



# REPORT

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Vera Mace, center, was honored during NCFR's International Year of the Family summer workshop in Black Mountain, NC. Pictured with her are Henryk Sokalski, U.N. IYF coordinator, and Dr. Sylvia Hewlett, who addressed workshop participants.

## Mace Honored For Lifetime Work

Vera Mace, pioneer member of NCFR, was presented a special award for her lifetime services to families from the United Nations Secretariat in Vienna, Austria, by Henryk Sokalski, U.N. Coordinator of the 1994 International Year of the Family. The presentation was made on July 29 during NCFR's International Year of the Family workshop in Black Mountain, NC.

She recently collaborated with David and Claudia Arp in writing the ninth of the Occasional Paper series for the United Nations entitled: *"Family Enrichment: Programmes to Foster Healthy Family Development."* Vera, and her late husband, David, founded of the Association of Couples for Marriage Enrichment (ACME) which enjoys membership worldwide. David Mace also served as president of NCFR.

In acceptance of the award, Vera noted, "This particular week in July has been specially significant for me for many years. Sixty-one years ago on July 26, 1933, David Mace and I were married in London, England, and that is where our work for marriage and the family began.

"I don't mean in a general way. It actually began at our wedding reception! It was the custom in those days to have speeches and toasts at wedding receptions. David asked to dispense with these, and instead let us tell our guests about what we clearly knew to be our calling--to work for better marriages and families, beginning with our own. Some of our guests thought we were crazy. In a way, we were--crazy with zeal to respond to our calling, though we had no idea then how or where it would lead us.

"In our wildest dreams we never thought that the years ahead would give us opportunities to have programs in 61 different countries over the world; write 33 books on marriage and the family; and have the privilege of working with the main international organizations in our chosen field, particularly in Europe and the U.S.

"As I look back on 57 years of marriage and the work of those years, two lines of (Robert) Browning come to me: *'All we have willed, or hoped, or dreamed of good, shall exist, not its semblance, but itself...'* Now our hopes and dreams are in your hands. I would be foolish in the extreme to ignore the fact that our legacy to you is vested in a very sorry, chaotic, and often grim, world.

"I believe you have the resources to do what the ancient Hebrew philosophy *Tikkun Olam* sets forth as 'helping to heal the universe.' Teilhard de Chardin, the great French paleontologist who died in 1955, and knew our world, defined it (our world situation) thus, *'The day will come when, after harnessing the weather, the winds, the tides, gravitation, we shall harness for God the active energies of love.'*

*"Harnessing for world good and world peace--'the active energies of love'--this, I believe with all my heart, is that the International Year of the Family and this workshop is all about. That we all together may learn to 'help heal the universe.'"*

## 1994 Annual Conference Opens November 8

"Families and Justice: From Neighborhoods to Nations," is the theme of NCFR's 56th annual conference, November 8-13, at the Minneapolis Hilton and Towers in Minneapolis, MN.

Scheduled plenary speakers include **Carol Rogerson, LL.M.**, associate professor of Law, University of Toronto, and **James Garbarino Ph.D.**, director of the Family Life Development Center at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY.

Rogerson will address attendees at 10:15 a.m., Friday, November 11, on *"Justice Between Spouses Upon Divorce."*

The legal conceptions of justice in families will be examined by focusing on the law's treatment of claims between spouses in cases of marriage breakdown and divorce. She also will deal with challenges of applying concepts of justice in intimate settings and the competing understandings of the nature of spousal relationships reflected in contemporary legal practice. Rogerson's address will focus on debates about the role of **fault** in matrimonial law and the nature of the economic entitlements between spouses upon divorce.



Rogerson

Rogerson is the author of **Canadian Constitutional Law** (with P. Macklem, R. Rish, K. Swinton, and L. Weinrib) and editor of **Competing Constitutional Visions: The Meech Lake Accord**.

Rogerson earned her LL.B. from the faculty of law, University of Toronto, and her LL.M. from Harvard Law School. In addition to her post as associate professor of law at the University of Toronto, she has served for the past three years as associate dean. Much of her teaching and writing has been done in the area of economic entitlements upon divorce. She has consulted with governments on these issues and participated frequently in continuing legal education programs for the bar and judiciary.

In 1985, she received the SAC-APUS teaching award. She received the Viscount Bennett Fellowship for Graduate Studies with the Canadian Bar Association in 1982. In 1989, she

received a two-year research grant for her project, *"Dilemmas of Modern Family Law."*

*"Growing up in the Socially Toxic Environment: Childhood in the 1990s,"* is the title of Garbarino's address at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, November 12. The session is sponsored by the Dept. of Family and Child Development at VA Polytechnic Institute and State University.

The presentation will explore the proposition that life for children in the 1990s offers a much more "socially toxic" environment than it did for children in the 1950s.

The term, "socially toxic," is used to convey the idea that social life is more poisonous now than it was 40 years ago, particularly for vulnerable children.



Garbarino

"While we have made advances in many technological domains, we have lost ground in the quality of the social environment," Garbarino explains. "How is the environment for kids more socially toxic now than it was in the 1950s? The lethality of violent conflict has increased

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# Diversity of Families Celebrated at Workshop

One of my great disappointments this summer was the need to cancel my trip to NCFR's United Nations International Year of the Family Workshop in Black Mountain, NC, due to my husband's illness. I had truly looked forward to welcoming Henryk Sokalski from United Nations Headquarters in Vienna, Austria, whom I had met in Malta last December.

I was looking forward to meeting many old friends and members of NCFR and also making new friends from the United States and from 15 other countries: Austria, Australia, Canada, Croatia, Guyana, Guam, Hong Kong, Israel, Japan, Norway, Sweden, Taiwan, United Kingdom, and Belgium. These guests and members of NCFR's 13 task forces truly contributed a great deal toward NCFR's organizational understanding of cultural diversity.

It was reported in the evaluations that during the task forces discussions, awareness of the need to think and talk in different paradigms of diversity became a difficult though crucial task for all of the task force members. Many remarked at what is taken for granted in this country in contrast to the things which other countries do in the field of family studies and policy.

I have read with great interest, the initial recommendations of the task forces in the newsbriefs which were compiled daily during the conference. I was pleased to note the awareness of diversity in the approach each task force took in their topical area as it cross-cut the issues of policy, practice, research and education.

The ambience of the conference seemed to help remind everyone that

though we are one world, there are many variations of cultures and ways of thinking and doing. For example, the beautiful flags of every nation which graced the auditorium, the dining tables and the amphitheater were a reminder of our diversity. The photos of families around the world and the slide show of world families, the words of the United Nations' family song, and Timmy Abell's song, "One World Family," were thoughtful additions. Even the Blue Ridge Assembly chef, Wilson, prepared exotic and ethnically diverse foods on his daily menus.

NCFR has made a significant effort to raise awareness of diversity of families and issues surrounding them and affecting their well-being worldwide. This IYF summer workshop is but a beginning. NCFR must maintain its momentum. I invite you all to continue

to put forth every effort to incorporate diversity in your daily practices. Join us at the annual conference in November as the discussion of what was begun this summer continues.

I applaud the foresight and efforts of M. Janice Hogan and her IYF committee and task force facilitators and recorders for their fine work and leadership and look forward to the publication of NCFR's own IYF book, **The Future of Families, Mandate for New Initiatives**.  
**Harriette Pipes McAdoo Ph.D.**  
1993-94 NCFR President

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because of the proliferation of guns in adolescent peer groups."

Garbarino also notes that "increased nastiness and violence on television increase desensitization and trauma. Increased school size leads to depersonalization, particularly for marginal students. The departure of adults from the lives of kids stimulates premature experimentation with sexuality and substance abuse. One apparent consequence of increased social toxicity is an increasing number of children requiring clinical intervention for psychological problems. These changes heighten the demands on parents, schools, and policymakers to 'detoxify' the social environment."

Garbarino is the author of **Towards a Sustainable Society: An Economic, Social, and Environmental Agenda for our Children's Future**; **Children in Danger: Coping with the Consequences of Community Violence**; and **Let's Talk About Living in a Violent World** (a book for children).

Garbarino previously was president of Erikson Institute for Advanced Study in Child Development. He earned his

bachelor's degree from St. Lawrence University, and his doctorate in human development and family studies from Cornell University.

He has served as a consultant to a wide range of organizations, including the National Committee for the Prevention of Child Abuse, the American Medical Association, and the U.S. Advisory Board on Child Abuse and Neglect.

In 1991, he undertook missions for UNICEF to assess the impact of the Gulf War on children in Kuwait and Iraq, and currently is a consultant to the Spanish government in its programs for Bosnian children.

In 1985, Garbarino was presented with the first C. Henry Kempe Award by the National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect for his efforts on behalf of abused and neglected children. In 1989, he received the American Psychological Association's Award for Distinguished Professional Contributions to Public Service.

In 1992, he was given the Society for Psychological Study of Social Issues prize for research on child abuse, and in 1993, he received the Brandt F. Steele Award from the Kempe National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect.

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**Dr. Anne-Marie Eriksson**, Incest Survivors Resource Network International, Las Cruces, NM, contributed to the annual conference.

**Joan Aldous**, Notre Dame, IN, contributed to the International Year of the Family summer workshop, and **Patricia L. O'Connor**, Knoxville, TN, contributed to the general fund.

Persons interested in making contributions to specific or to non-restricted fund accounts should contact **Mary Jo Czaplewski, Ph.D., CFLE**, at NCFR headquarters, 3989 Central Av., NE, Suite 550, Minneapolis, MN 55421; 612-781-9331; FAX 612-781-9348.

## New Name For AHEA

American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences is the new name for the American Home Economics Association. Delegates approved the name change during the Delegates Assembly at the annual meeting in June.

The organization was founded in 1909 and represents nearly 20,000 professionals in the family and consumer sciences.

AAFCS is headquartered at 1555 King St., Alexandria, VA 22314.

## Editorial Office Change

The Editorial office of Family Relations has moved from the University of Dayton to the University of Missouri. Please submit manuscripts (and any other correspondence) to:

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## Future NCFR Conference Dates

◆ **1995 - November 14-19**  
Portland Hilton Hotel, Portland, OR

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Program Vice-president: **Shirley Zimmerman**, Univ. of MN

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## CFLE Directions

# 27 New CFLEs Approved

We've just wrapped up the Spring, 1994, CFLE Review. Of the 34 applications received, 25 were Approved, 5 were Conditionally Approved, and 4 were Tabled. Two additional applications were approved from previous reviews.

Our goal for the Spring 1994 Review was 25 applications--we surpassed our goal by 9! Thanks to the Certification Review Committee members for all their hard work in reviewing the applications! It takes a lot of time. Congratulations to the following new CFLEs:

**June Alberto**  
Georgia State University  
Statesboro GA

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**Charles Calahan**  
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**Karen Kae Corpron**  
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**Phyllis Wright**  
Penn State University  
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The 1994 NCFR annual conference in Minneapolis is fast approaching. It will be held November 10-13, with special workshops on November 8 and 9. All NCFR members were mailed a conference program and registration form in September.

The Certification Review Committee, the CFLE Continuing Education Committee, and the CFLE Focus Group and CFLE State Coordinators will meet at various times to discuss pertinent CFLE issues. As in past years, a special CFLE reception will also be held.

One of the main issues to be discussed by the Certification Review Committee will be the possibility of establishing a review process for NCFR to use to evaluate university and college family life education curriculum and degree plans. Many schools have used the CFLE Standards and Criteria and Curriculum Guidelines when developing new family life education degree programs or evaluating existing programs. Many have specifically organized and prepared their programs so that they include all ten family life substance areas required for the CFLE designation.

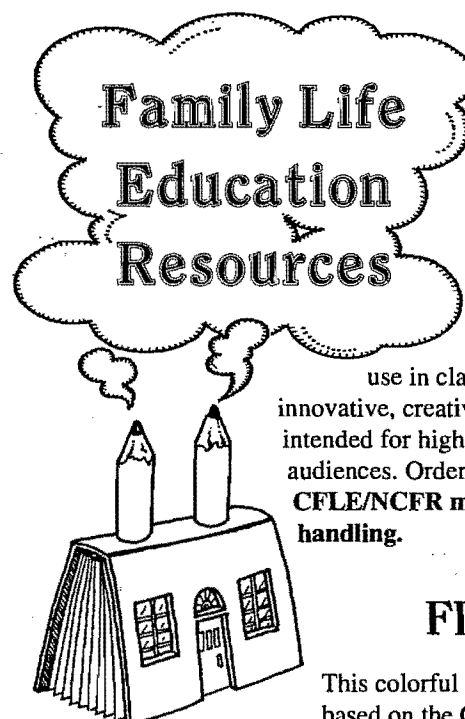
The hope is that students completing the degree plan, or a specific track of courses, will then have met the academic requirements of the CFLE designation. These graduates can then apply for Provisional Approval (specifically designed for those applicants with a degree in family studies, but without the required minimum two year's experience

needed for Full Certification). The Provisional designation has become a very popular option for those graduating with a family studies degree. Certification is especially helpful for those just beginning their careers and provides an important edge over other job applicants.

While NCFR wants to avoid accreditation of an entire university or college, consideration may be made to establishing a process that would recognize specific programs and ideally open the door to the possibility of an abbreviated application process for those completing an approved program. It's a very exciting proposition, and one that offers tremendous potential for the advancement of the CFLE program! We'll keep you informed of the status.

If you work at a college or university that offers a family life education degree or coursework applicable to the 10 family life substance areas, contact me at NCFR headquarters so that we can discuss the possibility of including your school in our review process.

**The deadline for the Fall, 1994 CFLE Review is September 3, 1994.**  
**Dawn Cassidy**  
Director of Certification

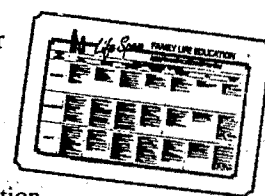


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## Papers Due

"Men, Education, Health, Family and Community" is the theme of the 3rd annual **International Conference of the Social, Educational, and Cultural Studies Association** February 8-11, 1995, in Toronto, ONT, Canada. The conference will be held concurrently with the 3rd official Celebration of International Men's Day.

Creative proposals for symposia, presentations, poster sessions, and individual papers should be sent to the Conference Coordinator. Paper proposals should be 150-500 words, and a 50-word abstract should be included. Please include 3 copies (proposals and abstracts) and 3 SASEs.

Speakers, paper readers, session (or "topic") chairs and discussants also may volunteer or be nominated to the **Conference Coordinator**, Box 10033, Kansas City, MO 64171; phone: 816-561-4066.





## Executive Review

# Milestones and Miles to Go...

On July 1, 1994, I reached a ten-year milestone in service as NCFR's executive director. This calls for reflection on what has been accomplished, but always with sights set on the future for NCFR, and the miles left to go to reach new and persistent goals.

Sincere thanks to all of NCFR's past presidents and Harriette McAdoo, to Board members and staff who took time to send thoughtful and congratulatory letters and phone calls on this occasion.

The past ten years, though challenging, were also extremely rewarding, enriched by the support of all of you who have volunteered your time, talents and expertise to NCFR. It has been a privilege working with you. From you I have learned much, and because of you, much has been accomplished.

Each of the NCFR presidents with whom I have worked has generously contributed to a rich tapestry of management styles, goal setting and attainment, sacrifice, commitment to NCFR, and styles of communication with our members. Each of the 144 board members I have worked with over these 10 years has also contributed to the fabric of what NCFR is today--the fine organization that it is--and to enriching the role of the executive director.

Ten years ago NCFR was a small, close-knit organization, rich in relationships and commitment to

strengthening families and the family field, but struggling financially. Today, NCFR continues its legacy of commitment to its members and to the well-being of families, but in a considerably better financial position: It has maintained a fund balance in the black for eight years running, has a commendable reserve fund, in a restructured management environment and a rapidly changing world.

Since 1984, NCFR's central headquarters environment has been upgraded twice, the staff reorganized and professionalized, and records computerized. New publications have given NCFR increased visibility. The CFLE program was mounted and continues to grow and to produce excellent teaching materials. A public policy representative was appointed in Washington, DC--and Margaret Feldman has served this post with magnanimous dedication and commitment, giving NCFR greater visibility and credibility in our nation's capitol.

International relations with the International Union of Family Organizations were re-established in 1991, and NCFR sought and obtained Non-Governmental Status at the United Nations and is playing a significant role in the current 1994 U.N. Year of the Family. New affiliates have been added to NCFR, such as the Military Families and the Taiwan Council on Family Relations.

NCFR's annual conferences have shown increased attendance rather than decreasing as has been a national trend at other association conferences in recent years. Program vice-presidents and their committees have planned excellent programs.

Challenges for the future are ever present. These include the increasing challenge of how to better serve the NCFR members; the challenge of keeping expenses down in a highly technological environment when computer upgrades occur before the previous programs have been fully utilized. The increased use of technology to reach our international members is a continuous, but rewarding challenge. E-mail, and FAX have enabled NCFR to better communicate with our members and collaborating organizations here and abroad.

For example, the recent success of the International Year of the Family Workshop held in Black Mountain, NC, could never have occurred without the technology to communicate with scholars around the world and with the Vienna office of the United Nations.

Technology will continue to affect the way NCFR publishes its journals and other family materials in the future as libraries worldwide computerize and demand electronic books and products (full text) on CD-ROM and soon on CD-RAM. Even the annual conference may change as more professionals opt for electronic meetings to save on travel and time away from families and work.

members will continue to challenge us, especially with lower reimbursements for professional memberships available from employers, and when new taxes levied on these memberships become realities.

NCFR's current new membership structure may need to undergo further changes. Demands from new professionals for member services are changing as information is compressed into bits and bytes. NCFR's challenge will be to re-package its publications and other products.

One thing is certain as we enter the next decade of service--only six years away from a new millennium. We can be certain of the constancy of change which signals NCFR's need for continued adaptability as will be demonstrated by additional restructuring, new joint ventures (perhaps even mergers), new products to replace the old and obsolete, and increased international relations.

In closing, thank you all for your confidence, collaboration and support of the past ten years. We welcome your continued commitment to NCFR in the future.

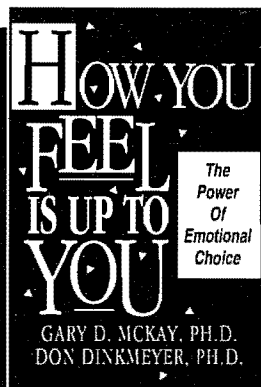
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## Meeting

February 10-11, 1995--3rd annual Conference on Parent Education sponsored by the Center for Parent Education, University of North TX, Denton, TX. July 1 deadline proposal. Contact: Dr. Arminta Jacobson, PO Box 13857, UNT, Denton, TX 76203-6857; 817-565-2432; jacobson@coe.unt.edu.

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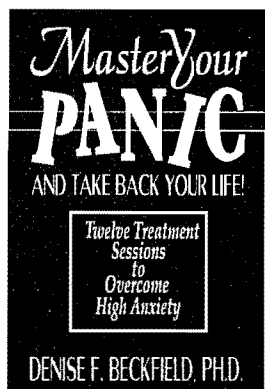
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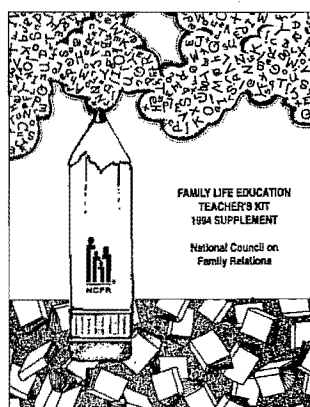
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# Amato 1993 Reuben Hill Award Winner

The 1993 Reuben Hill Award will be presented to Paul R. Amato of the University of NE-Lincoln during NCFR's annual conference in Minneapolis in November. Amato will be honored for his award-winning article,



**Amato**  
"Urban-Rural Differences in Helping Friends and Family Members," published in 1993 in *Social Psychology Quarterly*.

The Reuben Hill Award was established by NCFR in 1980 to recognize the outstanding published article on an important family issue that combines theory and research. This year's article was chosen by a committee of 30 family scholars from 57 nominated articles in 50 journals.

Dr. Amato delineates and tests hypotheses from three theories, social disorganization theory, overload theory, and subculture theory, about the relationship between urbanism and helping friends and family members.

Using a national sample of over 13,000 respondents from the National Survey of Families and Households, Amato reports the most support for overload theory. He finds that, among all families, living in urban areas does not reduce the extent of helping among friends and families, compared to living in rural areas.

For the aged sample, however, social disorganization theory had some relevance; elderly residents of urban areas reported receiving less assistance from friends and family than rural elderly. Further research on the urban elderly and their support networks of friends and family is needed to further specify the reasons for this decline in support in urban areas, according to Amato.

Amato holds a doctorate in behavioral science from James Cook University in Australia. He earned a master's degree in sociology from San Francisco State University and a bachelor's degree in sociology from CA State University-Hayward.

The four runners-up for the award are listed in alphabetical order:

"Testosterone and Men's Marriages," Alan Booth and James J. Dabbs, Jr., *Social Forces*, 72, 463-477.

"A Performance Model for Academic Achievement in Early Adolescence Boys," Barbara D. DeBaryshe, Ferald R. Patterson, and Deborah M. Capaldi, *Developmental Psychology*, 29, 795-804.

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Deborah D. Godwin was chair of the award committee.

# Gottman Receives Burgess Award

The 1994 recipient of NCFR's Ernest Burgess Award is John M. Gottman, professor of psychology.

The award recognizes a distinguished career of outstanding research and theory in the family area.

Gottman's research has spanned both methodological and substantive topics. He has done pioneering research on methods of analyzing longitudinal data which are now widely used. Substantive areas include children's peer relationship in normal and developmentally delayed children, friendship and personal relations, family conflict, and predictors of divorce.

While much of his research is empirical in nature, it is rooted in sound theoretical development. Recent interests have taken him into the study of physiological aspects of distressful marriages.

His articles have appeared *Child Development*, *Psychological Bulletin*, *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, as well as clinical outlets. He has received numerous research grants, including a prestigious MERIT award from the National Institute of Mental Health which provides up to 10 years of research funding without competitive review.

For two decades, Dr. Gottman's methodologically sophisticated and theoretically innovative work on a wide range of topics has influenced numerous family scholars as well as clinicians.

# Student, New Professionals Eligible for New Award

The Sage Award for *Students/New Professionals* will be presented for the first time at the 1995 NCFR annual conference in Portland.

The submissions deadline for the new award is **March 1, 1995**. It will be presented on a competing basis (juried by a panel of judges) and given to the doctoral student or new professional (within five years from degree completion) for the best scholarly manuscript in both form and content. Applicants must be members of NCFR.

The winning manuscript will be

published by Sage in the series, *Understanding Families*, edited by David Klein and Bert Adams. The winner will be presented with a \$500 cash award as an advance against the author's royalties upon signature of a book contract.

Each applicant must submit two copies of the manuscript, a copy of a curriculum vitae, and a cover letter certifying membership in NCFR and status as a student or new professional.

Watch the December issue of *REPORT* for more details and an entry form.

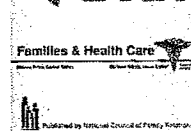
# Member News

NCFR member Luciano L'Abate, Ph.D., has been named 1994 Family Psychologist of the Year by the American Psychological Association.

The award will be presented at the MidWinter Convention of APA Divisions 29, 42, and 43 in March in New Orleans.

L'Abate is professor emeritus in the Dept. of Psychology at GA State University in Atlanta.

# Vision 2010: Families & Health Care



*Families & Health Care*, the first issue in the Vision 2010 series, presents health care reform needs from the family perspective.

The book suggests ways in which reforms can be made to improve the U.S. health care system and to strengthen families. Family and health experts provide analyses of 19 issues including: Health Promotion-Disease Prevention and the Family, Reproductive Health and the Family, Family Violence, Training Health Professionals About Families, Health Experiences of Minority Families, and Family-Centered Health Policy. 44 pages.

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# 1994-95 NCFR Membership Directory

*Look in your mail box for a special order form in September.*

At the time of this newsletter printing, NCFR staff is putting the finishing touches on the updated directory. It includes:

- Alphabetical address and phone listing of NCFR members
- E-mail addresses for those who have contacted NCFR
- List of members by city and state
- List of Special Interest Section Members
- Printed on white bond paper and 3-hole punched for storing in a notebook

NCFR members may purchase the Directory at a special member price. Non-member price will be higher.

Copies will be available at the NCFR Exhibit during the annual conference.

Call Kathy at 612-781-9331 for more information!







S/NP Snippets

Student Housing Forms Due Sept. 23

I hope you are planning to attend the annual conference in Minneapolis in November. Catherine Solheim, SNP representative-elect, has organized an exciting series of sessions for students and new professionals.

Student Housing for Conference

You have until **September 23** to send me a completed Student Conference Housing form (one is printed on this page) if you have a group of students who would like to stay together and receive a discount rate on a room. Student rates are \$90 for a single or double and \$100 for a triple or quad. A \$25 deposit per person is required when you send in the form.

S/NP Rep-Elect

Congratulations to Sharon Dwyer, our new S/NP representative-elect. She will begin her committee and Board of Directors' responsibilities at the annual conference in November. If you would like to run for this office, please contact me immediately.

The candidate elected from the Spring, 1995, ballot, will assume responsibilities at the end of the 1995 conference as the S/NP representative-elect on the 1995-96 Board of Directors, and then serve as S/NP representative on the 1996-97 Board of Directors.

In this position, you have the

opportunity to develop S/NP conference sessions, meet many friendly family professionals, learn about the inner workings of NCFR, and serve a large population of NCFR members. Please consider running for office.

Annual Conference Opportunities

Several exciting sessions will focus on the needs of students and new professionals. These sessions have been planned based on suggestions from S/NP participants at last year's conference. Here is a brief outline of what's in store:

An exciting panel of NCFR veterans will share their thoughts in the **S/NP Seminar, "Excitement and Challenge: Career Opportunities for Family Professionals,"** Friday, November 11, from noon to 1 p.m.

The **S/NP Development Forum**, scheduled for Friday, November 11, from 3:45 to 5:15 p.m., is a round table session offering opportunity for dialogue as well as information gathering. Topics focus on negotiating NCFR as an undergraduate, translating research into programs, getting along with colleagues, publishing from both student and editor perspectives, and combining graduate school and family life.

Finding funding for research is the focus on the **S/NP Skills Exchange**, Thursday, November 10, from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. In addition, we encourage all

students and new professionals attending the conference for the first time, to participate in the **First Timer's Reception**, Thursday, November 10 from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. to meet NCFR officers and learn about various NCFR Sections.

Do you have a topic and/or logistics-related idea for future NCFR conferences? Are you interested in getting involved in some leadership capacity in NCFR? Please join us at the **S/NP business meeting**, 12:15 to 1:15 p.m., on Saturday, November 12. This is where we plan for next year's conference--it's important that you be involved.

Finally, we all have an early morning S/NP networking area set up each day to answer questions, provide information, and chat with each other as the hectic day begins. More information

will be available at the conference.

We look forward to an exciting conference in Minneapolis and look forward to meeting you!  
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Guide to Graduate Programs Available

The second edition of **Graduate Study in Marriage and the Family** by John Toulaitos is now available. It is designed to assist prospective graduate students and their faculty advisors in identifying and comparing available master's and doctoral programs.

The update version features 157 graduate programs, 44 of which have been added since the first edition. The publication is sponsored by NCFR.

Program descriptions include degrees and areas of study offered, courses, admission and degree requirements, tuition, financial aid, enrollment, and faculty information.

To order, contact Human Sciences Publications, 4221 Capilla, Ft. Worth, TX 76133. The discounted price for NCFR members is \$19. Prices for non-members and institutions are available upon request.

1994 NCFR STUDENT CONFERENCE HOUSING

NCFR Student Members have special discounted rates at the Minneapolis Hilton & Towers, Minneapolis, MN, during the NCFR Annual Conference, Nov. 8-13, 1994. If you wish to room in a single, or you already know your roommates, fill in **Part A** below. If you are looking for a roommate, fill in **Part B** below. Everyone must complete Part C.

Part A (If you fill out Part A, return this form and deposit by Sept. 23, 1994)

- ☐ I am a student member of NCFR who wishes to have a single room at the student price of \$90 per night.
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  - ☐ Triple (\$100 per night: \$33.33 per person per night)
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Part B (If you fill out Part B, return this form by Aug. 26, 1994)

- ☐ I am a student member of NCFR who is looking for a roommate. By filling out the information requested below, I am giving permission to publish my name and this information on a list of students who are searching for roommates. I understand that this list will be sent to those students who are seeking roommates for the conference.

Part C (Everyone must fill out this part of the form.)

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Student members are responsible for their own room costs. Bills will not be assumed by NCFR or the Minneapolis Hilton & Towers if the preferred room occupancy cannot be attained or if roommates fail to attend. Student housing reservation service is available only until September 23, 1994. After that date students are responsible for making their own reservations directly with the Minneapolis Hilton & Towers.

Return this form and a deposit check to: **Karen R. Blaisure, Ph.D.**, NCFR Student/New Professional Representative, Dept. of Counselor Education & Counseling Psychology, Sangren Hall, Western Michigan Univ., Kalamazoo, MI 49008.



# 14 Countries, U.S. Represented at Summer Workshop

Driven by the challenging and inspirational words of **Henryk Sokalski**, U.N. coordinator of the International Year of the Family, and **Dr. Sylvia Hewlett**, president of the National Parenting Association, 133 family professionals from 14 countries and the U.S. met in July at the NCFR IYF Summer Workshop in Black Mountain, NC.

They worked in 13 task forces to draft policy, practice, education, and research recommendations for the future of families. A rich tapestry of ideas, discussion and outcomes was woven by the mixture of attendees from diverse cultures, countries, disciplines, occupations, and experiences.

However, the golden threads were the children and family members who accompanied many participants--reminders of the "core goals" of the event: **Healthy families for the future.**

The international ambience of this workshop--high in the woodlands of the Blue Ridge Mountains in North Carolina--in facilities conducive to thought and discussion were enriched with several displays of international flags in the auditorium, on the dinner tables, and in the amphitheater, with colorful U.N. family photos and slides, quotations from U.N. documents, music and the official U.N. IYF posters printed in languages from several countries.

**M. Janice Hogan**, workshop chair, coordinated leadership sessions for facilitators and recorders, and guided the task forces as each produced sets of recommendations for the daily newsbriefs produced by **Cindy Winter**, NCFR conference coordinator, and distributed daily among the participants.

These recommendations, with rationale, will form the basis of a book edited by Hogan and co-authored by all the participants. It is set for release in December.

While the official close of the U.N. **International Year of the Family** will take place in Montreal, this year's activities are but the beginning of many efforts worldwide to focus on strengthening families, "the smallest democracy at the heart of society."

The following samples are among the many recommendations from the task forces:

1. New research methodologies to assess the cost-effectiveness of family-friendly work policies and their impact on gender roles is one of the research recommendations from the **Gender Roles** task force facilitated by **Joan Aldous**.

2. The **Family Violence** task force, led by **Margaret Feldman**, recommends that government policies be designed to support parents in monitoring and preventing violence at home, in neighborhoods, and in the media.

3. **Masako Ishi Kuntz** led the task force on **Immigrant/Refugee Families** in recommending that broad sensitive systems of services to refugee/immigrant families be aimed toward strengthening families' growth toward independence in

their new lands and that service providers and services be comprehensive, culture, gender, and age sensitive and supportive.

4. **Perri Bomar** and **Patricia Langley**, co-facilitators of **Health and Families**, recommend that all professionals interacting with families be educated in "family health" promotion, dynamics, and policies as they affect families.

5. **Aging in the Family System**, led by **Karen Altergott**, urges the creation of new directions in gerontological research to include aging in a familial and inter-familial perspective that links research on children and families and is sensitive to diversity, culture, and family rituals and values.

6. **Roger Rubin**, facilitator of **Marriage and Intimate Relationships**, submitted the recommendation that tax and support services structures be reviewed so that they do not disadvantage marriage and families.

7. **Child Care and Parental Alternatives**, led by **Cynthia Johnson**, recommends that all nations strive to insure availability and access to a coordinated system of family support services such as health, nutrition, legal, social, and transportation regardless of socio-economic status.

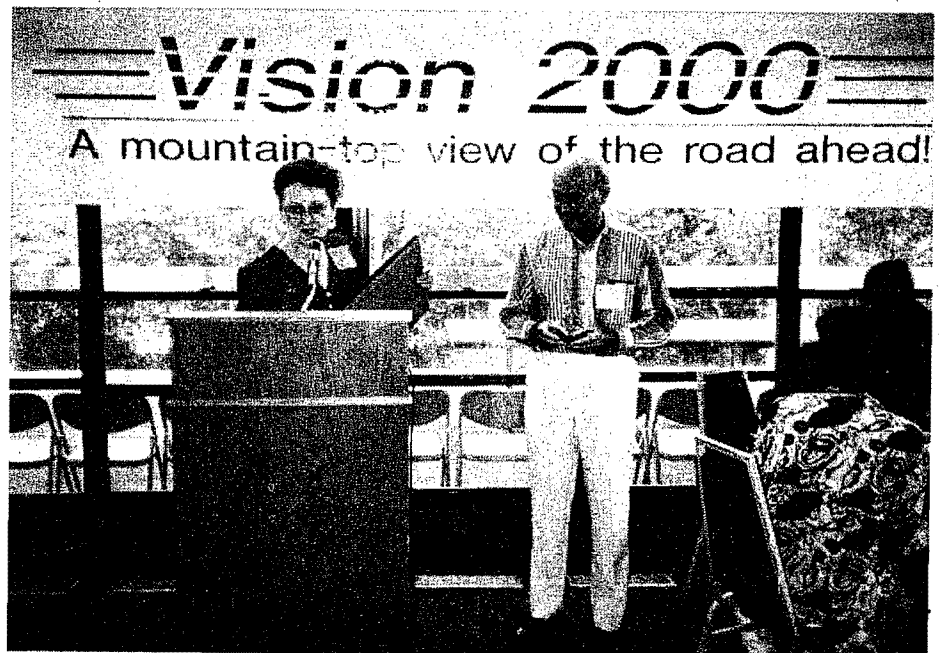
8. **Sexuality and Families**, led by **Howard Barnes**, advocates that healthy sexual functioning of the entire community is the responsibility of all citizens and institutions. The task force members recommend broader based collaboration among students, sexual partners, parents, religious leaders, school boards, administrators, legislators, and governments, and representatives of business and the media.

9. **Francille Firebaugh's** task force on **Families in Poverty** recommends a stronger investment in human capital through full funding for Headstart programs and others with proven effectiveness (WIC, EFNEP), parent involvement, universal health care coverage, increased educational opportunity across the life span and to consider the costs of alternatives to family care in policy formulation.

10. **Family Law and Rights**, co-facilitated by **Lynda Walters** and **Kate Funder**, recommends that legislators (policy makers) be educated about alternative dispute resolution and encouraged to use this model as a means of reducing adversarial atmosphere in the courts.

11. **Lina Fong**, facilitator of the **Religion and Family Life** task force, encourages policy makers, social service providers, and diverse faith communities to collaborate in decision-making, implementation, and evaluation in the use of resources for the well-being of families.

12. **Divorce, Remarriage and Child Outcomes** task force led by **Sharon Price**, encourages the U.N. to promote and support cross-cultural research on divorce and stepfamilies among its member countries.



Henryk Sokalski, U.N. coordinator of the International Year of the Family, was honored during NCFR's IYF Summer Workshop in Black Mountain, NC. Making the presentation was Mary Jo Czaplewski, NCFR executive director.



Summer workshop task force facilitators and recorders met for orientation with workshop chair, Jan Hogan, second from left. Proceedings of the task forces' recommendations will be published soon by NCFR.

13. **Joanne Keith** led the **Family Peace and a Peaceful Future** group to recommend that peace education become an integral subject for family life education and in the professional development training of undergraduates and staff development.

Integrating the work of the task forces with their families in attendance was accomplished through games and entertainment, including the **Family Puzzle** designed especially for the U.N. Year of the Family; a habitat for families visioning game; the folk songs of **Timmy Abell**, which included his own creation, "One World Family;" and the international cuisine prepared by Wilson and the staff of the Blue Ridge Assembly.

## Meeting

September, 1995--"Families as Educators for Global Citizenship" symposium in Budapest, Hungary, jointly convened by Robert Rapoport, Institute of Family & Environmental Research London, and Imre Kovach, Institute of Political Science Hungarian Academy of Sciences. This small workshop of a limited number of experts from different countries will seek to bring together what is known about the response of families to globalization processes. Contact: Robert Rapoport, 7A Kidderpore Ave., London NW3 7SX, England, or by contacting Rapoport at the NCFR conference in Minneapolis.

**Karen No Land** conducted a Native American spiritual assembly in the open air amphitheater and distributed and shared with those present the gift of the dream catcher, the Ojibway symbol of good dreams as a source of all wisdom. The dream catchers were donated by the Grand Casinos, Inc. Foundation of MN.

Overall, the workshop evaluations were very positive. Many expressed a wish for NCFR to offer similar workshops every two years. Many challenges also came from this exciting few days, and these will be considered throughout the year as the book is being finished.

Look for the scheduled Town Meeting at this year's annual conference in Minneapolis in November for a continuance of the discussion. Thank you to all who contributed to making this a very successful NCFR contribution to the U.N. Year of the Family.  
**Mary Jo Czaplewski**  
NCFR Executive Director

The fourth article in a series about diversity will be printed in the December issue of *REPORT*. Beth Norrell, chair of NCFR's Religion and Family Life Section will address issues of diversity that are "more subtle" such as sexual or political or religious preference.



# Families: 'Smallest Democracy at the Heart of Society'

(Editor's note: The following is the text of a speech delivered by Henryk J. Sokalski, coordinator for the U.N. International Year of the Family, at NCFR's IYF Summer Workshop in July.)

## Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen,

One of the highlights of my work in connection with the **International Year of the Family** has been getting to know the National Council on Family Relations. Few institutions in this country, and indeed globally, can claim to have a better record of accomplishment than that of the Council in promoting the rights of families. I salute you all for what you have been doing, and especially those of you who have made this momentous IYF Summer Workshop possible: **Dr. Mary Jo Czaplewski**, Executive Director of the National Council on Family Relations, **Dr. Lynda Walters**, Chair of NCFR's IYF activities, **Dr. M. Janice Hogan**, Chair of IYF Summer Workshop, and **Dr. Sylvia Ann Hewlett**, my Keynote Speaker Colleague.

## THE GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT PERSPECTIVE

Sweeping and largely unanticipated changes have been the hallmark of the last several years for the world community of nations. Whereas the first four decades of existence of the United Nations were characterized by immense ideological barriers that gave rise to distrust, hostility, rivalry, division and a systemic ineffectiveness in the pursuit of the Organization's noble goals, an era of global transition has dawned upon us. Recent developments are offering a rare second opportunity for the world community. As the Secretary-General of the United Nations stated in introducing his *Agenda for Peace*, "an opportunity has been regained to achieve the great objectives of the Charter - a United Nations capable of maintaining international peace and security, of securing justice and human rights and of promoting, in the words of the Charter, social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom".

Yet, as sorely demonstrated by other developments in various parts of the world, the end of the Cold War alone is no certain guarantee for world peace and development to flourish. Just as national boundaries are being blurred by advanced communications and global commerce, fierce new nationalistic assertions have sprung up. Social peace and stability are challenged by new forces of discrimination and brutal ethnic, religious, social, cultural and linguistic strife. As technological advances are altering the nature and expectations of life all over the globe and the revolution in communications is uniting the world, the same signs of progress also signal new risks for societies, such as ecological damage and disruption of family and community life. At the same time, there is a real danger that these new and more visible threats and challenges obscure the devastating problems of growing disparity between the rich and the poor, unchecked population growth, abject poverty, disease and social exclusion that continue to afflict billions of human beings.

The sources of conflict and threats to peace are numerous and diverse. For lasting peace to prevail, it must be solidly based on development and centred, in its broadest sense, on human rights and fundamental freedoms. This concept has been emphatically placed at the centre of work of the United Nations in the Secretary-General's recent *Agenda for Development*. It calls for a human-centred "culture of development" and recognizes peace, economy, the environment, societal justice and democracy as integral elements of the drive towards development and a better world.

It is precisely against the backdrop of such a global development perspective that I wish to perceive of the world's support for building the smallest democracy through the International Year of the Family. In fact, such a perspective is tremendously important. The Year is not an isolated effort, taking place in a vacuum. It has been conceived and is being pursued in full harmony with the overall development efforts of the international community. It constitutes a significant measure towards human-centred sustainable development. This intimacy and essentiality of IYF to the global processes become all the more striking in the context of the definition of human development as "development of the people, for the people, by the people".

*Development of the people* means investing in human capabilities, whether in education or health or skills, so that they can work productively and creatively. *Development for the people* means that the economic growth that they generate is distributed widely and fairly. *Development by the people* is giving everyone a chance to participate and entails a reciprocal obligation on States to empower people in decision-making. Families and the Year, offer a uniquely integrative platform, cutting across sectors and population groups with **people** as first in development efforts.

## FAMILY-THE OMNIPRESENT LINK

Furthermore, we perceive of the IYF in the context of the various specific measures that the world community has embarked upon for social progress and development, in the last few decades. It has been the declared objective of the IYF to build upon the international activities of the seventies' and the eighties' which mainly focussed on the individual, notably women, children, youth, the elderly and persons with disabilities. The IYF also constitutes an essential link in a chain of global development initiatives of the 1990s, which, collectively, represent an unprecedented process of refining and defining the social edifice of the United Nations system and, by extension, the collective future of humanity.

First was the Earth Summit - the **United Nations Conference on Environment and Development** in Rio de Janeiro, which served notice that environment permeates all aspects of development; that for sustainable development to succeed, it must become the concern and commitment of all segments of society, including families;

that in order to secure the future of our planet, all actors, including households, must change the way they behave. Thereafter was the second **World Conference on Human Rights** in Vienna, which, once again, enshrined the rights of the individual as the paramount value and cornerstone of development. Then is 1994, the **International Year of the Family**, when "*the family of nations pays tribute to families all over the world as the basic units of societies*". In a few months' time there will be the **International Conference on Population and Development** in Cairo, which will again deal with the intricate issues of population growth and sustainable development. Thereafter, as the world Organization celebrates its 50th anniversary, the **World Summit for Social Development** in Copenhagen will take this evolutionary process a major defining step forward, by formulating policies and measures to alleviate and reduce poverty, to expand productive employment and to enhance social integration - in other words, an "*agenda for people*". And, finally, the **Fourth World Conference on Women** in Beijing will further expand the global agenda and reiterate the gender perspective in people-oriented development.

Throughout this process and the various key-stone measures, the subject of families - and the objectives of the International Year of the Family - runs as a common unifying thread: **to bring together threads of social life that until recently have been treated separately and disjointedly.**

## THE POTENTIALITY OF FAMILIES AS THE HEART OF DEMOCRATIC SOCIETIES

A vigorous civil society, based on popular participation and other democratic values, has now been universally recognized as an indispensable pillar for lasting and equitable human development. In order to fully avail themselves of their potentials, people must participate actively both in formulating their own goals and in decision-making. A hallmark of the closing decade of the second millennium has been the emergence of democracy as the universally accepted form of good governance. Democracy provides the only long-term basis for managing competing interests in ways that avoid violence as a mechanism of problem solving. Democracy is a fundamental human right, the advancement of which is itself an important measure of development; and yet the world is still beset with complex anti-democratic practices.

Democracy is a way of life that needs to be learned and practiced. Family, as a heart of society, is the fundamental learning place of democracy. Hence the paramount significance of "*building the smallest democracy at the heart of society*". Families founded on the principles of equality, the inviolability of the rights and responsibilities of the individual, mutual respect, love and tolerance are the cradle of democracy. Such families are the foundation for the well-being of individuals, societies and nations.

Efforts to build a just human society based on the principles of human right and democracy can succeed only when these principles are learned, practiced and respected in families. In other words, the foundation for a democratic society has to be laid out in the family. This is both a message and a challenge of a tall order: to work together towards a society where children and adolescents feel that their voices are heard, and where men and women live in partnership, based on equality and mutual respect. Only then can there be a well-functioning two-way communication between the community at the grass-roots level and society at large. Only then can children come to understand the underlying principles of democracy and how to integrate them in their own personalities and daily life.

And, yet, too often, families as democratic social units remain an ideal not entirely borne out by reality. Only too many women, men and children conclude: "*my family - my drama, my tragedy*". Fundamental to the notion of family seems to be a dichotomy between the presence of the repressive, hierarchical structures of family life and the absence of a sense of moral obligation, awareness and solidarity concerning others' needs and rights; the dichotomy between power and control on the one hand, and the equal and inalienable rights of all family members on the other. Life in a repressive family, which has no respect for the rights of the individual, can be an experience harsher than functioning in a repressive society. Both are unacceptable. The boundaries of the family should not provide refuge for a scourge of domestic violence, the abuse or neglect of children, the systematic abhorrent subjugation of women, or mistreatment of the elderly, persons with disabilities or other members with special needs.

This is essential to our concept of families and to the principle of support and empowerment of them. When a family rests at, or descends to, the point where the basic human rights of individual members are endangered by others within the unit, the costs to the individual and the greater society can be measured in any currency. When poverty is allowed to become so extreme that parents mutilate their own children to make them more successful as beggars in the street, we have all somehow failed. When a child takes his or her life in desperation and in fear, something important dies in all of us. Societies cannot be healthy as long as families are haunted by the spectre of disrespect for duly established international human rights' standards. The power of the family must be limited by the basic human rights of its individual members.

## THE CENTRALITY OF FAMILY

On the other side of the coin, the welfare of families, their ability to fulfil basic societal functions (such as production, reproduction and caring) the support offered to families by the society and the State are major elements in achieving both human rights and social progress. Despite growing diversity, the concept of the family continues to be the most basic one in social life. The en-



# Theme of U.N. Speaker's Address

life of all individuals is affected by what the family managed to invest in them or failed to provide in terms of the natural environment for their growth and well-being. Societies everywhere are beset with many serious and persistent ills, ranging from abject poverty, destitution, neglect, abuse, to drug addiction and criminality. This central role of families as providers of basic human and social services and as important resource base is poised only to grow in the current socio-economic climate, as the social welfare processes in most countries have been undergoing reassessments and the States roll back their central position in welfare services. Moreover, the family-centred model and related approaches have become even more important in economies in transition, where the social safety net provided by the State has broken down.

It is essential, in this context, to recognize that families cannot be expected to resolve the issues not conquered by our previous approaches without new forms of support. While we must recognize, the central strengths of families, we cannot do so to the neglect of their many needs.

## IYF-THE WORLD'S SUPPORT FOR THE SMALLEST DEMOCRACY

Clearly, the state of the world's families is not satisfactory; urgent and effective action is called for. While the world community and the United Nations had indeed long acknowledged the importance of the family unit in numerous international instruments and documents, they have not, until now, been the subject of a concentrated focus. The global level activities of the 1970s and 1980s on behalf of the individuals have led, in some way, to a "re-discovery" of the family. The increasing recognition of the precarious situation of families and the need for concerted global action in support of the smallest democracy has been vividly expressed in the proclamation of 1994 as the **International Year of the Family**.

The Year's principles, which stress the diversity of forms and functions of families; its objectives, which emphasize increasing our knowledge about families as a basis for concrete action; and its *modus operandi*, which focuses on action at the local and national levels, are fully enunciated and enthusiastically accepted by our numerous IYF partners. The Year is conceived as a concerted effort of the international community, in harmony with a large number of crucial partners - Governments, national institutions; such as the **National Council on Family Relations**, the voluntary and private sectors, the United Nations system and other intergovernmental organizations.

IYF as a global agenda to build the small democracy is also a call for improved accurate knowledge and up-to-date information on families. While it goes without saying that a large body of knowledge already exists, it is a high priority to ensure that policies and programmes are informed by data that represent the reality of today's families. Only too often, legal and policy frameworks regarding families do not reflect that reality and are based on

out-dated concepts. A more active partnership is required between the users and producers of social science research.

This must be a dynamic process, involving actors at the lowest levels in preparing, observing and following up the Year. By focusing on action at the national and local levels, it must, and will, highlight the many diverse strengths and weaknesses, problems and potentials of families in different parts of the world. What this means, in the final analysis, is that IYF can serve as a platform for policy review, reform and improvement, based on a "bottom up" model. In this process, the biggest bloc of political influence and power with a vested interest in family policy is, and should be, families. The principle of empowerment must be more than an aspiration of the IYF; it must be the way of life of the Year. It is an on-going process, requiring the energy, input and commitment of those who will benefit from it. This is basic to our understanding and vision of the Year.

## THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

I have had the great pleasure and the profound professional satisfaction of watching, together with my colleagues in the small IYF Secretariat, the IYF process grow from a small bud, a few years ago, to a flower in full bloom, this year. The interest in the Year has been immense; the support and involvement exemplary and far reaching. And the momentum is still growing. I cannot help paying a tribute, from the depth of my heart, to the numerous IYF partners, including the **National Council on Family Relations**, for what they have made out of this initiative on behalf of families and their future.

The **International Year of the Family** is now in full swing, with national programmes of observances having been launched in some 150 countries. The Year has been characterized by the involvement of the highest national authorities, as amply demonstrated by the Proclamation, issued by President Clinton and a number of Governors; thousands of enthusiastic volunteers at all levels, for which your very presence here bears eloquent testimony; several thousand events all over the globe; more than thirty organizations and agencies of the United Nations system pursuing IYF projects; four significant regional preparatory meetings on the Year; and a historic World Forum of Non-governmental Organizations to launch the event. All this is an indelible record of achievement that cannot go unnoticed.

Most significant among the accomplishments have been a number of substantive outcomes. These include:

**First and foremost**, the Year has firmly established that the family is an essential social unit in the socio-economic and sustainable development process.

**Second**, as a result, the need to base social policies on a family-centred holistic approach has now been recognized and is being reflected in concrete ways.

**Third**, the Year has led to a decisively positive approach taken to family issues. This has resulted from a painstakingly consistent effort to ensure that the Year's activities at all levels are characterized by: (a) recognition of the diversity of family life and the principle of pluralism in the functioning of families; (b) emphasis on gender equality in society and the family; and (c) promotion of the rights of children. Addressing family issues and bringing about positive changes in family realm is increasingly recognized as essential to achieve meaningful and lasting progress in the global effort on behalf of women, children and other disadvantaged members of society.

**Fourth**, the realization that many of the key issues faced by families and by States are common to regions and countries, contrary to expectations and despite the diversity of families.

**Fifth**, the conviction that the Year is only the beginning point of a long-term process of supporting families and that international cooperation on family matters is essential.

The substantive gains have been crowned and cemented by the extensive efforts for awareness-raising and mobilization of concrete action. The Year has released a broad array of initiatives on behalf of families all over the world, served as an occasion to invigorate the existing activities and as a platform for the harmonization and coordination of efforts. Yes, we can confidently say that we have covered a remarkable distance in our long journey and we are definitely on the right path.

## THE LONG-TERM CHALLENGES

We have not yet reached our destination, however, and a much longer distance remains to be covered. The tasks and challenges ahead of us remain daunting. The accomplishments are sound reasons and solid foundations for us to dare to dream about the future and take bold steps forward. The guiding principle should remain to be the firm conviction that the IYF is simply the beginning.

Perhaps the most basic policy decision in support of families is to foster the development of a *family impact consideration* in all development activities. Even if not directly addressed to them, most socio-economic and development policies and programmes invariably affect families, in one way or another, though this is not always, or immediately apparent. Organizations and agencies, governmental or non-governmental, national or international, must be encouraged to recognize that their decisions and action will usually have an impact on families, on how families will be formed, whether they will survive or not, and how well they function as nurturers and providers.

The corollary to this goal is the formulation and implementation of family-sensitive policies in family-friendly societies and devising appropriate means to deal with a broad and varied range of specific problems related to families. There seems to be a great need to use whatever knowledge is

available to create more relevant and appropriate policies directed at the family. This inevitably leads to the high relevance and urgency of family-focused research.

For the immediate present, the most pressing challenge will be to advance a framework for action to sustain the momentum, consolidate the gains and lead to the attainment of those long-term goals on behalf of families that have grown up through the Year.

## IYF - ITS IMPACT

While all signs seem to indicate so, it may still be too early to say that the family will be better off because of the IYF. But it is certain that the world in which families function will be different in terms of its perception of families. The **International Year of the Family** will have made a mark and brought families to the forefront of discussion and debate on social policy and progress. It remains to be hoped the the Year will also have firmly placed families as an essential focus of social policy action and as a foundation upon which we can confidently look to the future we leave our children.

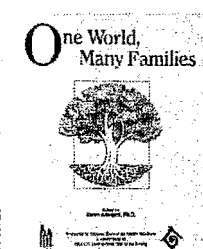
Henryk J. Sokalski  
July 29, 1994  
Black Mountain, NC

## DEADLINE

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next REPORT is  
**November 28, 1994**

## One World, Many Families

Editor: Dr. Karen Altergott



16 essays by world scholars on global issues intended to provoke thoughtful, informed discussion by bringing global information, exemplary policies, and programs from other countries to the attention of the

reader. The aim of the book is to expand international dialogue on family issues.

Some of the topics include: Changing World Conditions for Families • Nations & States in Action for Families • International Cooperation for Family Scholarship • Children's Issues • Gender Roles • Racial & Ethnic Families • Immigrant & Refugee Families • Family Violence.

**One World, Many Families** is published in observance of the 1994 U.N. International Year of the Family. 81 pages.

\$14.95 NCFR member price, \$16.95 non-member price. Price includes US postage and handling. Foreign & Canadian orders add \$3 postage & handling. MN (6.5%) and Canadian (7% GST 123-830-465) orders subject to taxes. US funds on US banks only.

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# Help! I Don't Have A Room at the Conference!

*"I called the conference hotel, and they said there were no more rooms at the conference rate? How is this possible when the deadline isn't until October 15?"*

This is a common question we get sometimes as early as the beginning of October. I would like to tell you the process of reserving a block of rooms at a special discounted rate.

When NCFR signs a contract with the conference hotel, a certain number of rooms, called a protected block, are set aside for our conference. The NCFR and hotel come to an agreement on the number of rooms blocked based on the history of how many rooms were reserved in previous hotels. We must be realistic when reserving these rooms because hotels cannot afford to protect the rooms if there is a chance that NCFR will not use all these rooms. This block of rooms is protected until October 15, so that reservation clerks cannot sell these rooms to other groups or people who want a room for the night. Only NCFR attendees can reserve rooms in NCFR's block.

Some years the attendance has increased beyond our expectations, and the room block is filled early. In all of our hotel contracts there is a clause stating that if the hotel has rooms available, they will try to place NCFR attendees in rooms at the convention rate.

It has been our experience that most of the hotels are very cooperative and do all they can to place our attendees. There are times when the entire hotel is full, and they cannot house NCFR people. At that time we find alternative housing at another nearby hotel.

Sometimes it is possible that you will be able to find a room at the hotel at the very last minute. There are occasions when another convention doesn't fill its block, and its leftover rooms are put back into the "room pool" to sell. However, there is no guarantee that the room rate will be the same as NCFR's contracted rate.

**It pays to reserve your room early!**

*I had a guaranteed reservation at the hotel, but when I checked in there were no rooms available? How could this mistake happen?*

In the previous question we described the protected block. If the hotel is "sold out," there can be a problem. Sometimes guests from previous nights are unavoidably detained and cannot leave as scheduled.

Hotels may also purposely overbook a few rooms because generally there are last-minute cancellations. People have illnesses, family or work emergencies, and cannot attend. Unless you have guaranteed your room with a

credit card, the hotel is to hold a room under no obligation. The average number of cancellations is around 15%, so hotels may try to overbook, taking the chance that the cancellations will balance the oversold rooms. Usually the predictions are correct, but occasionally there are times when there are no cancelled rooms. If this happens the hotel should make arrangements to find housing at another property, and pay for a cab ride to the other property.

One last note: If you will not arrive before 6:00 pm, be sure to **guarantee your reservation with a credit card or a check for the first night's stay.** When a reservation is not guaranteed, and you do not check in by 6:00 pm, your room is released for sale, even if you have a confirmation number. On the other hand, if you have a guaranteed reservation, and you must

cancel, be sure to call the hotel as soon as possible, or you will be charged for the first night-- even if you are not there

If you have other questions about the conference, please contact me by E-mail: NCFR3989.aol.com; FAX: 612-781-9348; mail; or phone: 612-781-9331.

We look forward to seeing you at Conference.

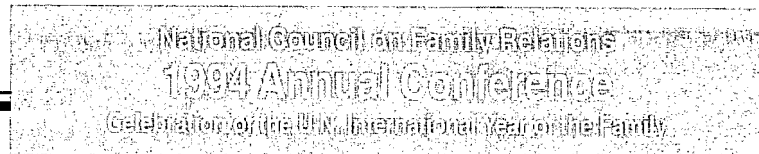
**Cindy Winter CMP**  
Conference Coordinator

## Meeting

September 29-October 1--

**Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC) First International Congress on Parent Education Programs.** Speakers: Isolina Ricci, Melinda Blau, and Andrew Shepard. Contact: Congress on Parent Education Programs, AFCC, 329 W. Wilson St., Madison, WI 53703.

**Annual conference programs were mailed to all active status NCFR members by August 29. If you do not receive your copy by September 16, call NCFR headquarters--612-781-9331.**

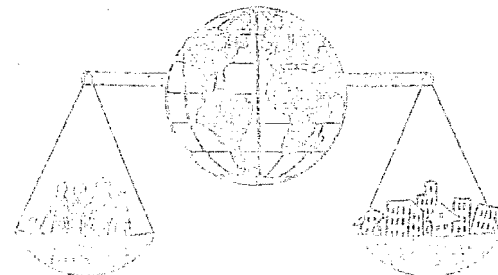


## "Families and Justice: From Neighborhoods to Nations"

Conference: Nov. 10-13  
Workshops: Nov. 8-9

Minneapolis Hilton and Towers, Minneapolis, MN

Greer Litton Fox, Univ. of TN,  
Program Vice President



The 1994 conference theme celebrates the **International Year of the Family** by focusing attention on the social contents of justice and implications for family life, and the consideration of how families shape and are shaped by matters of justice.

### Plenary Speakers

**Jacqueline Jones**, Dept. of History, Brandeis Univ.  
*"Historical Perspectives on Families and Justice in Distressed Communities"*  
**Carol Rogerson**, Faculty of Law, Univ. of Toronto  
*"Justice Between Spouses Upon Divorce"*  
**James Garbarino**, President, Erikson Institute, Chicago  
*"Growing Up in the Socially Toxic Environment: Childhood in the 1990's"*

### Research Updates for Practitioners (RUPS)

RUPS will be presented by Connie Shehan and Michael Johnson - *"Gender Dynamics in Intimate environments: Feminist Insights for Families"*; Tony Jurich - *"Working with Adolescents in Crisis"*; and Judith Seltzer - *"Child Support and Fairness."*

### Featuring

Symposia ♦ Posters ♦ Papers ♦ Round Tables ♦ Panels ♦ Workshops  
Didactic Seminars ♦ Exhibits ♦ Video Festival  
Pre-Conference Workshop on Men's Roles ♦ Ethic of Caring Tour  
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## Find new Materials!

## 1994 Exhibits and Video Festival

Each year attendees look forward to the Exhibits and Video Festival. Try to visit all the exhibit booths, browse through the Combined Book and Take One Displays, and view the latest videos. You can look at books your colleagues have written.

**Dates: Thurs., Fri., and Sat., November 10-12, 1994.**

- ♦ Find the latest materials for your classroom or job!
- ♦ Win a prize! There are drawings each day.
- ♦ Purchase books at the booths and at the Half-price sale of books exhibited in the Combined Book Display, Saturday, November 12, at 12:30 pm.
- ♦ View the latest videos to use in your profession. Watch for the award-winning productions from the **1994 Media Awards Competition.**

Thanks to **Ollie Pocs**, Emeritus, Illinois State Univ., Exhibits Chair, and **Martha Calderwood**, Consultant, Charlottesville, VA, Video Festival Chair.

### Authors - Last Chance to Exhibit!

The NCFR Conference is a great market for your books. Your colleagues will be at the exhibits.

Send the name, address, and phone or FAX number of your publisher to **Cindy Winter, CMP**, Conference Coordinator, by **September 27, 1994.** She will contact the publisher for you.



## Snarey Addresses Focus Groups

John Snarey, professor of Human Development at Emory University in Atlanta, GA, will present at two focus group meetings during the NCFR annual conference in Minneapolis.

He will speak to the Men in Families Focus Group from noon to 1 p.m., Friday, November 11, and the Individual Development in the Family Context from 5:30 to 7 p.m. the same day.

Both sessions are sponsored by NCFR's Research and Theory Section.

Snarey's recent book, **How Fathers Care for the Next Generation: A Four-Decade Study**, (Harvard Press, 1993), is a seminal piece of scholarship that is an excellent comprehensive test of Eriksonian theory. Using a unique longitudinal and intergenerational data set with both quantitative and qualitative data, Snarey demonstrates the importance of fathers' caring for the next generation or generativity, both for children's development and men's adult well-being.

Plan to attend both sessions.  
**Alan Hawkins**

## Child Care Services Listed

The Local Arrangements Child Care Committee has explored options for care of young children during the Conference. Two services will care for children at the conference hotel.

**Jack'N Jill Service.** Phone: 612-429-2963.

\$6.50 per hour for 1 child or  
\$7.50 per hour with 2 children.  
4-hour minimum, plus parking  
and \$.25 per mile.

**Emerald Princess.** Phone: 612-426-8679.

\$9.00 per hour for 1 to 2  
children  
\$10.00 per hour for 3 to 4  
children  
\$11.00 per hour for 5 or more  
children.

Call the agency for information  
and to make reservations.

### Headquarters

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## ETHICS OF CARING TOUR

**Wednesday, November 9, 1994**

**8:30 am - 5 pm (meet at the Hilton Hotel Lobby)**

Sponsored by the Minnesota Council on Family Relations and the NCFR

### Registration

**Cost: \$35** for NCFR or MCFR members; \$45 for non-members. Registration fee includes a box lunch, transportation, and handouts. Register on the Conference Registration Form. Participants meet at 8:30 am in the Hilton Hotel Lobby.

See Family Support in Action! Participants visit unique, state-of-the-art facilities providing services to families in the Twin Cities area. Choose from one of two tours:

- ◆ Early childhood education facilities
- ◆ Chemical dependency treatment, crisis care, and other intervention facilities

Tours include: Question and Answer time, handouts describing programming for each facility, and discussion implementing the programs elsewhere.

## Employment Service

Coming to the '94 conference? Be sure to stop at the Employment Service in Director's Row 3 and 4. This year, along with job listings and candidate vitae, we also invite listings for post-doctoral opportunities and internships.

As a student/new professional, I have found this service to be invaluable!

In past years, for example, I have learned of many openings before they were listed elsewhere, and I've had the opportunity to interview at the conference. Don't pass up this opportunity.

**Susan Bowers**, OH State University  
614-292-7705

## Keep Abreast of Public Policy Issues

The Annual Conference offers opportunities to learn about what is going on at the local, state, and national level, and how you, as a family professional, can be of assistance.

NCFR's Public Policy Committee, the Family Policy Section, and the Association of Councils are sponsoring several sessions:

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1994 Public Policy Advocacy Skills Workshop

Cost: \$35 for NCFR members; \$45 for non-members. Includes dinner. Register on the Conference Registration Form.

- 1 - 1:30 pm Registration
- 1:30 - 2:30 pm **Introduction/Plan of Action**  
*Overview of Current Health Policy Reform Efforts, Patricia A. Langley*
- 2:45 - 4:15 pm **Workshops**  
Participants will change sites every 30 minutes; choose 3 sessions.
  - A *Advocacy at the Federal Level/Capitol Hill.* Facilitator: Margaret Feldman
  - B *Organizing Advocacy Activities at the State Level.* Facilitator: Roger Rubin
  - C *Grassroots and Local Advocacy Through Family Impact Seminars.* Facilitators: Karen Bogenschneider, Kari Morgan
  - D *Organizing Media Events.* Facilitator: Barbara Settles
  - E *Working with Legislative Staffs at Federal and State Levels.* Facilitator: Elaine Anderson
  - F *Training Family Scientists as Advocates: Policy Internships for Students.* Facilitator: Hallie Duke
  - G *Making Policy Choices that Promote Family Well-Being.* Facilitator: Shirley Zimmerman
- 4:30 - 5:45 pm **Discussion and Sharing of Ideas**
- 6 - 7 pm **Dinner**
- 7 - 8:30 pm **Presentation**  
*Legislator/Staff Training Seminars - Minnesota COFO: Model for Influencing Policy at the State Level, Lynn Schoonmaker*
- 8:30 - 9 pm **Wrap-up, evaluation, and adjourn**

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1994

- 7:30 - 8:30 am **Association of Councils/Public Policy Forum**  
Workshop Leader: Margaret Feldman, NCFR Washington Rep

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1994

- 8:30 - 9:45 am **The Managed Care Revolution: Scope, Impact and Consequences for the American Healthcare System.** Co-sponsored by Family and Health Section.

Moderator: **William J. Doherty**, Univ. of MN.

Focus: Introductory background on how medicine in America is changing or needs to be changing and how this relates to the wellbeing of families.

Panel: **Representative Lee Greenfield**, Minnesota Legislature.

Focus: The political and practical challenges in redesigning Minnesota's healthcare system and the outcomes for families served by the system.

**Barbara Nerness**, Asst. Commissioner, Bureau of Health Delivery

Systems, MN Dept. of Health

Focus: How Minnesota's three sectors--nonprofit, forprofit and public are adapting to support the changes required under managed care. What kind of collaboratives are needed? Changes in Technology? What does service integration really mean?

**Patricia Langley**, Consultant in system reform and family policy, Washington, DC

Focus: Summary overview of national managed care trends as they have been evolving for over a decade in response to employer resistance to increasing costs.

Question and Answer Period

Organizer: **Patricia Langley**, Phone: 703-527-0554; FAX: 703-841-0743

- 2 - 3:30 pm **Special Session - Panel: Moccasins and Tennis Shoes: Families, Social Justice and Native American Culture,**  
**Jack Weatherford, Debbie Stark, Denise Wakefield, Ada Alden**  
(Sponsored by Family Social Science Dept., Univ. of Minnesota, and IN, EM Sect., NCFR Pub. Pol. Com.)
- 5:15 - 6 pm **Reception Co-sponsored by the Family Policy, Feminism and Family Studies, and Family Science Sections, and the NCFR Public Policy Committee**
- 6 - 7:30 pm **Open Meeting of the Public Policy Committee**  
President: **Barbara Settles**, Public Policy Vice President

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1994

- 4:45 - 6:15 pm **Public Policy Seminar - Family Violence**

Organizer and Moderator: **Margaret Feldman**

*NCFR and the Study of Family Violence*, Murray A. Straus, Professor, Univ. of NH

*Family Violence as a Public Health Problem*, Audrey Manley, M.D., Assistant Surgeon General.

*The Status of Federal Legislation Regarding Family Violence*, Sheila Wellstone, Office of Senator Paul Wellstone (D-MN).

*Minnesota's Response to Family Violence*, Barbara A. Elliott, Univ. of MN- Medical School, Duluth

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1994

- 10:30 - 11:45 am **Current Aspects of Welfare Reform at Federal and State Levels**

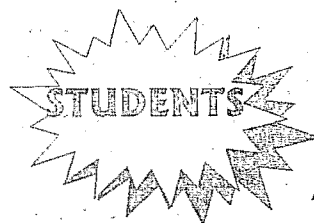
Organizers: **Catherine S. Chilman**, Emeritus, Univ. of WI-Milwaukee, and **Mark Rank**, Washington Univ.

*Current Welfare Reform Legislation and Critique*, Catherine Chilman  
*Welfare Reform Programs and Their Evaluation in Minnesota and Wisconsin*, Shirley Zimmerman, Univ. of MN

*Welfare Reform Program and Its Evaluation in New York State*, Virginia Hayes Sibbison, Welfare Research Inc., NY



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**EARN A  
SCHOLARSHIP!  
ASSIST AT THE NCFR  
ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

NCFR student members have the first chance to earn scholarships to the Annual Conference. Workshops are November 8-9, and the Conference is November 10-13, 1994, at the Minneapolis Hilton & Towers. Conference registration fees will be refunded in return for 8 hours of assistance. The number of positions needed is limited--Return your form soon!

**What is a Student Assistant?**

- ◆ A person who represents the National Council on Family Relations and is committed to helping attendees feel welcome.
- ◆ A student member who works for 8 hours during the conference and in return receives a refund check for the student registration fee. (Checks are mailed 2 weeks AFTER the conference.)
- ◆ Someone who would like to be a part of the behind-the-scenes activities of a national conference and become better acquainted with other students and professionals.

**What are the Responsibilities of a Student Assistant?**

- ◆ Check in at the Student Assistance desk upon arrival at the conference.
- ◆ Be at your assigned position 15 minutes before the scheduled work time to be briefed on information pertinent to your job and shift.
- ◆ Be willing to do ANY task necessary for the smooth operation of your assigned project and the conference as a whole. (Note: Some positions may include moving boxes and audio-visual equipment.)
- ◆ Acquaint yourself with the conference program BEFORE coming to the conference so that you are able to answer questions asked by attendees.

**How Can You Sign Up?**

- ◆ Complete the form below and return by **SEPTEMBER 15, 1994**, to:

Lucy Morrissey  
9496 Creekwood Drive  
Eden Prairie, MN 55347

**STUDENT ASSISTANCE FORM  
DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 15, 1994**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
School \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Day (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Night (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the areas in which you would be willing to volunteer your time:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Press room  | <input type="checkbox"/> Local information     | <input type="checkbox"/> AV set-up/posters    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibits  | <input type="checkbox"/> Workshop registration | <input type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Liaison for emergencies (must have access to car) |  |   |

Please check TIMES you are able to work. A total of 8 hours is required; you must work a minimum of 4 hours at a time.

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## Tours to Headquarters Open

**Do You Want to Tour NCFR  
Headquarters During the Conference?**

NCFR headquarters is approximately 4 - 1/2 miles from the Minneapolis Hilton and Towers. Attendees are welcome to visit the offices while they are in Minneapolis. Staff will conduct tours.

Tours will be early in the morning so that you will be back before major sessions begin. You can purchase a light breakfast at the food cart in the 3rd floor lobby near the NCFR Registration Desk, and take your food with you. We will meet at 7:30 am at the NCFR Registration Desk.

In order to plan for transportation, we need to know how many are interested. Please fill out the enclosed form and return to NCFR Headquarters by **October 10, 1994**.

I am interested in touring NCFR headquarters.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Times:

- ☐ Thursday morning, Nov. 10, 7:30 am  
☐ Friday morning, Nov. 11, 7:30 am

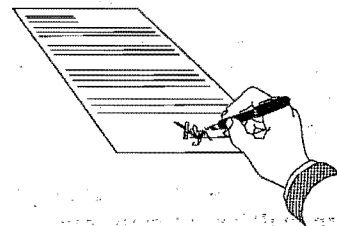
## Meeting

February 10-11, 1995--**The Third Annual Conference on Parent Education**, sponsored by the Center for Parent Education, will be held at the University of North Texas, Denton, TX. Contact: Dr Arminta Jacobson, University of North Texas, P.O. Box 13857, Denton, TX 76203-6857. Phone 817-565-2432; Internet: jacobson@coe.unt.edu.

**NCFR FAX**

**612-781-9348**

## Expanded Hours for Employment Service



The NCFR Conference is pleased to announce the expansion of hours for its job service:

**Wednesday, November 9, 12 - 8 pm.**  
**Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, November 10-12, 8 am - 8 pm.**  
**Sunday, November 13, 8 am - 12 pm.**

**What happens at the Employment Service?**

Notebooks are provided which list vitas of the people who are seeking jobs, and information about positions which are open. Candidates and prospective employers check the files. An room is provided for conducting interviews. A bulletin board is maintained for candidates and employers to correspond regarding an interview.

**How much does it cost?**

Free for candidates seeking jobs; employers pay \$25 for each job which is posted.

**How can I participate?**

- ◆ Fill out the request form to NCFR Conference Coordinator by **Monday, October 31, 1994**.
- ◆ Fill out the appropriate forms and mail 4 copies (and 4 copies of your vita if it is included) to the NCFR Conference Coordinator, 3989 Central Ave. NE, Suite 550, Minneapolis, MN 55421 by **Thursday, November 2, 1994**. Employers must send either a check or purchase order for \$25 for each job listed.
- ◆ Sign in at the Employment Center at the Conference and frequently return to keep up on the latest job openings and candidates.

### NCFR Employment Service

Please send me forms for the following:

- ☐ I am looking for employment.  
☐ We have a job opening(s) No. of openings \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Employer \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Return to the NCFR Office by **Monday, October 31, 1994**.





## Family Policy Monitor

# Health, Crime, Welfare Still in Debate

Washington is working through the summer, with, of course, some time to go back to the Districts. But the major issues are still to be decided. At the time of this writing, all the issues NCFR has been following are very much in the news.

More or less final debate and voting on the Health Bill was to take place in the Senate beginning August 9. The Crime Bill is not finished and serious debate has not taken place on welfare reform. We are all going to have to continue to follow these issues and see how they end up. Given the chaos and lack of resolution of these items, there will be no wrap up from me.

On health, one insider I talked to from the middle of the road group, feels the crucial action is to get universal coverage. They fear a moderate plan will not pass because of liberals who are holding out for single payer. Watch to see what happens. I have been assured that the major alternatives all allow for community health centers for urban and rural areas where under served people live. Also, there is agreement that all children should be covered. These are two serious concerns of mine, and I hope they are retained in any final plan.

Low income people, and especially women, will benefit most from an employer mandate for health coverage. A new study by the Washington-based Institute for Women's Policy Research

has reported that a workplace guarantee alone would reach three out of four uninsured working age adults, most heavily women.

Welfare reform is still being debated. A thoughtful observer of the national and Congressional scene, D.C. Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton, wrote a piece for the *Washington Post* on the emergence of what she sees as a new consensus on welfare. She thinks all now agree that there is parental responsibility demanded when a child is born which must be reflected in work and financial support. Since about 62 percent of women with small children now work, there is growing consensus that there should be no young women on welfare whose income is provided by other mothers who work. Of course, this demands child care, training, and the availability of jobs—all of which are in short supply. She suggests we need a great deal more research to find out what factors enable some young women to get work and get off welfare.

The other consensus is that men who father children should also help provide for them. An interesting news item recently told how Maine is now withdrawing licenses, not only driver's but also professional, from delinquent dads. The newspaper report said that many men owing thousands of dollars paid up when the announcement of the new program appeared in the paper, even before the enforcement date. Perhaps the

way to men is not altruism but their licenses.

Catherine Chilman was so upset by the two-years and out provision in the President's welfare reform initiative that she wrote him, making a good case based on her many years of research in this field. She received a response which ended with this paragraph:

*"My plan is designed to strengthen America's families by rewarding those who work, by enacting the toughest child support measures in our nation's history, and by empowering people with the education, training, health and child care support they need to move from welfare to independence. I appreciate your involvement in this crucial issue. As we work to build a brighter future for all of our people, I hope I can count on your support. Sincerely, Bill Clinton."*

### COSSA

NCFR belongs to the Consortium of Social Science Associations which monitors the National Science Foundation and the National Institute of Health for all the professional social science associations. COSSA's work is a great help to me and the other associations who belong. The following two items are taken from their August 8 *Washington Update*:

Office for Behavioral and Social Sciences Research at NIH

Several times in this column I have mentioned coalition efforts to get this new office established at NIH. Family research comes under this heading, and having a central office at NIH would be an advantage to NCFR members. A high level search committee has now been appointed to find an appropriate associate director. Applications must be postmarked no later than October 17, 1994. Candidates should have either a Ph.D. in behavioral or social sciences or in health sciences, or a doctor of medicine degree. Knowledge of social science research and of NIH are desirable, but the most important qualifications are strategic vision, human resources management, program development and evaluation, resources planning and management, and ability to be an organizational representative and liaison to other branches of NIH. Anyone interested should contact: NIH Office of the Director of Personnel, Attention Deborah Kraut, Building 31, Rm 1C27, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda MD 20892.

Institute of Medicine Study on AIDS and Behavior Released

Behavioral and social factors are integral to AIDS prevention efforts, according to this new report called, *"AIDS and Behavior: An Integrated Approach"*. According to the Update article, the IOM panel is interested in

"understanding what gets in the way of acting rationally—how do we understand irrationality?" People have been studied as individuals and not as members of couples, families, groups, and communities. "This might require research that takes as a unit of analysis the social context and relationship (e.g., dyads, families, communities) in which HIV occurs as opposed to the individual at risk of or who has HIV."

"The idea that AIDS is a disease of isolated subpopulations, 'feeds into our nation's denial of the problem'."

The list of suggested topics is provocative, but perhaps those of most interest to our general membership are the following:

- research on AIDS risk behavior change among the seriously mentally ill and others with mental disabilities.

- research that better integrates theories of gender and culture with models of behavior change.

- studies on how people with AIDS and their caregivers maintain positive coping strategies in the face of the disease.

- basic and applied research on the maintenance of behavior change, including the prevention of relapse.

- research on the utilization of health resources by people with AIDS.

For more information call 202-334-3313 or 1-800-624-6242 National Academy Press.

### Finally...

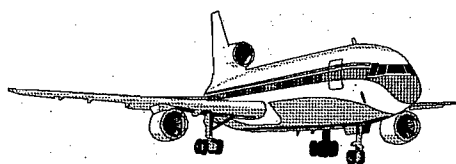
I hope you had a fine summer. Many NCFR members were at NCFR's International Year of the Family Workshop in Black Mountain for an excellent, stimulating workshop in a beautiful setting.

We look forward to an exciting and productive fall for each of you, and hope Congress will have made decisions which will help create a more humane society for all our families.

**Margaret Feldman**  
NCFR Washington representative

## Meeting

**October 26-29—"Families and Schools: A Global Perspective for a Multicultural Society"** Oakland Airport Hilton, Oakland, CA. Sponsored by John F. Kennedy University's Center for the Study of Parent Involvement, National Coalition for Parent Involvement in Education and more than 100 national organizations, in cooperation with the United Nations International Year of the Family. Contact: 800-493-2775 or 510-254-0110 or FAX 510-254-4870.



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## A Matter of Membership

# New Structure Beginning to Pay Off

At the time of this writing, we have the data for the first two months (June and July) under the new membership structure. It is difficult to make generalizations based on two month's data, however, I believe several observations can be made.

**Small Increase in New Members.** While the effects of our membership campaign this Spring will not be fully felt for some time, NCFR did gain 115 new members in June and July of this year compared to 114 last year.

**Improved Retention of Members.** Membership retention has been a significant problem for NCFR. However, during June and July, 1994, 542 members renewed when their membership came up for renewal. This is considerably ahead of 1993 when 264 renewed. Hopefully with more membership options available now, increased retention will continue.

**Former Members are Returning.** During June and July, 74 members who had let their membership expire in past years rejoined—generally in the Associate membership category.

**Most regular Members Under the Old Structure are Picking the Colleague Membership Category.** Some

NCFR members were concerned that the organization's two journals would suffer as a result of declining subscribership when members were allowed to select between none, one, or two journals. Of the Regular members, 299 have continued as either a Benefactor or a Colleague (in each case they receive both journals). Only 53 regular members have selected a category in which they receive one journal. This group is evenly divided between **Family Relations** and **Journal of Marriage and Family** as our initial survey data indicated.

**Students are Selecting from Among Various Categories.** There is no indication at this point that students are leaving the organization as some members feared. However, the student category may show a decrease as students tend to be renewing as a Colleague, Associate, or a Supporting member. This may be a result of the new membership structure or because students now must show proof of their student status.

**Benefactor Membership is**

**Successful.** In our first two months with the new membership structure, 18 members have renewed as Benefactors. Benefactors provide additional funding to help NCFR provide services to students.

At the NCFR Business and Membership meeting during the annual conference in November, I will give a more complete report concerning the impact of the new membership structure. Initial indicators are positive!

**Bill Meredith**  
NCFR Membership Vice-president

## Meet - a - Member

**Richard Meeves** received his B.S. at Brigham Young University. This fall he graduated from the Marriage and Family Therapy graduate program at the University of NE. His research on marital conflict in Chinese couples has taken him to China twice to interview couples and family professionals. Rick is currently a doctoral student at Brigham Young



**Meeves**

University.

During his undergraduate days at BYU, Rick was on the BYU Ballroom Dance Company which held the United States and British Ballroom Dance Championships for 1990 and 1991.

Rick says that attending annual conferences has been one of the primary benefits of belonging to NCFR. This forum presents him with a wide array of research and professional opportunities.

"Walking through long lines of poster sessions and sitting through numerous hours of presentations is paying off. I have seen the standards set by respected scholars and have seen students and new professionals actually getting on the road towards that standard. Although my work is still that of a novice, I have gained confidence in the research process," he says.

Rick believes that his involvement in NCFR will enhance him professionally in the future.

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## Family Relations Plans Special Issue

**Family Relations: Journal of Applied Family and Child Studies** will publish a special issue on Family-Related Prevention Programs. The issue will include articles describing programs with a family component that are designed to prevent unhealthy outcomes and/or promote healthy functioning in family members.

Articles on either primary or secondary prevention programs are welcome, and those that present the results of evaluations of the prevention program are preferred. However, articles that do not will be considered.

**Two or three tenure-track Assistant or Associate Professor Positions, Department of Human Development and Family Studies, College of Health and Human Development, The Pennsylvania State University.** Faculty are sought whose research focuses upon family structure and process, broadly conceived. Specialization in one or more of the following areas is desirable, as is disciplinary training in sociology, anthropology and/or social psychology: Marital quality and interaction, family relationships in adulthood, intergenerational relationships, gay/lesbian relationships, mate selection, divorce, remarriage and step families, family formation, family violence, family policy and cross-cultural inquiry. These positions involve development of a program of research, undergraduate and graduate teaching. The Department of Human Development and Family Studies administers graduate, undergraduate, and research programs focused on individual development from infancy through old age, on family structure and dynamics, on the impact of social/cultural contexts on development and family functioning, and on the design and evaluation of intervention methods to promote development. The Department's multidisciplinary faculty includes expertise in developmental, clinical and community psychology, sociology, education and anthropology.

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**The Family Studies Program in the School of Family and Consumer Resources at the University of Arizona** is seeking applicants for two (2) Assistant/Associate Professor positions. Applicants for both positions should have research interests that address interpersonal and/or lifespan developmental issues. For one of the positions, applicants should have special strengths in statistics, methods, and/or program evaluation. Applicants are expected to have a strong commitment to excellence in teaching at the undergraduate and graduate levels; a substantial record of (or potential for) programmatic research; a willingness to collaborate in outreach and/or Extension activities; and a Ph.D. degree in family studies, child/human development, developmental/social/clinical psychology, family sociology, or appropriate related field. These are 10-month, tenure-track positions with start-up packages to help support initial research needs. The Family Studies Program offers a Ph.D. degree and has established important relationships with other social-behavioral academic units within the University. Applicants should submit a curriculum vitae, a statement of research and teaching interests, and representative research reprints or preprints (up to 3), and arrange for three letters of reference to be sent to: **Carl Ridley, Ph.D., Chair, Faculty Search Committee, Division of Family Studies, 210 FCR Bldg., University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ 85721.** Review of applications will begin **September 15, 1994**, and will continue until the positions are filled. Start date could be as early as January 2, 1995, for one position and July 1, 1995, for the second position. The University of Arizona is an EEO/AA/ADA employer.

## Scholars Invited to Washington

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Please submit applications by **December 1, 1994**, for the 1994-95 academic year, and by **April 15, 1995**, for the 1995-96 academic year. Summer appointment also are considered.

Contact Dr. Brett V. Brown, Scholars in Washington Program, Child Trends, Inc., 4301 Connecticut Ave., Suite 100, Washington, DC 20008; 202-362-5580; FAX 202-362-5533; 73252.3431@compuserve.com.





## Section News

# Sections Ready For Conference



**The Education and Enrichment Section** has as exciting program to present at the 1994 annual conference in Minneapolis. Although we had several quality proposals submitted to our section, we were able to accept only 69 of the 90 proposals. Our Section received 19.6 percent of all submissions which was an increase of 18.4 percent from 1993. I want to thank all of our colleagues who participated in the blind review process and am especially grateful to **Joan Comeau CFLE**, chair-elect of the Section, who organized the review process.

Prior to this year's conference, our Section will be sponsoring a workshop on "Balancing the Legal Rights of Children and Families" from 8 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, November 9. It will be conducted by **William Youatt**, attorney-at-law, and **June Youatt, Ph.D.** Michigan State University Extension Service. Recent court decisions, changing legislation, and successes of the child and family advocacy groups have created changes in the rights and legal protections of families, particularly children. With rapid changes come questions about ethics, limits, and balance. This session will explore recent developments, the issues that emerge from these developments, and their implications for those who work with children, youth, and families. This topic will help family educators gain information in the CFLE substance area #8, **Family Law and Public Policy**, an area in which family educators often indicate they need assistance.

Although there were 10 proposals for symposia and workshops submitted to the section, we were only able to accept 3 proposals. We are looking forward to 2

symposia and a workshop entitled: **Single Parent Families: Diversity and Justice for All; Teaching a Class on Men in Families: Helping Students Understand What Men See as Just; and Innovative Parenting Education: Strategies for Implementing an Emerging Paradigm.** There will also be four paper-reporting sessions concerned with **Families in Turmoil: Dealing with High Risk Sexual Behaviors; Parent Education Issues; Family and Work Issues; and Adolescents and Young Adults.**

A new addition to the 1994 program contributed by our Section is the incorporation of **Teaching Roundtables** in which colleagues can share their approaches to teaching various courses. We are also sponsoring several poster sessions, as well as the **Educators' Resource Exchange**. It provides an opportunity for conference attendees to review materials, approaches, programs, and evaluations relevant to family life education. There are always new ideas for family life educators.

A new focus group was added to the Education and Enrichment Section at the NCFR Spring Board meeting--the **Peace and Family Focus Group** chaired by **Charles Lee Cole**. The members of this new group will hold their organizational meeting at the 1994 annual conference. Other focus groups in our Section include the **Certified Family Life Educators**, chaired by **Carol Mertens CFLE**; **Families and Grief**, chaired by **Paul Rosenblatt**; **Marriage and Family Enrichment**, chaired by **Lorrie Ryan** and **Jim Burg**; **Midlife Families**, chaired by **Barbara Ames**; **Parent Education**, chaired by **Pat Steffens CFLE**; **Sexuality**, chaired by **Colleen Murray**; and the **Single Parent Families** chaired by **Brenda Hayes Johnson CFLE**. These focus groups will be meeting at various times during the conference. Look for further information in your program.

Our Section business meeting will be on Friday evening, November 11, at 6:30 p.m., immediately following the CFLE Reception. This year our Section will also sponsor a reception after the business meeting to honor **Margaret Arcus CFLE**, **Jay Schvaneveldt**, and **Joel Moss**, the editors/authors of the **Handbook of Family Life Education**, along with the other contributing authors. They have donated the proceeds of their efforts on this book to the Education and Enrichment Section, and we would like to show our appreciation to them.

I want to thank our officers for 1992-1994 **Joan Comeau**, **Alice Atkinson CFLE**, and **Jan Miller** for all of their work during the past two years. We also welcome our new officers **Joan Comeau**, chair; **Sally Kees Martin**, chair-elect; **Ben Silliman CFLE**, secretary-treasurer; and **Nancy Rollins Ahlander**, student/new professional representative. We will all be looking forward to seeing you in Minneapolis.

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Mark your calendars for the NCFR conference in the beautiful land of 10,000 lakes! The **Ethnic Minorities Section** has planned a host of exciting events for the November conference, and

all conference participants are invited to attend.

The three-part Symposium on issues of economic, educational and social justice promises to be especially enlightening for professionals working and doing research in these areas. Our Section will also sponsor a variety of other workshops on issues of justice and families, and has joined with other Sections to co-sponsor some of these events.

The **Marie Peters Award** for excellence in family scholarship pertaining to families of color will be presented during the conference, and a social event co-sponsored with the Student/New Professionals will also be held.

You will not want to miss a moment of this conference, so please plan to attend.

The fall Ethnic Minorities Section business meeting marks a changing of the guard in terms of Section leadership. **Norma Burgess** will assume the position of Section chair at this meeting and **Velma McBride Murray** becomes chair elect. As outgoing Section chair, I wish to thank all Section members for their unfailing dedication to the progress of the Ethnic Minorities Section. It has been a pleasure to work with all of you during the past two years, and I know you will

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**Research Updates for Practitioners (RUPS):** "Families and Health," **William J. Doherty**; "Marriage Preparation," **Benjamin Silliman, CFLE**; "Remarried Families," **B. Kay Pasley**. These sessions are designed to meet the needs of practitioners by summarizing and synthesizing the latest research on a topic, suggesting application methodologies, and giving an overview of the current state of scholarly consensus.

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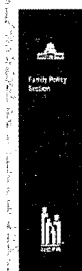
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## Family Health: From Data to Policy



The Clinton administration recognizes that family issues are central to many of this nation's health and welfare problems. However, the federal agencies responsible for providing the statistical data for policy debates are ill prepared

to provide integrated family health data to policy makers. The offices of Asst. Sec. for Planning & Evaluation (ASPE) and National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) in the Center for Disease Control & Prevention have formed an interagency collaboration to improve data collection and dissemination.

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demonstrate this same level of commitment to the incoming officers.

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**H**ello again! It is Fall, with schools starting, the season changing, and the rhythm of the year hitting another up-beat. It is time to convey several items that need the attention of **Family and Health Section** members.

In November many of us will be in Minneapolis at the 1994 NCFR annual conference. Several other articles in this issue highlight the meeting plans, but I want to specifically comment on Family and Health Section's offerings. It will be an exceptionally fine meeting, judging by the strong proposals that were submitted, and I encourage everyone to attend as many of our sessions and poster presentations as you can.

We had 51 submissions and have been able to schedule 2 symposia, 9 paper presentations, 22 poster presentations and 3 round tables. One of the symposia is about Families of Children with Chronic Conditions. The other is the Family Violence symposium which we are co-sponsoring with the Family Policy Section and Public Policy Committee.

The papers that will be presented are in 3 areas: alcohol issues, family dynamics and illness, and justice issues in HIV disease. The discussants (**Sandra Burge, Joan Patterson, and Suzanne Randolph**) for each session are national leaders in the areas, and they have been asked to describe how each of the papers adds to the literature.

The round tables include one on clinical issues with single parent families; another on family wellness and insights from psychoneuroimmunology; and a third will discuss design and ethical issues in family genetics research. Each of the round tables promises to generate thoughtful discussions.

We have many posters that will be up for viewing and conversation. Each will be posted for an entire day, to allow time for us each to view them. Those people giving a poster who also have handouts are asked to bring many extras or a sheet of paper for making a list of the people to send copies to later.

Other events for our Section include our **Nursing Focus Group** and business meetings. They will both be evening sessions this year. Please plan to be doing "conferencing" later both Friday and Saturday.

At the business meeting we will need to vote on updated by-laws so that they will be consistent with the changes the NCFR Board has made and that our Section has made (eg., electing our student/new professional representative

and our new awards). We will also recognize our Student/New Professional award winner and welcome our new officers at that meeting.

The Family and Health Care volume of 2010 has continued to sell well for NCFR. Contact them if you want a copy or can use it in your teaching.

Thank you for all your comments, notes, requests, and phone calls. Please contact me with any more questions or suggestions that you have. I look forward to seeing you in Minneapolis and hearing about your work.

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**The Feminism and Family Studies Section** has a full program planned for the annual conference in Minneapolis in November. Our members are presenting papers, posters, round tables, and symposia and serving as session organizers, discussants, presiders, and recorders. As always, we feature many opportunities for student and new professional involvement. We hope you will plan to stay for the entire conference, which ends at 1:15 p.m. on Sunday, November 13.

Those presenting papers in one of our five paper sessions are asked to send their completed papers to the discussant, presider, and recorder of their session by October 15. I will send a reminder and addresses in September. Our first paper session, "Feminist Perspectives on Women and Identity," is scheduled for Thursday, November 10, 12:15-1:30 p.m.

Our second paper session is "Beyond Marginalization: Challenges and Transitions in Women's Lives," scheduled for Friday, November 11, 8:30-9:45 a.m. The third paper session, "Gender and Power in Family Contexts: Changing Ideologies and Practices," will be held Friday, November 11, 12:15-1:45 p.m.

The fourth session, "Multiple Contexts of Motherhood," will be on Sunday, November 13, 10:30-11:45 a.m. and the fifth paper session, "Families and Work: Negotiating Gender, Time, and Conflict," will be Sunday from noon-1:15 p.m.

We are also sponsoring three symposia. **Margaret Crosbie-Burnett** organized our first one, "Family Members of Gays and Lesbians: Identifying Issues for Research, Practice, and Education" (co-sponsored with the Research and Theory Section), scheduled for Thursday, November 12, 8:30-9:45 a.m. **Leigh Leslie** organized our second symposium: "Gender, Justice, and Families: A Dialogue Among Women and Men," to be held Friday, November 11, 3:45-5:15 p.m., and **Andrea Hunter** organized our third: "Building Bridges: Theoretical and Multidisciplinary Perspectives on Gender and African-American Families" (co-sponsored with the Ethnic Minorities Section), on Sunday, November 13, 8:45-10:15 a.m.

On Thursday, from 1:45-3:15 p.m., we are co-sponsoring 12 Teaching Round Tables with the Education and Enrichment Section. The theme is "Tales from Feminist Teachers: Sharing Experiences and Techniques." With the Religion and Family Life and Research and Theory Sections, we are co-sponsoring a Distinguished Lecture featuring feminist theologian **Rosemary Radford Ruether** on Saturday, November 12, 8:30-10 a.m.

Additional highlights of the conference include:

The recipients of our Section-sponsored Jessie Bernard Awards for the Outstanding Research Proposal and for the Feminist Scholarship Paper Award will be honored during the Awards presentation session and Harriette McAdoo's Presidential Address on Thursday, November 10 from 3:30-4:45 p.m.

Feminist sociologist **Barrie Thorne** will be the invited keynote speaker for the Theory Construction and Research Methodology Preconference Workshop on Tuesday, November 8.

On Thursday, November 10, from 6:30-7:45 p.m., the program for the Student/New Professionals Skills Exchange will be presented by **Norah Keating** of the University of Alberta, who will share advice and experience on obtaining external funding for research.

On Saturday, November 12, from 3-4:30 p.m., Section members **Connie Shehan and Mike Johnson** will provide a Research Update for Practitioners (RUPS) entitled, "Gender Dynamics in Intimate Environments: Feminist Insights for Families."

Friday evening (November 11) is a very important time for our Section. After the Gender, Justice, and Families symposium (3:45-5:15), we are co-sponsoring a reception for our members from 5:15-6 p.m. with the Family Policy and Family Science Sections, and the NCFR Public Policy Committee. Immediately following the reception, we will have our Section business meeting from 6-7:30 p.m. The remainder of the evening is free, and we will have time to socialize afterward.

The next deadline for material for the October issue of the Feminism and Family Studies Section Newsletter is September 15. Please send your materials to our Newsletter Editor, Vicki Loyer-Carlson, Family Wellness Center, 2424 E. Broadway Blvd, Suite 202, Tucson, AZ 85719 (602-624-2448 FAX).

Having just read Section members' Donna Sollie and Leigh Leslie's new book, **Gender, Families, and Close Relationships: Feminist Research Journeys** (Sage, 1994), I would like to echo their tribute to the Feminism and Family Studies Section of NCFR. They acknowledge FFSS for providing them with "a professional home in which to integrate our discipline and our feminism."

With their tribute in mind, I look forward to seeing all of you in



November at the annual conference and to continuing the enriching work of integrating feminism and family studies.

See you in Minneapolis!

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**NCFR's International Section** is pleased to co-sponsor with the Ethnic Minorities Section and Public Policy Committee, a Special Panel on Native American Families, Friday, November 11 from 2 - 3:30 p.m. during NCFR's annual conference in Minneapolis.

The event also is sponsored by the Dept. of Family Social Science at the University of MN.

The theme of the panel is "Moccasins and Tennis Shoes: Families, Social Justice and the Native American Culture," featuring panelists **Jack Weatherford, Debby Stark, Denise Lynn Wakefield, and Ada Alden** (moderator). **Hal Grotevant** will introduce the session.

**Weatherford** is a professor of anthropology at Macalester College in St. Paul, MN, and author of several award-winning books, including **Native Roots: How the Indians Enriched America; Indian Givers: How the Indians of the Americas Transformed the World; and Savages and Civilization: Who Will Survive?**

**Stark**, a Cree artist, works with parents at the Eden Prairie Family Center in Eden Prairie, MN. She assists her own children in bridging the American Indian culture with the European-American culture.

**Wakefield**, an Ojibwa, holds a degree in American Indian and Chemical Health Studies from the University of MN. She is the author of **Seven Medicine Wheels**, a book for Native American women in recovery from alcoholism.

**Alden** is director of the Eden Prairie Family Center, president of the **MN Council on Family Relations** and has written newspaper columns.

In addition, the International Section will host all non-North American conference attendees as part of its networking goals. Hosting will consist of making contact with the person upon arrival, answering questions, assisting the program participants with room location, etc.

If you would like to be a host, please contact me, and I will match you with an attendee. This is a great opportunity to get to know other people, find out about their research interests, and get involved with others who may be interested in cross-cultural research.

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This activity is especially salient in the **International Year of the Family**. I look forward to hearing from you.  
**Ramona Marotz-Baden**  
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Greetings. Summer is over, and I am eagerly anticipating this year's conference in Minneapolis. We have several interesting symposia, papers, and poster sessions in the **Religion and Family Life Section**, as well as our special Distinguished Lecturer, **Rosemary Radford Ruether**. Look for details about the program in the Section newsletter, and make plans to get involved in our Section. It can only be as good as the members make it.

A friend of mine in Louisiana, the **Rev. Dr. DeWitt M. Ginn**, regularly writes thoughtful messages in his church newsletter. He has kindly consented to my quoting his remarks about the difference between religion and spirituality. As we consider diversity, and religious diversity in particular, perhaps his remarks will help us differentiate between those things which make us unique and those which tear us apart.

*"Years ago, I began to see a difference between religion and spirituality. Religion can ever block the development of a person's spirituality. Religion offers a rigid belief system that leads to rigid living. Spirituality offers openness and encourages a questioning mind that leads to new ideas. Religion offers security. Spirituality offers creative insecurity. Religion claims that truth has been revealed and must be believed as taught by the authorities. Spirituality points to a personal quest where the truth of life is made known through enlightenment. Religion says, 'You must have no doubts.' Spirituality says, 'Ponder your doubts for they may be angels with messages of truth.' Religion provides answers. Spirituality provides courage to live without the answers. Religion gives unbending rules and laws that bind the human heart. Spirituality seeks grace that unbinds and lets go. Religion leads to the denial of much going on in the heart and mind. Spirituality leads to admission and embracing. Religion judges, condemns, and finds fault. Spirituality affirms. Religion rejects and fosters rejection. Spirituality accepts and leads to acceptance. Religion is motivated by fear, guilt, and intimidation. Spirituality is the way of trust, forgiveness, and simply letting people be. Religion controls. Spirituality lets go. Religion demands that a person always be right. Spirituality says that it is okay to be wrong and make mistakes, for there is forgiveness, renewal, and strength to start over."*

As we travel together in our study of families, let us seek both the influences of religion and spirituality, and let us nurture spiritual growth in one another.

**Beth Norrell**  
 Section Chair



**NCFR's Family Science Section** program for the annual conference will be an exciting one. Our paper sessions are: Innovative Methodologies in Family Science, Justice and the Parent/Child Relationship, Professional Issues in Family Science, and Home Work and Justice.

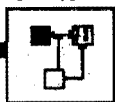
Our Section is co-sponsoring the first two sessions with the Ethnic Minorities Section. We also encourage you to take advantage of the variety of roundtables and posters our Section is sponsoring.

We encourage Section members and all individuals interested in finding out more about the Family Science Section to attend our Section membership meeting, Friday, November 11 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Last spring, revised by-laws were voted on by Section members. We will be distributing copies of the revised by-laws to Section members at the meeting. They also will be available by mail to Section members who request them, if you are unable to attend the meeting in November.

We also will be hearing a report from the Committee on Ethical Guidelines, (Beckie Adams, Bob Keim, and Dave Dollahite). Hopefully, we will have time to discuss in some detail, their revised draft of the guidelines.

The Section membership meeting will be my last official act as Section chair, and I look forward to "turning things over" to our newly elected officers. The other officers and I have appreciated the opportunity to serve the Section and are extremely pleased to note the new officers and wish them well in their tenure in office: Bernita Quoss, chair; Karen Schmid, vice-chair; Beckie Adams, secretary/treasurer; and Cynthia Doxey, student/new professional representative. We know they will do an excellent job.

As a final note, I'd like to suggest that you block out the time from 5:15 to 6 p.m. on Nov. 11, immediately preceding the Section membership meeting. During that time, we will co-sponsor a reception with the Feminism and Family Studies Section and the NCFR Public Policy Committee.  
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**The Research and Theory Section** received 101 abstracts, including 6 symposia for the 1994 conference. In all, 49 reviewers produced over 300 evaluations, 3 for each abstract. With the helpful comments of the reviewers, I was able to assemble a broad-based and exciting program with 10 symposia, 44 poster sessions, 7 round tables, and a didactic seminar.

Twenty-five proposals were rejected. This is fairly comparable to earlier years with the exception that we had a far better selection of papers on

minority families as well as papers employing qualitative methods. The most impressive feature, however, is the number of outstanding submissions on fatherhood. This topic accounts for about 15 percent of the total submissions.

Another highlight of the program will undoubtedly be a series of talks by **John Snarey** based on his recent longitudinal study of fathering. These lectures are co-sponsored by the Individual Development and Men and Families focus groups. Thanks are due to **Alan Hawkins** for his hard work in completing these arrangements.

During the summer, **Joe Pittman**, chair of the Research and Theory finance committee, will be working on three related tasks, including the administration of the Reuben Hill Award endowment, the possible creation of a "special projects" fund, and the long-term financial management of the Section. Although our Section has reserve funds of approximately \$10,000, the finance committee will be offering several possible scenarios for administering the finances of the Section. The Committee will be presenting a report at our annual membership meeting in November. I urge all to attend.

Additionally, our Section's executive committee, including **Cheryl Buehler**, **Dave Dollahite**, **Janice Winchester Nadeau**, and I, will be reviewing the Section's bylaws. With the intention of improving the operation of the Section, we will be formally establishing an executive committee, general procedures of producing an annual budget, and suggesting ways in which focus groups can be better integrated into the governance of the Section. Our recommendations will be presented at the membership meeting, and again I encourage all to attend.

Thanks are due to **Alan Booth** who chaired this year's **Burgess Award** committee. First given in 1963 to none other than Reuben Hill, this award honors a distinguished career of exceptional scholarship in the family field. The award winner will be announced at the annual conference.

Finally, thanks are due to **Deborah Godwin** who has chaired the **Reuben Hill Committee** over the past two years, and who, in fact, was herself a recipient of the award in 1989. This award is given to the most outstanding journal article published in the previous year. Professor Godwin organized a committee of 30 highly talented family scholars who reviewed dozens of journals, and reviewed in detail the 51 articles that were subsequently nominated. This is an enormous task, and one in which Professor Godwin excelled with her special brand of professional talents.

And that, folks, is what your Section representatives have been up to during the last few months. Please do attend our annual membership meeting in Minneapolis.

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## Focus Groups



At the spring, 1994 NCFR Board meeting a proposal for a **Marriage Preparation Focus Group** sponsored by the Religion and Family Life Section of NCFR was approved. The organizational meeting of this focus group will occur at the annual conference in Minneapolis in November. Watch your conference schedule for the date and time of the meeting!

Professionals who will be interested in this focus group include:

- College and University teachers
- Clergy and Church-related family life educators
- Marriage and Family therapists
- Premarital counselors
- Junior High and High School family life educators
- Premarital researchers and theorists
- Premarital assessment professionals

Topics to be discussed at the initial meeting are:

- Purpose of focus group
- Goals of focus group
- Organization of focus group
- Leadership of focus group
- Networking opportunities
- Assignments for next year's NCFR meeting

This first meeting will be chaired by **Jeff Larson, Ph.D.**, CFLE of Brigham Young University. If you have ideas to share before the meeting, call Jeff at 801-378-2344.

**Jeff Larson, Ph.D.**  
 Brigham Young University

**The Adoption Focus Group** will meet on Saturday, November 12, from noon to 1:30 p.m. during the NCFR annual conference in Minneapolis.

We have a very special program this year. **Phyllis Bengtson**, doctoral student in Family Social Science at the University of MN, has organized the session during which we will hear updates from two well-known adoption professionals. **Dr. Ruth McRoy**, from the University of Texas at Austin, will discuss current issues and trends in transracial adoption; and **Susan Freivalds**, executive director of Adoptive Families of America, will discuss current issues and trends in international adoption. They will each speak for about 20 minutes, and then we will have time for dialogue. This is perhaps a more formal session than we have held in the past, but the opportunity to hear about these two rapidly changing areas seemed quite timely.

There will also be a national conference on the Ethics of Adoption held on November 13 and 14 at the Hotel Sofitel in Bloomington, MN (a suburb of Minneapolis). This conference, sponsored by the Center for Biomedical Ethics at the University of MN and the Center for Health Care Ethics, will bring together nationally-known speakers to discuss and debate the many ethical issues inherent in adoption. The conference will begin at 8:30 a.m. on November 13 and conclude at 4:15 p.m.

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# Connection



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## Join Us in Minneapolis!

By now you will have received preliminary information and possibly the final program for NCFR's annual conference: "Families and Justice: From Neighborhoods to Nations."



The conference is a key opportunity for all of us involved in State and Regional Councils to connect and to renew our commitment to strengthening and supporting the work of each Council and of our involvement in our Councils.

The Conference program is rich, diverse, and exciting. At the time of writing this column, the following activities were being sponsored or co-sponsored by the Association of Councils:

### Pre-conference Events

Wed., Nov. 9 (1 - 9 p.m.)  
**PUBLIC POLICY ADVOCACY SKILLS WORKSHOP**

Sponsored by the NCFR Family Policy Section, Public Policy Committee, and the Association of Councils.

Wed., Nov. 9 (8 a.m. - noon)  
**WORKSHOP FOR MILITARY FAMILY SPECIALISTS**

Sponsored by NCFR Military Family Life Council and the Association of Councils.

### Conference Events

Thurs., Nov. 10 (7:30 - 8:30 a.m.)  
**ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILS PUBLIC POLICY FORUM**

Workshop Leader: Margaret Feldman

Thurs., Nov. 10 (6:30 - 9:15 p.m.)  
**ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILS BUSINESS MEETING AND INFORMATION FAIR/MIXER**

Votes of those Affiliate Presidents attending this meeting will decide the following AC/NCFR items:

- a) 1995 Nominating Committee: Recommendations for Nominations
- b) Guidelines for application for funding from AC
- c) 1995 AC Program of Work and Conference Events

### d) Other Business

For the **INFORMATION FAIR/MIXER**, please bring materials you would like to display from your State or Regional Council and we'll have a "Show and Tell." In the past Affiliates and their members have brought:

- a) Newsletters
- b) Fundraising promotion materials
- c) Photos of activities/events
- d) Flyers announcing programs/events
- e) Print or AV material
- f) Event materials, curricula
- g) Recruitment displays, letters

The Association of Councils will also be presiding at the three **RESEARCH UPDATE FOR PRACTITIONERS (RUPS)** Sessions:

**Working With Adolescents in Crisis**  
Presenter: Anthony P. Jurich

**Gender Dynamics in Intimate Environments: Feminist Insights for Families**  
Presenters: Constance L. Shehan, Michael P. Johnson

**Child Support and Fairness**  
Presenter: Judith A. Seltzer

While I know that many AC members attended the International Year of the Family Summer workshop, if you didn't and would like to participate in the follow-up, there's a **SPECIAL UPDATE ON THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE FAMILY**. It will be held on Sunday, Nov. 13 (10:30 - 11:45 a.m.) at a Town Meeting. This session will follow up on NCFR's Summer Workshop held in July. A panel of four will summarize the recommendations for research, education, policy, and practice and a discussion will follow.

Your participation in the AC-sponsored events is important. I hope to see you there and look forward to exploring, with you, ways that we can strengthen NCFR's link with the public through the work of the Association of Councils.

**Carol Matusicky**  
Association of Councils President



NCFR member, Le Shih Wu CFLE, seated third from left, has helped organize several International Year of the Family events in Taiwan. IYF events have been held around the world, with NCFR members taking active roles in many of them.

### SOUTHEASTERN

"Parenting Today: What Works and What's Needed," is the theme of the 43rd annual conference of the Southeastern Council on Family Relations, set for February 23-25, 1995, in Atlanta, GA.

This expanded Families Conference will focus on the broad range of issues facing families, parents, and those who work with them. Submissions are welcomed from scholars, graduate students, service deliverers/providers and practitioners, teachers, and representatives from all fields, including family, marital and family therapy, government, psychology, sociology, social work, nursing, medicine, clergy, and mental health counseling. The deadline for proposals is **October 1**. Presenters pay registration fees for the conference.

The theme should not be viewed as limiting proposals. While the conference planners are particularly interested in reports on effective programs, services, and practices affecting parenting, proposals will be accepted on all family-related research and practice areas including those for a family therapy track and a family stress track.

To submit a proposal or to get more information, contact the conference program co-chairs: William C. Nichols, Ed.D., 752 Houston Mill Road NE Atlanta, GA 30329; 404-633-3347 (office); 404-725-9120 (home); FAX: 404-725-7984; or Mary Anne Pace-Nichols, Ph.D., at the University of GA: E-mail: mapace@uga.cc.uga.edu

### NORTH TEXAS

The newly founded North Texas Student Council on Family Relations will be holding its first conference on November 19. This will be a great opportunity for both students and professionals to present papers on various topics.

Some of the topics to be included will be child life in hospitals, parenting issues, healthy families, and play therapy. There will be a table topics luncheon, with the price of lunch included in the registration fee.

The conference will be held at the University of North Texas in Denton, 35 miles north of Dallas and Fort Worth on Interstate 35 East. Further directions will be given with reservations. Parking for the conference is free.

Pre-registration--postmarked by **Oct. 29** is: \$10 Student (On-site registration--\$15); \$15 Member (On-site = \$20); and \$20 Nonmember (On-site = \$25)

To register, send your name and address with payment (checks payable to NTSCFR) to: North Texas Student Council on Family Relations, P.O. Box 5067, Denton, TX 76203.

For more information on presenting papers, or on membership to the NTSCFR, please call Heather at 817-382-1800 or contact her at the address above.



Board members from the Indiana Council met September 16 in Indianapolis. Two primary agenda items were the long-range goals of the Council and the 1995 state conference.

The Council continues to be active with the state COFO organization. Long time ICFR/NCFR member T. Quentin Evans continues to spearhead COFO's participation in interacting with legislators regarding issues related to the family.

Next January, the Indiana COFO again will sponsor a meeting with state legislators to enable COFO members to discuss family policy and legislation with the legislators.

Plans for the Midwest Conference on the Family continue to progress. The conference will be held at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, April 7-8, 1995. The theme for this first time conference is "Life and Death: Issues into the 21st Century." A refereed poster session will be included, and submission information will be provided in the future.

**Rebecca A. Adams**  
Indiana Council President

The Louisiana Council on Family Relations held their annual conference and business meeting in February at Louisiana State University. About 75 persons attended.

The conference topic was "Building Healthy Families." The morning session featured a panel that included Sherry Spivey, director of the Louisiana Council on Child Abuse; Dale Hensarling, executive director of the Center for Families and Counseling; and State Representative Melissa Flournoy. The panel format has been so successful that it will be offered during the 1995 conference.

The panel was followed by a poster presentation session, and by a luncheon address by Maria Placer from KLFY-TV 10 in Lafayette, LA. During the luncheon Judy Watts of Agenda For

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on November 14. The registration fee of \$175 includes brunch and lunch on Sunday and lunch on Monday. More complete information about the conference can be obtained from the Center for Biomedical Ethics, 2221 University Ave. SE, Suite 110, University of MN, Minneapolis, MN 55414-3074, or by calling 612-626-9756.

Arrangements for student rates are under consideration; if this would be of interest to you, please indicate such in your inquiry.

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Children was presented with the Louisiana Council on Family Relations' 1994 Distinguished Service to Families Award.

In the business meeting following the conference, the new officers were installed. The 1994 president is Dian Seyler; vice-president, Jean Hemard; secretary, Dr. Betsy Garrison; and treasurer, Dottie Hulshoff.

A spring board meeting was held in April at Nichol's State University. Board members decided that next year's state conference topic will be in keeping with the NCFR's conference theme, "Families and Justice."

The Family Life Council (FLC) of Greensboro, NC, in association with a local hospital and branch library, recently offered to parents and child care providers a five-part series, "Growing Up...One Step At A Time."

Community volunteers and FLC staff members conducted the monthly series. Topics included: discipline, values, children's fears, substance abuse prevention, and communication. Attendance averaged 35 persons per session, (about equally divided between whites and African Americans), most of whom took advantage of the .15 CEUs offered for each session.

A two-day training seminar will be offered in October to health educators, school personnel, and FLC volunteers for the Wise Guys Program, a program aimed at adolescent males and stressing self-responsibility in the area of sexual development. Completion of the training will qualify participants for 1 CEU.

In association with the Good Beginnings for Teen Parents (GBTP) program that encourages teen mothers to finish high school, seven young women recently were offered partial scholarships to extend their education through college or vocational training. The scholarship component is sponsored by area individuals and civic organizations.

Teen mothers who are still in school can access GBTP through their facility, and teen mothers who have dropped out of school, can join the program through local churches and community centers.

The KCFR Board of Directors met on April 29 to discuss regular business and several items of interest.

The suggestion of having an affiliate newsletter was discussed. Members present thought it should include such things as NCFR activities, Board actions, and news from around Kansas regarding family matters. It was especially felt it should include information about KCFR members for networking purposes.

It was also suggested that a member survey be sent out and a member directory be created for the KCFR members, including biographical and professional information.

KCFR will again sponsor the National Rural Families Conference at

Kansas State University on September 21-23, 1994. We will have our annual meeting during the conference on Thursday at noon. KCFR will have a booth in the exhibit hall.

It was decided that KCFR will sponsor some professional development opportunities (seminars, etc.) twice during the year. We will attempt to make those attending eligible for CEUs in various areas.

The Board of Directors voted to help sponsor two new professionals or students in the CFLE program by giving a scholarship for half the cost of the application fee.

KCFR will also co-sponsor (with the KS State Family Center) a van to attend the NCFR annual conference in Minneapolis.

**Jim Pettitt**  
Secretary

The British Columbia Council for the Family presented several awards during annual general meeting and Board meeting June 10 and 11.

Each year the Council acknowledges exceptional volunteer and professional effort towards enhancing family life in British Columbia by presenting awards. All the individuals and groups nominated are exceptional, making the choice of the Awards Committee a difficult one. The 1994 recipients were Ben and Violet George of Duncan, Meg Hickling of Vancouver, and the North Island Crisis and Counselling Center.

Ben and Violet George have worked in the aboriginal community; Meg Hickling has been a pioneer in supporting families through family sexuality education, sexual abuse prevention and advocating against family violence; and the North Island Crisis and Counselling Center provides a variety of services that have made a difference-- crisis line, job training, parenting support groups, a safe house, counselling for families, assistance for victims of violence and sexual abuse, and a youth treatment program.

All award winners were present to receive their award and a beautifully framed certificate. Over 30 members of the Ben and Violet George family were present to share the award with them.

At the Board meeting, the Board voted to endorse its earlier-stated position of support for repeal of Section 43 of the Criminal Code of Canada. Section 43 states: "Every schoolteacher, parent or person standing in the place of a parent is justified in using force by way of correction toward a pupil or child...who is under his care, if the force does not exceed what is reasonable under the circumstances." Board members also participated in a discussion with a group called EPOCH: End Physical Punishment of Children.

The BC Council has just published a useful and informative brochure entitled: **TEEN DADS**. If you would like a complimentary copy, write to: Publications Director, B.C. Council for

the Family, 204-2590 Granville Street, Vancouver, BC, Canada V6H 3H1.  
**Carol Matusicky**  
Executive Director

The Stout Council on Family Relations (SCFR) has been re-activated, with Lisa J. Weber, president, 915 1/2 Main Street, Menomonie, WI 54751 or 125 Home Economics Bldg., UW-Stout, Menomonie, WI 54751. Jeremy Homer is secretary, and Kari Kempf and Renee Vavia are state representatives. This active group is holding regular meetings.

The Wisconsin Council on Family Relations held its quarterly meeting on July 22. Members decided to support, but not participate in the regional conference to be held in Kalamazoo, MI n April 7-8, 1995. The WI Council is planning a one-day state conference in Madison to focus around the topic of "Gender Justice." Members also are reviewing the state affiliate brochure as well as implementing procedures to make state board operations more efficient.  
**John M. Williams, Ph.D.**  
President

The Northwest Council on Family Relations 1994 conference was held June 17 and 18 at the University of Calgary in conjunction with the Learned Societies Conference.

Welcoming the attendees were James Ponzetti, Northwest Council president, and Mary Jo Czaplewski, NCFR executive director.

Keynote speakers were Dr. Maggie Hodgson, Nechi Institute, Edmonton, Alberta, addressing "From Anomie to Rebirth of the Native Family," and Dr. David Andrews, OR Social Learning Center, Eugene, OR, who spoke on "Families at Risk: Bridging the Gap Between Research and Practice."

Sessions were held on sexuality education, cross-cultural family issues, marriage/family in modern times, women's issues, the impact of computers on families, coping with economic/work issues, and relationships.

Members from each of the four states and one Canadian province states comprising the Northwest Council were present. These included Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Wyoming, and British Columbia.

A special fun-and-family feature of the conference was the Mountain Ranch barbeque at Kananaskis State Park in the Rocky Mountains.

## Proposals Accepted

The Wisconsin Council on Family Relations will hold a conference on "Gender Justice and Family Relations," April 12-13, 1995, in Madison.

Send a one- to two-page proposal by **February 1, 1995**, to Patricia Diedrick, 64 Potawatomi, Edgerton, WI 53534; 608-884-4394.