion over five years.

b. Supplemental Credit for Newborns - Provides an additional credit to families with a child under age 1, beginning in 1991. The projected maximum credit for newborns would be \$403 in 1994. Budget cost equals \$.7 billion over five years. Eligible families could claim the supplemental credit or the dependent care tax credit, but not both.

2. New Tax Credit for Health Insurance Premiums for Families with Children

A refundable tax credit would be available beginning in 1991 to cover certain health insurance expenses of families with children. The projected maximum would be \$483 in fiscal year 1994. Budget cost equals \$5.2 billion over five years.

Total cost: \$19 billion over the five-year budget period.

See related article on page 20

Fact or myth: 1991 program format explained

The 1991 NCFR annual conference focusing on "Families and Poverty," will be held in Denver, CO, from November 17-20 at the Radisson Hotel. I am pleased to announce the following plenary speakers:

- **Michael B. Katz**, University of Pennsylvania. Professor Katz is an historian who has written extensively on the development of the underclass in America. His most recent book is *The Undeserving Poor*.

- **Frances Fox Piven**, City University of New York. Professor Piven, a political scientist, is a recognized authority on the poor as a disenfranchised social group.

- **William Julius Wilson**, University of Chicago. Professor Wilson is a sociologist and past-president of the American Sociological Association. He has written widely on the "truly disadvantaged."

In future issues of *NCFR Report*, you will learn more about these distinguished speakers.

Just a reminder: The "Call for Papers" for the 1991 annual conference appears in this issue of *NCFR Report* as well as on pages 65-70 in the 1990 Conference Program. I would like to clarify the following 1991 program changes:

- Individuals who register for the conference will receive in their registration packets a copy of all abstracts of presented papers; that is, the abstracts will be published.

- In the "Call," individuals are formally invited to submit proposals for symposia; these proposals should include designated presiders and discussants. The symposium format provides an opportunity for individuals to present papers. Read the symposia section in your Call for Papers.

- The number of presentations in display format (posters) will be increased significantly as a solution to past problems of an over-crowded program, persistent dissatisfaction with paper sessions, and an increasing number of high quality submissions.

- For the first time, presentations in a display format will be grouped with others addressing similar topics (e.g., paid work and family life; impact of divorce on children, etc.), increasing the possibility of discussion with and feedback to the author(s) and maximizing the likelihood of networking.

A number of misconceptions have risen as a result of the program changes. Each of them is identified and addressed below:

- **Myth:** There is no opportunity to orally present a paper at the meeting. This is NOT true. The way to present a paper orally is to orally propose, with several of your colleagues, a symposium. Instructions for how to do so are detailed in the "1991 Call."

- **Myth:** Section Chairs will no longer have the authority to decide what abstracts are accepted for presentation. This is NOT true. The decision regarding



Alexis Walker
1991 Program Chair

acceptance or rejection continues to reside with Section Chairs.

- **Myth:** Section identity will disappear (or be minimized significantly) as a result of the new format. This concern is unwarranted. First, submissions must be made through Sections, and Sections make the decision regarding acceptance. Second, we will continue to indicate in the program, the Section represented by papers in a particular session.

- **Myth:** Students and New Professionals will be at a disadvantage with the new format. This also is NOT true. Section Chairs are eager to include the work of students and new professionals among those accepted by the Sections. Section Chairs have indicated that they will give particular attention to representing these two groups in both display and symposia formats.

- **Myth:** There will no longer be a Resource Exchange sponsored by the Education and Enrichment Section. This is NOT true. There is a resource exchange session built into the 1991 program.

- **Myth:** There will no longer be a Workshop sponsored by the Family Therapy section. This also is NOT true. There is a Therapy Workshop built into the 1991 program.

- **Myth:** There will be no way to get on the program as a presider. This is NOT true. Individuals may submit their names as presiders through the symposium format. In addition, presiders and recorders will be appointed for each display presentation session.

- **Myth:** NCFR doesn't value display presentations. This is NOT true. NCFR will be making a number of significant changes that will enhance the professional quality of the display format:

- Display presentations will be grouped according to topic.

- Display presentations will not be in competition with other presentation formats (except in the instance of one Resource Exchange Session and one Therapy Workshop).

- Each individual display will have chairs available for presenters and individuals who wish to sit while they pursue lengthy discussions with authors. In addition, there will be

sufficient space between presentations to permit free flow of traffic as well as small group discussions.

- **Myth:** Some individuals don't know how to put together a professional display presentation. This statement has some accuracy. We hope to minimize this problem with explicit, helpful instructions. Along with the letter of acceptance, NCFR will provide thorough guidelines for developing a professional-looking display. Included will be photographs of outstanding examples from the 1990 annual conference.

- **Myth:** Individuals will not be able to get support from their employer if they are presenting a "poster" as opposed to a "paper." While there is still a slim possibility that this could happen, we have minimized its likelihood with the following steps:

- Throughout our formal documents, including the letter of acceptance and the "Call," we refer to "posters" as "presentations" or "papers." We encourage submitters to use this language with their employers.

- All display presentations are preferred, as are symposia. From the point of view of NCFR, since both are reviewed, both have equal professional value.

- We require individuals delivering a display presentation to bring copies of completed papers for distribution. Thus, display presentations represent completed work.

- **Myth:** Only a presentation with a narrow research focus

will be accepted. This is NOT true. Presentations are encouraged that report on research, program evaluation, policy analysis, and innovative programming related to the conference theme.

- A number of highly respected professional organizations (e.g., the American Psychological Association, the Society for Research in Child Development, the Society for the Study of Social Problems, the Gerontological Society of America, etc.) successfully devote considerable portions of their program to display format. Thus, the format is a widely accepted and valued vehicle for presentation.

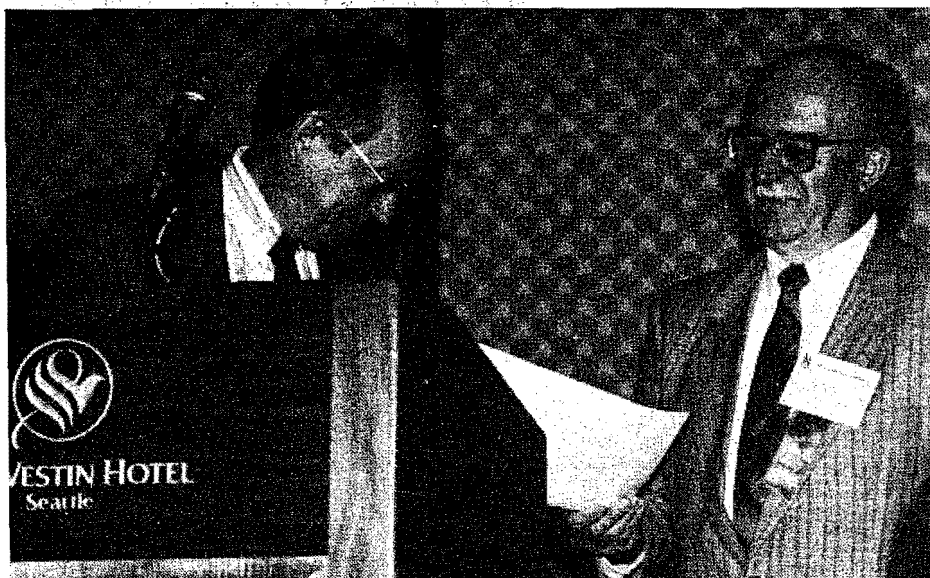
- Published abstracts, while not valued in many academic circles, are considered to be important vehicles of dissemination by some. Thus, it is possible that the published abstract will be viewed as a better avenue for dissemination than presentation alone. (NOTE: There is disagreement among academic units regarding the value of published abstracts. NCFR does not take a stand regarding whether the abstract should be considered a publication. Instead, it sees the published abstracts, which will include complete addresses of authors, as a way to help conference attendees decide which papers to pursue at the conference and provides information for interested persons to contact the authors directly.

See 1991 Call,
on page 12



Award Winner

Richard Gelles, Burgess Award Committee chair, presented the 1990 Burgess Award to Helena Z. Lopata of Northwestern University. The Award is presented to an individual who has shown a distinguished career in the field of family research and scholarship. Photo by Wally Goddard.



Honored by Focus group

Britton Wood, left, presented an award from the Marriage and Family Enrichment Focus Group of the Education and Enrichment Section to Edward Bader CFLE of the University of Toronto in Canada.--Photo by Bob Keim.



Student Winner

This year's winner of the Feminism and Family Studies Section student/new professional paper award for "Outstanding Research Proposal from a Feminist Perspective," was Michelle Clossick, left. The presentation was made by Jessie Bernard. Not pictured is Nzali Kibria, University of Southern CA winner of the Section's "Outstanding Contribution to Feminist Scholarship" award.--Photo by Wally Goddard.

Affiliates share ideas, activities

These are not times of complete harmony within NCFR. Upon my return from the annual conference in Seattle, I found myself processing the turmoil within NCFR in the context of turmoil in the world.

At the University where I work, faculty and administration are struggling (sometimes together; sometimes with each other) over the gloomy fiscal outlook and resulting reallocation and retrenchment. At my children's schools, there are similar struggles--limited dollars for needed classroom space, subjected to citizen concerns over rising taxes. Then, there is the Midwest--certainly a struggle that makes all others pale in comparison.

The common denominator in these layers of struggle and turmoil seems to be: lack of adequate resources to do or have all that we want and need. No big revelation! As social scientists, we know the significance of resource supply and demand, and the resulting spin that takes for human relationships.

As president of the Association of Councils of NCFR, I urge members in local, state, regional, and international affiliates to bear with NCFR during these times of resource struggle and organizational turmoil. The conference in Seattle provided an arena for some healthy debate and dialogue, which should and will continue for some time.

Seattle was also a setting for some not-so-healthy interactions about issues and between people. The fear of a "we/they" mentality, as expressed by former Association of Councils president Marilyn Flick, may not have been entirely eliminated. I hope that as we move into 1991, we can work together to solve the problems that come with limited resources and, in the process, preserve organizational integrity and harmony.

I look forward to working with presidents of affiliates to arrive at the compromises and conclusions needed to meet that goal. I believe that can happen in NCFR, within my university, and in my school district.

Global relations--I'm not sure!
Jeanne Markell
President
NCFR Association of Councils

Michigan

The MI Council on Family Relations and MI Home Economics Association will hold a joint meeting April 22, 1991, at the University Holiday Inn, E. Lansing, MI.

Cassandra Lacross was named the 1990 student award recipient, with Caroline Scorpio as honorable mention.

Lacross is a senior at Central MI University and has supervised emotionally, physically and sexually abused children at Eagle Village near Hersey, MI, tutored delinquent youths as part of their probate court sentencing for the Isabella County Probate Court, and has been an on-call counselor for crisis intervention with the Women's Aid Service in Mt. Pleasant.

Scorpio is a senior at Andrews University, has been a teachers' assistant with severely mentally and physically handicapped students and spent a year in Spain to better communicate with Hispanic children in the Migrant Education Program.

The Distinguished Service to Families in MI was awarded to Sally McCoy, a community volunteer in the Lansing-E. Lansing area.

As volunteer coordinator at E. Lansing High School for the past six years, she has recruited and coordinated 75 volunteers twice a year to set up parent-teacher conferences. As district co-chair of the Headless Override election, she organized and directed a campaign involving hundreds of people. As president of the Glencairn School parent Council, she led the effort to make a smooth transition of a closed school to Glencairn.

McCoy obtained money for and planned the landscaping project that won the "1986 Distinguished Service Certificate" from Keep Michigan Beautiful Inc. She is a member of the Council of Elders and chair of the Christian Education Commission at People Church in E. Lansing.

Minnesota

Theme for the December 7, 1990, meeting of the MN Council on Family Relations was "Family Values in a Changing World."

The conference allowed participants to gain insight into the definition and purpose of values in the lives of individuals and families, to examine how values are taught, learned, and reformulated within the family, and to develop

understanding and skills to help family members address issues associated with values.

A variety of workshops were offered. The keynote speaker was Dr. David Blankenhorn, president of the Institute for American Values, a private, non-profit organization devoted to research, publication, and education on major issues of family well-being and family policy.

The annual spring conference of the MN Council, the MN Home Economics Association, and the Vocational Education Human Development Studies Network will be March 8, 1991. "Hope for Tomorrow: Renewing Dreams and Empowering Families," will be the theme.

Moncrief Cochran, association professor and coordinator of the Empowerment and Family Support Project at Cornell University, will deliver the keynote address.

Among the highlights of the fourth "Conference on the Family" held by the OH Council on Family Relations was the plenary address by Eleanor Macklin, Ph.D., on "AIDS and the Family."

Paper sessions, symposia and poster presentations focused on other challenges families face in the 1990s, including consequences of marital instability, parental employment and family life, adolescent sexuality, adolescent runaways, teen pregnancy, intergenerational caregiving, and relationship maintenance in African-American families.

More than 40 refereed presentations were given during the October conference. Calls for papers for the 1991 meeting will appear in later issues of **REPORT**.

Persons interested in joining the Ohio Council or obtaining more information about the 1991 conference should contact Tim Brubaker, Miami University, Oxford, OH 45056; 513-529-4909.

Southeastern

"Positive Family Relationships: Child Care Challenges," is the theme of the 1991 annual meeting of the Southeastern and Florida Councils on Family Relations. The program will reflect the critical issues currently facing working parents and their children, child care providers and schools, employers and family and children's service providers.

The meeting will be held February 27 through March 1 at the Ramada Hotel Resort, Florida Center in Orlando. Conference registration is \$80 and includes

one copy of the proceedings, reception, luncheon, brunch, and break refreshments. After February 13, 1991, late registration is \$100. Fulltime students may attend for \$60. Identification is required.

Contact Dr. Suzanna Smith, 3041 McCarty Hall, University of FL, 130 IFAS, Gainesville, FL 32611-0130; 904-392-2202 for more information.

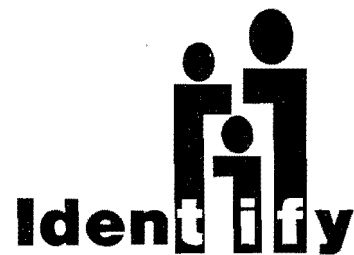
Abstract deadline for submissions was November 1, 1990.

1991 Call, from page 11

At the annual conference in Seattle, many individuals stopped me to say how pleased they were with the proposed program changes, and how excited they were about the conference theme. I share that excitement and enthusiasm. I am especially pleased because we will be able to offer you improved services at the 1991 conference at the same registration fee charged this year.

I hope I have addressed to your satisfaction any remaining areas of concern you might have. If not, please contact me directly by mail: Alexis Walker, HDFS/Milam 322, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR, 97331, by phone: 503-737-1083, or by BITNET: WALKERA@ORSTVM. I'm looking forward to seeing you in Denver!

Alexis Walker
1991 Program Vice President



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S/NP report

Student input needed



Patricia H. Dyk
S/NP Representative

Attention Students & New Professionals

I enjoyed meeting many of you at the conference in Seattle. I hope you took advantage of opportunities to attend several thought-provoking sessions and establish networks with other family professionals. Terri Heath, S/NP rep-elect, and I look forward to a productive year on the Board and want to be sure you are aware of ways you can become integrated members of NCFR.

S/NP Opportunities

There are many opportunities for students and new professionals to become involved in NCFR. Attending the annual conference is one of the best ways to meet other professionals interested in your area of teaching, research, or application. There are openings for S/NP representatives in several sections (i.e. Family & Health, Family Policy, Research & Theory). If you would like to develop networks with others in your field, take the step to immediately complete and return the Student Interest Questionnaire printed in this issue.

S/NP Rep Election

If you would like to be a candidate for Student/New Professional Representative-Elect to the Board of Directors for 1991-92 or to find out more about this position, please mail a letter of interest and a copy of your vita/resume to Patricia Dyk postmarked by **January 4, 1991**.

Thanks

We wish to express our appreciation to Dr. Norma Bond Burgess, outgoing S/NP Rep, for all her work during a year when Board responsibilities were challenging. Thanks are due her for arranging student housing, chairing the Student Award Committee and insuring student representation on committees and in Sections.



Terri Heath
S/NP Representative-elect

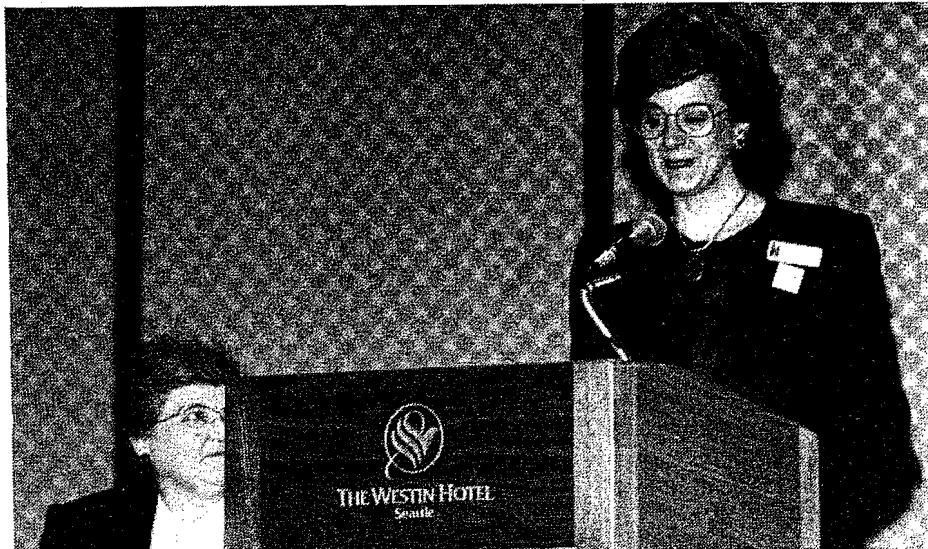
Call for Papers

The 1991 S/NP Skills Exchange will focus on grant writing and funding options for students and new professionals. We are looking for 3-4 presentations of 15 minutes each that offer ways to find and secure financial support for study and research. If you have had experience obtaining a fellowship, an external or internal grant, or pre-doctoral or post-doctoral fellowship, consider sharing your expertise with students and new professionals in Denver. Use the Call for Papers and Application in this issue and indicate your submission is for the S/NP Skills Exchange.

To Be or Not To Be?

This is the question: Should students and new professionals become a Section of NCFR? One of the provisions of the Strategic Plan passed by the Board last April, but not fully implemented partly due to the vote against the Constitutional changes, was the creation of a Student/New Professionals Section. Other Sections are organized by interest area with a \$5 membership fee. (See page 4 of Call for Papers for Section descriptions.) Section chairs are members of the Board. Currently students (undergraduate and graduate) and new professionals (in the first five years following their degree) have a representative on the Board. One of my tasks this year as S/NP Rep will be to gather input from NCFR members about the formation and viability of a S/NP Section. I will be contacting previous S/NP Reps directly. However, I would appreciate any questions or feedback from other student/new professionals. Please call or write me.

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New President

Jan Hogan, left, 1989-90 NCFR president, welcomed the new president, Lynda Henley Walters, to the podium during the annual conference. Dr. Walters is an associate dean at the University of GA.-
-Photo by Wally Goddard.

Teaching Family Science meeting

"I leave this conference feeling stimulated and excited about my work. The time never drags. This is an exciting group."

Participants in the Teaching Family Science Conference unanimously rave about this small and very informative event. Information on families, techniques to use in helping students understand and integrate knowledge, and exercises to keep classes interesting are some of the souvenirs which conference participants take home.

The 1991 Teaching Family Science Conference will be held on May 17-19 in Ft. Worth, TX. It is co-sponsored by the School of Social Work at the University of TX at Arlington and by the Family Discipline and Education and Enrichment Sections of the National Council on Family Relations. This workshop is open to all who teach about families at any level -- university, secondary or elementary schools, extension work, recreation center or church classes. Because this is a working conference, participants as well as presenters are strongly encouraged to bring copies of

materials, i.e., classroom activities, handouts, syllabi, etc. to be shared with other attendees.

Proposals for presentations will be accepted until **March 1, 1991**. They can be sent to Kathleen R. Gilbert, Department of Applied Health Science, HPER 116, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN 47405. If you wish, you may submit your proposal via Bitnet to: GILBERTK@IUBACS.BITNET

Use of a retreat center (the Renewal Center of North Texas) has enabled us to keep conference costs extremely low. Room and meals along with conference costs extremely low. Room and meals along with conference registration is only \$80; \$60 for students. Other accommodations are also available. **The deadline for registration is April 1.**

For more information, or to register, write or call: Peggy Quinn, 232 Westview Terrace, Arlington, TX 76013, (817) 460-5323, or Kathleen Gilbert, Department of Applied Health Science, HPER 116, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN 47405.

STUDENT/NEW PROFESSIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: (Office) _____ (Home) _____

☐ I would like information about running for Student/New Professional Representative to Board of Directors

Are you planning to attend the 1991 Annual Conference in Denver?
____ Yes ____ No

Would you like to participate in the 1991 program? If so, indicate your interests.

- ☐ Student/New Professional Representative to Sections/Committees (Section: _____)
- ☐ Skills Exchange
- ☐ Display Presentation Presider (area: _____)
See page 4 of Call for Papers
- ☐ Annual conference student volunteer (8 hours in return for free conference registration)
- ☐ Helping with student-sponsored party
- ☐ Other

Return questionnaire (at once) to:
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500 Garrigus Bldg.
Univ. of Kentucky
Lexington, KY 40546-0215

Nominating letter should be postmarked by April 30, 1991

For more information, call Tricia at 606-257-3228.

Classified Ads

Oregon State University invites applications for Program Director of Women Studies with opportunity for joint appointment in another discipline. The position is tenure-track, rank and salary commensurate with qualifications. Submit letter detailing interest in the position, curriculum vitae, and names, addresses and telephone numbers of four references to Bess Beatty, History Department, Milam 306, OR State University, Corvallis, OR 97331-5104 by January 14, 1991. OSU is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer and complies with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and has a policy of being responsive to the needs of dual-career couples.

Family Studies. Associate or Assistant Professor, tenure-track, beginning August 1, 1991. Possibility of 12 months if appointed as Director of Family Research Center. Advise and teach undergraduate and graduates, Family Interaction, Family Theory, Family Research and Assessment. Develop active research and seek external funding. doctorate in family science or related field. Interdisciplinary approach. Apply by January 30, 1991, or until position filled. Send letter of interest and curriculum vitae. Have three letters of reference sent to Rebecca Smith, Department of Child Development and Family Relations, University of NC at Greensboro, Greensboro, NC 27412 (919/334-5307). UNCG is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. Minorities and women are urged to apply.

The University of Iowa, Division of Counselor Education, is seeking applications for a tenure-track position at the Assistant/Associate Professor level with emphasis on Marital and Family Therapy. The starting date is August, 1991.

Responsibilities: The individual would be expected to teach courses in Marital and Family Therapy and Counselor Education, advise graduate students, direct student research, supervise practicum and internship experiences, and conduct research which culminates in publications.

Qualifications: Applicant needs a doctorate with preparation and experience in Marital and Family Therapy. In addition, strongly preferred are clinical membership in AAMFT, considerable progress toward supervisory status in AAMFT, ability to supervise practicum and internship experiences, evidence in research productivity. The program is preparing for AAMFT accreditation. Minorities and women are strongly encouraged to apply.

Send a letter of application, curriculum vitae, graduate transcripts, sample of scholarly productivity, and three letters of recommendation to: Volker Thomas, Ph.D., Chair MFT Search Committee, The University of IA, Counselor Education, N354 Lindquist Center, Iowa City, IA 52242. Screening of applications will begin January, 1991. We will continue to accept applications until the position is filled.

The University of Iowa is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer. Applications from women and minorities are strongly encouraged.

Family Relations/Child Development: Assistant Professor Tenure-Track position to begin Fall, 1991. Doctorate preferred. Application Deadline: February 1, 1991, or until position is filled, but no later than August 1, 1991. Contact: Dr. E. Audrey Clark, Chair, Department of Home Economics,

California State University, Northridge, Northridge, CA 91330, an equal employment opportunity/affirmative action Title IX, Section 504 institution.

Individual/Family Studies & Gerontology, Assistant Professor, Kent State University invites applications for a nine-month, tenure-track appointment commencing August 19, 1991. Summer teaching and research appointment are available. Responsibilities include teaching graduate and undergraduate courses in gerontology and family studies, committee assignments, quality student advising, directing of masters theses, personnel and interdisciplinary research. Qualifications: Ph.D. required, university teaching experience preferred. Review of candidates will commence on January 15, 1991 and continue until position is filled. Submit letter of application, vita, transcripts and three letters of recommendations to: Donna Lambert, Ph.D., Chair I/FS&G Search Committee, School of Family & Consumer Studies, Kent State University, Kent, OH 44242. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER.

Assistant/Associate Professor, Human Development. The Department of Human Development and Family Studies invites applications for a tenure-track position beginning Fall, 1991. Preference will be given to applicants with research interests in development during infancy and/or childhood and a focus on cognitive development. The Department maintains The Child Development Research Center which provides a range of research opportunities. Evidence of strong research and funding record/potential is essential. Deadline is January 15, 1991, or until position is filled. Send vita and at least three letters of recommendation to Dr. Joyce Munsch, Chair, Search Committee, Department of Human Development and Family Studies, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX 79409. Women and minorities are especially encouraged to apply.

Assistant/Associate Professor, Marriage and Family Therapy. Tenure-track faculty position in AAMFT accredited MFT doctoral program at Texas Tech University for Fall, 1991. Position involves teaching, research and clinical supervision. Strong family therapy research and funding potential essential. AAMFT Clinical Membership and Approved Supervisor designation preferred. Position deadline is January 15, 1991. Send vita and three letters of recommendation to Dr. Karen S. Wampler, Chair of Search Committee, Human Development and Family Studies, TX Tech University, Box 4170, Lubbock, TX 79409. Women and minorities are especially encouraged to apply.

Assistant Professor of Family Studies, Department of Family Resources and Human Development, Arizona State University. Tenure-track, fiscal year appointment for the first three years, available July 1, 1991. Ph.D. in Family Studies or closely related area with specialization in Family Therapy. AAMFT Clinical membership required; preference given for approved supervisory status. 3/4 time research appointment and summer research salary for first 3 years. Teaching and advising undergraduate and graduate students, directing masters' theses, publishing research in professional journals. Potential for obtaining external funding. Salary dependent on qualifications. Send vita, publications/conference papers, undergraduate and graduate transcripts, and three letters of

recommendation to: Dr. Mark Roosa, Chair, Search Committee, Family Resources and Human Development, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ 85287-2502. Applications must be postmarked by January 15, 1991. Arizona State University is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action/Title IX Employer. Minorities and women are encouraged to apply.

Assistant Professor - must have an earned doctorate in Human Development, emphasis in Child Development. Hold at least one degree in Home Economics (Certified Home Economist preferred.) Should have a strong record of teaching and publication. State law mandates proficiency in the English language. Responsibilities include teaching, research, supervision of interns, and service. This 9-month tenure-track position offers a competitive salary and opportunities for summer employment. Submit vita, transcripts and three letters of reference (one from immediate supervisor) no later than February 1, 1991, to: Dr. Connie J. Ley, Department of Home Economics, IL State University, Normal, IL 61761 309-438-2517.

Family Studies/Family Interaction: Assistant Professor of Human Development and Family Studies, nine-month tenure-track position, Department of Family and Consumer Studies. Responsibilities include research and teaching focusing on family interaction, family process, and family theories. Examples of content areas of interest to the department are families and work, divorce and remarriage, and family crises. Doctorate required; salary commensurate with experience. Demonstrated competency in research and a strong interest in an interdisciplinary and/or ecological approach to the family. Beginning date is September 15, 1991. Application deadline is January 15, 1991, or until filled. Submit full academic and experience vita, and copies of recent publications. Please arrange to have three letters of reference sent. Send to: Dr. Scott Wright, Chair of Search Committee, 228 AEB, Family and Consumer Studies, University of UT, Salt Lake City, UT 84112. The University of UT is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Minority and women scholars are encouraged to apply.

UNL Assistant Professor Marriage and Family Therapy - Seek tenure-leading faculty member to teach graduate classes related to marriage and family therapy and undergraduate classes in life span development and family science. Supervise graduate student practicums in marriage and family therapy. Direct and participate in research projects, advise students and provide other service. Requires Doctorate in Marriage and Family Therapy or closely aligned area. AAMFT clinical membership required along with approved supervisor or supervisor-in-training, experience in teaching and research. Apply with letter of application, vitae and three letters of reference postmarked by January 15, 1991, (or until a suitable candidate applies thereafter) to: Dr. Craig Smith, Search Chair, Department of Human Development and the Family, College of Home Economics, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE 68583-0809. Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

Home Economics--Child and Family Studies (T) (Instructor, Assistant, or Associate). Position: Director/head-teacher of the Child Study Center and instructor of undergraduate course(s) in child and family development. Degree requirements: Doctorate near completion (A.B.D.) and at least one degree in child or human development/family relations. Ph.D. required for tenure. Submit (1) a letter of application; (2) resume; (3) official transcripts; and (4) three letters of recommendation. Review to begin January 23, 1991 until position is filled. Send to: Attention: Dr. JoAnn Nicola, CA State University, Home Economics Dept., 6000 J St., Sacramento, CA 95819-6053. CSUS is an AA/EEO employer.

Assistant/Associate Professor (Tenure Track) Human Development available Fall, 1991. Teach graduate and undergraduate courses in Human Development. Engage in scholarly activities and research. Participate in committee work in the department, college and university. Qualifications: Doctoral degree in Human Development or related area. Candidates who are ABD but will have completed all degree requirements by September, 1991, will be considered. Primary interest in infancy and early childhood, with a focus on cognitive development, would be highly desirable. Teaching experience required. Ability to interact positively with students, faculty, and staff. Involvement with appropriate professional organizations. Qualify for Graduate Faculty. Applications from women and minorities are encouraged. Rank and salary dependent upon qualifications and experience. Texas Tech University has an enrollment of 25,000 students, including more than 3,600 graduate students. It is located in Lubbock, TX, a city of approximately 200,000 on the West Texas plains. The Department offers graduate programs in Human Development, Family Studies, and Marriage and Family Therapy, and is housed in the College of Home Economics. The Department also maintains the Child Development Research Center which enrolls 50 children between the ages of 6 weeks and 6 years. This facility provides excellent research opportunities for faculty. Send vita and three letters of recommendation to: Joyce Munsch, Ph.D., Chair, HD Search Committee, Texas Tech University - Box 4170, Lubbock, TX 79409. Deadline January 15, 1991. An Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Institution.

Department of Child and Family Development, College of Family and Consumer Sciences, The University of Georgia anticipates filling one tenure track position at the Assistant Professor level beginning September, 1991. Requires a Ph.D. in Child and Family Development or comparable program, (areas of specialization open), evidence of outstanding research potential, and a commitment to teaching at both the undergraduate and graduate level. Please send vita, letter of application describing research and teaching interests, samples of scholarly work, and three letters of reference to: Professor Sharon J. Price, Head, Department of Child and Family Development, Dawson Hall, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602. The University of Georgia is an EO/AA Employer.

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Graduate Training in Individual/Family Studies Kent State University - Two new M.A. options have been established through the School of Family and Consumer Studies.

Employee Assistance Professional - This option was developed in response to the spiraling costs of personal/family problems which disrupt employee productivity. Graduates will secure supportive service positions in business/industry and also be prepared to direct EAP programs. This interdisciplinary option combines courses from family studies, lifespan development, health education, and administrative sciences.

Family Life Professional - This more traditional Family Studies M.A. option is tailored to the background and professional interests of individual students. Graduates will be prepared to develop and implement programs focused on strengthening family life and thus secure positions in community service agencies, mental health centers, businesses, youth programs, county extension programs, or act as independent consultants on family issues.

For more information contact: Mary Dellmann-Jenkins, School of Family and Consumer Studies, Kent State University, Kent, OH 44242; (216)672-2026.

Research Associate - Health care association near Chicago has an immediate opening for an experienced Research Associate to supervise daily activities of a national research group. Individual will develop and implement all phases of research including writing research proposals and papers, and data analysis.

Requires Master's in public health, social science, or related field; Ph.D. preferred, with experience in epidemiological, clinical or health services research. Some clinical experience desirable. Knowledge of research methods and statistics required. Must have experience in SAS or SPSS; Wordperfect helpful.

We offer salary in low-mid \$30s with comprehensive benefits package. Please submit resume and salary history to: Personnel Department, American Academy of Pediatrics, P.O. Box 927, Elk Grove Village, IL 60009-0927. EOE M/F/H

May 26-29, 1991 15th Western Canadian Conference on Family Practice "Honouring our Past, Embracing our Future". Featuring: Augustus Napier and Barbara Pressman. To be held at The Banff Centre for Conferences, Banff, Alberta, set in the Canadian Rockies. The conference offers keynote plenary sessions and 11 workshops limited to 20-30 participants presented by family therapists from Canada and US. Contact: Alix Hirabayashi, School of Social Work, The University of British Columbia, 6201 Cecil Green Park Road, Vancouver, BC V6T 1W5; (604-228-2576).

Meetings

Training Institute on Addictions 12th annual event, February 8-12, 1991, in Clearwater Beach, FL. Professional CEUs available. Contact: Institute for Integral Development, P.O. Box 2172, Colorado Springs, CO 80901; 719-634-7943.

National Conference on Adult Children of Dysfunctional Families fifth annual meeting, April 3-6, 1991, in Santa Fe, NM. Professional CEUs available. Contact: Institute for Integral Development, P.O. Box 2172, Colorado Springs, CO 80901; 719-634-7943.



Jay Belsky, professor of Sociology at PA State University, spoke on "Childhood Experiences, Interpersonal Development, Sexuality and Reproduction: Recasing Extant Data in a Biosocial Perspective," during a plenary session at the conference.--Photo by Wally Goddard.



Karen Wampler received a special award from the Family Therapy Section during the annual conference in Seattle.--Photo by Bob Keim.

Special issue planned for *Family Issues*

Journal of Family Issues announces a special issue on Remarriage for June, 1991. We encourage submissions on all aspects of remarriage, including: courtship prior to remarriage, trends and differentials in remarriage rates, structure and process in remarriages, stepchildren and childrearing in remarriages, quality and stability of remarriages, and the dissolution of remarriages.

Four copies of the manuscript should be submitted before May 15, 1991. Manuscripts should be no longer than 30 pages and should follow APA guidelines. Papers will be reviewed through the regular editorial process of JFI.

Inquiries and manuscripts should be directed to Lynn White, Department of Sociology, University of NE-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE 68588-0324 (402-472-6005 or bitnet BOSR0015@UNLVM).



Jennifer James, cultural anthropologist, lecturer, and Seattle newspaper columnist, spoke on "A Cross-cultural Perspective on America's Children and Their Families."--Photo by Wally Goddard.



Gerhard Neubeck, professor emeritus with the Family Social Science Dept., University of MN, delivered a Distinguished Lecture, "The Making of a Career: Neubeck on Neubeck."--Photo by Wally Goddard.

Intervention unit treats men only

A Men's Intervention Unit inpatient program has begun at Golden Valley Health Center in Minneapolis, MN.

The unit provides evaluation and treatment for men with behavioral impairment or dysfunction related to male-distinct issues, such as post-traumatic stress disorder, sexual identity, intimacy and psychosexual dysfunction, addictive behaviors; and men in transition, relationship crises, and grief and loss.

The health center also has a Women's Intervention Unit, an inpatient program started in 1988.

Golden Valley Health Center is a private JCAHO-accredited hospital specializing in behavioral medicine for children, adolescents and adults. It offers inpatient, outpatient and partial hospitalization programs and services specializing in chemical dependency, mental health, eating disorders and sexual addiction.

David Mace dies

Dr. David R. Mace, internationally known for his work involving marriage and the family, died December 1, 1990, at the age of 83. He was a long-time NCFR member.

In addition to a teaching career in marriage and family sociology, he served, with his wife, Vera, as Executive Director of the Association for Couples in Marriage Enrichment (ACME) from 1973 to 1980. He retired to Highland Farms Retirement Center, Black Mountain, NC, in 1982.

He is survived by his wife, Vera; two daughters, E. Sheila Jagan of Mallorca, Spain, and Fiona Patterson of Harrisburg, PA; a sister; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held December 22 at Home Moravian Church in Winston-Salem. The family requests that memorials may be sent to ACME, PO Box 10596, Winston-Salem, NC 27108.

The next deadline for *REPORT* is February 1, 1991

CALL FOR PAPERS

Family Relations will be publishing a special collection of papers on the theme "Prevention Programs for Families and Children." This collection will include articles on primary as well as secondary prevention programs for families and children. Programs focusing on particular family structural types such as single parent families, premarital couples, newly married couples, families with adolescents, etc.; focusing on preventing particular behaviors such as teen sexuality/pregnancy, substance abuse, physical/sexual abuse, etc.; or doing innovative programming such as getting government and the private sector to work together in support of prevention programs, would be of special interest. Articles about small local programs as well as large national programs (such as Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Just Say No, etc.) that have proven successful are solicited. Papers should provide measures of effectiveness are particularly appropriate, and thought pieces on the philosophy and theory of programming for families and children or family program evaluation are also welcomed. The deadline for submitting articles is **June 1, 1991**. Instructions for authors are included in the January 1991 issue of *Family Relations*. Four copies of the manuscript and a nonrefundable \$15 processing fee should be sent to:

Thomas B. Holman
Department of Family Sciences
Brigham Young University
Provo, UT 84602

Inquiries about the special collection topic should go to Thomas B. Holman at the address above or by calling (801) 378-6704.

Sections announce 1991 Call for Papers,

Research and Theory

There will be a major program format change for the 1991 NCFR annual conference, according to Alexis Walker, program chair.

The new format has major implications for members of the Research and Theory Section who plan to submit proposals for the Denver meeting. A Call for Papers is included in this issue.

Only two types of presentation formats will be accepted in 1991: Display Presentations and Symposia.

Display Presentations will be individual presentations consisting of an exhibit of material. Presenters WILL NOT read their presentations; rather, each presentation will be exhibited, and presenters will be able to discuss it directly with attendees.

Display Presentations will be grouped by topic in meeting rooms. For example, all presentations on child abuse will be in a single room at the same time. These presentations may include proposals accepted by the Research and Theory Section, Family Policy (formerly Family Action) Section, or Family Therapy Section, etc. Since there are no paper presentations, there will be no discussants at the sessions.

Symposia will involve presentations by three to five individuals and are designed to allow for presentations that might evaluate the state of knowledge in a particular field, new methodological advancements in an area of study, or discussions of a new cutting-edge topic in the field of family studies.

The revised annual conference format will involve a new mechanism to evaluate proposals: First, each proposal submitted to Research and Theory will be reviewed by two persons. Display Presentation proposals will be accepted only if the proposal is based on **completed work**. Symposia proposals will not be blind reviewed. The evaluation criteria for symposia will be the importance of the topic and the qualifications of the proposed panel.

Tentative plans offer the Research and Theory Section approximately 90 display presentations and three symposia. In addition, the Section will sponsor two invited symposia.

There was considerable discussion about the new format during the annual conference in Seattle. The initial reaction of Research and Theory Section members was less than positive. However, after talking over the new format and its possible benefits with Alexis Walker, most Section members were willing to give the new format a chance. Some Section members even energized immediately to organize a symposium.

Competition for the symposia slots is anticipated to be keen, and Section members should get an early start on proposal preparation and arranging for participants. Letters of commitment from proposed panel members would be important additions to the proposal.

I am open to suggestions about participants in the Section's invited symposium. The conference theme is "Families and Poverty," and suggestions for presenters are welcome. I also welcome volunteers to serve as proposal reviewers and session presiders.

Richard J. Gelles
Section Chair

Family Discipline

Several important items were covered at the annual business meeting of the Family Discipline Section during NCFR's annual conference in Seattle.

Julianne Serovich, University of GA, won the Family Discipline Section Scholarship.

The Section also decided to provide

further support for the Certified Family Life Educator Program by using the newsletter for further ideas on the topic and by providing \$200 to support the Task Force studying the CFLE program.

Section members strongly supported the Teaching Family Science Conference in Ft. Worth, TX, May 17-19, 1991. It is organized by Peggy Quinn, University of TX-Arlington.

It was also announced that the Consortium of Family Science Depts. will be incorporated during January, 1991, within the state of Delaware.

Geoffrey Leigh is completing his last year as editor of the *Family Science Review*. A search is in progress for a new editor. A committee chaired by Elizabeth Morrell, Erskine College, is working on an ethics document for the 1991 annual conference.

There is a need to increase the number of submissions for display presentations and symposia from the Family Discipline Section at the 1991 annual conference. Possible topics include ethics, teaching family science, and professional issues. Another possibility is to seek symposia on content issues dealing with family science such as authors involved in the forthcoming book, *Advanced Family Science*, edited by Wesley Burr and Randal Day. Other ideas are welcome.

Be certain that your Section membership is updated, and encourage others to join.
Gary W. Peterson
Section Chair

Family Policy Section

The name of the Family Action Section has been changed to **Family Policy Section**, following a vote by the Section membership, and action by the NCFR Board of Directors. All interested persons are invited to join the Section in shaping the Section as a viable area of research within the family field.

Abstracts on **family policy research** are invited for the annual conference in Denver in 1991. Because policy cuts across all substantive areas--health, employment, civil rights, family law, income maintenance, the full range of social services, education, housing, taxes--there is a great deal of latitude for focus and topic.

Because policy is a process involving problem recognition, policy formulation with respect to the problem, policy implementation via procedures and programs that get carried out in practice, and program evaluation; latitude for focus is even greater, remembering that policy shapes practice and program and is shaped by them, in turn.

In addition to the general criteria that Alexis Walker, 1991 program chair, has outlined elsewhere for evaluating all abstracts for next year's Conference--**originally, appropriateness of methods, quality of writing, clarity, and conciseness in the presentation of methods and findings**--for the Family Policy Section, abstracts also should be explicit about the **policy implications and theoretical foundations** of the reported research or symposium discussion.

Abstracts should be postmarked and sent to the NCFR office no later than **February 1, 1991**. Theme of the conference is "Families and Poverty."

Please follow the instructions for submitting abstracts. They are included as an insert in this issue and on pages 65 to 70 of the 1990 conference program. Contact NCFR headquarters at 612-781-9331 if you have questions.

Shirley Zimmerman
Section Chair

Family and Health

Writing this column is one of my earliest official tasks as new chair of the Family and Health Section. Join me in the adventure of this new position!

Many thanks for two years of service from: Shirley Hanson, chair; Tom Campbell, vice-chair; and Barbara Germino, secretary-treasurer. While their obligations as officers have ended, they remain active in NCFR and the Section. Shirley Hanson is now on the Publications Committee; Tom Campbell will lead us in design of our Section by-laws; and Barbara Germino is vice-chair of our section.

We also welcome our new secretary-treasurer, Perri Bomar.

The Section will continue its newsletter, "Family and Health News," under the editorship of Linda Reece and Linda Ladd. Outgoing editors are Barbara Elliott and Barbara Holden. Submit items for the newsletter often!

Our task for the coming year is to make decisions about amendments to our by-laws. Tom Campbell will revise the current by-laws and provide a draft for review at the annual Section business meeting in Denver. Amendments to by-laws can be adopted if accepted by two-thirds of the voting membership of the Section. A general mailing will be made next summer to review and vote on the proposed amendments.

Next year's annual conference topic, "Families and Poverty," will provide our Section with the opportunity to look at issues with far-reaching clinical and policy implications--such as the cost of health care to families.

The new program format will push us into active interchanges with professionals throughout the organization. Please submit proposals for display presentations and symposia, and prepare for a lively exchange of ideas about families, health, and poverty.

Sandra Burge
Section Chair



Delivering the Distinguished Lecture for the Feminism and Family Studies Section was Pepper Schwartz, professor of Sociology at the University of WA-Seattle. Her topic was "Missing Voices: Homosexuals and Lesbians--Their Families and Children."--Photo by Wally Goddard.

Education and Enrichment

The new format for the 1991 annual conference presents new challenges to Education and Enrichment Section members, but also provides them with an opportunity to shine. The criteria for submission stipulate that "abstracts should be factual and report on completed research."

This does not mean that only empirical research study reports will be accepted. What it does mean for Section members is: 1) any programs, materials, or techniques must be presented with their empirical background and/or evaluation data. Practitioners need not do research, but they must use a research base and be able to identify the literature which supplies that base; and 2) your program, materials, technique, or evaluation must be **COMPLETE** when you submit your proposal. Of course, empirical research with strong educational or enrichment implications also is welcome.

Another challenge is that each presentation be accompanied by a paper. You will need to prepare a description of the rationale, literature review, methodology, and outcome of your materials, program, or study. Practitioners and researchers should be able to clarify not only what they did, but why they did it and what difference it makes to families.

Members who make a living developing a variety of teaching tools have a headstart. As you prepare your proposal, and especially when your proposal is accepted, think of ways you can attract attention to your presentation and teach a few central points while people are visiting with you. Let your paper give the details.

Education and Enrichment also welcomes symposia proposals. Especially interesting will be presentations on educational enrichment programs seeking to prevent or ameliorate the effects of poverty on children and families and presentations on teaching techniques that have been shown effective when working with low-resource audiences.

At the 1990 meeting, the Section sponsored the first Educator's Resource Exchange, a specialized set of display presentations of curricula, materials, techniques, and evaluations. Audio-visual equipment was provided by the Section and shared by the participants. The session was very successful and has been slated for next year. If you wish to participate, please indicate that on your abstract. Note, however, that the reviewers may still determine the appropriateness of fit between a proposal and a session.

Please do NOT submit work that has been presented at a national conference or published. Those proposals will be rejected without being reviewed. By following this guideline, everyone can count on experiencing new, exciting scholarship in education and enrichment at the 1991 conference.

Judith Myers-Walls
Section Chair

International

The International Section's 1990 conference sessions on "Children in the World System" and "Men, Women and Change," were well-attended and the preparation for the panel, "Canadian Family Policy," was extraordinary.

The Section fundraiser of buttons was well-received.

report on conference activities

One Section concern is the difficulty that international participants experienced in obtaining housing, funding and help at the annual conference. At the Board meeting, I invited Sections to consider the issues. People from some countries have non-convertible currency or are limited in the currency they can take from their country. International participants have much to share with us, and I hope we can find some common solutions to these challenges.

Anyone wishing to sponsor an international participant with an accepted paper in the International Section should contact me. Families--and knowledge about families--should be a global concern.

Newsletter

Did you receive the latest International Section Newsletter? It contained information on travel and conference funding opportunities, minutes of the 1989 Section business meeting, a request that mail delays be reported to NCFR headquarters, information about 1990 Section activities, and a membership form.

Please share your copy with potential members. Our Section has the goal of serving a larger number of NCFR members through our newsletter and activities. If you did not receive a copy, be sure you are a member. Our Section is indicated by the number "5" on your NCFR membership card. Contact Kathy at 612-781-9331 if you wish to join.

International Section members are invited to share information about their teaching, research and practice activities or plans for the 1991 newsletters. Please contact me with the information.

1991 Meeting

The internationalization of research and practice is a reality. Families are a global concern. Next year's theme is "Families and Poverty," and it is a topic all too easy to consider internationally. We hope to have an invited symposium about preventing poverty, and will probably have at least one space on the program for an invited symposium and opportunities for at least 15 presentations.

Please submit your abstract by **February 1, 1991**. A copy is inserted in this newsletter.

Papers of special interest include homeless and refugee families, national policies and practices that produce or prevent poverty, vulnerable populations such as the elderly and children. Who should submit? If your work has a crossnational dimension or if research or practice concepts in another nation are relevant to the issues confronting the U.S., you probably should submit to the International Section. If you need advice on which Section to submit to, contact the Section chairs.

The nominating committee--Jan Trost, Margaret Arcus, and Hy Rodman--are seeking officer candidates by 1991-92. We now have a Student/New Professional on the Executive Committee, and look forward to receiving an exciting slate of officers in the next few months.

Internationalizing Our Knowledge

As part of the Section activities, we are preparing a bibliography (with brief annotation) of material on families in a cross-cultural perspective. Since one of the goals is to internationalize research, teaching and practice, this resource should be a valuable tool. John DeFrain has contributed his work and a committee of Section members are working together to prepare a useful bibliography for distribution at the Denver conference.

If you wish to contribute, contact DeFrain at the Dept. of Human Development and the Family, 104 H

Leverton Hall, East Campus, University of NE-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE 68583-0809.

Karen Altergott
Section Chair

Family Therapy

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as chair of the Family Therapy Section. My goals for the year are:

1. Establish an annual graduate student research award to recognize outstanding research and scholarly work by family therapy graduate students.
2. Increase membership involvement in Section activities.
3. Increase Section membership 100 percent.

Please send your 1991 annual conference proposals as soon as possible. The format includes only two forms of presentations: display format (posters) or symposia.

Both formats are valuable. The display format will provide authors with one and a-half hours to discuss their work with interested parties. Symposium presentations are one and a-half hours long and presented by three to five individuals and at least one discussant on a topic of major importance to family therapy.

We can expect to have about 35 presentations in display format and at least one submitted symposia on the program depending on the number of submissions. In addition, we can make a case for more program space if I can present high quality work to the program committee. Section space allotments are based on the number of Section members and the number of proposals submitted to the Section program committee for the preceding year's conference.

We also will have at least one WORKSHOP for our members. Ken Hardy has agreed to provide next year's on "Therapy and the Underclass." Those of you who know Ken's work in this area will appreciate the chance to spend time with him in Denver.

The NCFR program committee voted to adopt a standard criteria for evaluating proposals for the conference: originality of idea, appropriateness of methods, concise presentation of methods and findings, clarity of theoretical and/or applied implications, and quality of writing. In addition, the presentations should only include **completed work**.

Symposia criteria include importance of the area of focus and qualifications of the proposed participants as well as the standard criteria mentioned above.

During the Section business meeting, Tony Jurich announced that awards would be made to Robert Ryder and Karen Wampler.

Several by-laws changes were accepted. Russ Crane is the new chair of the Section, with Jennie Bahr, vice-chair; Karen Wampler, secretary-treasurer; Scot Allgood, member-at-large; and Rick Miller, Student/New Professional member (continuing from last year's appointment until the 1991 meeting).

Outgoing officers are Tony Jurich, chair; Janice Linn, vice-chair; Sandy Stith, secretary-treasurer; and Steve Anderson, member-at-large.

Members voted to establish an annual graduate student award to recognize outstanding achievement in research and other scholarly activity. Section members present also voted to oppose the new annual conference presentation formats. Members thought the format would detract from the interactive nature of the family therapy oriented presentations. Members also voted against raising the annual conference fees.

D. Russell Crane
Section Chair

Adoption Focus Group

Three very strong papers were presented by the group at the Seattle conference. Christine Bachrach, Kathryn London and Penelope Maza presented data from their national data set on the characteristics of those seeking to become adoptive parents, focusing on factors such as fertility status and race.

Shirley Geissinger presented research on the implications of confidential adoption policy for adoptive parents suggesting there was considerable ambivalence for parents between the right of their children to birth record information and their support for changes in the law that would make the information more accessible.

Michael Sobol and John Hundleby presented data comparing adolescents from adoptive, biological and stepfamilies suggesting very few differences between those raised in adoptive and biological families.

The strong attendance in Seattle resulted in the formation of an adoption network. Attendees signed a list that will be distributed. Readers who wish to be included may contact me.

Please submit your ideas for the Denver conference. If you are interested in participating in a symposium, please contact me by **January 15, 1991**, so that I can forward an official application to NCFR headquarters. I welcome proposals from individuals wishing to participate and those who wish to put together a panel for a symposium.

Please indicate the kinds of topics you would be willing to discuss as an individual. For those of you wishing to do a poster (and I hope there are many), send your ideas directly to NCFR headquarters using the official abstract form.

On the application, these should be steered to the **Family Action Section for review**. However, please indicate your wish to be part of the Adoption Focus Group. The deadline is **February 1, 1991**.

Contact me with questions: Kerry Daly, Dept. of Family Studies, University of Guelph, Guelph, ONT, Canada N1G 2W1.

Kerry Daly
Focus Group Chair

Religion and Family Life

More than 100 persons attended the interfaith service during the annual conference in Seattle. They shared world beliefs, meditations and prayers presented by nine children from Children's Church, Renton Seventh Day Adventist, and Auburn Adventist Academy under the direction of Dr. Roger Ferris.

Messages were delivered in original poetry prepared for the service by Dr. Judith Kuipers, CA State University, Fresno, and Donald E. Whitney, University of WA, Seattle. Their theme centered on "Children's Values for a Future World."

The 1991 interfaith service will be Sunday, November 17, with a suggested spiritual message addressing a "social justice" outreach--applauding in community the ministries of the Volunteer Ministry, attention to the homeless, Habitat, the Salvation Army, and many others. Please contact Connie Steele with your ideas.

The pre-conference workshop, "Strengthening Children and Their Families," was championed as the basis for a nationwide initiative by more than 35 persons at the Section business meeting. The presentation was made by Britton Wood, Linda Conahey, and Bea Romer.

The Section voted to back Dr. Wood in his endeavor to gain approval and

support from five major religious denominations for training their members in facilitating positive interactions within families. Section funds will "seed" the project, with matching funds from other entities. Dr. Ruth Hatch, Section vice-president and newsletter editor, will forward to each Section member, requests for information, direction and guidance in pursuing the goal of strengthening children and their families across the nation and the world.

Section members are urged to submit research AND programmatic or action proposals for the 1991 NCFR conference on "Families and Poverty." Proposals for both display presentations and symposia will be rigorously evaluated to fill the tentatively assigned 15 display slots and one symposium.

The assigned slots are based on the number of proposals submitted for the 1990 conference, but additional time periods can be allocated if we receive sufficient proposals. Submit!

Symposia might focus on familial or individual concerns about spiritual need, faith development, belief systems, denominational issues--especially related to poverty. Suggestions for 1991 include "Spiritual Impoverishment," "Religion and the Families in Poverty," "Preventing Poverty through Building Family Strengths," "The Plight of Clergy Families in a Materialistic World," "Faith Responses While Being Poor," "Prison Ministries," "Work of Missionaries with Third World Families," "Outreach by Denominations to Urban Minorities."

Dr. Lane Powell, Samford University, reported the 1990 Section research and theory findings, including a theoretical perspective of "Christian Family Theory" and research studies.

Discussant Joel Moss applauded the efforts by Douglas Abbott, Walter Schumm, and Ruth Hatch to develop a Christian family theory, but questioned whether or not it was actually religious family theory. If so, the spiritual dimension of family functioning would be linked to systemic theory.

Investigating "burnout" among 43 pastoral counselors, E. Wayne Hill and Conner Walters found this population's unusually high employment satisfaction was best predicted by the counselor's level of spiritual and personal well-being.

In examining the traditional assumption that pastors' children have more social behavior problems than non-pastoral children, Darlene McCown and Sandy Sharma found slight support for that view among the males, but not females in their sample of 98 pastoral children.

Connie Steele
Section Chair

Meetings

International Society for Research on Aggression, sixth European conference, June 23-28, 1991, at the Institute of Criminology, Faculty of Law, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel. Contact: Conference Unit, Division of Development and Public Relations, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Mt. Scopus, Jerusalem 91905, Israel.

"Factors Influencing Geriatric Physical Fitness and Rehabilitation," a conference presented by the LA Geriatric Education Center, January 18-19, 1991, Pleasant Hall, LSU, Baton Rouge, LA. Contact: LA Geriatric Education Center, 1542 Tulane Av., New Orleans, LA 70112; 504-568-5842.

News about members

Geismar

Ludwig L. Geismar was awarded a Rutgers University Presidential Citation for outstanding scholarship and distinguished service to the University.

Feldman

Margaret Feldman participated in a Children's Defense Fund human chain of 1,100 persons who passed the "child care bill" from the Capitol to the White House in less than 30 minutes on September 18.

Toliver

Susan D. Toliver represented NCFR at the 1990 National Family Sexuality Education Month Coalition luncheon sponsored by Planned Parenthood Federation of America. Persons attending discussed the sexuality and reproductive health care concerns of their offices and locales. A two-hour workshop was conducted by Peggy Brick, MED, Sexuality and Family Life Educator. She offered state-of-the-art guidelines and strategies for advancing family life education in local and national arenas. The Coalition's focus this year is to encourage parents and professionals to foster in youth "caring attitudes about their bodies, and set guidelines for acceptable behavior."

Lewis

Robert A. Lewis, Purdue University professor and nationally known scholar in family studies, has been named the Norma H. Compton Distinguished Professor of Child Development and Family Studies. He joined the faculty in 1981 as professor and head of the Dept. of Child Development and Family Studies, and returned to fulltime teaching and research in 1987. Lewis recently was awarded a \$2.4 million grant from the national Institute on Drug Abuse, the largest grant in the history of the School of Consumer and Family Sciences. He has been a visiting professor in Sweden and Hungary, and has spoken frequently in Taiwan and other countries. He holds a bachelor's degree in philosophy from the University of WI, a master's of divinity degree in theology from Moravian Theological Seminary, and a master's and doctorate from the University of MN.

Mancini

Jay A. Mancini has been named head of the Dept. of Family and Child Development in the college of Human Resources at VA Tech. He joined the department in 1977. He has been associate director for program development in the VA Tech Center for Gerontology and a senior associate of the Human Resources Research and Development Center of the Social Research Applications Corp. in Washington, DC. He was a consultant with the U.S. Air Force's Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Program and its Family Support Center Program, the National Park Service, and the Educational Guidance Institute. He has written and co-authored several books. He holds a doctorate in family and child development from the University of NC-Greensboro, a master's from KS State University, and a bachelor's from King's College in Briarcliff Manor, NY.

Boss

Pauline Boss recently was presented the 1990 Research Award for cumulative research contributions to family systems research. The presentation was made by the American Family Therapy Association. Her area of research is family stress and resiliency, especially when there is uncertainty about the absence or presence of a family member. He is currently the principal investigator of a National Institute of Aging Research grant, and is working on her third book.

She is a professor in the Dept. of Family Social Science at the University of MN, and a family therapist in private practice. She earned her bachelor's, master's and doctorate at the University of WI-Madison.

Sussman

The Center for Family Resources, directed by Sheila Sussman, has been awarded a \$50,000 grant from the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy. The Center was the only recipient in New York and was selected from more than 300 entered proposals. Under the agency's proposal, prekindergarten children and their parents would attend school together. It is aimed at parents who have not yet earned a high school diploma and would enable them to get an equivalency diploma through the program.

Berger

Dianne Gwynne Berger CFLE, Swarthmore, PA, was one of 50 teachers from across the country who participated in the National Institute on the Future of Education sponsored by IMPACT II and funded by the Metropolitan Life foundation. They met to create a vision of the future of teaching and education, to write a document describing that vision and to be sure their vision becomes part of the national dialogue on education policy. The result was "The Teachers Vision of the Future of Education: A Challenge to the Nation." The document will be available from IMPACT II, a nationwide educational nonprofit networking organization that recognizes and rewards innovative teachers who exemplify professionalism, independence, and creativity within public school systems.

Juhasz

Anne McCreary Juhasz, CFLE, director of Family Studies and professor of Educational Psychology, has been selected as Loyola University of Chicago's Faculty Member of the Year.



Frank Furstenberg, professor of Sociology at the University of PA, gave the Duvall Distinguished Lecture during the conference. His topic was "As the Pendulum Shifts: The National History of Teenage Childbearing as a Social Problem."--Photo by Wally Goddard.



NCFR 1989-90 President M. Janice Hogan delivered her Presidential Address entitled, "Creating Family Futures," during the conference.--Photo by Wally Goddard.

Meetings of interest

"Gender and the Family," international conference February 6-8, 1991, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT. Co-sponsored by Women's Research Institute and Center for Studies of the Family at BYU. Contact: Conferences and Workshops, 135 Harman Bldg., Brigham Young University, Provo, UT 84602.

"Access to Caring: Access to Care," sixth annual National Pediatric AIDS Conference, February 9-12, 1991, at the Sheraton Washington Hotel. NOTE NEW DATES. Contact: Avenel Associates, Inc., Suite 500, 1201 Connecticut Av., NW, Washington, DC 20036.

"Families and Self-Esteem," will be held March 22, 1991, in the Georgetown Room of the Marquette

Center, Loyola University, Chicago, IL. Contact: Anne M. Juhasz, Loyola University, Water Tower Campus, 820 N. Michigan Av., Chicago, IL 60611; 312-915-6000.

"New Directions in Child and Family Research: Shaping Head Start in the Nineties," June 24-26, 1991, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Crystal City, Washington, DC. Presented by the Administration for Children, Youth and Families, Dept. of Health and Human Services; Society of Research in Child Development; and National Council of Jewish Women Center for the Child. Contact: Faith Lamb Parker, Project Director, NCJW Center for the Child, 53 W. 23rd St., New York, NY 10010; 212-645-4048.

Two inserts were mailed with this issue: the 1991 Call for Papers and the 1990 Annual Conference tape list. Call 612-781-9331 if you did not get them.

Health Section members' abstracts due

"Families and Poverty" is the 1991 NCFR annual conference theme, and the Family and Health Section welcomes abstracts for presentations. **All abstracts are due at NCFR headquarters by February 1, 1991.**

Abstracts should address family HEALTH issues including family wellness and illness, chronic and acute conditions, physical and mental health of the family, and health care. Topics related to the conference theme are of particular interest.

Examples of topics related to the theme are impact of poverty on health outcomes of children, adults and families across the life span; impact of illness and costs of health care on the socioeconomic status of families (i.e., spending down family assets to care for sick or elderly; impoverishment of families related to chronic illness and handicapping conditions); street children and long-term health sequelae; homeless families and health; maternal/infant care on the street; long-term economic impact of poverty on future health costs; poverty and health of all ages and stages of family development, i.e., childbearing, childbearing mid-lescence and aging families; caretaking and common health problems in the poor; poverty and social health policy; health care to the poor through community agencies; education of health professionals for working with disadvantaged families; obstacles of middleclass stereotypic attitudes and values in providing care for the disadvantaged; past, present and future of health insurance and caring for the poor; health services to underserved and poor rural and inner urban families; the old and the new poor and health care; poverty and health in non-traditional family structures, i.e., single parent families, gay families, street families; and national health insurance.

The format for next year's program has changed from previous year and utilizes a format design to other professional societies such as the Gerontological Society of America. Two presentation forms are possible: poster and symposia.

Posters are a display presentation consisting of exhibition of material for an hour and a-half. The format allows presenters to discuss their work in-depth with attendees. Display presentations will be grouped by related topic.

Symposia involve hour and a-half presentations by three to five individuals and at least one discussant on a topic of major importance related to the field of family studies. Additionally, invited lectures will be solicited by the program committee.

Abstracts are due at NCFR headquarters by **February 1, 1991**. They will be reviewed by the program committee and one of the 10 Sections. When you submit an abstract, apply to one of these Sections. Contributors will be notified in April, 1991, on the status of their submissions.

General criteria for evaluation include originality of ideas, appropriateness of methods, conciseness of methods and findings, clarity of theoretical and/or applied implications, and quality of writing.

For more information on the Family and Health Section contact Sandra Burge, Dept. of Family Medicine, University of TX Health Science Center, 7703 Floyd Curl Dr., San Antonio, TX 78284-7795; 512-270-3920.

For more information on the annual conference, contact Cindy at 612-781-9331.

Shirley Hanson

Fellowships open to minorities

Applications are being accepted for the 1991-1992 AAMFT Minority Fellowship Program. Up to four fellowships of a minimum of \$1,000 each will be presented.

Fellowship recipients will be invited to attend the 49th annual American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy conference October 31 to November 3, 1991, at Loew's Anatole Hotel in Dallas, TX. Expenses for their attendance will be subsidized by AAMFT.

Minority individuals eligible to receive fellowship funds from the program include U.S. and Canadian minority citizens and permanent visa residents, including, but not limited to those who are Black, Hispanic, Native American, Asian American, and Pacific Islanders. Eligible students enrolled in graduate and post-degree training programs in marriage and family therapy are encouraged to apply.

Applicants must show promise in and commitment to a career in marriage and family therapy education, research, or practice. An applicant's promise in and commitment to the field may be demonstrated by any or all of the following: enrollment in a training program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy education, membership in AAMFT, work experience and/or future goals.

To apply, submit eight copies of each of the following:

- a completed fellowship application obtained from AAMFT.
- a detailed personal statement identifying professional interests, goals and describing commitment to the field. Please explain in what way this fellowship will further your education.
- a current resume.
- copies of curriculum and course descriptions from university or institute bulletin (no larger than 8 1/2 by 11 inches).

Have an original of each of the following sent to AAMFT:

- an official transcript of all graduate work completed, or undergraduate transcript if the graduate program has not begun.
- a letter from the Director of the graduate program or institute affirming the applicant's academic status and including an assessment of the student's promise in the commitment to the field of marriage and family therapy, as well as a statement of his or her potential as a marriage and family therapist.
- two letters of reference (not including the letter from the Director).

Applications and all supporting materials must be completed and received by AAMFT by **February 28, 1991**. Applicants will be notified of the decision by June 30, 1991.

Applicants for the Minority Fellowship may not apply in the same year for the AAMFT commission on Supervisor Stipend for supervision training.

Funds for the program come from net proceeds of the AAMFT Masters Series, comprised of videotapes of Master marriage and family therapists who have conducted live marriage and family therapy consultations at the annual AAMFT conferences.

Send all correspondence to AAMFT Minority Fellowship Program, AAMFT, 1100-17th St. NW, 10th Floor, Washington, DC 20036.

Child care theme of meeting

"Child Care in the 1990s: Trends and Consequences" is the theme of the first National Symposium on Family Issues sponsored by the National Council on Family Relations, the University of Nebraska, and the Woods Charitable Fund. The symposium will be held June, 19 to 20, 1991, on the campus of the University of NE-Lincoln. Those wishing to obtain extended training on the topic, as well as three hours of credit at UNL, may also enroll in a three-week course which includes the symposium as an integral part. Scholarship help is available for graduate students.

Symposium participants will consider four questions: What are the factors affecting the demand and supply for child care? What child-care practices and arrangements lead to positive and negative outcomes for children? What are the consequences of child-care practices and arrangements for the well-being of parents and providers? What policies are necessary to meet the need for high quality child care; and how can they be realized?

Each topic will be addressed by a lead speaker and three discussants. Presenters will report on their own work as well as synthesize recent research findings. Because much of the current work in this area has policy implications, one of the four major presenters will focus on policy issues, and one of the discussants for each paper will be a policy specialist.

Workshop accepts abstracts

Abstracts are being accepted for presentations at the 21st annual pre-conference Theory Construction and Research Methodology Workshop to be held November 15 and 16, 1991, in Denver, CO.

The workshop preceeds the 53rd annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations in the Denver Radisson Hotel.

Family scholars will have opportunities to discuss current theory and methods projects. The goal of the workshop is to encourage discussion of theoretical and methodological issues that participants are considering, developing in depth, or modifying. Paper presenters will receive feedback from specified discussants as well as workshop attendees.

Send three copies of a typed abstract to the workshop chair, Joan Aldous, University of Notre Dame, 431 Decio, Notre Dame, IN 46556 by **March 4, 1991**.

The form to accompany submission of abstracts is included in this newsletter. The abstract should be about 1,000 to 2,000 words (4-5 double spaced typed pages). It should cover the following:

1. **The Objective and Rationale for the Paper** - Be specific as to the theory you are attempting to develop, modify or apply to a new area and/or the methodological innovations or techniques you are proposing to examine or apply. In this part of the abstract, the contribution of the project to theory development and/or methodological improvements should be clear.
2. **Proposed Content** - Give the major topics of your papers as it will be organized. Be sure that the theories or methodological techniques you are using are clear.
3. **Major Knowledge Sources** - Give complete citations of the major references you will be drawing upon in your paper.

Featured speakers are Sandra Hofferth, Alison Clarke-Stewart, Karen Mason, and Phillip Robins. Discussants include Jay Belsky, Barbara Bowman, Helen Galinski, Ron Haskins, Arleen Leibowitz, Martin O'Connell, Deborah Phillips, Harriet Presser, Sandra Scarr, and William Prosser. The symposium organizer is Alan Booth, professor of sociology, University of NE-Lincoln.

To obtain detailed information call (402)472-3672 or write for a brochure and registration materials: National Symposium on Child Care, Sociology Department, University of NE, Lincoln, NE 68588-0324.

The National Council on Family Relations again participated in running radio promotions during National Family Week, November 18-24.

The 30-second spot, part of broadcasting's Public Service Announcement offerings, noted that: *"The National Council on Family Relations reminds everyone that November 18-24 is National Family Week. Today our country is faced with problems like drug abuse, child abuse, domestic violence, illegitimacy, teen pregnancy, homelessness, and poverty which break down the traditional family. But, as a nation, we can join together through programs and policies and help reinforce the family as the main source of love and support. This message is from the National Council on Family Relations, serving family professionals with headquarters in Minneapolis, MN."*



Karen Polonko, professor of Sociology at Old Dominion University, presented Wednesday morning's plenary at the annual conference. Her topic was "Implications of feminist scholarship for the study of families and children."--Photo by Bob Keim.



Judith S. Wallerstein, founder and executive director of the Center for the Family in Transition, delivered the opening plenary address at the annual conference. She spoke on "The Long-term Effects of Divorce on Children and Their Families."--Photo by Wally Goddard.

Remembering: Fred Bozett

In Remembrance
Frederick W. Bozett, RN, DNS
June 20, 1931 to September 10, 1990

Frederick Bozett, a well-known nurse and family scholar, died September 10, 1990. He was born to Maria Jenkins and Clifton Bozett on June 20, 1931, in Denver, CO. He lived in California, Illinois, New York, Texas and Oklahoma during his 59 years of life. Fred died after a long illness. His funeral was held in Oklahoma City, with burial in Ft. Logan, CO.

Fred received his undergraduate education from the University of CO, DePaul University (Chicago) and his diploma in nursing from Alexian Brother Hospital School of Nursing for Men in 1958. He completed his BSN and MA in nursing from Teachers College at Columbia University, and his Doctorate in Nursing Science in 1979 from the University of CA at San Francisco.

His professional experience spanned over 30 years and consisted of practice in nursing service, education and administration settings. At his death, he was a full professor in the College of Nursing at the University of OK in Oklahoma City where he taught nursing research, community health, and fatherhood courses.

Fred was particularly known for his research and writing in the area of fatherhood as well as gay families. He edited the books **Homosexuality and the Family** (1989, Haworth), **Gay and Lesbian Parents** (1987, Praeger), and co-edited **Homosexuality and Family**

Relations (1989, Haworth), **Dimensions of Fatherhood** (1985, Sage), and **Fatherhood and Families in Cultural Context** (1991, Springer).

Additionally, he was widely published in nursing and family social science journals and served on the editorial boards of **Holistic Nursing Practice**, **Family Relations**, **Journal of Homosexuality**, **Nurturing News** and the **Western Journal of Nursing Research**. Fred was an active member of many professional organizations, including the American Nurses Association, Council of Nurse Researchers, Groves Conference on Marriage and the Family, National Council on Family Relations, National League for Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau, and Sigma Xi.

Fred was well-known and loved by nurses and family social scientists across the country. He will be remembered for having furthered the frontiers of knowledge in the areas of nursing education, research in nursing and the family, scholarly publications, and creativity in theory and practice. His pioneering work will endure beyond his mortal life. He will be sorely missed.

Fred is survived by two sons: Robert Charles and Evan Arnold of San Francisco, as well as his brother, Charles Clifton of Chicago. Memorials are suggested to the National Council on Family Relations, Family and Health Section Bozett Memorial, 3989 Central Ave. NE, Suite 550, Minneapolis, MN 55421; 612-781-9331.

Written by Shirley May Harmon Hanson.

Act provides funding for family programs

Legislation enacted in October by the 101st Congress will give poor children and their parents a better healthier life.

The basic terms of the act provide:

- \$2.5 billion in three years of new federal child care block grant funds;
- \$1.5 billion over five years to help low-income families at risk of welfare dependence purchase child care;
- \$18.2 billion in tax relief for low-income working families.

Here is a summary of the legislation (prepared by the Alliance for Better Child Care):

Child Care and Development Block Grant

The new block grant for child care provides states with federal funds to address the issues of affordability, accessibility, and quality. The legislation

authorizes \$750 million for the block grant in FY 1991, \$825 million in FY 1992, \$925 million in FY 1993, and necessary sums for FY 1994 and 1995. States will receive funds according to a formula that takes into account the number of children younger than age five, the number of children receiving free and reduced price school lunch, and state per capital income. No state match will be required.

Child Care Services and Activities

- States must use three-quarters of the new block grant to help families pay for child care or for activities to increase the supply or improve the quality of child care. However, the law does not require states to apportion funds between direct services and other activities in any particular way.

- Working parents are eligible for assistance if their children are younger than age 13 and their family income is less than 75 percent of the state median income.

- States must offer eligible parents certificates to help pay for child care of their choice. States also may give providers grants or contracts to offer subsidized care.

- Parents receiving certificates may select any licensed, regulated, or registered provider. This includes care by relatives, family day care providers, religious institutions, and schools, as long as the provider complies with state and local law and meets minimal requirements set forth in the bill.

Activities to Improve Quality and Accessibility

- Twenty-five percent of the block grant is reserved for quality improvements and early childhood education and latchkey programs.

- States must use no less than 2 percent of the reserved funds for quality improvement activities. These may include: grants or loans to help providers meet state or local standards; support for resource and referral programs; activities to improve enforcement of state standards and licensing requirements; training and technical assistance; and improvement of salaries for child care providers.

- States must use no less than 7 percent of the reserved funds for early childhood education and latchkey programs. States will provide these services through grants and contract Areas eligible for concentration grants under the Chapter I education program will have priority for these services.

Standards

- The law mandates that the states establish health and safety requirements for all providers receiving funds under the Act. These must cover prevention and control of infectious disease including immunizations, building safety requirements, and health and safety training for providers.

- States may impose more stringent standards and licensing requirements on child care providers receiving funds under the Act than on other providers.

- States that lower child care standards must explain their reasoning in an annual child care report.

- States must conduct a one-time review of state licensing and regulatory requirements and policies unless a review has been conducted within the previous three years.

Parental Rights

- Parents have unlimited access to their children in child care programs funded under this act.

- States must offer consumer education to parents to help them select child care, establish parent complaint procedures, and maintain records of substantiated complaints.

- Eligible parents have the right to receive a certificate allowing them to select a child care provider.

Reporting Requirements

- States must report annually to the Secretary of Health and Human Services on such matters as the use of funds, numbers of children in participating child care programs, caregiver salaries, public-private child care partnership activities, actions to improve availability and quality of care, and state standards.

- The Secretary must report on child care annually to the Congress.

Additional Child Care Help for Families

- The block grant will be supplemented by an additional \$1 billion over the next five years through Title IV-A of the Social Security Act. This will fund child care for low income families at risk of becoming dependent on welfare.

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