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GREETINGS TO ALL ETHNIC MINORITIES SECTION MEMBERS!

In this newsletter you will find a listing of the program offerings sponsored by the Ethnic Minorities Section during the NCFR annual program meeting. As you can see, the section was fortunate to have many fine submissions this year. Please plan to be in Baltimore in time for the events of that day, including the opening plenary by Andrew Billingsley, The Marie Peters Award address by Leonor Boulin-Johnson, several outstanding poster sessions, and our two special symposia chaired by Andrea Hunter.

There are many other excellent sessions planned for the 1993 conference, and we hope that section members will plan to attend as many of these as possible. Hillary Rodham Clinton, is expected to receive the Distinguished Service to Families Award on Saturday afternoon. On Saturday morning, at 11:45, the newly appointed Affirmative Action Committee will be meeting and holding an open forum in the Chesapeake B room.

As mentioned in the spring newsletter, the second annual fund-raising dance will be held on Saturday night. Our section meeting and oral history will be held on Sunday evening. Patricia Bell-Scott will be delivering the oral history this year. Unfortunately, there was no response to the request for assistance with the section's reception following the business meeting, so this event will not be held this year. Instead, we encourage all section members to attend the Student/New Professional Dance.

We look forward to seeing all of you in Baltimore in November, and to continuing the work of the section!

Edith Lewis

Dispatch From The Editor:

Dear Readers:

Remember, this is *your* Newsletter. It is a mechanism for you to communicate to members collectively. So send your news, commentary, etc! As this is my last issue, I want to thank those of you who have contributed to making my job as Editor easy and enjoyable. As Editor of the Newsletter, I have had the opportunity to speak and interact with very interesting and exciting scholars, many of whom I otherwise would not have encountered. Thanks for the enriching experiences. I especially want to express gratitude to Harlan London and Edith Lewis for their support. I am certain that the incoming Editor will take the Newsletter to new and different heights.

Regards,

Geraldine Kears Brookins

WHO'S WHO IN THE SECTION

NORMA BURGESS MOVES UPWARD

Norma Burgess is excited about her new position as Associate Professor of Child and Family Studies at Syracuse University. She looks forward to the challenges and opportunities that will undoubtedly emerge in this new setting. Norma's research interests include African American women and families, middle class families, and women and work issues. She looks forward to establishing an active research program at Syracuse.

Professor Burgess sees as the most critical issue facing families today to be one of developing strategies for survival in the midst of freedom. When asked to elaborate on this theme, she noted that over the last two decades individuals have experienced tremendous freedom to express individual needs, wants, and aspirations at the expense of family stability. She noted that there were costs to this "freedom". As a result of liberal individualism, families are teetering with little to anchor them. In her opinion, the aftermath of the "me" generation has produced changes in how families have to raise their children. Because of heightened dangers and risks, parents have to teach their children earlier about things to which they might be exposed.

When asked what might be a central research question for family studies scholars, Professor Burgess, suggested that we determine the strategies families use to adjust to rapid change in our society. In what ways do sibling, parent-child, and spousal relations manifest themselves under changing and challenging circumstances? What strategies do families use to combat media messages and images of which they disapprove? She suggests that we know little about the various mechanisms families utilize to maintain balance in times of uncertainty.

Congratulations Norma on your new position; we wish you well at Syracuse. Good luck with your first WINTER there!!!!

1993 ANNUAL PROGRAM MEETING - NCFR
ETHNIC MINORITIES SECTION PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1993

9:45 AM - 11:00 AM
Ballrooms C/D/E/F

OPENING PLENARY SESSION
"Family Values Revisited"
Andrew Billingsley

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Ballroom E

MARIE PETERS AWARD ADDRESS
"African-American Parenting:
Challenges and Prospects"
Leonor Boulton-Johnson

11:45 AM - 1:00 PM
Ballroom A/B, Foyer

POSTER SESSION I

"Being there: The perception of
fatherhood among a group of African-
American adolescent fathers"
William D. Allen

"African-American females' choice and
use of contraceptives"
Doris H. Appiah, Lynda Henley Walters

"Correlates of parenting competence: A
study of American Indian Navajo
adolescent mothers"
Rochelle Dalla, Wendy C. Gamble

"Self-esteem among Anglo, African-
American and Latino Pregnant teens"
Nilufer Medora, Avery Goldstein, Cheryl
Von der Hellen

"Images of African-American families on
prime-time situational comedies: Are
our roots there?"
Maresa Murray, Kathleen Gilbert

"Characteristics, income and
expenditures of Hispanic single-parent
families"
Mark C. Lino

"Machismo among Mexican-American
men: Myth or reality?"
Robert Del Campo, Ruth S. Herrera

"Ethnic fathering: Family strength and social support"

Mohammed Ahmeduzzaman, Sarah McGinley

"African-Americans' cultural mistrust and therapist characteristics preferences"

Michelle Richards, Sharon Price

BALTIMORE ROOM

1:15 PM - 4:30 PM

SYMPOSIA: Moral Discourse, Ethnic Minority Families, and the Social Construction of Race/Ethnicity, Gender and Class: Implications for Research, Theory and Public Policy

Andrea G. Hunter, Chair

1:15 PM - 2:45 PM

PART I: Perspectives on Research and Theory

"A conversation between classes: perspectives on gender role among low-income African-American women"

Robin L. Jarrett

"The socio-political construction of Black manhood: Implications for research on African-American men in families"

Andrea Hunter, James Davis

"Levels of acculturation among professional Hispanic men and women"

Estella Martinez

"Cultural variations in parenting: Perceptions of white, African-American, Hispanic and Asian-American parents"

Teresa W. Julian, Patrick C. McKenry, Mary W. McKelvey

Discussant: Aaron Thompson

Presider: Patricia Bell-Scott

3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

PART II: Policy Perspectives: Critique

"Social frameworks, the urban underclass and public policy"

Bill E. Lawson

"Strengthening African-American families: Policy implications"
Robert B. Hill

"The HIV/AIDS pandemic among ethnic minorities: Implications for family policy"
Suzanne M. Randolph

"Social and economic conditions: Pregnant and non-pregnant African-American and Hispanic adolescents"
Velma McBride Murry, Cheryl Ericson

Discussant: Kirk E. Harris
Presider: Tammy L. Henderson

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

9:30 PM
Ballroom D/E/F

HARBOR JAM: Second Annual Section Fund-Raiser

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM

PAPER SESSION

Antecedents to the Development of Differential Perceptions About Families of Color

"University students' definitions and perceptions of diverse family structures"
Donna Ford, Roseita Sandidge

"Family values: An African-American oral traditions"
Linda McWright, Bridget R. Carbins-Woods, Harriette Mc Adoo

"College students' expectations for themselves and their future marital partner"
Chanel L. Goodwin, Marilyn Coleman

"Understanding divorce in the African-American family: Black men speak out"
Aaron Thompson, Erma Lawson

12:00 PM - 1:15 PM

POSTER SESSION III

"Normative marital stress in Mexican-Anglo and Anglo-Anglo couples"
Mary S. Marczak

"Children living in dangerous environments: Differences in responses due to gender and age"
Janelle Von Bargen, Lynn Blinn-Pike

"Parental values and goals for children and adolescents: Convergence and divergence across residence, ethnicity, and gender of parent"
David C. Dollahite, Sheree Marshall

6:30 PM - 9:30 PM
Baltimore Room

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BUSINESS MEETING AND ORAL HISTORY
Oral History Presented by Patricia Bell-Scott

