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Candidates Offer Qualifications, Platforms

Here are the biographical sketches for candidates for office in NCFR. In addition for races for national offices and the national nominating committee, elections are being held by the following Sections: Research and Theory, Religion and Family Life, International, Feminism and Family Studies, Family Therapy, and Family Policy.

Photos are included where candidates have submitted them.

Biographical data includes:

- 1) Candidate's present professional position;
- 2) Candidate's immediate past professional position;
- 3) Past and present participation in NCFR activities;
- 4) Past and present related activities;
- 5) Platform.

Ballots will be sent by April 1, 1995, to all NCFR members with active membership status at that time. If you are not an ACTIVE member, you are not eligible to vote. If you have any questions about your membership status, please call Kathy at 612-781-9331, ext. 21.

All ballots must be **RETURNED TO NCFR HEADQUARTERS WITH POSTMARKS NO LATER THAN MAY 1, 1995.**

Members are also reminded that nominations for the 1996 election will be open beginning in June. Information on the positions open for election and a nominations form will be printed in the June issue of REPORT. Nominations will be taken until September, 1995, for the 1996 election.

President-elect 1995-96

Pauline G. Boss, Ph.D.

1) Professor, Dept. of Family Social Science, University of MN. 2) Associate Professor, Dept. of Child and Family Studies, School of Family Resources and Consumer Sciences, University of WI-Madison. 3) Chair, Family Theory and Methods Workshop; Coordinator and co-editor, Family Theory and Methods Sourcebook project; Program Vice-President; Chair, Nominating Committee; Vice-Chair, Research and Theory Section. 4) President: Groves Conference on Marriage & Family; Chair, AAMFT Research Committee, Fellow Clinical Member, Supervisor; Member American Family Therapy Academy, received Family Research Award; American Psychological Association Division #43 (Family Psychology); American Sociological Association and Family Research Committee of International Sociological Association; American Home Economics Association. 5) If elected, I would work hard to strengthen NCFR's national visibility among its sister organizations which also focus on families, and to further increase NCFR's world-wide recognition as the center of inquiry and activity about families in a time of global change. The topic of families is increasingly being claimed by diverse disciplines as well as diverse interest groups. While knowledge is growing, it is often not shared. I see NCFR as a major hub at the center of cross-discipline and cross-professional activity where knowledge about families can be developed, shared, published and disseminated. I would work to continue and strengthen this role for NCFR, nationally and internationally. I believe



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the synthesis of information about families from various disciplines and practices happens more through NCFR than any other organization at this time. This is a much needed service if researchers, practitioners and policy makers are to move forward toward helping people of all beliefs and values to have more satisfying family lives. I would be honored and challenged to be your president.

Patricia Voydanoff, Ph.D.

1) Director, Center for the Study of Family Development, University of Dayton. 2) Chair, Dept. of Family and Community Studies, Merrill-Palmer Institute. 3) Task Force on NCFR Editorial Long Range Planning; Program Vice-President; Board of Directors; Chair, Workshop on Theory Construction and Research Methodology; Publications Committee; Nominating Committee; Chair, Reuben Hill Award Committee; Editor, *Journal of Family Issues*; Associate Editor, *Journal of Marriage and the Family*. Affiliated Councils: Nominating Committee; Board Member, OH Council on Family Relations, MI Council on Family Relations. 4) American Sociological Association (Chair, Family Section, Goode Book Award Committee); Society for the Study of Social Problems (Chair, Family Division); International Sociological Association; Sociologists for Women in Society. 5) My goal is to build upon the strengths of NCFR, particularly its organizational structure and the diverse expertise of its members. I would promote this goal through the following program: (1) strengthen core activities including the annual conference, the publishing program, the CFLE program, membership, and financial stability. (2) work to increase dialogue and interchange among teachers,

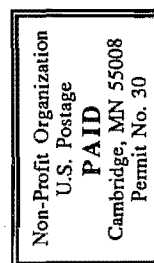
Jewson Fund Grows

Nine persons have contributed to the Ruth Hathaway Jewson Scholarship Fund since November 26.

Contributing were Mary Lou Anderson (Sunshine Graphics), Robert M. Milardo, Dr. Nelwyn B. Moore, Sharon J. Price, E.M. Rallings, Joy Segal, Ouida E. Westney, Vera C. Mace, and Mary Lee Wood. NCFR is only \$2,000 away from its goal of \$10,000 for the scholarship.

The fund was established in November, 1994, to provide research support to students studying families and aging. This cycle of life crosses all 10 NCFR Sections. Dr. Jewson served NCFR as executive director from 1956-1984.

To make a contribution, send your gift to NCFR, 3989 Central Ave. NE, Suite 550, Minneapolis, MN 55421. Checks should be payable to NCFR/Jewson Scholarship Fund. If you have questions, please contact Mary Jo Czapski, NCFR executive director, at 612-781-9331, extension 17.



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President's Report

Journal of Family History Sold to Sage Publications

I am happy to report that NCFR has sold the **Journal of Family History** (JFH) to Sage Publications. Beginning with the 1996 volume, JFH will no longer be a journal owned by NCFR. The report of this action is a useful vehicle for information to members of some of the ways their Board of Directors operates.

The 1975 Board, under the presidency of Carlfred Broderick, authorized the publication of JFH, beginning in 1976. The thinking at the time was that it would meet a specific need for more information about social history related to family life, while also serving as a way to bring additional resources to the organization. (Many of the programs which the Board has approved over the years have had financial benefits to NCFR as one of the goals.) It was decided not to give JFH as an automatic benefit to members, but to make it available at a special member rate.

For the first 10 years, NCFR published and operated the journal, with Tamara Hareven as editor. During that period, the journal cost more to produce than it earned for the organization. In other words, it accumulated a net cost to NCFR of over \$100,000 during that period. Yet, even though JFH was not particularly popular with NCFR members—few members purchased it—it quickly earned a reputation as a valuable scholarly periodical in other circles.

Faced with its continuing financial drain to the organization, the 1985 Board of Directors, under the presidency of Sharon Price, voted to retain rights to and sponsorship of the journal, but to have it produced by a subcontractor. NCFR entered into a contract with JAI Press, Inc. JAI would continue to produce the journal, and it would be available to NCFR members at a reduced cost. NCFR would retain sponsorship of the journal, and receive a proportion of the royalties earned by the publication. Tamara Hareven remained as editor.

Over the past nine years, JFH has remained a journal of peripheral interest to the majority of NCFR members. Indeed, many no doubt have been unaware that the journal actually was owned by NCFR. Although JFH increased in stature, it earned little money for NCFR. For example, during the period of 1992-1993, NCFR received a total of \$938 in royalties from JAI Press.

The 1992-1993 and 1993-1994 NCFR Publications committees, under the leadership of Steve Jorgensen, then Publications vice-president, recommended that JFH be sold. Given that so few NCFR members subscribed to the publication, it could hardly be viewed as a member service. Furthermore, the amount of money NCFR earned from it was seen as insufficient to justify NCFR's continued involvement.

In April, 1994, during Harriette McAdoo's presidency, the Board voted to sell the journal, leaving the details to the Executive committee (the president, president-elect, past president, publications vice-president, treasurer, Association of Councils president, and executive director (ex-officio), but with the following provisions: a) that three

bids be obtained, and b) the journal be sold for a price of at least \$80,000.

With the help of John Pepper, NCFR finance manager, the present value of the journal was set at \$178,000. Jorgensen contacted several publishers. Initial proposals ranged from \$45,000 to \$180,000. The Executive committee voted to sell the journal to Sage Publications. Among other things, Sage offered to retain NCFR's sponsorship of the journal, but at no financial obligation (or financial benefit) to NCFR.

After weeks of intense work on the part of Mary Jo Czaplewski, executive director; the guidance of Stuart Hemphill, NCFR's legal counsel; and following several conference calls with the 1993-1994 and 1994-1995 Executive committees, official papers were signed in February, 1995.

Effective with the first issue of the 1996 volume, the **Journal of Family History** no longer belongs to NCFR: It will be owned and published by Sage Publications. In return, NCFR received \$100,000 at the time of the sale, with an additional \$80,000 to be paid by December 15, 1995, upon completion of several provisions in the contract.

I have asked Lynda Henley Walters, chair of NCFR's Long Range Planning committee, to recommend to the Board the disposition of this \$180,000. Preliminary recommendations will be forthcoming at the Spring Board meeting, with a formal recommendation to the Board in November.

With this action, NCFR has made a decision that is good for the journal, but most importantly, good for NCFR. It would not have been possible without the hard work of John Pepper, Stuart Hemphill, and especially, Mary Jo Czaplewski; and the careful and thoughtful deliberations of the following members of the two Executive Committees involved: Steve Jorgensen, David Klein, Pat Knaub, Carol Matusicky, Harriette McAdoo, Joe Pittman, Mike Sporakowski, and John Toulaitos. I thank them on your behalf for acting in NCFR's best interests.

Alexis Walker
1994-1995 NCFR President

Meeting

March 29-April 2: Children's Rights Council 9th national conference, "Children First." Bethesda, MD. Contact: CRC, 220 I St., NE, Washington, DC 20002; 202-547-6227; FAX 202-546-4272.

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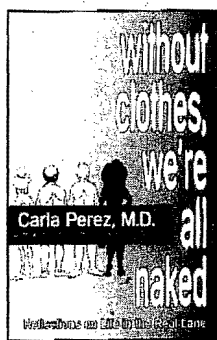
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NEWS DEADLINES: February 1 for March issue; May 1 for June issue; August 1 for September issue; November 1 for December issue.

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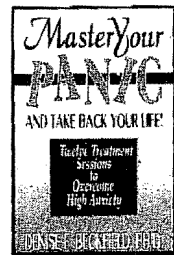
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CFLE Directions

CFLE Program Carried to Europe

Last September, I received a call from Howard Harshaw, Family Support with the U. S. Air Force in Ramstein, Germany. He requested that I consider presenting a number of workshops on the CFLE program to family support personnel in Germany and England. We met briefly while attending the NCFR annual conference in Minneapolis last November. He heard my presentation on the CFLE program and application process and was convinced that this designation is the right path.

Since the military is committed to the goal of having their people certified, they are willing to cover the expenses! The military has expressed interest in the program on previous occasions. Their goal is to recognize the skills and knowledge of military family support personnel.

I will be flying to Frankfurt, Germany on March 2, presenting a workshop on the CFLE program and meeting individually with each of the family support personnel stationed there to review their background and help them through the application process. Then I'll present another workshop in England with another round of individual interviews.

I am excited about this trip for two reasons: U.S. military family support personnel will be able to complete the CFLE application process, and the CFLE program will begin to gain exposure worldwide.

We have seen increased interest in the CFLE designation over the past few

years and receive numerous calls from agencies requesting information on having several staff members certified at the same time. More and more colleges and universities are requesting information on how they can get their programs recognized by NCFR. (See story on the CFLE Program Review proposal).

Recognition and support by the U.S. military is representative of the increased awareness and respect of the Certified Family Life Educator designation. Family life education is a field in itself. In order to provide quality family education, the educator needs a solid and thorough understanding of family life issues. The CFLE designation provides recognition of these qualifications. Obviously more and more people are becoming aware of this!

Revisions Planned for Family Life Education Curriculum Guidelines

Dr. David Bredehoft, Professor of Psychology and Family Studies at Concordia College in St. Paul, Minnesota, is currently editing a revision of the NCFR Family Life Education Curriculum Guidelines. The Curriculum Guidelines packet includes the "Guidelines for Family Life Education Programs Over the Life Span." These were first written by members of the NCFR Committee on Standards and Criteria for Certification of Family Life Educators in 1981. The guidelines were designed by Dr. Margaret Arcus CFLE into a poster format in 1987 and have been sold by NCFR as a framework poster since that time.

Revision of the guidelines has been suggested on various occasions over the years because of the concern that issues of aging, cultural diversity, gender, etc. are not adequately addressed in the framework. Others feel that these issues should be incorporated into all aspects of the life span framework rather than being addressed as individual and separate topics.

Dr. Bredehoft would be interested in hearing your comments and concerns regarding the revision of this important work in the field of family life education. If you have comments or concerns about the way the "Guidelines for Family Life Education Programs Over the Life Span," should be revised, please contact him by April 7, 1995 at Concordia College, 275 North Syndicate, St. Paul, MN 55104, (612) 641-8827, by FAX at 659-0207, or by e-mail at bredehoft@luther.csp.edu.

Submissions Sought for 1995 Teacher's Kit Supplement

We are currently working on the 1995 Teacher's Kit Supplement. It, like the original Teacher's Kit and the 1994 Supplement, will consist of a number of lesson plans based upon the ten family life substance areas used for the CFLE Certification designation. They include: **Families and Society, Internal Dynamics of Families, Human Growth & Development, Human Sexuality, Interpersonal Relationships, Family Resource Management, Parent Education & Guidance, Family Law and Public Policy, Ethics, and Family Life Education Methodology.** Each submission is reviewed by the Teacher's Kit Review Committee for quality and content.

If you have developed a family life education lesson plan that you feel would

be appropriate for inclusion in this popular series, please contact me for a Teacher's Kit Submission Form. The deadline for submission has been extended to May 31, 1995 so that we could include notice in this newsletter. Make your contribution to this well-respected and often-used resource!

Dawn Cassidy
Director of Certification

Special Issue

Family Relations is planning to publish a special issue on "Marginalized Families." Deadline for submissions is September 15.

Included will be articles addressing applications for family professionals working with marginalized families.

Send four copies of the manuscript along with a nonrefundable \$15 check payable to NCFR to Mark A. Fine, Ph.D., Editor, Family Relations, Dept. of Human Development and Family studies, University of MO, 31 Stanley Hall, Columbia, MO 65211.

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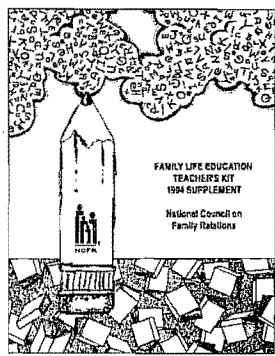
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Family Life Education 1994 Teacher's Kit Supplement



The **Family Life Education 1994 Teacher's Kit Supplement** is now available. It consists of 30 lesson plans based upon the ten family life substance areas used as criteria for the Certified Family Life Educator program. The majority of the lesson plans are geared toward high school and undergraduate level students with many graduate level lesson plans as well. The Supplement is meant to be added to the original Family Life Education Teacher's Kit; however, it can also stand alone. The Kit and the Supplement provide family life educators with tested lesson plans that are, for the most part, ready to use. Includes lesson plans, overhead masters, and handouts.

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Executive Review

NCFR Celebrates the U.N.'s 50 Years

In 1994, NCFR successfully promoted the United Nations' International Year of the Family with a workshop in Black Mountain, NC. The culmination of this success is the new book released this month entitled, **Initiatives for Families: Research, Policy, and Education**, edited by M. Janice Hogan. (See ad on page 13.)

NCFR's attention to global support for families continues its long time commitment to international concerns as the association joins the world in celebrating the 50th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations on October 24, 1945. Officially representing NCFR this year will be Harriette McAdoo, former NCFR president; Margaret Feldman, NCFR Washington Policy representative; and Mary Jo Czaplewski, executive director.

NCFR's contribution will include their presence at the **FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN** in Beijing, China, August 30 - September 5, 1995. Our three representatives will conduct a special workshop in Beijing on "Family Professionals: Women/Men in Research, Policy and Practice." The workshop will include details of NCFR's mission and work in supporting professionals who work to strengthen families worldwide.

The theme of the world forum is

"ACTION FOR EQUALITY, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE." This theme embodies the strategic goals set for the advancement of women worldwide ten years ago at the Nairobi conference. The Beijing forum will review and assess the progress toward the advancement of women and adopt a platform for action to remove key obstacles for women worldwide such as poverty, health, violence, and decision making. Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) have been invited to provide input into the assessment of progress and the setting of action goals for 2001 and beyond.

Regional meetings are now convening around the world to develop platforms for action. The U.S. NGOs will meet in New York this month (March), with NCFR represented by Marilyn Bensman and Margaret Feldman. Others have taken place in Jakarta (6/94), Mar Del Plata (8/94), Vienna (10/94), Amman (11/94), and Dakar (11/94). Margaret Feldman attended the Vienna regional conference on behalf of NCFR.

Platforms being prepared focus on equality of human rights, economic equity, women's health issues, violence against women, education, the feminization of power, and women in development.

NCFR can play a pivotal role in this and other events by setting women's roles in the context of families through its mission of providing the forum for family professionals--researchers, educators, practitioners--to share in developing and disseminating knowledge about families and family relationships, establishing professional standards, and promoting family well-being.

As executive director, I will also present a workshop at the August 17 and 18 meeting of the Taiwan Council on

Family Relations in Taipei at the invitation of Dr. Li Shi Wu, president of that council.

NCFR members are welcome to send suggestions on what should be included in the messages we will carry to Asia this fall. You are all invited to do what you can to in celebrate in your own communities, the 50 years of service to world peace provided by the United Nations Organization.

Mary Jo Czaplewski Ph.D., CFLE
Executive Director

Position Open

Early Childhood Lab Director.

The Department of Family Studies at the University of Kentucky invites applications for a ten-month tenure-track faculty position as Early Childhood Laboratory School Director for August, 1995. The lab school is accredited by NAEYC. Additional duties will include some undergraduate teaching, service on unit committees, advising and facilitation of research in the lab school. Salary is commensurate with experience. A Ph.D.

is preferred with college teaching experience desired. Direct inquiries to: Dr. Mary Lou Routt, Search Committee Chair, 315 Funkhouser Bldg., University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40506-0054, 606-257-7765. Send a letter of application, a curriculum vita, transcripts, and names and addresses of three references. Applications will be reviewed beginning April 15, 1995. An Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action institution committed to the goals of a diverse faculty, staff, and student body.

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- COUPLE COMMUNICATION program information
- Guidelines for planning a course (e.g. gaining administrative approval; clarifying enrollment expectations; recruiting participants; deciding on class size; structuring the classroom itself; assuring ethics and informed consent; a sample course; grading and testing; backup for special problems; etc.).

Deadline for Completed Applications: June 15, 1995

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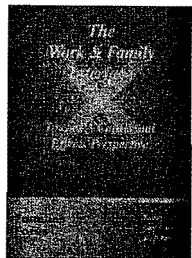
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A Matter of Membership

New Structure Monitored

The debate about creating more membership category choices has gone on for years. Apprehensions about the repercussions of allowing members to opt out of paying full membership costs have resulted in the choices evolving very slowly over many years. "The journals are the money makers of the organization. Allowing people to take none or just one will destroy our financial base," was a common cry.

On the other hand, my roots are in the state organizations. During my first state board membership in 1974, I met Mary Bond of the Social Health Association which maintained the Indiana Council permanent address. Mary was a staunch supporter of the state organization, but about national membership she said, "I don't want those journals. Get me membership without journals, and I'll join."

The new membership category choices began with the fiscal year beginning on June 1, 1994. So the questions you now ask are, "Have the Mary Bonds joined?" and "Have the journal subscriptions suffered?" Here are some trends as I see them, as Kathy Royce, NCFR membership manager, tabulates them, and as John Pepper, NCFR finance manager, graphs them. Remember, membership records tend to have mood swings like the rest of our political/social climate.

New Members in NCFR

Our greatest influx of new members and renewals occurs in November and December in any year. For the three-month period of November, 1994, to January, 1995, we added 121 new members. This compares to 183 for the same period a year earlier. The sources of new members breakdown this way:

NCFR brochure	25 %
JMF insert	10 %
FR insert	7 %
CFLE	7 %
1994 conference	15 %
Association of Councils/States	5 %
Telephone orders	5 %
Professors	18 %
Other	7 %

Suspension Data

Our total membership count is different each month, and on January 31 stood at 3713. The average monthly membership for the past eight months is 2756. It has been fairly consistent for the year, and compares to 3652 at this time last year.

But a persistent problem of this organization is membership retention. The suspension figures for the past ten

years look like this:

Calendar year 1985	1066
Calendar year 1986	1324
Calendar year 1987	930
Calendar year 1988	1081
Calendar year 1989	1183
Calendar year 1990	1082
Calendar year 1991	1126
Calendar year 1992	1309
Fiscal year 1993	924
Fiscal year 1994	901

From June 1, 1994, to January 31, 1995, 855 members have been suspended. This compares with 795 a year ago. NCFR's rate of NON-RENEWAL has been a perpetual and perplexing problem.

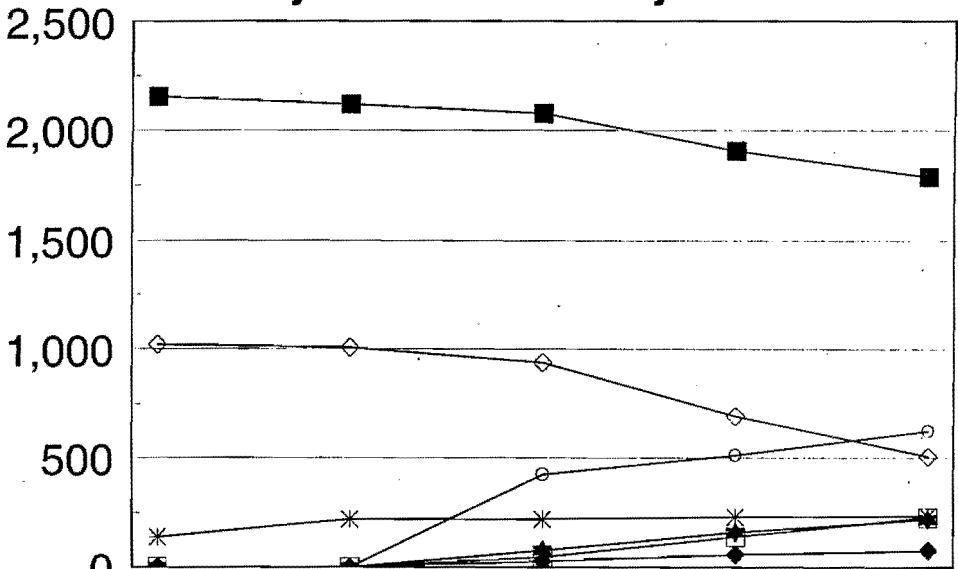
Renewal Rate

The reverse side of the coin is the renewal rate. When you balance renewals, suspensions, and new members, you get a net gain or loss of members. The renewal rate for each of the four renewal periods in fiscal 1994, and the first renewal period in this fiscal year was 75 percent. The rate has dropped off slightly in the past two renewal periods to 70 percent. The result is a net loss of 390 members, compared to a net loss of 273 for fiscal year 1994.

Membership Counts by Category

With the addition of four new membership categories this year, the picture is changing somewhat as indicated by the graph. We have a significant drop in Student members not, I think, because students aren't joining, but many who have sneaked in at the

NCFR Membership Trend
January 1994 thru January 1995



	1/31/94	4/30/94	7/31/94	10/31/94	1/31/95
Colleague	2,154	2,119	2,077	1,906	1,788
Benefactor	0	0	27	58	78
Supporting	0	0	78	160	219
Student 1 Jnl	0	0	46	140	228
Student 2 Jnl	1,020	1,007	939	694	506
Organization	138	219	219	230	234
Associate	0	0	424	512	624

lower cost Student membership category are now correctly signing up as Associate members. The difference in income to NCFR of the 219 Supporting members paying \$47 less than a Colleague member is \$10,293, but Supporting members do not receive the same membership benefits. Servicing them costs NCFR much less. The additional \$3,120 brought in through the Benefactor category and the \$3,000 from increased organization memberships is close to offsetting the \$10,293. If the Mary Bonds of the state organizations swell the Supporting member category, the dollars could balance.

Journal Subscriptions

At the beginning of this fiscal year, JMF subscribers and members totalled 6943. They averaged 6911 per month for the eight-month period just ending. On January 31, subscribers and members numbered 6475 as compared to 6833 at this time last year.

At the beginning of this fiscal year, Family Relations subscribers and members totalled 4816. The monthly average was 4760 for the past eight months. By January 31, the total was 4498, as compared to 4869 at the same time the previous year. More figures are needed to indicate any real trend.

Next

We may be slow and cautious about change, but as a group interested in

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research, we monitor change relentlessly. Remember that we are not yet through the first year of the membership structure change. Membership transitions generally take 24 months to come full circle. Share your comments about the figures and the trends you see. And we will all keep watching.

Marilyn Flick
NCFR Membership Vice-president

Meet-a-Member

Walter Kawamoto joined NCFR in 1993 after learning about the organization through colleagues in the Human Development and Family Science Dept. at OR State University in Corvallis. He sees NCFR as "opening doors for opportunities to help minority families."



Kawamoto

Kawamoto plans to complete his Ph.D. this spring. His dissertation is on American Indian intermarriage. "My dataset were obtained with the assistance of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz and with the support of N.I.M.H.," he said.

He is a member of the Local Arrangements committee for NCFR's 1995 annual conference in Portland and also is planning a mini Pow-Wow. In addition to conference activities, Kawamoto is a member of NCFR's Long-range Conference Planning Task Force and is the student/new professional representative in the Ethnic Minorities Section.



S/NP Snippets

Outstanding Student Award Still Open

Each year, NCFR recognizes a student whose work and academic potential indicates future significant contributions to the family field. Nominations for this NCFR Outstanding Student Award will be accepted through **April 15**.

Qualified applicants must be students currently in a graduate program and members of NCFR for at least two years. Ask a faculty member to nominate you (see form in this issue or call headquarters at 612-781-9331 for a copy).

Once nominated, you will be asked to submit the following additional support:

- 1) three letters of recommendation to support your nomination;
- 2) a brief (1-3 page) statement defining an important problem in the family field and outlining possible steps toward its resolution;
- 3) a brief (1-3 page) description or summary of a program, research project, or publication that represents the quality of your work and area of interest.

Remember: Nominations are due to Dr. Cathy Solheim, S/NP representative

by April 15. Ask someone to nominate you today!

1995 Annual Conference in Portland

Proposals submitted for the S/NP Skills Exchange at the 1995 annual conference in Portland are currently being reviewed. If you submitted a proposal, you should receive notification of the decision by the end of May.

Plans currently are underway for the Student Development Forum and Seminar sessions for the Portland conference. Sharon Dwyer, S/NP representative-elect, is chairing that process and would welcome ideas for topics, speakers, etc. Please contact her at 309 Upland Rd., Blacksburg, VA 24060.

Continue to watch future issues of *REPORT* for information pertaining to the next annual conference. If you would like to get involved with Student/New Professional activities, or if you have not located your "section home," please contact either Sharon or me and we will try to hook you up with the right folks. Active involvement in NCFR is key to your getting the most out of your

membership in the organization. Let us help you make that happen.

S/NP representatives to Sections:

Feminism and Family Studies:
Pamela Lerner
Education and Enrichment:
Nancy Rollins Ahlander
Ethnic Minorities:
Walter Kawamoto
Family and Health:
Kathryn Hoehn Anderson
Family Science:
Cynthia Doxsey
Family Therapy:
Scott Woolley

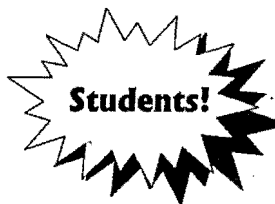
International:

Mary Kay DeGenova
Religion and Family Life:
Judy Tiesel
Research and Theory:
Janice Nadeau
Family Policy:
Tammy Henderson
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Graduate School Topic of Book

Sage Publications, Inc. will be producing a new book with the theme, "Surviving Graduate School." Books published in the series may involve topics such as "Getting into Graduate School," "Completing Your Dissertation or Thesis," "Working with Your Major Professor or Advisory Committee," and "Maintaining a Rewarding Personal Life as a Graduate Student."

Potential authors may submit formal proposals along with a current curriculum vita for individual book titles to: Series Editor Bruce A. Thyer, Ph.D., School of Social Work, University of GA, Athens, GA 30602; 706-542-5440.



EARN A SCHOLARSHIP! TO THE NCFR CONFERENCE

NCFR student members have the first chance to earn a scholarship to the Annual Conference. Workshops are November 14-15, and the Conference is November 15-19, 1995, at the Portland Hilton Hotel. 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, 1995** to: Walter Kawamoto, HDFS, Milam Hall, OR State Univ., Corvallis, OR 97331. Phone: 503-758-0928; Fax: 503-737-1076; E-mail: kawamoto@ucs.orst.edu

STUDENT ASSISTANCE FORM DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 15, 1995

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"/> Registration | <input type="checkbox"/> Employment service | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Information |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibits | <input type="checkbox"/> AV set-up/posters | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Event set-up |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous | <input type="checkbox"/> Workshop registration | |
| <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.

Tue., Nov. 14

- ☐ morning
☐ afternoon

Wed., Nov. 15

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Thur., Nov. 16

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Fri., Nov. 17

- ☐ morning
☐ afternoon
☐ evening

Sat., Nov. 18

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☐ afternoon
☐ evening

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researchers, and practitioners from diverse disciplines, (3) increase opportunities for membership participation through the national organization and Affiliated Councils, and (4) strengthen the organization's contribution to a policy agenda on family issues.

Program Vice-president-elect 1996



LaRossa



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Ralph LaRossa, Ph.D.

1) Professor of Sociology, GA State University. 2) Associate Professor of Sociology, GA University. 3) Chair, Theory-Methods Workshop; Associate Editor, *Journal of Marriage and the Family*; Co-Editor NCFR-sponsored Sourcebook of Family Theories and Methods; Founder, Qualitative Family Research Network; Co-Founder, Men in Families Focus Group; Past President, GA Council on Family Relations; Reuben Hill Award Committee (two terms); 4) American Sociological Association (Family Section, Gender Section, Children Section, Culture Section, History Section); National Organization for Men Against Sexism; Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction; Southern Sociological Society; National Science Foundation (principal investigator). 5) What has always drawn me to NCFR was both the scholarly exchange and the supportive interpersonal relationships. As Program Vice-President, I would continue to emphasize these features. In particular, I would encourage "didactic seminars" on the newest developments; "opposing viewpoint sessions" to remind us we do not live in a homogenized universe; and "cross-discipline symposia" to bring multiple angles of expertise to bear on important topics. For the program theme, I would suggest "Fatherhood and Motherhood in a Diverse and Changing World" (or something along these lines), allowing a discussion of a variety of issues that are on both the national and international stage right now.

Constance L. Shehan, Ph.D.

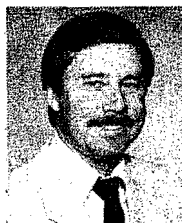
1) Director, University Center for Excellence in Teaching, University of FL and Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of FL. 2) Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of FL. 3) Chair, Feminism and Family Studies Section; Board of Directors; Program Committee; Reuben Hill Award Committee (two terms); International Year of the Family, Publications Committee; Student/New Professional Award Committee; Member, Feminism and Family Studies, Research and Theory, Education and Enrichment, Ethnic Minorities, Family and Health, International Sections; Associate Editor, *Journal of Family Issues*, *Family Relations*, *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, *Journal of Family and Economic Issues*; Affiliated

Councils: Secretary/Newsletter editor, President-elect, FL Council. 4) American Sociological Association (family, sex and gender, occupations sections); Southern Sociological Society. 5) NCFR must continue to demonstrate a recognition and appreciation of a diversity of professional "voices," including those representing different demographic groups (gender, age, class, race/ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation), and different professional domains (education, policy, and therapy as well as research). Additionally, we must find new ways to encourage and facilitate increased involvement by family scholars/practitioners whose primary organizational affiliations are with academic disciplines (e.g., those who participate in APA, ASA, AHEA, etc). We need to investigate ways to make attendance at our conferences more convenient, more affordable, and more profitable for those whose time and monetary resources are already strained by participation in their primary organizational affiliations.

Secretary 1995-97



Hanson



Ingoldsby

Shirley M.H. Hanson, Ph.D. CFLE.

1) Professor, School of Nursing, OR Health Sciences University, Portland. 2) Associate Professor, Intercollegiate Center for Nursing Education, Spokane, WA. 3) Co-chair, Local Arrangements for 1995 annual conference in Portland; Member, Reuben Hill Award Committee; Co-chair, Nominations Committee; Member, Publications Committee; Chair, Family and Health Section; Chair, Program Committee, Family and Health Section; Member, Board of Directors; Member, Program Committee, Family and Health Section; Vice-Chair, Family and Health Section; Chair or member of focus groups: Family Nursing, Single Parent Family, Remarriage and Stepparent, and Qualitative Family Research Network; Editorial Boards, guest editor or reviewer for *Family Relations*, *Journal of Marriage and Family Review*, *Family Issues*, *Journal of Family Nursing*. 4) Board of Directors, OR Association of Marriage and Family Therapy; Clinical Member and Approved Supervisor American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT); Groves Conference; American Nurses Association (ANA); American Academy of Nursing (AAN); Sigma Theta Tau (STT is a Nursing Honorary). 5) NCFR is a dynamic and diverse organization, and I am proud to have been a part of this group for the past 15 years. During that time I have served in a variety of capacities at all levels of the organization including Family & Health Section Chair and a Board member. NCFR has played a significant role in my personal and professional development and I believe it can do that for all family professionals across the disciplines. I am committed to our collective efforts to improve the

quality of family life through theory, practice, education and research. I stand for this organization making a difference in the world.

Bron B. Ingoldsby, Ph.D. CFLE.

1) Professor and Chair, Dept. of Family Science, Ricks College, Rexburg, ID. 2) Assistant Professor of Family Studies, Kent State University. 3) Chair, Religion and Family Life Section; President, ID/MT Council; Secretary-Treasurer of the Family Science and Religion and Family Life sections. 4) President, Idaho/Ecuador Partners of the Americas; Associate Editor, *Journal of Comparative Family Studies* and *Family Science Review*, Groves Conference, AAMFT. 5) I have always enjoyed serving the NCFR in any capacity. I am an obsessive note taker, reasonably androgynous, and understand the importance of maintaining an institutional memory. In addition to handling the minutes of NCFR board and business meetings, I would serve as an active member of the Board. I would seek a continued expansion of NCFR publications and greater Section autonomy over some of them and in other activities. We need to build on our recent improvements in the membership structure by providing an even more decentralized and individually oriented focus to our activities and programs.

Treasurer 1995-97



Ishii-Kuntz



Kitson

Masako Ishii-Kuntz, Ph.D.

1) Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of CA, Riverside. 2) Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of CA, Riverside. 3) Publications Committee; Planning Committee for International Year of the Family (IYF) Summer Workshop; Facilitator for Refugee and Immigrant Families at IYF Workshop; Feminism and Family Studies, International, and Research and Theory Sections; Reviewer for *Journal of Marriage and the Family*; Guest Editor and Associate Editor for *Journal of Family Issues*. 4) Committee on Family Research, International Sociological Association; American Sociological Association (Family Section); Pacific Sociological Association (Executive Council, Program Chair, Membership Chair); Association for Asian American Studies; Asian and Pacific Islander Faculty Association (President). 5) One of NCFR's strengths is its representation of multiple disciplines. NCFR can be further strengthened by diversifying the membership and broadening the scope and views of issues surrounding contemporary families. As treasurer, I will work toward the most effective use of our budget to maximize the diversity within our organization. Family research, practice, policy and education in the United States have global implications. We also have much to learn from other countries. Therefore, I would like to explore ways to facilitate international

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exchanges. Finally, I encourage discussion among NCFR members on how to bridge the gap between research and practice.

Gay C. Kitson, Ph.D.

1) Professor, Department of Sociology, The University of Akron; Adjunct Associate Professor of Sociology in Anthropology and in Psychiatry, Case Western Reserve University. 2) Associate Professor of Sociology, The University of Akron. 3) Chair, Theory Construction and Research Methodology Workshop; Burgess Award Committee; Chair, Nominating Committee, Research and Theory Section; Member, Ad Hoc Committee to review, *Family Relations*; member, Annual Conference Program Committee; Associate Editor and Guest Editor, *Journal of Family Issues*. 4) Chair-Elect, Family Section, American Sociological Association; Gerontological Society of America; Midwest Sociological Society; North Central Sociological Association. 5) I feel the treasurer's primary tasks are to help members be aware of financial issues NCFR faces and to provide opportunities for their input concerning these matters. I believe I have the communication skills needed to do this. A second set of responsibilities is to work with other members of the executive and finance committees and as a liaison with headquarters staff to handle routine financial matters on the members' behalf and to manage NCFR's money prudently for current and future needs. I am committed to being responsive to the multidisciplinary, diverse professional needs to NCFR members.

S/NP Representative-elect 1995-96



Abell



Myers-Bowman

Ellen Abell, Ph.D.

1) Assistant Professor & Extension Family and Child Development Specialist, Auburn University. 2) Doctoral student, Individualized Interdisciplinary Ph.D. program, WA State University. 3) Member since 1987; Research and Theory, Feminism and Family Studies Sections. 4) Society for Research in Child Development. 5) Because of the work of many in NCFR, the S/NP group has flourished, providing students and new professionals as well as the organization itself with opportunities for growth and professional development. I propose to continue to initiate and coordinate these efforts. Believing that commitment grows from involvement, I intend to work to find additional avenues for meaningful student and new professional participation in NCFR.

Karen S. Myers-Bowman, Ph.D.

1) Assistant Professor of Child Development and Family Science, ND State University. 2) Graduate student, Purdue University. 3) NCFR member since 1988; member of Feminism and Family Studies and Education and

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Enrichment Sections; participant in Sexuality and Peace Focus Groups. 4) Society for Research in Child Development; Sexuality Education and Information Council of the U.S. 5) Students and new professionals are an integral part of NCFR. As the S/NP representative, I would want to listen to the successes and concerns of S/NP members, communicate these to the Board, and support the development of strategies to recognize the accomplishments and meet these needs. I would support the continued growth and use of employment services offered by NCFR, especially by service agencies and other nonacademic employers. I would also like to expand and enhance the mentoring program already in place to incorporate a networking mentoring model to help S/NP members network with each other and long-term NCFR members.

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Nominating Committee
1996

Ada Alden CFLE

1) Director, Family Education Services, Eden Prairie, MN, schools. 2) Adjunct Professor, St. Cloud University, MN. 3) Certified Family Life Educator. 4) Established early childhood family life education programs in several MN school districts; columnist for local newsletters; critiques parenting books for nationally distributed Family Information Services Resource Guide. 5) --.

Timothy H. Brubaker, Ph.D.

1) Professor, Family Studies and Social Work; Director of the Family and Child Studies Center, Miami University, Oxford, OH. 2) -- 3) Ad hoc Committee to Review Status of *Journal of Family History*; Committee on Diversity; Publications Committee; Distinguished Service to Families Award Committee; Board of Directors; Chair and Vice Chair, Family Action Section; Annual Program Committee; Editor, *Family Relations*; Editorial Boards: *Family Relations*; *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, and *Journal of Family Issues*; Presider, Co-Presider, panel member or discussant for several sessions of annual conference since 1990; Co-founder and member of Focus Group on Aging; Guest Co-Editor, *Family Coordinator*, special issue on "Aging and the Family"; Presented papers/posters at the NCFR annual conference. President and Past President, Vice President, OH Council on Family Relations. 4) Member and Fellow, Gerontological Society of America; Member, Groves Conference on Marriage and the Family. 5) Since NCFR is a volunteer organization, there are three criteria I would use for selecting a slate of officers: willingness, diversity, and ability. Candidates need to be willing to devote time and energy to NCFR. The slate should represent the diversity within NCFR. Ability to fulfill



Alden



Davidson



Hildreth



Martin



Secombe



Brubaker



Hansen



Lee



Salt



Skinner



Wakil

the responsibilities of an office is often indicated by knowledge and experience in areas closely related to the office. A proactive nominations committee should encourage individuals to run for office to increase diverse representation. If selected, I will seek to present a slate that is willing, diverse, and able to lead NCFR into the future as the premiere organization addressing families and children.

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

1) Professor of Sociology and Coordinator of Family Studies, University of WI-Eau Claire. 2) Assistant Professor, IN University-South Bend. 3) Education and Enrichment, Research and Theory, Feminism and Family Studies Sections; Chair, Committee on Standards and Criteria for Certification; Chair, Committee on Implementation of Standards and Certification; Certification Review Committee; Development Committee; Student of the Year Award Committee; Associate Editor, *Journal of Marriage and the Family*; President and Board of Directors, WI Council. 4) Alpha Kappa Delta International Honor Society (National President-Elect); American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences; American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors, and Therapists;

American Sociological Association. 5) As the major interdisciplinary organization serving applied and theoretical professionals in the family field, NCFR must assume an increasing role in meeting the needs of families in the 21st century. Our leadership structure must continue to evidence the dedication, commitment, organizational skills, and expertise to accomplish this goal. As a member of the Nominating Committee, I will seek candidates who possess these qualities and reflect the diversity of our organization in terms of gender, race/ethnicity, discipline, and nationality.

Gary L. Hansen, Ph.D.

1) Associate Extension Professor of Sociology, University of KY. 2) Assistant Professor, University of Southern MS. 3) NCFR Editorial Board, *Family Relations*; Membership Committee; Secretary/Treasurer and Nominating Committee Chair, Family Policy Section; Newsletter Editor, Rural Families Focus Group; Treasurer, Board Member, and Long Range Planning Committee Chair, Southeastern Council; First Vice-President and President-Elect, MS Council; President, Vice-President and Program Chair, and Board Member, LA Council. 4) American Sociological Association; Southern Sociological Society; Sexuality Information and Education Council of the U.S.; Rural Sociological Society; World Future Society. 5) I feel that NCFR's greatest strength comes from its diversity. Diversity both in terms of demographic factors and in terms of the professional interests, positions, and roles of its members. If elected to the Nominating Committee, I will work to see that this diversity is represented among those asked to take on leadership roles within the organization. This will require making a concerted effort to identify and recruit candidates from all of NCFR's constituency groups who have both the ability and willingness to build upon the organization's existing strengths.

Gladys Hildreth, Ph.D. CFLE

1) Professor Emeritus LA State University and Assistant Professor in the Department of Family Science at TX Woman's University. 2) Professor and Section Head for Family and Child Services in the School of Human Ecology at LA State University Professor in the LA Agricultural Experiment Station. 3) Marie Peters Award recipient; Secretary to the Board; Editor, *Family Relations*, Local Arrangements Chair for Annual Conference; Long Range Planning Committee; Member of Research and Theory and Ethnic Minorities Sections; Planning Committee for Southeastern Council, Secretary to LA Council on Family Relations; Secretary to TCFR, Program participant at NCFR and NCFR affiliates Annual Conferences. 4) Gamma Sigma Delta; Phi Upsilon Omicron; Gerontological Association of American; American Association of Consumer and Family Sciences (formerly AHEA). 5) Currently politicians and others at the federal, state, and local levels are focusing on the family as the solution to many of the nation's social problems. The membership of NCFR will continue to need dedicated and committed leadership when conducting research and planning programs that will address the family focus.

Jeff Larson, Ph.D. CFLE.

No photo available. 1) Associate Professor, Department of Family Sciences, Brigham Young University. 2) Associate Professor and Director, Marriage and Family Therapy Graduate Program, MT State University. 3) Chair, CFLE Continuing Education Committee; annual conference Abstract Reviewer, Family Therapy, Education and Enrichment Sections; Chair, Marriage Preparation Focus Group; Co-chair, Remarriage Focus Group; Editorial Board, *Family Relations*; Board Member, UT Council on Family Relations; President, ID-MT Council on Family Relations; Public Relations Committee Chair, IA Council on Family Relations. 4) Secretary-Treasurer, UT Association for Marriage and Family Therapy; American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy; American Psychological Association; American Home Economics Association. 5) As a member of the nominating committee of NCFR, I will provide leadership and support for improving the quality of our annual elections including encouraging diversity in representation of candidates on ballots and fair, but rigorous, evaluation of candidates for offices. It is my opinion that people are our most important asset in NCFR, and elections are one of the most important tasks that we undertake.

Irene K. Lee, Ph.D. CFLE.

1) Family and Child Development Specialist, University of AR at Pine Bluff. 2) -- 3) Strategic Plan Task Force; Secretary, Education and Enrichment Section; Planning Committee, Extension Specialists Pre-conference; CFLE Committee on Continuing Education. 4) American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, American Sociological Association, National Coalition for Black Development in Home Economics, Groves Conference on Marriage and the Family, Society for Research in Child Development. 5) --.

Michael Martin, Ph.D.

1) Professor of Family and Child Studies; Dept. of Human and Family Resources, Northern IL University. 2) Extension Specialist in Human Development and Assistant Professor; Extension Home Economics; KS State University. 3) Member, Family Policy and Family and Health Sections. 4) Society for Research in Child Development; Groves Conference on Marriage and the Family; American Association of Family and Consumer Science; National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse; International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect. 5) As a member of the Nominating Committee, I would be committed to selection of candidates for leadership positions which reflect the diverse nature of the organization. This means diversity in professional focus as well as ethnicity, age, and gender. The organization needs creative and energetic individuals to provide clear and consistent direction into the 21st century. The nominating committee should be aggressive in recruiting the best possible people for each position.

Robert Salt, Ph.D.

1) Associate Professor of Family Studies; Program Director of B.S. in Human Development and Family Studies, University of WI-Stout. 2) Assistant Professor of Family Studies, University of WI-Stout. 3) Executive Committee International Section; Media Awards Competition; Editorial Board, **Family Relations**; Chair, Poster Sessions Annual Conference, 1988, Wisconsin and University of WI-Stout Affiliated Councils. 4) Groves Conference, American Men's Studies Association; International Sociological Association Committee on Family Research, SSSS Midwest Region. 5) I will work to provide maximum diversity of representation for next year's Board. In addition to representation for members of groups representing both sexes, various ethnic groups, different sexual preferences and ages, I will recommend persons to the Board who represent the various professional interests in NCFR and especially try to get representation from the many members who focus on teaching rather than on research.

Karen Seccombe, Ph.D.

1) Associate Professor of Sociology and Associate Research Scientist in the Institute for Health Policy Research, University of FL. 2) Assistant Professor of Sociology and Social Work, University of AK. 3) Membership Committee; Local Arrangements Committee; Reviewer of Abstracts for Research and Theory Section. 4) American Sociological Association, including Family, Aging, and Medical Sociology Sections; Gerontological Society of America; Pacific Sociological Association. 5) NCFR is an exciting and vibrant organization. In order to keep us this way we need to continue to have a selection of candidates for leadership positions who possess energy and vision, and who hold fresh ideas for NCFR. I'm less interested in candidates' professional orientation (e.g., practitioner versus academic) or the length of their vita, or resume than I am in their sheer enthusiasm to lead our organization. Many new professionals are ready, eager, and waiting to step into leadership roles. In our quest for diversity, let's not forget to take a look at our "younger generation."

Denise Skinner, Ph.D.

1) Professor of Family Studies, University of WI-Stout. 2) Graduate Research Associate, Family Stress & Coping Project, University of MN. 3) Member, Family Policy, Education and Enrichment, Feminism and Family Studies Sections; Co-Editor of **Teaching Family Policy** handbook published by NCFR Family Policy Section; regular presenter of papers at NCFR annual conferences; presider, discussant, paper reviewer for Family Policy Section; Co-Chair of Work and Family Focus Group; NCFR Nominating Committee; Nominating Committee of WI Council on Family Relations. 4) Groves Conference on Marriage and the Family; Member and 1995 Conference Co-Chair; American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences; Member and past reviewer for Journal of Home Economics; Wisconsin Association of Family and Consumer Science; past Research Section Chair and conference

presenter; Co-Chair, Wisconsin International Year of the Family Steering Committee. 5) As a member of the NCFR Nominating Committee, I would be responsible to seeking and preparing a slate of candidates for the various NCFR offices. I believe it is our responsibility to ensure that this slate reflects the diversity of NCFR in every respect and to present candidates to the membership who are energetic, committed leaders.

S. P. Wakil

1) Professor of Sociology, University of Saskatchewan, Canada. 2) -- 3) Member since 1960. Member of various Sections, e.g., International, Research and Theory and Ethnic Minorities; organized and/or chaired numerous sessions over the years--as well as presented numerous research-based as well as analytical papers. 4) Research Committee of the International Sociological Association; Family Section of the American Sociological Association; Vanier Institute of the Family; International Union of Family Organizations; International Year of the Family; and various European Associations of the Family. 5) Associations and organizations such as ours need, in these changing times, individuals who are strong and dedicated leaders and represent the variety that NCFR has come to reflect over the years. This variety calls for considerations of professional, regional, gender, and other similar representations. In addition, the question of change and continuity demands attention to the inclusion of fresh, new, as well as the experienced members in our committees. I am satisfied that the past committees have been diligent in these matters. However, to the degree that improvements can be made, I shall emphasize these considerations during my tenure, if chosen.

Family Policy Section Chair**Johnson****Trzcinski****Leonor Boulton Johnson, Ph.D.**

1) Associate Professor of Family Studies, AZ State University. 2) Senior Researcher, Westat, Washington, D.C.; Post-doctoral Fellow at the Family Impact Seminar, Catholic University, Washington, D.C.; Associate Professor Howard University; Senior Researcher, The Urban Institute, Washington, D.C. 3) Committee and Section Member; Vice-Chair Family Policy; Public Policy Standing Committee; Publication, Nominating, Membership, Marie Peters Awards, Reuben Hill Award Committees; NCFR Board of Directors, Chair and Vice Chair and newsletter editor, Ethnic Minorities Section; Marie Peters Award recipient; Member of several NCFR Sections; Numerous roles as presenter, presider and discussant at annual conference sessions 4) U.S. Congressional technical testimony on work-family stress; Select Committee on Children, Youth, and Families (testimony served as a base for the family support amendment to the Crime Bill); Associate

Editor **Family Relations and Sex Research**; Lecturer and Consultant on both work-family issues and ethnic families (national/state); Chair, National Academy of Science/National Research Council's Ford Foundation Postdoctoral and Dissertation Fellowships For Minorities; P.I. on several national and local grants; Published over 20 journal articles and book chapters. 5) Given the shift in power within the U.S. Congress, families face potential significant changes in welfare, health, and educational programs which impact their lives. Within this context NCFR is an effective organization for translating personal problems into public policy issues. This translation must be based on sound research and needs of practitioners and educators. Through member networking, informal discussions, conference presentations, and joint activities, the Section can inform members on the proactive potential of their research; encourage conference presentations which facilitate the policy interest priorities of the Family Policy Section; support students and new professionals; identify family diversity issues; and identify national/international family policy models which enhance families.

Eileen Trzcinski, Ph.D.

1) Associate Professor, School of Social Work and College of Urban, Labor, and Metropolitan Affairs, Wayne State University. 2) Assistant Professor, College of Human Ecology, Consumer Economics and Housing, Cornell University. 3) Member, Family Policy, International, and Feminism and Family Studies Sections. 4) Council on Social Work Education; National Association of Social Workers; American Economic Association; International Association of Feminist Economics; Inter-University Consortium for International Social Development. 5) Under the leadership of the past several chairs, Family Policy has grown significantly in importance in NCFR and in curriculums within family studies. These chairs have worked to create linkages between family policy researchers and policy makers and to provide a forum for family policy researchers to develop family policy theory and research methodologies. As chair, I would build on this foundation and continue to concentrate the Section's efforts on developing and disseminating methods for teaching family policy in the classroom and in the public arena and on encouraging the development of family policy theory and research methodologies.

Family Policy Vice-Chair**Bogenschneider****Koepke****Karen Bogenschneider, Ph.D.**

1) Assistant Professor, Child and Family Studies, University of WI-Madison; Family Policy Specialist, University of WI Cooperative Extension. 2) Youth-At-Risk Coordinator, University of WI Cooperative Extension. 3) Family Policy Committee; Editorial Committee, NCFR

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handbook on **Teaching Family Policy**; WI recipient of **FAMILY FAX**; Board Member, WI Council on Family Relations. 4) Society for Research on Adolescence; Society for Research on Child Development. 5) In response to a growing consensus across the political spectrum that policies would be more effective if they strengthened families, I will promote avenues whereby family professionals can promote family well-being by injecting our wealth of knowledge on research and practice into policy discourse. I think the Family Policy Section can promote professional involvement in the policy arena by: (1) Encouraging discussion regarding what constitutes family policy; (2) Identifying ways family professionals can influence the development, implementation, and evaluation of family-friendly policies; (3) Exploring the feasibility of expanding **FAMILY FAX** whereby Margaret Feldman alerts states to federal legislative proposals affecting families.

Leslie Koepke, Ph.D.

1) Professor of Family Studies, Department of Human Development, Family Living and Community Educational Services, University of WI-Stout. 2) Professor of Family Studies, Department of Human Development, Family Living and Community Educational Service, University of WI-Stout. 3) Secretary, Family Policy Section; Co-chair, Work and Family Focus Group; Round Table Chair, NCFR Conference. 4) Groves Conference on the Family; MN Council on Family Relations. 5) As the March issue of NCFR Report goes to press, federal and state budgets are being reviewed more critically than ever. As funding supporting "family" programs comes under scrutiny, the role of the Family Policy Section becomes more important. I want to continue two efforts already occurring: 1) Support the NCFR preconference which provides needed information and skills about family policy; 2) Continue to develop a family policy theoretical framework with which all policies could be analyzed. A third effort would include providing Focus Groups with advocacy materials and skills training to better equip all sections members to advocate for strong families.

Family Policy Secretary/Treasurer**Hutchens****Wilson****Lisa Hutchens****(anticipated Ph.D. Spring 1995)**

1) Assistant Professor, Family and Child Studies, Northern IL University. 2) Ph.D. Candidate/Research Assistant, University of GA; Legislative Aide to Women's Caucus, GA General Assembly; 3) Southeastern Council on Family Relations; Family Policy Section; 4) NAEYC; GA AYC; Board Member, Athens Area AYC; Child Care Action Campaign. 5) Family professionals need

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knowledge and skills for maneuvering through the political tangle. Membership in the Family Policy Section can provide knowledge, skills, and many other benefits. For example, we could publicize the benefits of Section membership and facilitate section interactions via an Internet bulletin board. Like wise, we should encourage regular discussions of family policy research, teaching, and practice issues. I would also encourage exploring a wider range of issues relevant to family policy such as: historical perspectives on family policy, multicultural issues, international approaches to family policy, successful state and local initiatives, and the links between research and policy-making.

Stephan M. Wilson, Ph.D.

1) Associate Professor of Family Studies; Director of the **Research Center for Families and Children**, University of KY. 2) Associate Professor of Family and Child Development, VA Tech. 3) Co-Chair of the Rural Families Focus Group; Editorial Board, **Family Relations**; Secretary/Treasurer, ID-MT Council on Family Relations; Board of Directors, TN Council on Family Relations; NCFR Presidential Ad hoc committee to review focus groups. 4) Society for Research on Adolescence; Family Resource Coalition; American Home Economics Association (now AAFCS); American Association for the Advancement of Science. 5) The office of Secretary/Treasurer of the Family Policy Section is largely a support position for the Section Chair. I am committed to helping with whatever organization and preparation tasks the Chair sets for our Section--particularly for the annual NCFR conferences. Besides working closely with the Section Chair, I will, as Section Secretary/Treasurer, work closely with Focus Group Chairs to collect, coordinate, and distribute information about both Section and Focus Group business and activities to Family Policy Focus Group Chairs and to all Section members.

Family Policy S/NP Rep.



Daberkow

Wesley D. Daberkow, M.S. Ed.

1) Associate in Rural Ministry, Interchurch Ministries of NE; completing Ph.D. 2) Graduate Research Assistant, Family Science, University of NE-Lincoln. 3) Family Policy, International, Family Science, Research and Theory, Religion and Family Life, Feminism and Family Studies Sections; NE Council. 4) Children's Rights Council; Community Development Society; Family Resource Coalition; National Association of Family Based Services; Stepfamily Association of America. 5) Family policy is a critical area of concern for family professionals. Our goal in NCFR--as the premiere family organization--must be to integrate

this emerging subfield into the mainstream of family science. Let's capitalize on present momentum and multiply our efforts to develop family professionals who will explore and enact roles in the family policy arena. It is paramount, within affiliated councils, that we amass critical skills in policy analysis, research, substantive dialog and debate, and political decision-making. Concurrently, we must give particular attention to the theoretical constructs of our work. Finally, we must seek especially to understand families in the contexts of their specific communities.

Hallie P. Duke, M.S.

No photo available. 1) Doctoral Student-Administrative and Research Assistant, Athens, GA. 2) Congressional Aide to Rep. Don Johnson. 3) NCFR Member since 1992; Family Policy Section. 4) Society for Research in Child Development. 5) My experience in the policy arena has prepared me well to represent students in the NCFR Family Policy Section: I have acted as an advocate for school-age child care in Atlanta; was a Congressional Aide in Washington, D.C.; and I am currently acting as Coordinator of the Legislative Aide Program for the College of Family and Consumer Sciences at UGA. My primary goal for this position would be to increase students' understanding of the importance of linking family policy and family science research by facilitating their involvement in the policy arena.

Family Therapy Nominating Committee



Lindsey



Stith

James M. Harper, Ph.D.

No photo available. 1) Associate Dean, College of Family, Home and Social Sciences and Professor of Family Sciences, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT. 2) Private Family Therapy Practice, Rocky Mountain Family Institute, Orem, UT. 3) Member, Family Therapy Section; Presentations at Annual Conferences. 4) AAMFT Clinical Member, approved supervisor; Chair, AAMFT Elections Council; Member, AAMFT Judicial Committee; President, UT Association for MFT; International Communication Association; 5) The Family Therapy Section will benefit by following three principles in its election process. First, the ballot for every position should involve choice with two or more names for each position. Second, both the ballot and nominations received should evidence diversity. Third, nominations should be submitted by Section members with the Nominations Committee establishing the final ballot, rather than the committee performing the initial function of nominating. We should strive for openness in the process and set goals to increase the number of nominations received. The elections process is one key to inviting greater member participation in the Section.

Elizabeth W. Lindsey, Ph.D.

1) Assistant Professor of Social Work, University of NC-Greensboro. 2) Temporary Instructor, University of GA School of Social Work. 3) Member, Family Therapy and Feminism and Family Studies Sections; Member, NCFR since 1991. 4) National Association of Social Workers; American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy. 5) I am interested in being on the Nominating Committee because I would like to help the Section develop a systematic approach to continuation of leadership. This Section provides a valuable forum for family therapy scholars to share their work and learn from each other. I would like to see the section strengthened. This Section has great potential, given the fact that it has the third largest membership of any Section. With a systematic approach to leadership development, we can assure continuity, representation by ethnic, cultural, and sexual orientation constituencies, as well as bolster active participation within the Section by its membership.

Sandra M. Stith, Ph.D.

1) Associate Professor and Director of the Northern VA Marriage and Family Therapy Program, Dept. of Family and Child Development, VA Tech. 3) Member since 1985; Local Arrangements Committee Member; **Family Relations** Editorial Board; Secretary/Treasurer, Family Therapy Section; Research Presentation Reviewer; Feminism and Family Studies Section Research Presentation Reviewer; Mentoring Coordinator; Member, Qualitative Family Research Network and Family Action Section. 4) American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Clinical Member and Approved Supervisor; Member of the Commission on Accreditation for Family Therapy Education; VA Association for Marriage and Family Therapy; Regional Vice-President. 5) The Family Therapy Section of NCFR represents a large number of NCFR members. As a member of the Nominating Committee, I will work to seek out potential officers who will represent a diverse group of Section members and who are enthusiastic about the Section's potential.

John Williams, Ph.D.

No photo available. 1) Professor, Human Dev. and Family Studies, University of WI-Stout, Menomonie. 2) Supervisor, Family Therapy Program. 3) Committee for By-Laws, Family Therapy Section; President, WI Council on Family Relations. 4) Supervisor, AAMFT; American Ortho-Psychiatric Association; College of Theology Society Fellow. 5) I would like to see the nominating process move forward with needed integrity and ensure sufficient numbers of minorities, to ably represent our large Section.

Meeting

April 5-9: Groves Conference on Marriage and the Family "Besieged Families: Creating Collaborative Communities for Change." Lexington, KY. Contact: Leslie Koepke or Denise Skinner, Home Economics 125, University of WI-Stout, Menomonie, WI 54751; 715-232-1463; FAX 715-232-2524.

Feminism and Family Studies Chair



Crosbie-Burnett



Leslie

Margaret Crosbie-Burnett, Ph.D.

1) Associate Professor and Co-Director of Training, Counseling Psychology Program, University of Miami. 2) Assistant Professor, University of WI-Madison. 3) Co-guest editor for 2 special issues of **Family Relations**; Co-chair of Focus Group on Remarriage and stepfamilies; Chair of Theory Construction and Research Methods Workshop; Secretary/Treasurer, Feminism and Family Studies Section. 4) American Psychological Association; FCFR; American Counseling Association; American Educational Research Association. 5) As a Counseling Psychologist, I would continue the feminist tradition of attention to interpersonal processes between members of our Section, and also to relations between our Section and other units within NCFR. I would also continue the tradition within FFSS of diversity: A counseling psychologist has not held the position of chair. My research in heterosexual and gay and lesbian stepfamilies, post-divorce families, and the interface between families and schools has stretched traditional approaches to family studies. Perhaps most importantly, I would try to increase the gender, and racial/ethnic diversity of our Section.

Leigh A. Leslie, Ph.D.

1) Associate Professor, Family Studies, University of MD. 2) Assistant Professor, Counseling Psychology, Fordham University. 3) Section Vice-Chair, Feminism and Family Studies; Chair, Mentoring Committee, Membership Committee, Steering Committee, Family Therapy Section; Treasurer, DC Council on Family Relations; Editorial Board, **Family Relations**. 4) American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, American Psychological Association, International Society for the Study of Personal Relationships. 5) Since its inception, the Section has served two very important functions: It has been a source of personal and professional support and connection for its members, and it has challenged the field to rethink what we know about families and gender. As Section chair I would want to continue these two vital functions, adapting them for the changing circumstances in the organization. Specifically, as the Section membership grows it will be necessary to develop new ways to maintain the intimate, supportive atmosphere which has sustained members in their growth as feminists. In addition, as the critical scholarly analysis we have offered is increasingly integrated into the field, I would like to see us expand that critical reflective lens to our own work as feminists. By continuing to provide emotional and professional support to members and by expanding the limits of our scholarly analysis the Section will remain a vital part of NCFR.

**Feminism and Family Studies
Vice-Chair**

Levin



Norrell

Irene Levin, Ph.D.

1) Associate Professor, Dept. of Social Work, University of Trondheim, Norway. 2) Assistant Professor, Dept. of Social Work, University of Trondheim. 3) Member, Feminism and Family Studies and International Sections. 4) International Sociological Association (ISA); Committee on Family Research (CFR); Society for the Study of Symbolic Interactionism (SSSI); The Norwegian Writers Organisation (NFF). 5) As a vice-chair for the Feminism and Family Studies Section, I will work to increase the understanding of the meaning of gender in various family forms. I will also work to increase participation in the Section nationally and internationally. (This can be done with or without cooperation with the International Section). This way we can learn from each other how gender is represented in different cultures and contexts. I will attempt to increase student representation and participation. I will also try to assure a creative use of Section meetings.

J. Elizabeth Norrell, Ph.D.

1) Associate Professor, Dept. of Human and Family Resources, Northern IL University, DeKalb, IL. 2) Visiting Assistant Professor, School of Human Ecology, LA State University, Baton Rouge. 3) Chair, Religion and Family Life Section; Program Planning Committee; Task Force on Long Range Conference Planning; Coordinated Small College Network within NCFR; member, Feminism and Family Studies, Religion and Family Life, Family Science, Research and Theory Section, and International Sections; President and Program Chair, Southeastern Council on Family Relations; Program Planning Committee, SC Council on Family Relations. 4) Family Science Association; Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. 5) The Feminism and Family Studies Section heritage of challenging old formats and agendas by creating new solutions is important to NCFR's future as an organization. This enables NCFR to be responsive to its membership, and I would seek to continue this tradition as an officer in this Section. Additionally, I would encourage diversity by stimulating minority participation and by exploring the divergent characteristics of feminism. This may be accomplished by developing linkages with other sections, co-sponsoring program events such as the Teaching Round Tables and Lectures, and seeking other methods of institutionalizing inclusion.

Meeting

April 23-26/May 8-10: Professional Training for Teaching the PAIRS Couples Workshops with Lori Gordon. Philadelphia, PA. Contact PAIRS Foundation, Ltd., 800-477-2477.

**Feminism and Family Studies
Secretary/Treasurer**

Lerner



MacDermid

Pamela B. Lerner, M.S.

1) Doctoral candidate and graduate research assistant, Family and Child Development, Auburn University, AL. 2) Graduate teaching assistant, Family and Child Development, Auburn University. 3) Feminism and Family Studies Student/New Professional Representative and Awards Committee; assisted in the development and organization of feminist teaching round tables, assisted with the Student/New Professional conference program, paper reviewer and presider for annual conference; AL Council on Family Relations Student of the Year Award honorable mention; assisted with the development and sales of the Feminism and Family Studies teaching packet; member, Feminism and Family Studies, Research and Theory, and Family Policy Sections. 4) International Society for the Study of Personal Relationships; American of Family and Consumer Sciences; American Psychological Association. 5) Enrollment and participation in the Feminism and Family Studies Section recently has grown leading to increased visibility of the Section and greater opportunities for networking and community building. I wish to maintain the vitality of the section and ensure its responsiveness to its membership. In addition, I will help to nurture relationships between the Feminism and Family Studies Section and other Sections in order to accomplish mutual goals. I have served as the secretary on the boards of local organizations and I respect the importance of accurate record keeping and timely dissemination of information to Section members and the chair. I am committed to the mission of NCFR and the goals of the Feminism and Family Studies Section.

Shelley MacDermid, Ph.D.

1) Assistant Professor, Dept. of Child Development and Family Studies, Purdue University, W. Lafayette, IN. 2) Doctoral candidate, PA State University. 3) Reuben Hill Award Committee; Chapter Editor, Family Life Education Teacher's Kit and Supplement; Reviewer, **Journal of Marriage and the Family** and **Family Relations**; Feminism and Family Studies Section; Member, Endowment Committee and Awards Committee; Reviewer, conference submissions; IN Council on Family Relations: President-elect, past Secretary; Program Chair. 4) Society for Research in Child Development; Academy of Management; Society for Research in Adolescence; Teaching Family Science Network. 5) The Feminism and Family Studies Section has grown rapidly since its beginning, which challenges all of us to make sure that it continues to be a nurturing and stimulating place for feminist scholars and their work. It also is increasingly important that the business

of the Section be smoothly run--an immediate goal is ensuring the financial longevity of the endowment. I hope to contribute to the Section's efforts to meet both of these challenges. I also want to help the Section continue its tradition of reaching out to new members, and developing innovative and provocative conference presentations.

**Feminism and Family Studies
Newsletter Editor**

Farnsworth



Knudson-Martin

**Elizabeth B. Farnsworth, Ph.D.,
N.C.C.**

1) Doctorate in Family Studies, VA Tech, Blacksburg, VA. Currently teaches Sociology, Human Sexuality, and Child Development courses at Central VA Community College. 2) Self-employed therapist and educator in Central VA. 3) Outstanding Dissertation Award, College of Human Resources, VA Tech for dissertation research--a bereavement study of mothers conducted from a feminist and contextual perspective. 4) National Certified Counselor; Member, Feminism and Family Studies Section; Member, American Counseling Association; Member, Chi Sigma Iota, Psi Chi, and Phi Kappa Phi Honor Societies. 5) As Newsletter Editor of the Feminism and Family Studies Section, I will invite a variety of perspectives on feminist issues and concerns. The Section is vital and growing, and the Newsletter provides a forum for networking and expanding feminist consciousness in our professional activities.

Carmen Knudson-Martin, Ph.D.

1) Associate Professor, Health & Human Development, MT State University; Director, Marriage & Family Master's Program, MT State University; Maintains a small private counseling practice specializing in women's and relationship issues. 3) Member of NCFR since 1970 when a high school Family Life Educator; Frequent presenter at NCFR conferences; Member, Feminism and Family Studies and Family Therapy Sections; Participates in research methods and Theory Construction Workshops. 4) Groves Conference on Marriage and Family, American Association of Marital and Family Therapy; American Counseling Association; International Association of Marriage and Family Counseling. 5) The number of persons committed to both feminism and family studies continues to increase. The Feminism and Family Studies Section is in a unique position to develop new models for understanding and working with families and gender relationships which go beyond critiques to fully integrate the female experience and help to increase both the position of women in families and the overall quality of family life. It is important that those of us working in this area be able to network with, support, and mentor each other, particularly since such support is not always available where we work.

**Feminism and Family Studies
S/NP Rep.**

Conway-Turner



Hall



Houts



Wilcox

Kate Conway-Turner

1) Director of Women's Studies Program, University of DE and Associate Professor, Dept. of Individual and Family Studies. 2) Assistant Professor in Psychology and Ethnic Studies at Santa Clara University. 3) Member since 1986; Member of Ethnic Minorities and Feminism and Family Studies Sections. 4) National Women's Studies Association; National Association of Women in Psychology; National Caucus on Black Aged; Gerontological Association of American; Mid-Atlantic Women's Studies. 5) My interest in being a part of the leadership of the Feminist Section of NCFR is tied to two central passions in my professional/personal life. First, as a researcher studying the complexity of women's lives, I wish to encourage other scholarly exploration of this area. Investigations focusing on women of color and the contextual aspects of their lives are presently underrepresented in family studies literature. Second, I want to enhance student participation in exploring "feminism and family" issues. Both goals will stretch the boundaries of NCFR and give voice to integral sections within family studies.

Leslie D. Hall, M.A.

1) Doctoral candidate, Teaching Assistant, and Project Assistant, OR State University (Human Development and Family Studies). 2) Research Assistant and Extension Assistant Family Life Specialist, OR State University. 3) Member, Feminism and Family Studies, Family Policy, Research and Theory, and Religion and Family Life Sections; Presented at NCFR pre-conferences; Reviewed submissions for Feminism and Family Studies and Religion and Family Life Sections; Served on Scholarship Committee for Family Policy Section. 4) Northwest Council on Family Relations; Center for the Study of Women in Society; National Council for Research on Women; Center for Women and Religion; Sociologists for Women in Society. 5) It would be an honor to serve the membership of this Section. As Student/New Professional Representative my goal would be to increase the involvement of students and new professionals. This would include establishing informal ways to get and stay acquainted, such as connecting by electronic mail. I see the continued need

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Nominate Your Colleagues for Awards!

The National Council on Family Relations, its Sections and Affiliated Councils try to recognize excellence in the Family field by presenting several awards. The **Deadline for applications is April 15, 1995 (exceptions are noted below)**. A nomination form is enclosed in this issue of *Report*.



Distinguished Service to Families Award for 1996...

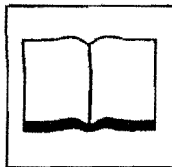
Sponsored by the Association of Councils. It is given in recognition of those who have provided

exceptional leadership and/or service to improve family living. Each NCFR affiliated council is requested to make a nomination. Other NCFR members are also welcome to send nominations. The contributions in "action" programs represent the importance of family relationships in the future rather than the past. If the recipient of this award is a Policy person, the award is given in honor of Dr. Harold Feldman. If the recipient has made outstanding contributions in a health field, it is given in honor of Dr. Fred Bozett.

Who may be nominated: National leaders in the family field, political figures, entertainers, volunteers who have played significant roles in helping families. **Nominees need not be NCFR members** to be eligible for this award. The winner is presented with a plaque. Travel expenses are paid.

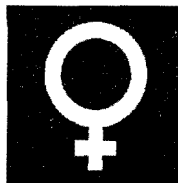
Ernest G. Osborne Award...

Given to an individual who has shown a distinguished career as an outstanding teacher in the family field. A check for \$500 and a plaque are awarded to the winner.



Jessie Bernard Awards...

Sponsored by the Feminism and Family Studies Section.



Outstanding Research Proposal from a Feminist Perspective Award...

Recognizes a graduate student/new professional who has demonstrated excellence in research for potential contribution to feminist scholarship. A plaque and check for \$500 is presented to the winner. The award recipient will be asked to present a report of the project and findings at the 1996 NCFR annual conference in Kansas City, MO.

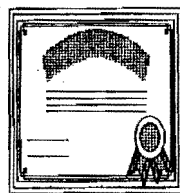
Applications should include: a) an abstract of 100 words or less; b) a 5 page (maximum) proposal outlining the project's theoretical foundation, research methods, and potential contribution to feminist scholarship; and c) a half-page budget.

Outstanding Contribution to Feminist Scholarship Award...

Recognizes a graduate student/new professional who has demonstrated excellence for feminist scholarship. A plaque, and a gift of complimentary books from Westview Press are awarded

annually. Proposals are evaluated for potential contribution to feminist scholarship and use of feminist frameworks. A summary of the recipient's research results will be published in the Feminism and Family Studies Section newsletter.

Both awards are open to all graduate students/new professionals (with up to 5 years post-doctoral work). Please submit 6 copies of the application and supporting documents by **April 30, 1995**, to Dr. Leigh Leslie, Dept. of Fam. Stud., Univ. of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742; E-Mail: Leigh-A-Leslie@umail.umd.edu; phone: 301-405-4011; FAX 301-314-9161.

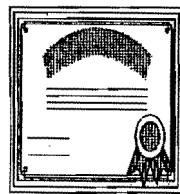


NCFR Student Award...

Given to an NCFR graduate student member who has demonstrated excellence as a student with high potential for contribution to the field of family studies. A certificate and check for \$500 is presented annually. The Students/New Professionals of NCFR sponsor the award.

Criteria for selection: 1) A student currently enrolled in a Graduate Program whose work shows promise of a significant contribution to family studies. It is not assumed that research projects or other work be completed at the time of nomination; 2) Membership in NCFR for

at least two years. Qualified students who are nominated will receive instructions for supplying other supporting credentials including: a) additional letters of support; b) brief statement defining an important problem they see in the family studies field and outlining possible steps towards solution; c) brief summary of a personal program, research project, publication which represents the quality of their work and area of interest.



Student/New Professional Book Award...

Note: The deadline for the 1995 award has passed. No more manuscripts will be

accepted for this year. The Award is given to an NCFR graduate student/new professional with a manuscript in progress which has not previously been published. This award is given to a Student/New Professional member of NCFR for a scholarly manuscript judged to be worthy of publication as a monograph. Manuscripts are judged on the basis of their potential

contribution to knowledge about marriage and family life. The winning manuscript is published in the Sage Publications Series *Understanding Families*. A \$500 check is also presented. The award is sponsored by Sage Publications, Inc., and the NCFR.

Applicants should send 2 copies of their manuscript, 1 copy of their curriculum vita, a cover letter indicating ideas being considered for improving the manuscript, certifying that eligibility requirements are met, and providing the name and address of a current (or former) academic advisor. to Jim Nageotte, Executive Editor, Sage Publications, 2455 Teller Rd., Newbury Park, CA 91320. Phone: 805-499-0721; Fax: 805-499-0871; E-mail: jimnateotte@sagepub.com. Deadline for 1996 award is March 1, 1996.

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS:
APRIL 15, 1995 (exceptions are noted in the article)

Send applications and supporting credentials to the NCFR office (except for Jessie Bernard and Student/New Professional Book Awards). NCFR will forward materials to the appropriate award committee.



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1995/96 NOMINATION FORM

National Council on Family Relations Awards

Please nominate an individual or organization for one of NCFR's awards. Check the news article about the awards and criteria in the March 1995, *NCFR Report*. Submit a nomination **today** for someone who has made outstanding contributions in the family field. They deserve NCFR's recognition.

Instructions:

- ◆ Use 1 form for each person/organization you wish to nominate
- ◆ Attach all documentation (letters of recommendation, other supporting materials) with this application form.
- ◆ Mail all materials to NCFR Awards, 3989 Central Ave. NE, #550, Minneapolis, MN 55421 by April 15, 1995. (Mail nominations for the Jessie Bernard Awards and the Student/New Professional Book Award directly to their respective award chairs; note their deadlines for submission.) You may duplicate this form if you wish to nominate more than one person or award. For further information about the awards call Cindy Winter, CMP at 612-781-9331.

Check the Award for which you are nominating:

- ☐ Distinguished Service to Families Award (1996)
- ☐ Ernest G. Osborne Award
- ☐ Jessie Bernard Award for Outstanding Research Proposal from a Feminist Perspective
- ☐ Jessie Bernard Award for Outstanding Contribution to Feminist Scholarship
- ☐ NCFR Student Award
- ☐ Student/New Professional Book Award (entry deadline for 1995 has passed)

Name of Nominee _____

Employer _____
(if student, indicate program and institution)

Address _____

Phone _____

Three additional persons to document nominee's qualifications (enclose documentation from these people with this form):

Name Address Phone

Your signature _____

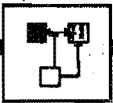
Your title and address _____

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feminist principles in their practice. As part of our annual program this year, I will continue our track record or supplying both scholarly and practice-oriented sessions that also enhance our relationships with one another. I look forward to hearing from more of you.

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NCFR's Research and Theory Section is offering a \$100 travel scholarship to a graduate student presenting his or her research at the 1995 annual conference.

The award will be based on a one-page, single-spaced paper addressing the relationship between research and theory in the student's own study. The deadline for submission of the paper is June 1. The winner will be notified by September 1.

Send papers to Janice Winchester Nadeau Ph.D., Student/New Professional representative, MN Human Development Consultants, Inc., 1409 Willow St., Minneapolis, MN 55403.
Janice Nadeau

Focus Groups



NCFR's Adoption Focus Group is compiling a list of organizations, NCFR members, and others who have an interest in adoption issues, research, and related areas. If you wish to be included, please send your name, address, telephone numbers and E-mail addresses by June 1 to Karen Baier, Adoption Focus Group chair, Dept. of Family and Social Work, 153A McGuffey Hall, Miami University, Oxford, OH 45056.

It would be helpful for you to indicate your interest in receiving a newsletter and to include your suggestions for other group activities. I encourage you to make plans to meet with our focus group during NCFR's conference in Portland.
Karen Baier

NCFR's Work and Families Focus Group met during the annual conference. Despite the early hour, the session was fairly well-attended. The majority of the session was spent as a networking opportunity as each person shared information on their work and family interests.

The mailing list was updated. Old business conducted included a report to Ruth Sorenson on a list she is compiling of work-family research centers. Keeping

the list up-to-date is an on-going process. Ruth encouraged people to contribute information to it.

New business included election of new co-chair, Debra Berke. She replaces Denise Skinner, and Phyllis Raabe will continue as co-chair. Thank you to Denise for two years of leadership.

Future focus group plans include a survey of people currently on the membership roster with the intent of keeping the roster up-to-date and serving the interests of the members.

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Special Issue

"**Ethnicity: Issues for the Teacher and Practitioner**" is the theme of a special issue of **Family Science Review**. Harriette Pipes McAadoo is the guest editor.

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UNICEF Head Dies

James Grant, former head of UNICEF, the United Nations Children's Fund, died January 29. In honor of his memory, Hillary Rodham Clinton has announced that the U.S. will sign onto the International Convention on Children's Rights.

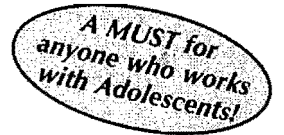
The U.S. would be the 177th country to sign the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child. Grant had campaigned to have all U.N. member countries sign by the end of 1995.

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Conference Comments

Proposal Selection Process Explained

How does the program committee select proposals for the program? What steps are taken to ensure a program that meets the needs of both researchers and practitioners?

1. Proposals that are sent to the NCFR Office are keyed into a database.
2. Reports are generated and sent with the appropriate proposals to each Section Chair. To ensure anonymity, each proposal is assigned a "number," and anything identifying the author(s) is removed. This is done before proposals are sent from the NCFR Office to the Section Chairs. Score sheets are attached to the proposals.
3. Section chairs send proposals to a minimum of 3 peer reviewers for blind review. The longer summary is used for judging the proposals. The assigned NCFR "numbers" are used throughout the process so that reviewers judge the papers fairly. A standardized set of criteria is used for all Sections and papers.

As Section chairs review the proposals, they consider the following criteria:

- A. **Has this theory/study/program/intervention been previously published or presented at other conferences?** If the answer is "yes," the proposal is immediately rejected, because NCFR wants only new material presented at the conference.
- B. **Originality of Idea** presented in the proposal.
- C. **How appropriate are the methods/techniques used?**
- D. **Are the methods and findings/concepts/techniques concisely presented in the abstract?**
- E. **Clarity of linkages between research and application.**
- F. **Quality of writing in the proposal.**
- G. **Importance of the topic in the field.**
- H. **If the proposal is a symposium, a 7th criterion is added: Qualifications of the participants.**
- I. **Does the proposal describe a project that has been completed? Circle the degree to which the work has been completed. This question is not included in the scoring.**

4. Reviewers score each proposal on all of the above criteria: 5 points are given for "excellent," 4 points for "good," 3 points for "average," 2 points for "fair," and 1 point for "poor." All the columns are added up for total points, and then divided by the number of criteria used, to give a "mean" score.
5. Reviewers send the score sheets to the Section Chair. The Chair adds the scores from all the reviewers for each proposal, and then ranks the proposals by score, from the highest to the lowest.
6. The Program Vice President and Conference Coordinator determine the maximum number of proposals that can be accepted, based on the program schedule. The program includes a fairly equal balance of papers, posters, and symposia. After the maximum number of accepted proposals is decided, each Section is allocated a certain number of slots. Allocations are assigned to Sections based on the percentage of submissions received. For example, this year the Education and

Enrichment Section, and Research and Theory Sections both received 25% of the total proposals, so they will each be assigned 25% of the total slots assigned for the Conference.

7. After the Section Chairs receive their allocations, they prepare their individual programs. The proposals with the highest scores are divided according to their format preferences. The Chair then assigns the proposals to the slots.
8. Paper sessions are built on proposals which fit together into a subject area. There can sometimes be an overabundance of one type of format requested from the authors. Some of the highest ranking proposals may not have a subject which fits into a paper session. It is sometimes necessary to place these proposals into a poster or round table format.
9. Section chairs send their programs to the Conference Coordinator. The Conference Coordinator and Program

Vice-president tentatively arrange the programs into date and time order, trying as much as possible to avoid overlapping topics, speakers, etc.

10. The program committee meets at the end of April, and together finalizes the program. They look at each time slot to decide if there is a variety of topics and a balance between research and practitioner options. After slots have been reassigned, they take a look at the program as a whole and make more adjustments.

The committee tries to be fair in selecting the proposals which are accepted. By using standardized criteria, it becomes easier to select high quality proposals.

Cindy Winter CMP
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Innovative Program Announced for 1995

If any words could describe the program for the 1995 annual conference, they would be "innovative" and "integrative."

Participants will have the opportunity to learn from presenters that represent real diversity in perspectives and expertise. In fact, all Sections are planning to include some unique formats and presentations as part of their offerings. As Program Vice-president, my goal has been to encourage our exploration of other paradigms for understanding and working with families as we plan around our theme, "Families: Honoring Our Past, Creating Our Future."

Our goal is reflected in our plenary speakers. Dr. Sonia Sanchez describes herself as a poet, mother, activist, and professor, lecturing on Black culture and literature, women's liberation, and peace and racial justice.

As the Laura Carnell Chair in English at Temple University, Sanchez has written more than 13 books and received numerous honors and awards for her writing. She is scheduled to address participants on Thursday, November 16. I have found her poetry to be both powerful and insightful about blackness. She will provide a voice from the humanities that bridges the historical and political arenas.

Friday, November 17, we will be honored to hear Dr. Lillian Rubin. Some of you know her as a noted researcher and clinician. Her scholarship spans two decades and includes a number of respected books: *Worlds of Pain*, *Intimate Strangers*, *Just Friends*, and *Erotic Wars*. Her most recent work, *Families on the Faultline*, provides an important look at working class families 20 years after her first book in this area. Her clinical training provides her with depth of insight into the human condition uncharacteristic of many social scientists.

Our final plenary speaker is Dr. James Gambone, senior partner and executive producer with Points of View, Inc. He is well-known for being on the cutting edge of media production and as a change agent in communities throughout the nation. One of his most recent innovations has been developing strategies that bring generations together to solve local problems. For participants interested in application, Dr. Gambone has graciously agreed to demonstrate some of his strategies in a workshop format on Sunday morning, November 19. Watch for more information about this workshop and how you can participate.

Let me say how excited I am about the way the program is shaping up. I'm convinced that participants will be in for a rich experience.

Kay Pasley
1995 Program Vice-president

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The Reception committee, Hospitality Room committee, and VIP committee are making plans for your visit to the Rose City, and the entire committee will meet during the NCFR Spring Board meeting, April 28 in Portland to continue organizing their Northwest hospitality.
Marsha Heims
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94V10 "American Families: Moving Toward a Multicultural Society," Harriette Pipes McAdoo, Ph.D., Michigan State Univ., East Lansing, MI. How rapidly is the U.S. moving toward a multicultural and demographically diverse society? Those in the family field need to address the implications of this new reality. Alterations are occurring in response to present economic conditions and the movements of persons of color. Demographic changes for each ethnic group of color and reasons for the dramatic increases are presented.

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94V1 "Constructing a Future for the Next Generation of Fathers," William J. Doherty

94V2 "The Future of Males in Families: Multidisciplinary Perspectives," Panel and Forum. William J. Doherty, James Levine, Alan Hawkins, Kay Pasley, and Ralph LaRossa.

PLENARY SPEECHES

94V3 "Historical Perspectives on Families and Justice in Distressed Communities," Jacqueline Jones, Ph.D., Truman Prof. of American Civilization, Dept. of History, Brandeis Univ., Waltham, MA.

94V5 "Justice Between Spouses Upon Divorce," Carol Rogerson, LL.M., Assoc. Professor of Law, Univ. of Toronto.

94V7 "Growing Up in a Socially Toxic Environment: Childhood in the 1990s," James Garbarino, Ph.D., Director, Family Life Development Ctr., Cornell Univ., Ithaca, NY.

SPECIAL SESSION

94V6 "Moccasins and Tennis Shoes: Families, Social Justice and Native American Culture," Panel: Jack Weatherford, Debby Stark, Denise Wakefield, and Ada Alden. The panel discusses justice as a cultural value and its institutionalization in the indigenous family behaviors and community structures from the viewpoint of American Indian cultures, specifically in Minnesota.

RESEARCH UPDATES FOR PRACTITIONERS

94V4 "Working With Adolescents in Crisis," Anthony Jurich, Ph.D., Kansas State Univ.

94V8 "Gender Dynamics in Intimate Environments: Feminist Insights for Families," Connie Shehan, Ph.D., Univ of Florida, and Michael Johnson, Ph.D., Penn State Univ.

94V9 "Child Support and Fairness," Judith Seltzer, Ph.D., Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison

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◆ **1999 - November 9-14**
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U.N. Observes 50-Year Anniversary

"We the Peoples of the United Nations...United for a Better World"

The United Nations 50th anniversary in 1995 coincides with a turning point in history that calls for serious rethinking of the ways the international organization deals with development, peace, and security. The 50th anniversary is therefore a time not only for reflection on the achievements and difficult lessons of the past, but also for charting a course for the next century.

There is much to celebrate. When the Charter of the United Nations came into force on October 24, 1945, it heralded the birth of the United Nations as a universal international organization created to maintain world peace and security and to work for social progress. Although its failures and frustrations have received widespread attention, its successes in economic and social development, decolonization, human rights, disarmament, and peace keeping have clearly made a difference in the second half of this century. A forum for all nations, the UN represents the highest aspirations of the world's peoples for a world free of war, poverty, repression, and suffering. It remains a priceless inheritance.

To carry out its mandate, the UN must have basic resources. It requires not only the political and financial backing of Member States, but also needs the support and understanding of its larger constituencies--the general public, non-governmental organizations, and the business community. The 50th anniversary commemoration seeks to deepen this understanding and commitment and inspire a new generation of UN supporters.

A Year-long Commemoration

The UN General Assembly established a Preparatory Committee for the 50th anniversary chaired by Ambassador Richard Butler (Australia). The year-long program of events will culminate with a special commemorative meeting of the General Assembly, attended by world leaders on October 24. That meeting is expected to adopt a Declaration reaffirming the principles of the UN Charter and setting guidelines for the future work of the Organization.

A UN50 Secretariat, headed by Special Advisor to the Secretary-General Gillian Martin Sorensen, is coordinating the worldwide observances. It serves as a catalyst and a clearinghouse for global projects and information related to the commemoration and is organizing the official Anniversary program.

Global Participation

The Anniversary provides the opportunity for the UN to reach out to broad constituencies, new and old, across national, political and social boundaries, bridging gaps of understanding and information regarding its work. UN50-related events, projects, and studies are designed to inform and encourage debate on vital issues. Participants include:

- Every Member State, each asked

"The 50th Anniversary of the United Nations is a time to project into the future our vision of a peaceful, prosperous and sustainable world. It is a time to rekindle the ideals of the Charter, to spread the spirit of cooperation among the peoples of the world, to celebrate and to share a vision of the great potential of this unique Organization. We should raise public awareness of the Organization, and build a constituency for the United Nations in world public opinion. We should reach out to a wider, more global audience, especially young people. In this way, the United Nations will be both strengthened and renewed."



Boutros Boutros-Ghali
Secretary General of the United Nations

by the Secretary-General to establish a UN50 National Committee to encourage and sponsor commemorative activities. Nearly 100 have been established already.

•The UN System, the Secretariat, every UN agency, fund, program, regional commission, and local office, taking up the challenge to explain their work and support global and local initiatives. The commemoration is a system-wide event, with several agencies also marking the anniversaries of their own founding.

April FR Features Teaching

The April, 1995, issue of **Family Relations** includes a special collection of articles on impassioned teaching. Thompson, Allen, and Marks use their own experiences in the classroom to teach about the need for education about ethnic diversity, gender orientation, and sexism, respectively. They also provide strategies and suggestions for others who are trying, through classroom education, to foster greater tolerance for diversity.

Also of interest in the April issue are several articles related to parenting. Based on longitudinal data from adult children of divorced parents, Cooney, Hutchinson, and Leather conclude that it may not be in the children's best interest for parents to postpone divorce. They include suggestions for practitioners working with divorced or divorcing parents with adult children.

In examining the relationship between workplace support and work-family role strain for mothers of preschool-aged children, Warren and Johnson identify several factors that affect employed mothers' perceived levels of strain. They find support for the importance of a supportive, family-oriented workplace environment in alleviating work-family role strain for working mothers.

Giles-Sims, Straus, and Sugarman conclude that spanking is both widespread and frequent in the U.S., and also suggest that cultural and economic factors contribute to differences in

•Every major UN Conference scheduled for 1995, including the March 1995 World Summit on Social Development in Copenhagen and the September 1995 World Conference on Women in Beijing.

•United Nations Associations, through their activities in 87 countries, focusing their schedule of events on UN50.

•Non-governmental organizations, vital links between the UN and its worldwide constituencies, playing an essential role to ensure that this commemoration is broad-based and popular.

•Parliamentarian groups, such as the Inter-Parliamentary Union, Parliamentarians for Global Action and the Global Committee of Parliamentarians on Population and Development, organizing programs to generate greater knowledge of and support for the United Nations among national legislators.

•The business community, contributing resources, expertise, and creativity as a new partner in the effort to support the commemoration.

•The academic world, preparing conferences, debates, and symposia on the UN.

•The cultural world, celebrating with music, art, and drama.

•People in all countries, in all walks of life, in religious, civic, and other organizations, encouraged to observe this Anniversary in their own way.

Funding

Fiftieth Anniversary programs and events are not funded from UN regular budget sources. A trust fund for the observance has been created to receive donations from corporations, foundations, individuals, and governments. Many programs and events are being underwritten by governments and non-governmental organizations.

Join Us

People from every corner of the world are becoming part of the year-long anniversary celebrations. There are many ways to participate. Contact your UNA or National Committee with your ideas.

"We celebrate a history of remarkable achievements and the beginning of an era of new challenges that requires the involvement of all of us."

Gillian Martin Sorensen
Under-Secretary-General
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NCFR Member Honored

NCFR member, Dr. Barbara Elliott, was among eight women recently honored as a "Marvelous Minnesota Woman." She was recognized for founding a grieving center for families.

The award was started in 1986 by former Lt. Governor Marlene Johnson, Minnesota's first female in that office, to honor women whose work might otherwise be unknown to the public.

Elliott is the director of Behavioral Sciences and Research at the Family Practice Residency Program in the University of MN-Duluth. She also does research on family violence and is a consultant on medical ethics.

She has held several leadership roles in NCFR, and most recently edited the **Families and Health Care** issue of NCFR's **Vision 2010** series.

Meeting

May 6-9: 8th annual conference of Operation PAR, Inc., "Children Deserve Better 2000--HIV, Violence, and Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Use...A Community Responsibility." Walt Disney World, Contemporary Resort Hotel, Lake Buena Vista, FL. Contact: PAR, National Training Center, 10901-C Roosevelt Blvd., Suite 1000, St. Petersburg, FL 33716;

spanking rates.

According to McClelland's article, sending children off to kindergarten is often a transformational experience for mothers, requiring them to reassess their own lives.

Using data and discussion gathered from focus group parents, Geasler, Dannison, and Edlund found that a gap exists between what parents believe they should be doing and what they are doing towards the sexuality education of their young children.

Brems and Sohl conclude that although empathy is positively related to choosing appropriate (i.e., positive) parenting strategies, when a child was given a past negative behavioral history, even participants who were more empathic tended to choose more inappropriate parenting strategies.

Pickett, Greenley, and Greenberg, looking at parents of adult children with severe mental illness, suggest that off-timedness--the failure to achieve normative life goals on schedule--contributes to increased parental concerns about their offsprings' well-being.

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In Memoriam

Former NCFR president, Kate Baucom Garner, died February 3 at Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital in Greensboro, NC. She was 65.

She was president of NCFR from 1980 to 1981. During her term, she emphasized development and growth of NCFR's Affiliated Councils, and encouraged excellence and accountability across the organization.

When asked what she wished for NCFR in 1980, she noted, "If a magic wand could be waived for only one wish to be granted for NCFR, it should not be for increased membership, nor dollars, nor modern headquarters, nor for many of the other improvements we aspire to, much as they are essential. It should be, instead, for all our members to build and maintain an active network through the affiliates. Through the 'ripple effect,' our influence would increase exponentially to a large population... Whether we can succeed depends on agreement of purpose and the constancy in which we adhere to it."

Garner had helped organize and later served for many years as executive director of the Family Life Council of Greater Greensboro. She retired from the faculty of Bowman Gray School of Medicine in 1980.

She died following a sudden illness. In early December she was stricken by a virulent strain of staphylococcus bacteria which weakened her and damaged several organs. She never regained consciousness and remained in intensive care until her death February 3.

In 1993 she was honored as Greensboro Senior of the Month. Her list of volunteer activities is extensive, and includes 35 years of service to First Baptist Church, and countless hours helping families struggling with Alzheimer's disease.

She participated in the CROP Walk and the March of Dimes Walk. She once led a drive to gather medical bottles needed in Kenya. When that effort ran out of money, she raised funds to complete the project.

On December 6, only a week before being admitted to the hospital, she attended the state senior legislature in Raleigh which was preparing to submit recommendations to the 1995 General Assembly.

Garner was a graduate of Mars Hill Junior College and Tuft College in Georgia. She earned her masters of education degree from the University of NC-Greensboro. Her teaching career included positions at Denton High School and Grimsley High School, and in the Family Development Dept. at Woman's College (which later became UNC-Greensboro). She was an instructor of human development at Bowman Gray School of Medicine.

She was a member of the Senior Hiking Club, Guilford County Home Economics Club, and the Family Life Council of North Carolina. She served on the Guilford County Elections Board, Piedmont Triad Alzheimer's Association, and had been appointed to the NC Governor's Council on Aging and served

as a member of the NC Senior Legislature.

She is survived by her husband, Max; a son, Eric; a daughter, Kathy G. Rice; her parents; two brothers; two sisters; and four grandchildren.

Services were held at First Baptist Church in Greensboro, with burial in Westminster Gardens. Memorials may be made to Piedmont Triad Alzheimer's Association, 1303 Carolina St., Greensboro, NC 27401.

Dr. James Walter Ramey, Brookfield Center, CT, died January 14 at the age of 66. He had been a member of NCFR for many years.

He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Chicago in 1951, and his master's and doctorate degrees as Kellogg Scholar at Columbia University. As a research assistant at Columbia, he did the first simulation project in the U.S.

He had a full and varied professional life. He was associate dean of Pratt Institute; president of On Film, Inc.; executive director of the Institute for the advancement of Medical Communication; professor of the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at Drexel University; visiting professor, Bowman Gray School of Medicine; director and chair of the executive committee of Rockland Broadcasters; and vice-president and director of Broadcast Construction Corporation.

He wrote many books, including **Television in Medical Teaching and Research, Mechanization of the Library and Information** (ed.), **Intimate Friendships**, and co-author with Mary Calderone of **Talking with Your Child About Sex**. He also wrote over 100 articles, book chapters, and monographs.

He was chair of the AIDS Task Force for the Society for the Scientific Study of Sex; a member of the Steering committee, AIDS Task Force, Groves Conference on Marriage and the Family; a member of the Unitarian Universalist Metropolitan New York District AIDS Task Force; and a professional journal reviewer since 1966.

Survivors include his wife, Betty; four children: Janice, Russell, Nina, and Andrew; a brother; a sister; his mother; two grandsons; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Unitarian Universalist Society Northern Fairfield County (CT) Endowment Fund which was established by Ramey's vision and guidance.

Donald G. Wright, Ph.D., of Manhattan Beach, CA, died in December. He had been a member of NCFR for more than 19 years.

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to promoting feminist theory, research, practice, and scholars in family studies, the Mentoring Program, and expanding diversity in the Section's membership, in the kind of research we do, and in interacting with other NCFR members and Sections. I would be pleased to work with others for a more just world.

Renate Houts

1) Ph.D. candidate, University of TX at Austin (Teaching/Research Assistant; Assistant Instructor), Expected graduation, May 1995. 2) Assistant Director, Vocational Evaluation, Denton State School, Denton, TX. 3) Member of NCFR since 1992; Member, Feminism and Family Studies and Research and Theory Sections; Abstract Reviewer for Family Policy, Research and Theory Sections; Presenter and Presider at conferences. 4) International Society for the Study of Personal Relationships; American Psychological Association-Graduate Student Affiliate. 5) I feel that I am in a particularly good position to represent both students and new professionals since I am about to make the change from student to new professional. This Section has much to offer its members in terms of support for teaching and conducting research from a feminist perspective. As Student/New Professional Representative, I would work to expand such projects as the mentorship program and the teaching syllabi packets; I believe efforts such as these serve to benefit both students and new professionals as well as more established professionals in the field.

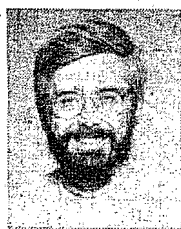
Karen Wilcox, M.S.

1) Doctoral Student, Family and Child Development, VA Tech; Graduate Teaching Assistantship. 2) Assistant Dean of Students, Roanoke College. 3) Member of NCFR since 1993; Member, Feminism and Family Studies, Research and Theory, Education and Enrichment, Family Policy Sections; Member, Student/New Professional Council Benevolence Committee. 4) American Association for Counseling and Student Development; American College Personnel Association; Omicron Delta Kappa; FCDGSA Coordinator. 5) Through my affiliation with NCFR, I have been energized by the number of opportunities that are available on a variety of levels. The Feminism and Family Studies Section exhibits an inviting environment and genuine concern for students and new professionals by promoting feminist scholarship. Spending ten years as a college administrator has helped me to experience the processing and collaboration of many different projects and goals. I look forward to utilizing my expertise to work with the student/new professional members of the Feminism and Family Studies Section to meet their needs as well as the mission of the Section.

Meeting

May 24-26: International Conference on Youth and Families at Risk: Comparative Experiences and Programs. Totowa, NJ. Contact: Ralph Bunche Institute of International Studies, 201-595-2535.

International Chair



DeFrain



Hennon

John DeFrain, Ph.D.

1) Professor of Family Science, University of NE-Lincoln. 2) Fulbright Scholar, University of the South Pacific, Suva, Fiji. 3) Involvement in NCFR began in 1974 as a graduate student at the University of WI-Madison; numerous paper and poster presentations and articles over the years; participation in International Section-related activities. 4) American Psychological Association, NE Psychological Association, Nature Conservancy. 5) The International Section is in a good position to help create bonds between countries and cultures. My family and I recently returned from the South Pacific, and we know personally how crucially important this international perspective can be today. I would enjoy serving the NCFR membership in this regard.

Charles B. Hennon, Ph.D.

1) Professor, Family Studies and Social Work; Associate Director of the Family and Child Studies Center, Miami University, Oxford, OH. 2) Professor and Extension Specialist, Child and Family Studies, University of WI-Madison. Also visiting professor at universities in Brazil and Luxembourg. 3) Associate Editor, Guest Co-editor, and Editorial Board, **Family Relations**; Occasional reviewer, **Journal of Marriage and the Family** and **Journal of Family Issues**; Distinguished Service to Families Award Committee; Board of Directors; Chair, Vice-chair, Executive Council, Nominating Committee, and Membership Committee, Family Action Section; Annual Program Committee; Presider, Co-presider, panel member or discussant for annual conference sessions; Reviewer, Research and Theory Section papers for Annual Conference; Coordinator, Family Action Section Poster Session for Annual Conference; Awards Selection Committee; Annual Filmstrip/Videotape/Slide Set Awards Competition; coordinating focus groups' activities and membership; Member of Task Force on Aging; Associate Editor, **Family Coordinator** special issue; Chairperson, Task Force on Business and Industry's Impact on the Family; Presented papers/posters at the NCFR Annual Conference; Founder and Faculty Advisor, Miami University Council on Family Relations; President, President-Elect, Past President, Newsletter Editor, OH Council on Family Relations (1991-1993); 4) Editor, **Journal of Family and Economic Issues**; Member of Groves Conference on Marriage and the Family Program Planning Committee and American Council on Consumer Interest, Chair of Research Committee; Editorial Board, **Home Economic Research Journal**. 5) Building on the solid foundation already in existence, the Section can enlarge its important role in promoting and achieving NCFR goals. Cooperating with other Sections can

enhance understanding of how culturally bound theory, research, and application/interventions may be. Likewise, facilitating the specification of relevant contextual variables, providing necessary conditions for effective application of theoretical understanding and success of policy and other family enhancing activities can be encouraged. Networking capacity building in facilitation of international collaborative research, theorizing, and program development should be a main function of our section. Hosting visitors and otherwise broadening global participation in NCFR should continue. NCFR can position itself for being the international forum for and about families.

International Vice-Chair



Wang

Kate Funder, Ph.D.

No photo available. 1) Principal Research Fellow Australian Institute of Family Studies. 2) Senior Research Fellow Australian Institute of Family Studies. 3) Member, IYF Planning Committee; Facilitator, IYF Summer Workshop. 4) The International Society for Family Law; The Australian Psychological Society, (Chair of the State Branch of Victoria); The Australasian Developmental Group; The Family Law and Psychology Association of Australasia. 5) The Australian Institute of Family Studies has a window on family research through its compilation of the International Directory of IYF Research activities for the United Nations. My own work on adaptation to divorce involves international exchanges on family law and social change. I have a keen appreciation of the importance of widening national perspectives so that true internationalism goes beyond comparisons to common endeavor. I bring an open outlook on international scholarship in family studies and an enthusiasm to see the momentum of 1994 carry through into the international section and the mainstream of NCFR research forums and publications.

Yi-Min Mindy Wang, Ph.D.

1) Visiting scholar at Purdue University, W. Lafayette, IN. 2) Associate Professor at Applied Life Science, Fu-Jen University, Taipei, Taiwan. 3) Presented papers at annual conferences-International Section; Served as discussant for paper sessions of International and Feminism and Family Studies Sections and presider for a paper session of Research and Theory Section. 4) Member of NCFR International, Feminism and Family Studies and Research and Theory Sections; Member, American Psychological Association. 5) Working with the chair to broaden the Section's membership and better meet members' needs and interests will be my primary concern, in addition to assisting the chair in planning the Section's contributions to the annual conference programs and in administering activities throughout the year. Some feasible ways

may be providing networking information, such as members' recent research or future research interests, a mailed list of members, and e-mail addresses to provide members the opportunity for bibliography and research data exchange, and building a bulletin for information exchange, such as visiting scholar positions in different countries, international conferences, and possibilities for cross-cultural team research, etc.

International Secretary/Treasurer



Johnson



Smith

Phyllis J. Johnson, Ph.D.

1) Associate Professor of Family Science, University of British Columbia, Canada. 2) Assistant Professor of Home Economics, Southwestern College, KS. 3) Member, International and Ethnic Minority Sections. 4) American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences; American Council on Consumer Interests; Member, President, Canadian Association for Research in Home Economics; International Federation for Home Economics; Member, President, Western Region Home Management/Family Economics Educators. 5) My goals are to provide a timely response to correspondence, to maintain accurate and fiscally responsible accounts, and to publicize our activities to members and to other Sections. Some of the sections I would include in a newsletter (possibly exploring an electronic option) are: 1) notices of conferences; 2) information about members; 3) abstracts of work in progress; 4) exchanging ideas and experiences in cross-cultural and international research, encouraging involvement of non-North American members. Building on my expertise, I plan to emphasize family resource management information, cross-cultural and ethnic issues, and methods used in addressing those issues.

Suzanna D. Smith, Ph.D.

1) Associate Professor, Human Development and Family Relations, Department of Home Economics, University of FL. 2) Assistant Professor, Human Development and Family Relations, Department of Home Economics, University of FL. 3) Chair, NCFR Nominating Committee; Secretary/Treasurer, Family Policy Section; Treasurer, Southeastern Council on Family Relations; SCFR Long-Range Planning Committee; Member of International, Feminism and Family Studies, Family Policy, and Education and Enrichment Sections. 4) NCFR; SCFR; Florida CFR; ASA; Association for Women in Development. 5) In addition to upholding the duties of this office by taking minutes and reporting on the budget, I will work with the Executive Committee to (a) follow up on IYF activities so that we continue to be

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represented in the international arena; (b) examine the Section's role in strengthening NCFR's commitment to a global perspective on and understanding of families and (c) encourage paper submissions and symposia on family diversity internationally, international and national family policies, and education and services to improve the lives of women, children, and families.

International S/NP Rep.



Fitzpatrick

Jacki Fitzpatrick

1) Assistant Professor, Human Development and Family Studies Department, TX Tech University, Lubbock. 3) NCFR Student of the Year Award Recipient; Submission Reviewer Feminism and Family Studies Section; Submission Reviewer Family Therapy Section. 4) International Society for the Study of Personal Relationships; American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. 5) As the Student/New Professional Representative, I would support NCFR's efforts to promote cultural diversity within the organization's membership. I would focus on facilitating more opportunities for informational exchange among international colleagues. One way this may be accomplished is by assisting Section members to conduct round tables or symposia which would provide diverse perspectives on a single topic, such as poverty. I would also focus on encouraging greater professional socialization by facilitating the development of Student/New Professional Skill Exchange sessions which are tailored to the needs of international students.

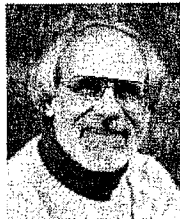
Robert Woodberry, M.A.

No photo available. 1) Sociology Ph.D. student, University of Notre Dame. 2) Teacher trainer, Educational Services Exchange with China. 3) Presentation at NCFR conference. 5) Through 12 years living and teaching overseas, and 7 years working with international students programs here, I have learned many of the difficulties international scholars face. They may be prominent in their own countries, but unknown here, and thus, get ignored. We talk about mutual learning, but seldom create the mechanisms to facilitate it. I hope to survey international members to explore how NCFR can be more inclusive; widen contacts; and make their participation easier. Possible ideas are a pamphlet on attending the conference cheaply; recruiting volunteers willing to edit one international submitter's paper each year, etc.

Religion and Family Life Chair



Sorenson



Swenson

John Sorenson, Ph.D.

1) Vice-President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College, Waldorf College, Forest City, IA. 2) Professor of Sociology, Augustana College. 3) NCFR Affiliated Councils; President SD Council on Family Relations; Member, Research and Theory Section; Work and Family Focus Group. 4) Groves Conference; American Sociological Association, Midwest Sociological Society; Southern Sociological Society; Council for Liberal Education. 5) It is important for us to more fully understand the relationship between patterns of religious belief and family organizations and functioning. It will be my goal to encourage research and dialogue in this area in order to more fully understand the context in which families live, and to understand the reciprocal influence between family and religious systems.

Don Swenson, Ph.D.

1) Instructor in marriage and family, Mount Royal College, Calgary, Alberta, Canada. 2) Ph.D. in Sociology of the family and religion, Notre Dame University. 3) Presentations, Religion and Family Life Section and Theory and Research Methodology Workshops at NCFR Annual Conference. 4) Canadian Sociology and Anthropology Association. 5) For several years now, there has been a growing concern in our Section to raise the standards of scholarship and quality in the papers, posters, round tables, and symposia of the section. This emphasis began in earnest with our two chairs previous to this election, Bron Ingoldsby and Beth Norrell. They have done a fine job in facilitating this goal. It is my hope to continue this tradition in earnest and to raise the profile of our Section even more so. In doing so, because I do have a pastoral background, I would like to make sure that our Section meets the needs of those whose specialty is not research, but pastoral practice. I would like to focus on how we can make our research more relevant to the needs of pastors, ministers, priests, and those who are in active ministry in religious congregations, churches, mosques, temples, or synagogues. Further on my hopes: There is a new awareness in academia of the vital place of religion and spirituality in the health of persons and families. I would like to capture that hope and build on it in our Section in the future. I believe I have expertise, the commitment, and the vision to fulfill the office of president to the satisfaction of its members.

Meeting

May 1: "Rural and Appalachian Youth and Their Families: Progress in Research, Prevention, and Intervention Strategies." The OH State University Fawcett Center. Contact: Patrick McKenry or Stephen Gavazzi at 614-292-7705.

Religion and Family Life Vice-Chair



Hanson



Tiesel

Thelma Hanson, Ph.D.

1) Retired from MI State University, College of Human Ecology. 2) --. 3) Past President Affiliated Councils; Member, Education and Enrichment, International, and Religion and Family Life Sections; Book reviewer for *Journal of Marriage and the Family*. 4) MI Council Family Relations; AHEA; MI Home Economics Association; IFHE. 5) I believe that to look at families wholistically, we need to consider religion as a factor in family life. Religious influences have an effect on every aspect of our lives from starting with the courtship and mate selection process to marriage and parenting and throughout the life cycle. It influences our attitudes about sexual behavior, gender roles, education, health, aging, family goals, and aspirations, the family's role in society, where we live and so on. Religion is a primary factor in determining values in a family, and in a society. NCFR's Religion and Family Life Section provides a setting for the study and examination of the influence of religion on families. It provides also a setting for looking at the relationship of religion to other-family-related disciplines and sections within NCFR.

Judy Watson Tiesel, Ph.D.

1) Adjunct Assistant Professor, St. Mary's College, Minneapolis, MN; Marriage and Family Therapist, Family and Children's Service of Minneapolis. 2) Doctoral student, Family Social Science, University of MN. 3) Student/New Professional Representative to Religion and Family Life Section; Member, Research and Theory, Family Therapy, Feminism and Family Studies Sections. 4) Board of Directors, MN Association of Marriage and Family Therapy; American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy; Kappa Omicron Nu. 5) I believe the central focus for this Section is twofold: to fine tune our identity, and to emphasize the mandate for scholarly research. In recent years this Section has struggled with the definition of "religion" and spirituality, and with positive results. We must continue the struggle in order to reflect the diversity of religious beliefs both within the Section and within NCFR. Gains have been made in collaborating with other Sections to present scholarly work, and I anticipate further collaboration. This will challenge our own standards of research as well as communicate the broad application of religion and family life.

Religion and Family Life Secretary/Treasurer



Hatch



Smith

Ruth Hatch, Ph.D.

1) Interim pastor; Coordinator of Central Seminary's proposed extension in Omaha, NE. 2) Adjunct professor (family ministry) at Central Baptist Seminary; Adjunct professor at Ottawa University, Kansas City; Interim pastor. 3) Newsletter Editor and Co-editor, Vice-president, Religion and Family Life Section; KS Council on Family Relations; Member, Education and Enrichment Section. 4) Phi Upsilon Omission; Society for Scientific Study of Religion; Kappa Omicron Nu; American Home Economics Association. 5) I would like to report the current number of members, financial report and important news in the newsletter. I would like to gather members' research interests and expertise for an on-going file for reference by those interested in collaboration or sharing information.

Suzanne R. Smith, M.S.

1) Graduate Student, Dept. of Child and Family Development, University of GA, Athens. 2) Instructor of Sociology, Erskine College. 3) Annual Conference presenter, reviewer; Member: Religion and Family Life and Feminism and Family Studies Sections, S/NP representative, RFL; SE Council on Family Relations. 4) National Association for the Education of Young Children; Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. 5) A primary goal of mine will be to increase both Section membership and attendance and participation at the business meeting held during the annual conference. One means of achieving this will be "spreading the word" via Section newsletters and perhaps flyers distributed in the registration packet at the conference. Although I am still a student, I have been an active member of NCFR and this Section for numerous years and feel that my belief in the necessity of spirituality, in any form, and my sincere interest in this Section would make me a good officer.

Religion and Family Life S/NP Rep



Haessly



Smith

Jacqueline Haessly, M.S. Ed. CFLE

1) President, Peacemaking Associates, Milwaukee, WI; Consulting and Training Services. 2) Psychiatric/Geriatric Nurse, Health Agencies Council 3) NCFR Membership Committee; Contributor, *Family Relations*; Contributor, International Year of the Family Summer Workshop; Board Member, WI Council on Family Relations. 4) Consortium for the Study of War, Peace, and Global Cooperation; Parenting for Peace and Justice Network. 5) The heart of NCFR

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is family in all its complex diversity, including its religious diversity. How we respond to the needs of families is dependent upon our understanding of family, an understanding shaped by personal and professional experiences, including our religious experience. As a member of the Religion and Family Life Section, I commit my energies to 1) address issues of respect for religious diversity with regard to values, policies, and practices which affect all members of all families, and 2) provide opportunity for centering, reflection, learning, and sharing during the NCFR Annual Conference.

Stephen C. Smith

1) M.S. candidate, Marriage and Family Therapy, Northern IL University; Research and Teaching Assistant, Clinical Intern, DeKalb County Youth Services Bureau. 2) Therapist, Anasazi Youth Program. 3) Member, Religion and Family Life, Family Therapy Sections; Member, Marital Preparation Focus Group; paper presentation at the NCFR Student/New Professional Development Forum. 4) IL Council on Family Relations. 5) As a student, I have received a great deal of encouragement and mentoring that made my participation in NCFR more enjoyable and worthwhile. As a representative, I would like to encourage and facilitate more Student/New Professional involvement in NCFR and in the Religion and Family Life Section. I would seek ways to encourage students to present, publish, and network with established professionals. The Student/New Professional's role should be as a liaison between the officers and students in order to reach these goals effectively. Additionally, I would like to continue the Section's tradition of embracing diversity, particularly in the worship service and in the annual conference program.

Research and Theory Chair



Booth



Mederer

Alan Booth, Ph.D.

1) Professor of Sociology and Human Development, PA State University. 2) Professor of Sociology, University of NE-Lincoln. 3) Edited *Journal of Marriage and the Family*; Member, Editorial Boards of *Journal of Marriage and the Family* and *Journal of Family Issues*; Member, Research and Theory Section; Member of NCFR Publications Committee; Member of Reuben Hill Award Committee. 4) American Sociological Association Family Section; Chair, American Sociological Association Family Section; Chair, Goode Book Award Committee, Family Section. 5) Will organize topical high quality sessions at annual conference and actively represent Research and Theory Section interests at NCFR Board of Directors' meetings.

Helen Mederer, Ph.D.

1) Associate Professor of Sociology, University of RI. 2) Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of RI. 3) Member, Research and Theory, Feminism and Family Studies Sections; Chair, Reuben Hill Award; Chair, Reuben Hill Award Subcommittee for Evaluation Procedures; Member, Reuben Hill Award Committee; Vice Chair, Research and Theory Section; Program Committee. 4) American Sociological Society, Eastern Sociological Society, Sociologists for Women in Society, Women's Fisheries Network. 5) Research and theory remain a core focus of the NCFR, and as Section Chair, I will work to keep that focus strong. This election finds the Section in good shape with an improved organizational structure and more clearly delineated roles of officers. The financial changes voted on at the 1994 meetings also will stabilize the Section. I strongly support all of these changes and will work toward their smooth implementation. Goals include continuing high visibility at the Annual Conference, encouraging Section member participation, as well as supporting new initiatives such as the Theory Development Fund.

Research and Theory Vice-Chair



Benson



Johnson

Mark J. Benson, Ph.D.

1) Associate Professor, Dept. of Family and Child Development, VA Tech. 2) Child and Family Therapist, University Hospitals, University of MM. 3) Member, Research and Theory Section; Lifespan Development Focus Group Chair; Individual/Family Conference Proposal Committee, Chair. 4) Society for Research in Child Development; Society for Research on Adolescence; American Psychological Association. 5) I will promote participatory leadership and collective decision-making. These non-hierarchical approaches require face-to-face involvement in suggesting ideas and participating in solutions. Because the membership meeting at the conference is the ideal opportunity for face-to-face involvement, participation at the meeting is crucial. We can broaden participation through intensive advertising and linking the meeting to a speaker presentation. By increasing involvement and soliciting suggestions, the Section could move to undertake new challenges with wider participation. Some goals might include extending presentation formats, expanding awards for NCFR members, providing opportunities for students, and collaborating with other Sections.

Michael P. Johnson, Ph.D.

1) Associate Professor, Sociology and Women's Studies, PA State. 2) PA State since 1972. 3) Member, Research and Theory, Feminism and Family Studies Sections; Regular presenter and discussant; Preconference Theory and Research Workshop; Member, Reuben Hill Committee. 4) Sociologists for Women in Society; International Society

for the Study of Personal Relationships; American Sociological Association, National Women's Studies Association. 5) Commitment to the important role of research and theory in the development of policy initiatives and educational programs focused on the support of families in all of their diversity.

Research and Theory Secretary/Treasurer



Aquilino



Call

William S. Aquilino, Ph.D.

1) Assistant Professor, Dept. of Child and Family Studies, University of WI-Madison. 2) Associate Scientist, Sociology Dept., University of WI-Madison. 3) Member, Research and Theory Section, and Feminism and Family Studies Sections; Former abstract reviewer for annual conference, Research and Theory Section; Participant in Theory Construction and Research Methodology Preconference Workshop; presenter at NCFR annual conference. 4) Gerontological Society of America; Institute on Adult Development and Aging, University of WI. 5) I will work with other Research and Theory Section officers to maintain the quality of our annual conference sessions, and to increase interest in the Section. I am especially interested in increasing the participation of students and new professionals. The Research and Theory Section of NCFR provides an excellent forum for the presentation of new ideas, theories, methods, and research paradigms. Section officers should strive to expand this mission.

Vaughn Call, Ph.D.

1) Associate Professor, Center for Studies of the Family and Dept. of Sociology, Brigham Young University. 2) Associate Researcher, Dept. of Sociology, University of WI-Madison, helped direct the National Survey of Families and Households. 3) Research and Theory Section: Nominations Committee, Session Chair; two terms on Reuben Hill Award Committee; Affiliated Council: Session Chair for annual meetings. 4) American Sociological Association; Population Association of America; Rural Sociological Society. 5) I will actively promote increased membership in the Research and Theory Section by family professionals and graduate students. Building on the tradition of the Reuben Hill Award, I will seek additional ways to promote and recognize quality research and theory on the family.

Research and Theory S/NP Rep.



Galway



Kerpelman

Alison Galway, M.S.

1) 2nd year Doctoral student in Marriage and Family Therapy, Dept. of Family and Child Development, V.P.I. & S. U.; Teaching Assistantship, Human Sexuality. 2) Masters student in Family Studies; Adult Day Care Center. 3) Section membership in Research and Theory, Feminist and Family Studies, Marriage and Family Therapy; presenter at Southeastern Council on Family Relations conference. 4) Currently member in (INPR) and the International Society for the Study of Personal Relationships (ISSPR). 5) Student/new professionals' membership and, more importantly, participation in professional organizations, enhances the quality of the person and the field as a whole. The Research and Theory Section engages the member in cutting edge scholarship issues via debate and example of research efforts. I believe that the contributions of students and new professionals are the seeds of future scholarship and must be encouraged. I would like to encourage participation of my constituents by soliciting funding for travel and research, connecting my constituents to potential mentors among the more experienced membership, and encouraging presentation of our on-going research at Section meetings.

Jennifer L. Kerpelman, Ph.D.

1) Assistant Professor of Human Development and Family Studies, University of NC-Greensboro. 2) Doctoral Student; Research Assistant; Teaching Assistant, Auburn University. 3) Membership Committee; Member of Research and Theory, Feminism and Family Science Sections; Volunteered to assist current Research and Theory Section SNP representative in promotion of research at annual conference; Reviewer for proposal submissions to the Research and Theory Section; Past Student Representative to NCFR Finance Committee. 4) The International Society for the Study of Personal Relationships; The American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy American Association; Society for Research in Child Development; The Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues. 5) The Research and Theory Section provides a context in which beginning researchers can connect with a wide range of scholars. As the Student/New Professional Representative, I will work with the other members and Focus Groups to develop mentoring relationships, and other opportunities that encourage beginning scholars in their research efforts. I will make travel support for student presentation of research at the annual conference a priority. It is important for students and new professionals to have a supportive forum where they can share their work. These supportive efforts should foster ongoing, active involvement of young professionals in NCFR.

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Workshop Participants Invited

The 25th annual Theory Construction and Research Methodology Workshop (TCRM) will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, November 14 and 15 at the Portland Hilton Hotel in Portland, OR. The workshop precedes the NCFR annual conference.

The workshop offers a multidisciplinary forum in which scholars exchange ideas and debate opposing views about theoretical and methodological developments and issues that inform scholarship related to families. These include a focus on metatheory and theory construction methods. The aim is to advance theory development and research methods for the systematic and scientific study of families.

Participation from graduate students and new professionals (within five years of their most recent degree) is encouraged. The workshop offers students and new professionals opportunities to interact with each other and with cutting edge scholars in the family field.

Abstracts for regular working papers were due March 15. For more information or for a copy of the TCRM Newsletter containing registration and submission information contact the chair: Gary L. Bowen, School of Social Work, University of NC-Chapel Hill, 223 E. Franklin St., CB 3550, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3550; 919-962-1225; 919-962-0890 (FAX); glbowen@email.unc.edu.

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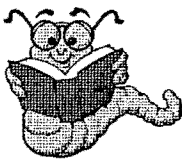
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Differences Make Us Unique

by Mary Jo Czaplewski Ph.D. CFLE
NCFR Executive Director

(Editor's note: This is the fifth article in a series about diversity.)

This article is a potpourri of thoughts and insights gleaned from conferences, readings and discussions over the past few weeks as NCFR takes stock of its progress toward creating awareness and acceptance of diversity within its corporate culture and as it is integrated into the larger society.

"Equality is not a product of similarity; it is the cheerful acknowledgement of difference." Harlan Cleveland (1995) used these words in describing a "trilemma" which he predicts, may become the world's most urgent problem in the years ahead. He speaks of the mutually damaging collision of individual human rights, cultural human diversity, and global human opportunity. He refers to the clash of groups rights, asserted by ambitious cultural and ethnic communities with the contrasting ideology of individual and inalienable human rights--the idea that a person has rights not because he/she belongs to a nation, religion, gender, ethnic category, economic class, or even family, but by virtue of having been born into the human race.

As we enter the 21st century with the population of the United States becoming increasingly pluralistic, and with one in every three Americans belonging to a "minority", associations such as NCFR must consider the moral, ethical, and social responsibilities it carries for promoting fairness and improving opportunities for every one of its members and clients. This can be done by reconciling our group purpose with individual diversity. Certainly, as one examines the makeup of our membership, NCFR can claim diversity. We have members from diverse professions, diverse professional backgrounds, spiritual orientations, ethnic and cultural orientations, both genders, of diverse sexual preference. Does NCFR respect and nurture this diversity? We surely hope so, but if we looked closely, in some areas it is weak and there is always room for improvement.

When any "icity" or "ism" takes over as an exclusive value, the results are perilous. One needs only to consider the results of the ethnicity values in places like Rwanda and ex-Yugoslavia. These are extremes, but right here at home "racism" continues to blur the landscape of America. All across the globe we can find examples of what happens when fear drives people to cling to their primordial loyalties. Let us ask the question, for example, how are we as Americans, as professionals living out the inscription of the statue of liberty, "Send these, the homeless, tempest tossed, to me"? I refer here to the recent adoption by the state of California of Proposition 187.

While it has not yet become a law due to a temporary restraining order, one must ask, how did a bellwether state such as this, come to this? What was the motivation - fear or tolerance? What has been the result of this recent action? Recent Internet messages describe what occurs when culture and diversity become instruments of repression and exclusion. Here are a few examples cited by kawamotw@ucs.orst.edu. of complaints within the last month.

*In Anaheim, a 12-year-old boy died from Leukemia because his parents feared that taking him to the hospital would result in the family being deported.

•Stanislaus County: the owner of a hotel called the police when a U.S. citizen of Mexican decent refused to show his green card while registering at the hotel.

•Manteca: police stopped two young women who are permanent legal citizens for jaywalking, contacted the INS, transported them 14 miles to Stockton, and only released them when the INS verified that they are legal U.S. citizens.

•Palm Springs: A pharmacy demanded immigration documents from a customer and refused to sell the prescription.

•San Francisco: A bus driver told a woman, "we don't have to let any more "wetbacks" on this bus," and drove off without her.

At the Nobel Peace Prize Forum held in Minneapolis, Feb. 24-25, 1995, the theme; "Striving for Peace: Searching for Common Ground," focused on the evolution toward peace and democracy in South Africa since the defeat of apartheid. Addressing the forum were President Nelson Mandela and Executive

Deputy President, Frederik de Klerk (by videotape), Naomi Tutu, daughter of Nobel Peace Laureate, Bishop Desmond Tutu, Ambassador George Moose, U.S. Asst. Secretary of State for African Affairs, R.F. Pik Botha, South African minister of mineral and energy affairs; and Honorable Franklin Sonn, South African Ambassador to the U.S. The primary message of this distinguished cohort was that while traditions of separateness and discrimination are often persistent, they are never permanent and immutable. If fear of diversity can be taught, so can respect for humanity. Peace is much more than the absence of war. It is the constant search for common ground, the search to balance the scale between the rich and poor, the haves and have-nots, between whites and non-whites. Good people build peace through the long hard road of negotiation, and compromise. There cannot be peace when vast inequities are allowed to develop. The whole is only as good as its component parts.

NCFR has a role to play in honoring diversity and in striving for peace. We are a professional association where expertise acts to educate and inform, to eradicate fear, and to facilitate dialogue and discussion necessary for bringing about a change of heart. Thus, we need to continue to ask ourselves such questions as: How does the research reported in our journals, our annual conference programming, our membership and leadership structure, and our office staff encourage respect for the

differences of others? Do these value persons for WHO they are regardless of race, ethnicity, social class, gender, sexual preference, disability and so on? NCFR has a good beginning through the action for diversity committee work, and through the commitment of its leadership to strive for fairness and equity. For these are the instruments of a truly peaceful environment.

(References: Cleveland, H., "The Limits to Cultural Diversity," *the Futurist*, Mar-Apr., 1995, p. 23.

Cleveland, H. "Ten Keys to World Peace", *the Futurist*, July-Aug. 1994. p. 15.)

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Call for Nominations & Applications

for the position of Editor of
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The Publications Committee of the National Council on Family Relations (NCFR) is seeking nominations and applications for the position of Editor of *Family Relations: Journal of Applied Family and Child Studies*.

The four-year term of the new editor will begin with the publication of the January, 1997 issue. Editorial responsibilities, including processing of manuscripts, will be transferred to the new editor between April and May, 1996. NCFR will make the selection of the new editor at the annual conference in November, 1995 in Portland, Oregon.

A detailed description of the editor's responsibilities may be obtained from: Search Committee for Editor of *Family Relations*, National Council on Family Relations, 3989 Central Ave. NE, #550, Minneapolis, MN, USA, 55421. Phone: 612-781-9331; FAX: 612-781-9348; E-mail: ncf3989@aol.com.

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International Day of Families Set for May 15

Tolerance Begins in the Family

The International Day of Families is being observed for the second time on May 15. Proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in its resolution 47/237 on September 20, 1993, this annual observance reflects the importance the international community attaches to families as basic units of societies as well as its concern regarding their situation around the world.

The Secretariat for the International Year of the Family, which will be completing its work later this year, offers the suggestions below in the hope that the observance of the International Day of Families in the years to come will acquire their own impetus and will become an enduring feature of worldwide observances.

The International Day of Families is, first and foremost, a promotional and awareness-raising venture and is intended to serve as a vehicle to promote awareness of issues relating to families as basic units of society as well as to promote appropriate actions. Governments, local governments and councils, non-governmental organizations, educational institutions, religious groups, and individuals can promote a better understanding of the functions and problems, strengths and needs of families in the modern world by organizing observances of the

International Day of Families. The Day also provides an opportunity to increase knowledge of the economic, social, and demographic processes affecting families and to focus attention on the rights and responsibilities of all family members.

The first International Day of Families on May 15, 1994, was observed under the theme of the International Year of the Family: "Family: Resources and Responsibilities in a Changing World," and the IYF motto: "Building the Smallest Democracy at the Heart of Society." The overwhelming success of the first observance of the Day was demonstrated by the wide range of international, national, and local activities.

The 1995 international theme, "Tolerance Begins in the Family," is suggested for this year's observances of the Day, in view of the 1995 United Nations Year for Tolerance.

Drawing on the experience of the first International Day of Families, the following are some examples of the kinds of programs which could be undertaken for the Day's observance:

- Family and community forums and workshops, where families and their members can explore issues and offer options for strengthening families, such as men's responsibilities toward family life, or forums on family support

services, advisory and information services, and emergency assistance for families.

- Special events in educational settings such as parent/teacher gatherings or student activities highlighting families.

- Special family fares or free family tickets on public transportation.

- Free entrance for families to museums, exhibitions, concerts, and other cultural attractions.

- Official proclamations of the Day by mayors and other local authorities.

- Proclamations of "Family Weeks."

- Holding family concerts, family picnics, family fairs, or "Family Fun Days."

- Production of documentary films or promotional vignettes on families to be shown on national and local television stations.

- Arranging special exhibitions of publications, photographs, children's drawings, posters, and other material on families.

- Launching of family-related publications.

- Coverage of the Day's events by the news media, including television, radio, and newspapers.

- World family weekend scouting events.

- Organization of essay competitions on the family.

- Religious services dedicated to families, and discussions on topics of interest to families by church and other religious groups.

- Press conferences by research institutions and other concerned with family issues to raise public awareness of priority concerns.

NCFR Affiliated Councils and members are encouraged to take leadership in bringing recognition of this Day to your communities.

For more information contact Secretariat for the IYF, UN Dept. of Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development, United Nations, P.O. Box 500, A-1400 Vienna, Austria; (431) 21131/4223 or 5203; (431) 237497 (FAX); <http://www.ifs.univie.ac.at/unov/home.nml>.

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Section News

Sections Planning for Spring Board Meeting



Approximately 70 members of the **Ethnic Minorities Section** met for their annual business meeting during the NCFR annual conference in November, 1994.

Minutes of the 1993 meeting were reviewed and submitted for approval. Dr. Edith Lewis shared three goals upon which she focused during her tenure as Section chair. The goals included increased membership financial stability and sound long range goals for the Section. Membership increased and finances improved.

Dr. John McAdoo had been scheduled to present the 1994 Oral History. He died in October, and in response to his influence on Section members, individuals shared memories of him and the impact he had on careers and professional development.

Three students--Lorina Evans, Tammy Henderson (Family Policy Section) and Walter Kawamoto (Student/New Professional committee)--shared information about their involvement in NCFR at the national level. They advised students as well as other members about the importance of becoming involved in Sections. They suggested that new professionals get to know other members as well as identify a mentor to assist them in achieving their goals.

Students suggested having more activities that allow them to interact with more professionals in their areas of specialization during the annual conference. They also suggested that a directory be developed for the Section.

Kawamoto also reported plans for the 1995 conference in Portland, OR. He invited Section members to participate. Members volunteered services to review abstracts and to participate as session leaders, presiders, and discussants.

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From the preliminary telephone calls I have received from **Family Therapy Section** members, I anticipate many strong proposals for 1995 presentations. As in the past, all Section proposals will be blind-reviewed, and I will tabulate the results. We have over 30 reviewers who have agreed to help.

you or your graduate students would be willing to serve as session presiders, I will need to know by the end of April.

We congratulate Catherine Lally of Lutheran Social Services and the University of MN, as last year's recipient of the Family Therapy Section Award. We encourage all family therapy graduate students to consider applying for the award. Specific details will be printed in the next Section newsletter.

Thank you to David Wright and Russ Crane for their complete records and willingness to provide help to make the transition to new officers very easy.
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The time has come for NCFR Section chairs to receive the abstracts for proposed sessions at the 1995 annual conference in Portland, OR, November 14-19. I will be sending proposals to those of you who signed up as reviewers at the 1994 **Feminism and Family Studies Section** business meeting.

Each proposal will be evaluated by three reviewers. In addition to NCFR's review criteria, reviewers will evaluate the abstracts on the basis of our Section criteria for inclusion of feminist frameworks and methods: Are traditional biases in ways of conceptualizing the topic in the study of families challenged? Is the topic not typically evident in family studies? Are the contributions of women (their ideas, their existing work, their participation as respondents) valued? Are respondents asked to speak in their own voices? Is the personal recognized to be political? Is the broader social system identified as influencing the reality of people's lives? Are the sexist, racist, classist, heterosexist, or ageist biases embedded in traditional theory and research challenged?

I will also invite volunteers to serve as session presiders, discussants, and recorders for our Section-sponsored paper sessions. Planning the program is one of the more gratifying aspects of a Section chair's job, and I appreciate all the assistance I have received from so many Section members. Please let me know if there are ways you would like to participate in the process in case you haven't already volunteered to help.

The NCFR Board of Directors spring meeting is scheduled for April 29 and 30 in Portland, OR. I will represent the Section on the Board and at the Program committee meetings. I will submit for approval the Section's revised

by-laws that we approved in November, as well as our proposal for a fundraiser for the Jessie Bernard Endowment Fund. We plan to sell feminist greeting cards as the 1995 annual conference. The fundraising plan was developed by our Section's Endowment committee chaired by our secretary-treasurer, Margaret Crosbie-Burnett. The money we raise is used to support our Section awards for student/new professional members. Please let me know if you have additional concerns or issues to raise before I leave for the Board meeting.

The Feminism and Family Studies Section will elect new officers this spring. Look for candidates biographical sketches in this issue. Be sure to exercise your right to vote in the election for our Section and for national positions. I hope we will all continue our efforts to support Section members for national offices.

As reported elsewhere in this issue, the deadline for our two Feminism and Family Studies Section Awards for students and new professionals is April 15. Section Vice-chair Leigh Leslie will again coordinate the 1995 Awards

committee for the "Outstanding Research Proposal from a Feminist Perspective" and the "Outstanding Contribution to Feminist Scholarship Award."

The deadline for the Section newsletter was March 15. We plan to publish summaries of the 1994 paper sessions submitted by those who served as recorders. Remember that the Section newsletter is an ideal place to share opinions and raise questions about issues of importance to those of us committed to feminism within the discipline of family studies. Send materials to Vicki Loyer-Carlson, Family Wellness Center, 2424 E. Broadway Blvd., Suite 202, Tucson, AZ 85719; 602-624-2448 (FAX and phone); VLOYER@CCIT.ARIZONA.EDU.

Thanks to everyone who has written or called since December. It is exciting to know that there are so many activities in the various programs on behalf of feminism and families. I am especially encouraged by the high level of commitment shown by our student and new professional members to implement

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Call for Nominations

Journal Editor Journal of Family History

Sage Publications is seeking nominations for a journal editor for the **Journal of Family History (JFH)** to replace Tamara K. Hareven, who has decided to step down as editor effective December 31, 1995. **JFH** is a scholarly quarterly journal focusing on historically based studies on family, kinship, and demography.

The editor of **JFH** should be well-versed in the subject matter of the journal, and well-connected to the various networks of scholars working in such fields as history, family studies, sociology, anthropology, psychology, and related disciplines. The editor must be an excellent judge of academic quality, yet eclectic in approach and tolerant of academic traditions other than his or her own. Experience and skill at editing scholarly work is also a must.

In addition to academic qualifications, the editor should be extremely reliable at meeting deadlines and be efficient in processing manuscripts submitted to the journal. The new editor will be working closely with many authors, editorial board members, reviewers, and Sage staff members, and therefore should possess excellent interpersonal skills. Co-editorships will be considered.

Editorial term begins January 1996 and runs for a three-year period, with the possibility of a multiple-year renewal. The editor should be available to meet with the journal editorial board during the Spring semester of 1995 and begin the transition to the editorship at that time.

The publisher will pay the editor a stipend/royalty package to cover editorial expenses and compensate for the editor's time.

Nominations for the editor of the journal should be submitted by **April 15, 1995**. Self-nominations should be accompanied by a recent vita. Please send them to:

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What's Your AC Perception?

The Association of Councils faces challenges and opportunities in 1995.

Indeed, this year promises to be a busy one. Because I have always believed in having the facts before proceeding, I will soon be contacting



Touliatos

presidents of local, state, provincial, regional, and student affiliates for important information.

I will be asking about your perceptions of the roles and functions of the Association of Councils and NCFR, and the ways in which both AC and NCFR can better serve affiliates. Kathy Collins Royce, AC liaison at NCFR headquarters, and I agree that we should build services and products around the needs of affiliates. You can help us by responding to my forthcoming questionnaire. We must plan the future together. Our success depends on coordination and collective effort.

In addition to obtaining your input as a basis for planning, in 1995 I want to provide the leadership for investigating solutions to our ongoing financial difficulties, for activating the President's Fund and revising guidelines for affiliate grant proposals, and for coordinating NCFR conference themes and activities with affiliate programming. I will be calling on some of you for assistance.

I have begun to make some progress in these areas. I have written to Lynda Walters, chair of NCFR's Long Range Planning committee, requesting guidelines for proposals tapping funds from the sale of **Journal of Family History** (read President Alexis Walker's

column on Page 2 in this issue for more information), and telling her that I want to submit something on behalf of AC. I have also appointed a committee to review and revise procedures for awarding grants from the President's Fund. Finally, I have asked NCFR headquarters to consider making available to you videotapes of past and future plenary addresses, Research Updates for Practitioners (RUPS) sessions, Presidential addresses, and other videotaped sessions for nominal rental fees. Although all the details have not yet been finalized, you may contact Kathy at headquarters for more information: 612-781-9331 ext. 21.

Conference expenses are a problem for most councils, and the cost of multiple plenary speakers is usually prohibitive. To reduce costs, some affiliates may choose to replace an outside speaker with a videotaped presentation followed by a panel discussion. We typically know the themes of the national conferences approximately two years in advance, making it possible to plan similar program themes that allow use of some of the videos of NCFR speakers. Videotapes also could be used at meetings other than your annual conferences. There are numerous possibilities for coordinating our efforts at the national, state, local, and regional levels. Along these lines, I have asked Judy Myers-Walls, AC program chair, to pursue other programming ideas that may be of interest to you (see her article on this page).

In closing, I would like to thank Carol Matusicky for her capable work as president last year, and say that I am honored to serve as your president this year. I look forward to working with and for you.

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Meeting

May 17-20: Second annual Silver Images Film Festival featuring films and videos celebrating images of aging. Chicago, IL. Contact: Rebekah Cowing, Terra Nova Films, 9848 S. Winchester Ave., Chicago, IL 60643; 312-881-8491.



Association of Councils officers led a session for Affiliated Councils during the NCFR annual conference in Minneapolis in November. Seated in the back are, from left, Kay Troost, Program Vice-president, and Connie Steele, Immediate Past President. Seated is John Touliatos, President-elect (now President), and standing is Carol Matusicky, 1994-95 President.--Photo by Robert Keim.

Bringing the Conference Home

Although this is the second time I have held this office, I am finding that many changes have taken place in recent years. Some of the NCFR annual conference events sponsored by the Association of Councils in previous years are gone. Several new co-sponsorships have emerged. Other program components have remained the same. The result seems to be that we are in some ways better integrated into the total program, and in other ways are serving the individual councils less.

Having been elected in a national race, I feel responsible to do what I can to help you meet your needs. With that in mind, I am proposing some new activities for the AC portion of the NCFR program. I have not proposed eliminating any parts of our involvement, but I am proposing adding some better linkage with the state/local/provincial/regional councils.

The AC Program at the Conference

As in the last few years, the Association of Councils will sponsor or co-sponsor several events at the annual conference. AC involvement will include:

- organizing three roundtables focused on AC topics.
 - co-sponsoring the RUPS (Research Updates for Practitioners).*
 - co-sponsoring the Military Families preconference and workshop.
 - networking time and our business meeting.
- *Note that the topics and speakers are chosen by the NCFR Program Vice-president.

In addition, a one-time contribution will be made to the overall conference this year. In conjunction with the Education and Enrichment Section, guidelines for effective oral conference presentations will be shared with NCFR personnel for possible distribution to presenters. These guidelines have come from published material and from recommendations from long-time conference attendees. Because both the Education and Enrichment Section and AC have a lot of sensitivity regarding educational method and effectiveness, both business meetings have supported this activity.

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Affiliate Connection

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Extending the Conference to the Councils

The problem with all of these activities is that many of them offer only indirect support to the affiliated councils. Some have no one representing them at the meeting, and those who do attend are limited in the number of sessions they can attend. An added difficulty is that the conference attendees usually have no formal way to share the experience of the meeting with their councils. The result is that there is often little or no connection between the annual conference and the functioning of the councils.

My plan is to try some activities in association with the 1995 annual conference that will close that gap and provide helpful services to the councils. Our goals are a) to allow state only members who never attend a national conference to benefit from some of the expertise and events that are part of that meeting; b) to assist councils with the planning and programming of their own annual meetings; and c) to begin to narrow the gap between the national and local, state, and regional levels of NCFR.

To achieve these goals, I plan three activities:

1. Identify recorders/reporters who will attend the AC roundtables and the AC networking session and who will compile brief summaries of the good ideas to communicate to the councils through **Affiliate Connection**.

2. Prepare a packet of information about "Bringing the Annual Conference Home." It will include information about the videotapes and audiotapes available for purchase or loan and how they might be used at the local level. It also will have a discussion of how the theme was presented at the conference and which speakers may be available for making presentations to your council. The packet will be distributed soon after the conference.

3. In order to make the above packet more useful and to allow for planning time, information about the themes of upcoming conferences will be communicated to the councils as soon as such information is available to facilitate the interweaving of local and national programming.

When I was a state president, these materials would have been useful to me. You may have different needs, however. Let me know what you think. Then watch for announcements in future issues of **Affiliate Connection** about how you can participate in the annual conference networking session.

Your Feedback is Needed

In order to make these ideas work, I need your responses!

1. **Your reactions to the proposed activities.** Do they sound useful? Would you take advantage of them?

2. **Names of recorders to observe and write up sessions at the 1995 annual conference.** Are you going? Would you be willing to help?

3. **Other ideas:** What are other ways the goals could be achieved?

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BRITISH COLUMBIA

The **British Columbia Council on Family Relations** has two new publications available.

The **Parenting Teens Series** notes the difference between families in pain and turmoil and those where people thrive: It is not the presence or absence of problems, but how those problems are handled. In a family's life, the teen years can be volatile, and parents quickly discover that parenting teens requires different skills from parenting children.

The BC Council has recently developed a series of booklets (16 pages each) with the assistance of focus groups of teens, parents and professionals. Series titles include "Your New Role," "Communication," "The Homefront," "Keeping Them Safe," and "Discipline That Teaches." Each booklet is 75 cents; a series of five for \$3; or bulk orders of 50 for \$30.

Suicide Education Resources

In Canada, suicide is the second leading cause of death among 15- to 24-year-olds. The BC Council has developed two new pamphlets for people who wish to know more about suicide and its prevention.

"Suicide: What You Need to Know," is a guide for school personnel and persons in contact with vulnerable adolescents. It offers a guide to the reader to recognize risk factors, identify warning signs, evaluate the degree of risk, and get help.

"Suicide is Not a Joke: How to Help a Friend," is designed specifically for teens and answers their questions: What are the warning signs? What can I do? Who can help?

Pamphlets are 25 cents each or bulk prices at 50 for \$10.

The BC Council will hold a two-day planning workshop with Board members. Recently the Council played an active role in providing input into the review of Canada's social security system.
Carol Matusicky
Executive Director

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Dr. Wendell Primus, deputy assistant secretary for Planning and Evaluation in the Dept. of H.H.S., spoke at the February 22 meeting of the **District of Columbia Council on Family Relations**. His topic was "Analysis of and Political Prospects for Alternative Welfare Reform Proposals."

Dr. Donald Hernandez, section chief of the Census Bureau, spoke at the previous meeting. He brought information from his new book on the conditions of families in America.
Margaret Feldman
Convener

ILLINOIS

The **Illinois Council on Family Relations** has been busy planning its 1995 annual conference to be held in Allerton Park, Montecello, IL. The park is strategically located between several universities in mid-Illinois and affords a beautiful meeting place and an excellent location for student representation and participation.

This year's theme is "Building Quality Families in a Violent Society." Three areas will be discussed: The widespread and serious problem of violence within our society; prevention programs and other intervention efforts focusing on violence reduction through the building of 'quality' into families; and understanding of the diversity of individuals, families, and communities giving rise to resilience, strength, and cohesion.

Keynote speaker at the meeting will be Betty Williams of United Charities of Chicago. She also is the recipient of the IL Council's 1995 Award of Achievement.

United Charities of Chicago is that metropolitan area's largest non-sectarian family service agency, serving between 80,000 and 90,000 families per year.

Ms. Williams has indicated, "when we were able to provide services for families in the projects and be there for them, the results were staggering. I saw that everyone has some strengths, and the key is to build on those strengths one step at a time." (Chicago Tribune, Aug. 14, 1994)

Other scheduled speakers are Margaret Adamek, School of Social Work at IUCU, who will speak on suicide research; Steve Vaupal, doctoral student, who will describe men's support groups for perpetrators of violent crimes; Diana De Meyer, Social Services coordinator, Rock Island Arsenal, who will describe a Family Advocacy program designed to reduce family disruption and violence; Robert Moleno, Dept. of Human Development and Family Ecology at UICU, who will report on research of Latino families and mother-child interactions; and Don Murphy, former bereavement coordinator for Hospice of Lincolnland, who will

discuss support groups for parents who have lost children due to suicide.

Also scheduled are student presentations, posters, and roundtable discussions on a variety of topics emphasizing aspects of violence in our society and ways to strengthen families.

Thanks go to Frances Murphy, Ph.D., of Eastern IL University, IL Council president-elect, for her hard work in preparing this exciting conference.

Randy A. Hayes CFLE
Immediate Past-president

MICHIGAN

The **Michigan Council on Family Relations** announces the April, 1995, inaugural issue of **Michigan Family Review** (MFR), a new journal published by the Council, and co-edited by Libby Balter Blume, associate professor, University of Detroit Mercy, and Margaret M. Bubolz, professor emeritus, MI State University.

The editorial advisory board includes members from diverse family fields, including family therapy, child development, medicine, nursing, gerontology, psychology, human ecology, social work, and law.

Michigan Family Review is an interdisciplinary publication focused on professional application and scholarly inquiry. It will publish articles and reviews about critical contemporary problems confronting families and those who provide service to them. The articles are succinct statements of issues, research findings, theoretical ideas, or program methodologies that will be useful in practice.

Each issue will focus on a theme. The first issue will be "Family Perspectives on Life and Death," and will feature invited articles by leading scholars and professionals in a range of fields from nursing and medicine to religion and ethics.

The price of the journal is \$15 plus \$2.50 postage and handling. Please mail orders and payment to Jeanne Brown, executive director, MI Council on Family Relations, 5832 Beuna Parkway, Haslett, MI 48840.

The second issue of MFR will focus on families and violence. To receive the call for papers and instructions for authors contact Libby Balter Blume, associate professor, University of Detroit Mercy, P.O. Box 19900, Detroit, MI 48219; 313-993-6037; 313-993-6397 (FAX).

Tri-State Conference

Accompanying the new MFR journal will be a tri-state conference, "Living and Dying: 21st Century Decisions."

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The Councils in Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio are working collaboratively to sponsor the April 7 and 8 event which is related to handling the chronic illness and death "management" of loved ones, as well as the legal and economic aspects of living and dying. The conference will be held at Western Michigan University's Fetzer Center in Kalamazoo.

Also at issue will be questions surrounding the "best interest" of persons who are unable to make their own decisions and individual/family control versus external autonomy in controversial areas such as providing life support, palliative care services, and assisted suicide.

The conference is designed to bring together professionals concerned about maximizing their ability to work sensitively and effectively with families in making such decisions. Keynote speakers will be Dr. Eric Cassell, clinical professor of Public Health at Cornell University, and Dr. Howard Brody, professor of Family Practice and Philosophy at MI State University. Recommendations will be formulated as a result of the interactive, two-day process.

Cost of the conference is \$80 (\$70 for students only), and attendance is limited to 280. No reservations will be accepted by telephone.

Registration may be sent by April 1 to MCFR Executive Director, 5832 Beuna Parkway, Haslett, MI 48840.

Libby Balter Bloom
Anne K. Soderman

MINNESOTA

The Minnesota Council on Family Relations had a very successful and busy year, especially since it hosted last year's NCFR annual conference. MCFR's Males in Families Section also sponsored a preconference workshop, Anticipating the Future of Males in Families.

William J. Doherty addressed the workshop attendees on "Constructing a Future for the Next Generation of Fathers." NCFR has videotapes of this session and panel available for purchase (See ad on Page 15 of this issue.)

On December 2, 1994, the Council held its annual conference on the theme, "Families and Violence: Promising Interventions for Prevention." Over 300 persons attended. Dr. Ronald Slaby of the Education Development Center at Harvard University was the keynote speaker. A variety of topics from conflict resolution to pathways to peace were discussed at the sessions.

The Ruth Hathaway Jewson Distinguished Service to Families Award was presented to Mary Jo Czaplewski, NCFR executive director. The Friend of the Family Award was presented to Success By Six.

The torch of presidency was passed to Anita Segidore Beaton from Ada Alden.

The spring conference will be held June 9 on the theme, "Family Values: Reality or Rhetoric?" Bill Doherty has been invited to return as keynote speaker, due to strong requests for an encore session and due to his popularity as a speaker, teacher, and family scientist.

MCFR also has completed several Council administrative tasks. Last year Ada Alden, president, and Patricia Steinke, executive secretary, developed Board books to guide board members through their tasks.

MCFR also is a sponsor of the MN Coalition of Family Organizations which focuses on bringing family-centered approaches to the legislative decision makers in the state. MCFR publishes a quarterly newsletter, **The Forum**, and jointly publishes with the MN Association for the Education of Young Children, a periodical called **Views**.

All of these activities are possible through the dedicated efforts of an enthusiastic Board of Directors that works to involve many other professionals in Minnesota.

Anita Segidore Beaton
President

MISSISSIPPI

The Mississippi Council on Family Relations held its annual conference on "Effectively Legislating for Mississippi Families," in September. More than 70 persons attended—a substantial increase over 7 the previous year!

The Honorable Miriam Simmons presented the keynote on "Legislative Issues and Initiatives: Advocating for Mississippi Families." Responses to her address indicated that MCFR members felt more prepared and comfortable advocating for Mississippi families.

A panel of parents discussed "Divided Families" from their perspectives: a single father raising sons, a mother whose daughter and children have returned home, and a substitute caregiver who is raising biological children, grandchildren, and foster children.

Pictures and descriptions of "what it is like to live in my family," done by children living in divided families, were displayed.

A panel of professionals discussed the major issues they face in dealing with divided families. Represented were legal issues, family therapy issues, abuse issues, day care issues, regional mental health department-children's services issues, domestic issues, ethnic issues, nutrition issues, and health issues. Each panel discussant held a breakout session in the afternoon. Dr. Jane Cook helped the group integrate conference issues at the end of the day.

Officers for the coming year are Anne Stanberry, president; Tammy Miller-White, first vice-president; Jean Kizer, second vice-president; Phillip Stanberry, secretary; Felecia Young, treasurer; Kathy Corpus, newsletter editor; Donna Suddith, Jan Cooper-Taylor, and Jane Cook, directors; and Becky Starling, legislative chair.

Legislative Day

On January 25, MCFR joined other member organizations for the Mississippi Coalition for Change: Quality of Life Issues "Day at the Capitol." Becky Starling, MCFR legislative chair, coordinated the efforts to advocate for children and families in Mississippi.

A number of MCFR members greeted legislators, citizens, and the media. Participants attended committee meetings, talked with legislators, and learned more about the legislative process. It was especially exciting to watch as Sen. Bill Cannon guided the Marriage and Family Therapy Licensure bill through two committee meetings.

The day was informative and exhilarating for those who attended. MCFR members are making a positive difference for Mississippi's children and families.

Anne M. Stanberry, Ph.D., CFLE,
CHE
President

NORTH TEXAS

The North Texas Student Council on Family Relations first annual conference, "Future Families," was held November 19 at the University of North TX. Over 100 persons registered for the event.

Presentations included: **The Family Educating Their Child About AIDS**, Gloria Delaney Ph.D., John Eddy, Ph.D., and Peggy Fogle R.N.; **Using Portfolios for Assessment**, Leigh Stryker; **Components of Parent Education Programs Considered to be Most Beneficial for Adult Children of Alcoholics**, Leda Cott M.S.; **Characteristics of ADD and ADHD**, Sandy Roland;

AIDS Social Components, Eric Schmidt; **Living Wills**, Penny Moore, M.S., R.N.; **The Multicultural Classroom**, Kathi Green and Abby Holt; **Promoting the Development of Positive Self-esteem**, Gerri Clover M.A.; and **The Role of a Child Life Specialist**, Mary McIntyre-Ladd M.S.

Luncheon table topics were: **Poverty in Caucasians**, Jon Armstrong; **New Standards in Child Care**, Suparno Chakraborty; **Reaching and Teaching Abused Children**, Leda Cott M.S.; **Unsafe Foods for Children**, Kim Fite; **Multicultural Families**, Kathi Green; **Psychosocial Aspects of Pediatric AIDS**, Abby Holt; **Parenting in the 90s**, Arminta Jacobson, Ph.D., CHE, CFLE; **Maternal Employment**, Kristi Jeffcoat;

Stress and Families, Tommie Lawhon, Ph.D., CHE, CFLE; **The Hospitalized Child**, Mary McIntyre-Ladd; **Grandparents as Parents**, Karen Nichols; **Disciplining Children**, Karen Carter M.S.; **Characteristics of Autism**, Jacquelyn White; and **Foster Care**, Pamela Wiebe.

We would like to thank the outstanding members and officers who made the conference possible—and an outstanding success. We are planning our second conference for next fall.

For more information about the Council or about membership, contact NTSCFR, P.O. Box 5067, Denton, TX 76203, or call Heather Maddy at 817-640-2756.

Heather Maddy

NORTHWEST

The Northwest Council on Family Relations is putting together a list of members' electronic addresses. This will allow newsletters and announcements to be sent with a savings in both time and money.

Many of the members already are on the Family Science listserver maintained by Greg Brock in Kentucky. These addresses are fairly easy to find. Many others may not yet be part of that network. If you would like to receive postings and announcements via e-mail, please send your address to Jim White at blanco@unixg.ubc.ca.

New officers for the coming year are Jim White, president, University of BC; Patricia Brandt, membership/public relations chair, University of WA; and Linda Ladd, secretary/treasurer, OR State Extension Service.

Jim White

OHIO

The Ohio Council on Family Relations jointly sponsored the 8th annual Conference on the Family last fall in Columbus. Also sponsoring the event were the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy-Ohio Division, the American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors and Therapists-Ohio Section, and the Ohio Association for Family-based Services.

Keynote speakers were Dr. Robert Hughes, Jr., associate professor and extension specialist in family relations at The OH State University, and Dr. Richard Clark, associate professor and 4-H extension specialist at The OH State University and head of the National Coalition Building Center at OH State. The separate associations met at scheduled luncheon meetings.

The first 1995 OCFR board meeting was held March 3. The day-long working session was devoted to developing a strategic plan for the OCFR. All members were invited. More information is available from Ann K. Smith, 1932 Sunset Dr., New Concord, OH 43762; 614-454-0154 (FAX).
Ann K. Smith