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NOTES FROM THE CHAIR: HARLAN LONDON

Greetings from sunny Syracuse! Welcome back to the world of work from what may have been a summer of relaxation and rejuvenation for many of you. As we move into the busy fall and academic pursuits, I hope you have included the 54th Annual NCFR conference in your schedule - Orlando, FL, November 5-10, 1992. Highlights of the Ethnic Minority Section members' presentations are included in this Newsletter where the theme of FAMILIES AND WORK will be discussed. All proposals submitted for presentation are included in the program, except two were found to be unacceptable and deleted by the blind review process.

The Ethnic Minority Business Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 7th at 5:30 p.m., in Salon 2, followed by our Oral History presentation by Hattie Fields, followed by refreshments. You are reminded of our POOLSIDE GATOR BASH fundraiser for our Section on Sunday, November 8th at 9:30 p.m. We expect your attendance and support of this event.

As out-going Chair of the Section, I thank the many members who have assisted me in keeping our concerns active in the NCFR programs and discussions. I am sure the same support and dedication from our members will be given to our "new Chair," Edith Lewis. I am confident that she will lead us to new levels of involvement in the Section and invigorate our role in NCFR.

I look forward to our fall meeting in Orlando and hope to see you there!

AND GREETINGS FROM EDITH LEWIS, THE CHAIR-ELECT:

I trust that all section members are faring well as we begin a "new season" in many of our professional and personal lives. While it may be sunny in Syracuse, it is certainly not so in Ann Arbor, and I look forward to our annual meeting in Orlando, Florida for the added blessing of warmer weather! I also look forward to working with all of you as we continue to address the concerns of the Ethnic Minorities Section and NCFR.

Throughout my involvement with the Section and NCFR during the last 11 years, I have been most impressed with the willingness of section members to share information and resources to better the section and overall organization. It is this collaborative effort that has sustained and strengthened the Ethnic Minorities Section. I thank Patricia Wilson who has served as our Secretary/Treasurer, and all of the Committee Chairs who have furthered the Section's programs. My special thanks to Harlan London for his leadership and mentorship during the last two years. It is my hope that section members will continue to contribute the best of their energies to the section and our ongoing research, theory development and practice with regard to populations of color. See you in November!

HARRIETTE PIPES McADOO MAKES NCFR HISTORY: BECOMES FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN PRESIDENT-ELECT

During a September 23, 1992 interview with Peggye Dilworth-Anderson, Professor McAdoo discussed her recent election and goals for the organization. The following are the highlights from the interview:

Dr. Harriette McAdoo's election to the position of NCFR President represents a culmination of 15 years of work in the organization. She has served as chair of the ethnic minority caucus, chair of the ethnic minority section, and program vice-president. Besides these official positions in NCFR, she also served in numerous other unofficial roles and positions in the organization.

Although a one-year presidency won't allow her to introduce or implement all of her plans, Dr. McAdoo is deeply invested in sparking the involvement of NCFR ethnic minority members through appointment to various NCFR committees and task forces. She is also committed to exploring ways which enable other NCFR members to become more sensitive to ethnic/minority issues. Dr. McAdoo believes that the information given by ethnic minority groups is essential for making effective decisions within the organization. She expressed that the use of diversity will facilitate growth toward a more progressive and culturally-aware organization.

During her presidency, Dr. McAdoo would also like to address the declining membership of NCFR. She would like to direct her energies toward bringing back some of the members the organization has lost, as well as aggressively recruiting ethnic minorities within the professional community. She also expressed concerns about the expenses related to the staffing of NCFR, as well as the possible need to consolidate sections within the organization.

Dr. McAdoo is presently Visiting Professor of Family and Child Ecology at Michigan State University. She taught at Howard University for 20 years in the Department of Social Work and served as Acting Dean of the School of Social Work during part of this time. She and Dr. John McAdoo have four children who are all now young adults.

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Members, please be sure to attend the sessions from our program! For your convenience, we have printed it here for you.

ETHNIC MINORITIES SECTION PROGRAM

Saturday, November 7, 1992

12:15 - 2:00 pm, Session 113, Symposium

Middle-Class Ethnic Minority Families, Part I: African-American Women's Work and Family Experiences

"Mother's Occupational Status and Family Process as Predictors of African-American Adolescent Female Sexual Behavior," **Velma McBride Murry**

"Middle-Class Single African-American Mothers: Work and Family Life," **Harriette P. McAdoo**

"Workplace Issues Among Middle Class African-American Women," **Norma Bond Burgess**

"Wearing the Middle-Class Banner: Work and Family in the Personal Narrative of a Black American Woman," **Patricia Bell-Scott**

Discussants: **Karen D. Weddle, Andrea Hunter**

Chair: **Patricia Bell-Scott**

2:15 - 3:45 pm, Paper Session 124, **Black Youth**

"Adolescent-Grandparent Relations: Extending Horizons for

African-American Families," **Maureen Mickus, Barton Hirsch**

"The Transition to First Intercourse Among Racially and Culturally Diverse Youth," **Randal Day**

"The Joint Exploration and Development Initiative: A Program for African American Youth,"
Lillian Phenice, Robert Griffore, Gloria Gonzalez-Kruger

4:00 - 5:15 pm, Poster Session 133, **Work and Family Interface**

"Beyond the Superwomen Syndrome: Work Satisfaction and Family Functioning Among Working-Class Hispanic Women," **Robert Del Campo, Ruth Herrera**

Sunday, November 8, 1992

10:30 - 11:45 am, Poster Session 216, **Race/Ethnicity, Cross Cultural and Gender**

"Marriage and Family Therapy with Ethnic Minorities: Approach to Working with Pakistani Families in the USA," **Taranum Chaudry**

"Race and Family Demographic Behavior in the 1980s," **Tim Heaton, Cardell Jacobson, Dan Lichter**

"The Employment of Mothers and Children in Early Twentieth Century Afro-American Families,"
Andrea Hunter

"Women, Work and Welfare: A Qualitative Examination of African-American Women," **Robin Jarrett**

"Kin Assistance to Black Mothers: The Provision of Financial, Emotional, and Child Care Assistance," **Rukmalie Jayakody, Robert Taylor, Linda Chatters**

"The Impact of Sociodemographic Variables on Employment Status of Vietnamese Refugees,"
Phyllis Johnson

"Ethnic and Gender Differences in Work, Family, and Interrole Conflict," **John McAdoo**

"Factors Related to Inner-City Students' Success in College," **Janice Montague**

"Perceived School Discrimination and Beliefs About Dropping

Out of School Among Native American Adolescents," **Kathleen Rodgers, Stephen Small**
"Parental Contributions to Aspects of Ethnic Development Among Chinese American Children,"

Alan Sugawara, K. Sophia Wong

"Identifying the Resources of Competent Black Families for Utilization in Drug Abuse Prevention,"
William Turner, Reginald Alston

"Kin Support Among Working and Nonworking Mexican-American Women," **Barbara Zsembik**

Monday, November 9, 1992

7:30 - 8:30 am - Special Ethnic Minorities Session Symposium

Middle-Class Ethnic Minority Families, Part II: Clinical Issues and Challenges

"Attitudes of Middle-Class African-Americans Towards Family Therapy," **Michelle S. J. Richards**

"Professional Hispanic Women and Levels of Acculturation," **Estella Martinez**

"The 'Survivor Syndrome' and Middle Class African-Americans," **Kenneth V. Hardy**

Discussants: **Suzanne M. Randolph, Gladys J. Hildreth, CFLE**

Chair: **David Baptiste**

8:30 - 9:45 am, Poster Session 311, **Adolescence and Childhood**

"Maternal Influences on Adolescents' Attitude Toward Work and Family," **Patricia Wilson, Barbara Clare**

8:30 - 9:45 am, Round Table Session 314

"Cultural Bias in Research on Black and Hispanic Families," **Mary McKelvey, Patrick McKenry**

4:45 - 6:15 pm, Paper Session 339, **Family Stress: Economic Problems**

"The Relationship Between Males Violence Toward Their Female

Intimates and Attachment Related Issues," **John Kesner, Teresa Julian**

"Husband's Job Loss - Wife's Stress: Anglo and Mexican-American

Women," **Kathleen Gilbert, Sue Hoppe**

"Married Females' Perception of Men Sharing Household Tasks: A Black-White

Comparison," **Aaron Thompson**

"Black Husbands' Economic Problems and Couples' Resiliency During the Transition to Marriage,"

Letha Chadiha

"The Influence of Parental Achievement Orientation on Black Students' Achievement Motivation:

The Significance of Perceptions," **Donna Ford-Harris**

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Department of Child and Family Studies, Syracuse University, is seeking a tenure-track Assistant Professor of Early Childhood Education with background in child and family studies. The candidate should have a demonstrated teaching and research record and be willing to work within a collaborative team effort. A doctoral degree in early childhood education or child and family studies is required. The candidate must evidence flexibility in teaching a variety of undergraduate and graduate courses and in advising undergraduate and graduate students.

The appointment begins August 24, 1993. Send Vita, three letters of recommendation, a statement of research and teaching interest, copies of representative publications/papers, to: Dr. Alice S. Honig, Department of Child and Family Studies, 206 Slocum Hall, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY 13244-1250. Deadline for application is January 15, 1993. Syracuse University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. Minorities and women are especially encouraged to apply.

WHO'S WHO IN THE SECTION

Our New Secretary/Treasurer is on the move . . .

Dr. Robin Jarrett, an Assistant Professor at Loyola University of Chicago, is a **W.T. Grant Faculty Scholar** and is currently on leave as a **Visiting Scholar at the Russell Sage Foundation**. She will conduct ethnographic research on the relationship between family life, community context, and social mobility outcomes among poor youth.

Robin Jarrett received her Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Chicago. Her specialties include family and socialization, qualitative methods, and urban poverty. Dr. Jarrett has received Grants and Fellowships from the American Sociological Association, National Science Foundation, Rockefeller Foundation, Social Science Research Council, and the Spencer Foundation to study low-income families. Robin Jarrett is a member of the American Sociological Association, National Council on Family Relations, and the Social Science Research Council's Working Group on Communities and Neighborhoods, Family Processes and Individual Development. **Congratulations, Robin!**

Members, please keep others in the Section updated about your recent achievements. Send information for this newsletter section about your accomplishments and awards that are national in scope or that have significant relevance to the organization.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Please consider writing a 1000-word abstract to submit to the **Theory Construction and Research Methods Pre-Conference Workshop for March, 1993**. You have a whole year to work with colleagues to put together a significant contribution to theory development or research methods in an area or topic of your choice. The Pre-Conference is a great place to try out some new, and often controversial, ideas and to receive thoughtful feedback from your colleagues. Works in progress are sought; your work should not be a finished product. Workshop participants can help each other develop theoretical contributions.

The Pre-Conference attendees are a small group of individuals committed to advancing theory and methods in our field. For more information or to be placed on the mailing list for the "Call for Proposals" for 1993, please write, call, or fax:

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