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Vanier Institute of the Family Wins DSF Award

This year's recipient of the NCFR-Association of Councils Distinguished Service to Families Award is the **Vanier Institute of the Family**, located in Canada. The award recognizes exceptional leadership and service in strengthening family life.

More than twenty years ago, family life in Canada was undergoing great changes. In order to reach out to Canadians, Governor General Georges P. Vanier and Madame Pauline Vanier brought together Canadians from across the country, and with the leadership and support of Dr. Wilder Penfield, established the Institute. Its mandate has remained to promote the well-being of Canadian families.

The Institute provides resources, including research, public education, and communication on families. During the past 20 years, the institute has focused the attention of Canadians on the significance and value of family life. It has been responsive to the changing context in which families live.

Over all its programs, the Institute has sought to identify the needs and aspirations of Canadian families and create a climate in which to encourage and support the inherent capacities of families to help themselves.

Some of the studies and projects that have been completed by the Institute include: "Canada's Political Economy and Its Implications for Families and Communities," "The Future of the Family, the Law and the State," "Children in the Eighties," "The Future of Work," "One in Ten: The Single Parent in Canada," "The Family in the Evolution of Agriculture," "The Family and Tax Reform," and a submission prepared for the Royal Commission on Violence in the Communications Industry.

Osborne Award Presented to Gary R. Lee

Gary R. Lee Ph.D. has been named the 1995 recipient of the Ernest G. Osborne Award. Lee is a director of the Sanford Center for Aging at the University of NV-Reno, and formerly was a professor in the Department of Sociology at the University of FL in Gainesville.

The Osborne Award is presented in memory of Ernest G. Osborne, three-time president of NCFR, and an outstanding family life educator.

The Award is presented to an individual who has shown a distinguished career as an outstanding teacher in the family field. The Award presentation will be made at the NCFR annual conference in November. Lee will receive a plaque, a \$500 cash award, and \$250 in travel funding to attend the conference.



Lee

Lee's nominators note that he "was never too busy to answer" questions from students, and "among graduate students, (he) has a well-deserved reputation as a professor who is genuinely interested in students' education and welfare."

One of Lee's former graduate students noted, "Now that I am a tenured professor, I can fully recognize and appreciate the amount of time that he spent teaching us the craft of thinking theoretically, creating testable hypotheses, applying appropriate methodologies, interpreting statistics, and of writing up our results in some intelligible fashion. Because of his commitment, Dr. Lee has been successful in placing his graduate students in prestigious universities throughout the U.S."

His nominators also noted that Lee's "seminars are intellectually stimulating, and he provides students with ample

opportunities to develop research projects and write high quality papers."

He also was commended as an active mentor for his students. One former student, now an associate professor, noted Lee's "natural enthusiasm for research. This was extremely contagious. He taps the natural curiosity of his students and guides them into a systematic investigative process. There was a natural warmth and humor in his mentoring that made first efforts less intimidating and hard work worth the effort...Among the traits I attempt to emulate in my own work with graduate students is encouraging their participation in regional and national meetings and never writing just a term paper, but to always think in terms of later presentations and publications. I also attempt to instill the kinds of research ethics and exactitude that Dr. Lee has made part of his own professional life."

Lee earned a bachelor's degree in sociology at St. Cloud (MN) State College and master's and doctorate degrees at the University of MN.

He has held positions at St. Cloud State, Washington State University, and since 1987, at the University of FL. He has received a number of research grants, including his most recent one for work on "Florida Center on Rural Health and Aging," a project funded from June, 1991,

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Nadeau Receives Sage/NCFR Award

The 1995 recipient of the Sage/NCFR Student/New Professional Book Award is **Janice W. Nadeau Ph.D.**, of Minneapolis, MN. The Award will be presented during the NCFR annual conference in Portland, OR, in November.

Nadeau's manuscript, "Meaning-Making in Family Bereavement," will be published by Sage Publications, as part of its **Understanding Families** series edited by Bert Adams and David M. Klein.

Some of the review comments about the manuscript noted its "dual-purpose" that "will appeal not only to bereavement specialists, but also to all family scientists interested in general theory and methods... Very professional... Nothing is taken for granted... Good rationale for methods used... Clear



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discussion of assumptions and concepts...Nice use of reflexivity...Good critiques of previous literature...Good discussion of implications for theory building."

Nadeau earned her doctorate in family social science from the University of MN in 1994. Her academic advisor and sponsor for a four-year N.I.H. grant was Paul C. Rosenblatt.

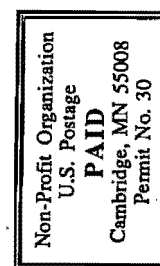
Nadeau's doctoral dissertation involved studying 10 non-clinical families in which a family member had died. Over years of working with grieving families, first as a hospice nurse, and later as a marriage and family therapist, she developed an interest in how members of families interactively make sense of their experience of loss.

Working from a symbolic interactionist perspective and influenced by grounded theory, Dr. Nadeau conducted intensive interviews with 48 family members, separately and in a variety of family subsystems. She described patterns of family meaning-making, identified specific strategies used to make meaning and developed a typology of meanings. She presented her work at the 1993 NCFR annual conference. On the basis of her research,

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President's Report

IMFL Sold to NISC

On June 9, 1995, NCFR sold the **Inventory of Marriage and Family Literature (IMFL)** to National Information Services Corporation (NISC) of Baltimore, MD. The purchase price was \$132,000, with final payment to be received in October, 1997. Consistent with my interest in keeping members informed about Board decisions, I briefly describe the history of the IMFL, and the rationale for the Board's decision.

The purpose of the IMFL was the electronic dissemination of family-related research resources. It was intended as a link between the social and medical sciences and was sold to libraries, research centers, government offices, legal and public agencies, publishers, and, secondarily, to individuals. NCFR began the project in 1976 as the Family Resource and Referral Service. Its initial investment in fiscal 1979 was \$5,332, with a net profit of \$11,949. There also were profits in 1980, \$5,002; 1988, \$7,221; and 1991, \$13,401.

The service was introduced "on line" from 1980 to 1983 through a \$220,000 grant from the Stewart Mott Foundation, and continued with NCFR's resources. In 1988, NCFR took over production of the hard copy of the IMFL, which was produced by the University of Minnesota from 1970 to 1985 under the editorship of former NCFR president David Olson, and sold by Sage Publications from 1980 to 1987. Because the content of the hard copy was contained in the on-line database, this seemed a logical decision.

Beginning in 1988, NCFR produced hard copy volumes 13 through 17, leasing production to DataTRAQ International for 2 years (from 1991 through 1993). DataTRAQ produced volumes 18 and 19, terminating its contract with NCFR on December 31, 1993, before completing volume 19. Because orders had already been received, NCFR took over immediate production of volume 19, meeting the March 31, 1994, print deadline. NCFR also resumed responsibility for the on-line database, hiring Dr. Rocky Ralebipi, former IMFL director. DataTRAQ had been contracted originally because the IMFL became too costly for NCFR to produce and maintain in house. NCFR immediately incurred additional, nonbudgeted expenses when it took over

production again following DataTRAQ's contract termination.

From January, 1994 through March, 1995, NCFR sought to sell the database. It was recognized as valuable, but would be much less costly to produce for those in the database production business. Various publishers expressed interest, as did nonprofit institutions, which were willing to receive the database and take over its production at no cost to NCFR, paying us nothing in return. The Board sought to maximize income from the sale of the IMFL, given NCFR's heavy investment in it. Over the course of its 15-year history, NCFR invested \$224,648 in the IMFL, realizing, prior to the sale, \$50,467 in income.

Among long-term Board members, the IMFL was sometimes referred to as a "many-headed hydra." On several different occasions, the Board voted to reduce NCFR's investment in IMFL, or even to eliminate it. However, contracts with on-line vendors and other service providers, along with recurrent opportunities to contract for database production at lower cost than producing it in-house, resulted in income projections that were too favorable to ignore. Furthermore, current fiscal year losses also were seen in the light of projected (next-fiscal-year) revenue, when, it was reasoned, most of the problems would be resolved. In each case, the projected profit was more than was actually realized. As those knowledgeable of social exchange theory would expect, the greater the investment in the IMFL, the more difficult it was to discontinue investing in it.

NCFR members did not always realize the distinction between what was called the Family Resources Database (FRD), and the hardbound IMFL. The FRD contained entries of print and nonprint materials (e.g., newsletters, unpublished articles, government documents, films, human resources bibliographic information) whereas the IMFL included only journal articles and books by title, author, and key words in the title. By 1990, the IMFL contained a vast listing of research resource materials from the 1940s on. In 1990, the Board made the decision that the IMFL would include only journal and book entries. Many Board members felt that producing the IMFL met NCFR's mission of disseminating information related to family studies. Furthermore, the IMFL was a service to members. Some felt it helped to establish NCFR's visibility as an educational and research-related organization. It always had the potential to bring in new revenues, particularly if a CD-ROM version was issued. It was the only North American database focused specifically on families.

Finally, NCFR provides other services to members at a cost to the organization (e.g., the public policy mission, the Certified Family Life Education Program). Board members reasoned that this was an important service as well.

There were problems, however. Producing the database was labor intensive, and the cost of that labor was high. Furthermore, it required experts in family and in information sciences to maintain and develop a high quality product. NCFR had invested in on-line searching, which was being replaced with

CD-ROM. Finally, other databases increasingly were covering some of the same content, and the royalties from on-line vendor services were diminishing due to mergers, acquisitions, and technological developments in the information services sector.

The product NCFR sold to NISC contained all family-related articles and books from 1970 through 1994, as well as all records contained in the discontinued hard copy IMFL. It is being marketed by NISC as the "Family Studies Database" published "in association with the National Council on Family Relations." In return for the product, NCFR receives \$4,000 in the first year, and monthly payments of \$10,000 until the full price of \$132,000 is received in 1997. Not reflected in the payment is the fact that NISC is sharing with NCFR the costs of the transition (i.e., sending books, journals, and letters to publishers, negotiating contracts with on-line vendors, and so on).

The Board is very pleased with this decision. NCFR has stopped investing additional dollars in the IMFL. Furthermore, it will receive a good portion of what was invested. Finally, NCFR is able to continue its mission of disseminating information about families without any financial commitment on its part. We hope you are as pleased about this decision as is the Board. If you have questions, comments, or concerns, please write me at HDFS, Milam 322, Oregon State University, Corvallis OR 97331-5102, call at 503-737-1083, or send an e-mail message to: walker@ccmail.orst.edu. Alexis Walker
1994-95 NCFR President

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Dr. Nadeau was invited recently to participate in the International Work Group on Death, Dying, and Bereavement held at Oxford University in June.

Dr. Nadeau is a Vermonter transplanted with her husband and family to Minnesota in 1979. Before beginning her doctoral work, she taught nursing at the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul, MN.

She is licensed in nursing, marriage and family therapy, and psychology, and is in private practice with Minnesota Human Development Consultants, Inc., of Minneapolis. She speaks widely on topics related to loss, grief, families, and mid-life.

She is the founder and co-director of a community-based grief support program, "Growing Through Loss," which is celebrating its 10th anniversary this fall. With concert artist, Ken Medema, she has produced two audiotape series, one on grief and loss entitled, "Where Do I Go From Here?" and one on mid-life issues entitled, "Why Do I Feel Like This? Mid-Life in Word and Song."

She has been a member of NCFR since 1984, and presently is the student/new professional representative for the Research and Theory Section.

FR Announces Upcoming Special Issue

Family Relations, one of NCFR's journals, will publish a special issue in October, 1995. The focus will be to provide up-to-date information and new trends in a number of areas relevant to the work of family professionals, including family life education, psychotherapy, programs, policy, assessment, and training.

Seventeen articles will be included in the special issue, including articles on family life education, AIDS education and prevention, family therapy, marital therapy, divorce mediation, teenage pregnancy prevention programs, programs designed to prevent marital distress, a model of levels of family intervention, family caregiving, easing the transition to parenthood, family policy, divorce legislation, marital assessment, family assessment, training marriage and family therapists, assessment of child abusers, and training family scientists.

For more information, contact the journal editor, Mark Fine at the Dept. Of Human Development and Family Studies, University of MO, 31 Stanley Hall, Columbia, MO 65211; 314-884-6301.

Nominations Due

If you would like to run for an office in NCFR, or know of someone who would, please contact Sue at headquarters, 612-781-9331 ext. 11, for a Nominations form.

All nominations must be made by September 25.

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to May, 1996, by the National Institute on Aging. Lee is co-principal investigator, and Raymond T. Coward is principal investigator.

Lee has authored **Family Structure and Interaction: A Comparative Analysis** in two editions, and has edited **The Elderly in Rural Society: Every Fourth Elder** and **Family Systems in America**. He has written several book chapters, and published many refereed articles.

He has taught both graduate and undergraduate courses at the University of FL, including those on the American family, comparative family systems, families in later life, the sociology of aging and the life course, and seminars in family research.

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CFLE Directions

Program Review Committee Organized

The NCFR Board of Directors voted at the April Board Meeting to appoint a CFLE Program Review Committee. The Committee consists of Dr. Carol Darling, CFLE, FL State University, and Dr. William Meredith, CFLE, University of NE-Omaha, and Dr. Virginia Moxley, KS State University. The Committee is responsible for developing a review process for universities and colleges wishing to receive recognition of their FLE programs by NCFR.

The goal of the Program Review process is to meet the expressed need of universities and colleges to certify professionals at entry level in their careers.

The plan will include recognition of degree programs meeting the CFLE Standards and Criteria. Students graduating from a recognized program would be approved for Provisional Certification upon graduation. Ideally, review of their application would be simplified and less costly.

The Program Review Committee will develop a standard format for all schools seeking recognition. The focus of the review will be on the inclusion of appropriate courses under each of the ten family life substance areas and will not include evaluation of the facility or the faculty.

A thorough financial analysis will also be part of the committee's work. They will look closely at all expenses as well as revenue sources in an attempt to assure that this process will not be a financial burden on the CFLE department or NCFR.

The Program Review Committee will present their plan to the NCFR Board at the November 1995 Board Meeting. If approved, the Program Review process will be implemented immediately.

Family Life Education Curriculum Guidelines Revised and Expanded

NCFR's popular publication, Family Life Education Curriculum Guidelines, has been revised and expanded. The new version has been edited by Dr. David J. Bredehoft, professor of Psychology and Family Studies at Concordia College in St. Paul, MN.

The revised edition is designed to assist family life educators. Numerous additions have been made including a reprint of "A Framework for Life-Span Family Life Education" by Margaret Arcus, CFLE, originally printed in *Family Relations*; National Council on Family Relations' statement of belief concerning families; an article titled "Contemporary Parent Education Programs" by David Bredehoft; an article by Dr. Glen Palm, titled "Developing Ethical Guidelines for Family Educators;" an updated bibliography of resources which includes related articles, books, media resources, and curriculum materials for family life educators; and more.

The revised Family Life Education Curriculum Guidelines will be available for purchase in August.

CFLE Employer's Brochure now available!

While we have always marketed the CFLE program to those working in the family field, we have recently turned our attention to include those who hire family life educators. One benefit of the CFLE designation is the recognition and value by those who make hiring decisions.

The goal is to make the CFLE designation instantly recognized by all in the family education field. We want all employers to ask potential employees if they are a Certified Family Life Educator or to include the CFLE designation as a job requirement.

A special brochure has been designed with the help of members of the Certification Review Committee and the Continuing Education Committee. The brochure is geared toward those who make hiring decisions and explains the CFLE program as well as the benefits of

hiring an employee who has taken the initiative to seek certification.

We also welcome your suggestions for people and organizations that would benefit by knowing about the Certified Family Life Education designation. If you would like copies for distribution, please contact Dawn at headquarters.

Don't forget! The next CFLE review deadline is September 3.

Dawn Cassidy
Director of Certification

Member Input Requested

NCFR's Long Range Planning Committee was charged by President Alexis Walker to consider the disposition of profits from the sale of the *Journal of Family History* and the *Inventory of Marriage and Family Literature* by reviewing current NCFR programs and considering possible new program initiatives. This included a review of the current financial status of awards presented by NCFR. With the assistance of award chairs, the committee members will make recommendations to the Board in November. Committee members are Margaret Arcus, University of BC; David Klein, Notre Dame University; Linda McWright, MI State University; James J. Ponzetti, Central WA University; Michael J. Sporakowski, VA Tech; and Lynda Henley Walters, University of GA.

Consideration of other programs that might be supported by these two sales involves a more time-consuming investigation. Committee members have made some progress (including receipt of a proposal from the Association of Councils). However, before deliberations go much farther, the committee members would like to know if any NCFR members have been thinking about programs that would be good for the association if funding were available.

If you have an idea, please contact the committee. To describe your idea, include the purpose, who would be

affected, costs (specify one-time or costs per year), and rationale. Send the information to Lynda Henley Walters, 115 Homestead Dr., Athens, GA 30605 or LWalters@FCS.UGA.EDU

Ideas must be received by October 15.

Lynda Henley Walters

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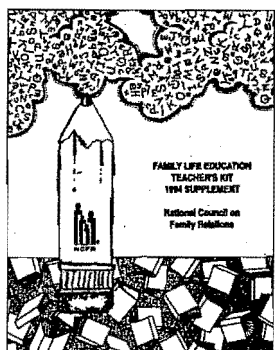
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for more information.

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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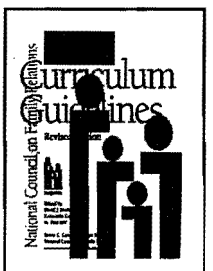
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Executive Review

U.N. 4th World Conference on Women: NCFR's Role

September 4-15, 1995, over 5,000 official delegates will represent women worldwide in Beijing, China at the United Nations 4th World Conference on Women, united by the theme, "Action for Equality, Development, and Peace." This event is preceded by the NGO Forum on Women, August 30-September 4, held in Hairou, about 45 kilometers from Beijing.

NCFR will be among the delegations present at both meetings. Expected total attendance is 35,000 at both events.

NCFR members may wonder why it is imperative that our association have a strong presence at this seemingly "feminist" event. The answer becomes apparent in a reading of the draft platform for action prepared under the auspices of the U.N. Commission on the Status of Women. The draft identifies ten critical areas of concern for women in today's world. It proposes strategic objectives and actions to be taken internationally by all countries of the world.

Among the ten critical issues identified, women and their crucial roles in families are mentioned only four times. While the focus of this event is appropriately that of women, one cannot ignore their inextricable link with children and families. NCFR will join the International Union of Family Organizations (Paris), and the U.N. Secretariat for the International Year of the Family (Vienna) in bringing to the awareness of the delegations, the importance of women in their families.

The ten critical issues underlying the platform include: 1) Poverty, 2) Education and Health, 3) Violence, 4) Armed and Other Conflicts, 5) Economic Disparity, 6) Politics, 7) National and International Institutions, 8) Human Rights, 9) Mass Media, and 10) Environment and Development. Families are mentioned in relationship to poverty.

One third of families worldwide are headed by women. In the U.S., almost one half of all poor families with incomes 23% below the poverty level are headed by single women. The role of women left to maintain families in times of war and armed conflict was also mentioned. 80% of the world's 18 million refugees are women with dependents (children and families). There is also recognition that women should have full and equal participation at family, community and higher levels of decision-making.

These references are about the extent to which women's issues are recognized as family issues and vice versa, that the politics of gender are linked not only to macro-social forces, but to micro-interactions of women's daily lives in their families as well.

Margaret Feldman, NCFR's policy representative, Harriette Pipes McAdoo, former NCFR president, and I will present a workshop entitled: "Family Professionals: Men/Women in Research, Policy, and Practice." We examine the roles of family social science professionals in strengthening and understanding families worldwide. It will

focus on the mission and history of NCFR in coordinating services to U.S. and international multi disciplinary members who are researchers, policy analysts, and practitioners for families. The organizing theme will include family research, family policy analysis, and family practice (education, therapy, and family community services).

Throughout the 11 days, we will attend as many sessions as possible to influence the final outcomes of the proposed platform statements. To our knowledge, several other NCFR members will also attend.

En route to the conference, our tour group will enter China through Shanghai, and while there tour an industrial commune. In Hangzhou we will observe the entire process of silk production. Near Guilin, we will visit rice fields still worked and tilled by water buffalo and visit a hospital and a women's group. At Xian we will view the digs where 6,000 terra cotta warrior figurines have been excavated, tour a cloisonne factory and the Ban Po Village, a matriarchal society of the Neolithic age.

On August 14, I will present a seminar on current trends and issues in family life education as a guest of Dr. Jung Ah Song CFLE at Seoul National University in Korea. I will also meet with the Board about initiating an affiliate council in Korea.

From August 16-19, I will travel to Taipei, Taiwan to meet with our many members there through the Taiwan Council on Family Relations. I will

present three seminars, one on family life education, one on politics and families, and one on NCFR's international role. Alice Lee Shih Wu, the president, has arranged this meeting.

As global affairs impact each country including the United States, it becomes increasingly important for NCFR to extend its professional boundaries, not only with its many members around the world, and its subscribers to the journals, but with concern for obtaining greater knowledge about family issues and cultures around the world. Many NCFR members have been international researchers and practitioners for years. There was also a time prior to the 1980s when NCFR leaders were involved in many international efforts. It is time again for NCFR as an organization to expand its roles abroad as we face the future with technology that puts us in touch with our colleagues in the furthest corners of the globe. It is an exciting challenge, and one begun anew several years ago. The momentum is there. NCFR can rise to the challenge in offering its services to an expanded audience - worldwide.

Mary Jo Czaplewski
Executive Director

Meeting

December 13-16: **Quality Services for the Future: Children and Families First!** 12th bi-annual conference of Region V Head Start Association Training Conference hosted in Minneapolis by the MN Head Start Association. Contact Attn: Registration, MN Head Start Association, P.O. Box 581007, Minneapolis, MN 55458-1007.

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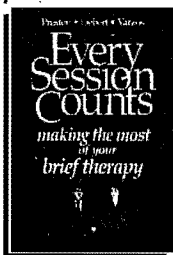
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The United Nations, however, is much more than a peacekeeper and forum for conflict resolution. Often without attracting attention, the United Nations and its family of agencies are engaged in a vast array of work that touches every aspect of people's lives around the world.

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Here, in brief, is a sampling of what the United Nations organizations have accomplished since 1945 when the world organization was founded.



minimize the threat of a nuclear war by inspecting nuclear reactors in 90 countries to ensure that nuclear materials are not diverted for military purposes.

1. **Maintaining peace and security**-There are presently 16 active peacekeeping forces in operation.
2. **Making peace**-Since 1945, the UN has been credited with negotiating 172 peaceful settlements that have ended regional conflicts. Recent cases include an end to the Iran-Iraq war, the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan, and an end to the civil war in El Salvador. The UN has used quiet diplomacy to avert over 80 imminent wars.
3. **Promoting democracy**-The UN has enabled people in over 45 countries to participate in free and fair elections.
4. **Promoting development**-The UN system has devoted more attention and resources to the promotion of the development of human skills and potentials than any other external assistance effort. The systems' annual disbursements, including loans and grants, amount to more than \$10 billion. It is the largest multilateral source of grant development assistance. UNICEF spends more than \$800 million a year primarily on immunization, health care, nutrition and basic education in 138 countries.
5. **Promoting human rights**-Since adopting the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948, the UN has helped enact more than 80 comprehensive agreements on political, civil, economic, social and cultural rights.
6. **Protecting the environment**-The UN has played a vital role in fashioning a global program designed to protect the environment, i.e., treaties on bio-diversity and climate change.
7. **Preventing nuclear proliferation**-The UN, through the International Atomic Energy Agency, has helped
8. **Promoting self-determination and independence**-The UN has played a pivotal role in bringing about independence in 80 countries that are now among its Member States.
9. **Strengthening international law**-Over 300 international treaties, on topics as varied as human rights conventions to agreements on the use of outer space and seabed, have been enacted through the effort of the UN.
10. **Handing down judicial settlements of major international disputes**-and advisory opinions on territorial issues, non-interference in the internal affairs of states, diplomatic relations, hostage-taking, the right of asylum, rights of passage and economic rights.
11. **Ending apartheid in South Africa**-By imposing measures ranging from an arms embargo to a convention against segregated sporting events.
12. **Providing humanitarian aid to victims of conflict**-More than 30 million refugees fleeing war, famine or persecution have received aid from the UN High Commissioner for Refugees since 1951.
13. **Aiding Palestinian refugees**-Since 1950, the UN Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) has sustained four generations of Palestinians with free schooling, essential health care, relief assistance and key social services virtually without interruption.
14. **Alleviating chronic hunger and rural poverty in developing countries**-The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) has developed a system of providing credit for the poorest and most marginalized groups.
15. **Focusing on African development**-For the UN, Africa continues to be the highest priority.
16. **Promoting women's rights**-A long term objective of the UN has been to improve the lives of women and to empower women to have greater control over their lives. The UN Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) and the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW) have supported programs and projects to improve the quality of life for women in over 100 countries.
17. **Providing safe drinking water**-To 1.3 billion people in rural areas during the last decade.
18. **Eradicating smallpox**-A 13-year effort by the World Health Organization resulted in the complete eradication of smallpox from the planet in 1980.
19. **Pressing for universal immunization**-Polio, tetanus, measles, whooping cough, diphtheria and tuberculosis still kill more than eight million children each year.
20. **Reducing child mortality rates**-Through oral rehydration therapy, water and sanitation and other health and nutrition measures undertaken by UN agencies, child mortality rates in the developing countries have been halved since 1960, increasing the average life expectancy from 37 to 67 years.
21. **Fighting parasitic diseases**-Efforts by UN agencies in North Africa to eliminate the dreaded screw worm, a parasite that feeds on human and animal flesh, prevented the spread of the parasite.
22. **Promoting investment in developing countries.**
23. **Orienting economic policy toward social need**-e.g., measures to safeguard the poor, especially in areas of health and education, and "debt swaps for children."
24. **Reducing the effects of natural disasters**-The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) has spared millions of people. Its early warning system has provided information for the dispersal of oil spills and has predicted long-term droughts.
25. **Providing food to victims of emergencies**-Over two million tons of food are distributed each year by the World Food Program (WFP).
26. **Clearing land mines**-The UN is leading an international effort to clear land mines from former battlefields.
27. **Protecting the ozone layer**-The UN Environment Program (UNEP) and the WMO have been instrumental in highlighting the damage caused to the earth's ozone layer.
28. **Curbing global warming**-Through the Global Environment Facility, countries have contributed substantial resources to curb conditions that cause global warming.
29. **Preventing over-fishing**-The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) monitors marine fishery production and issues alerts to prevent damage due to over-fishing.
30. **Limiting deforestation and promoting sustainable forestry development**-FAO, UNDP and the World Bank, through a Tropical Forests Action Program, have formulated and carried out forestry actions plans in 90 countries.
31. **Cleaning up pollution**-UNEP led a major effort to clean up the Mediterranean Sea.
32. **Protecting consumers' health**-Established standards for over 200 food commodities and safety limits for more than 3,000 food contaminants.
33. **Reducing fertility rates**-The UN Population Fund (UNFPA), through its family planning programs, has enabled people to make informed choices, and consequently given families, and especially women, greater control over their lives, from six births per woman in the 1960s to 3.5 today.
34. **Fighting drug abuse**-The UN International Drugs Control Program (UNDCP) has worked to reduce demand for illicit drugs and suppress drug trafficking.
35. **Improving global trade relations**-The UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) has worked to obtain special trade preferences for developing countries to export their products to developed countries.
36. **Promoting economic reform**-Together with the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, the UN has helped many countries improve their economic management.
37. **Promoting worker rights**-The International Labor Organization (ILO) has worked to guarantee freedom of the right to association, the right to organize, collective bargaining, the rights of indigenous and tribal peoples, promote employment and equal remuneration and has sought to eliminate discrimination and child labor.
38. **Introducing improved agricultural techniques and reducing costs**-With assistance from the FAO, resulted in improved crop yields.
39. **Promoting stability and order in the world's oceans.**
40. **Improving air and sea travel**-UN agencies have been responsible for setting safety standards for sea and air travel.
41. **Protecting intellectual property**-The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) provides protection for new inventions and maintains a register of nearly 3 million national trademarks.
42. **Promoting the free flow of information**-To allow all people to obtain information that is free of censorship and culturally unbiased, UNESCO has provided aid to develop and strengthen communication systems.
43. **Improving global communications**-The Universal Postal Union (UPU) has maintained and regulated international mail delivery.
44. **Empowering the voiceless**-UN-sponsored international years and conferences have caused governments to recognize the needs and contributions of groups usually excluded from decision-making, such as the aging, children, youth, homeless, and disabled people.
45. **Establishing "children as a zone of peace."**
46. **Generating worldwide commitment in support of the needs of children**-Through UNICEF.
47. **Improving education in developing countries.**
48. **Improving literacy for women.**
49. **Safeguarding and preserving historic cultural and architectural sites.**
50. **Facilitating academic and cultural exchanges.**

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Meeting

October 5-8, 1996: **International Conference on Stress and Health**, Sydney, Australia. Contact: F.J. McGuigan, Ph.D., Institute for Stress Management, 10455 Pomerado Rd., San Diego, CA 92131; 619-635-4669. NOSTRESS@sanac.USIU.edu



A Matter of Membership

Hooked on NCFR

NCFR, how did I get so involved with you? It happened early in my career. I was just out of college, in my first teaching job in a Chicago suburb. You held your annual conference in Chicago. Was it 1971 or '72? I don't know, but I was hooked. I have saved every program since then, but I don't have that one as a reminder. But I remember several experiences clearly. I attended a round table--just eight of us--with Lester Kirkendall, who had written the **Marriage and Family Study Guide** used in one of the courses Richard Kerckhoff had taught me at Purdue. I corresponded several times with Lester after that.

I was eating lunch by myself in the hotel coffee shop and the lady sitting at the table next to mine saw my name tag and asked me to join her. It was Elizabeth Force, whose name I recognized from the family life cycle chart I used in my teaching. There are few lunches I ate over twenty years ago that I remember, but I won't forget that one.

The rest of the conference was a blur of Congress Hotel, film previews, research presentations, and speakers but I remember attending the business meeting so I could really get a feel for what you were all about. I went back to my teaching full of information and enthusiasm.

NCFR, I next saw you in St. Louis.

What a year! A joint meeting with AAMFT. By then I was a graduate student, sharing a van to the conference with Purdue graduate students and car pooling home with Charles Figley. I had three years' of teaching experience, and I knew what I knew and where the gaps were in what I needed to know to teach my classes. I had real purposes for what I chose to see at this conference.

The special people I met there still form my biggest memories. I attended a task force on Women's Rights and Responsibilities and sat next to Rose Somerville. About 30 of us were crowded into a board room, but we felt like we were in on the beginning of something important. One of Rose's books was home on my shelf. You had a symposium on intimacy that was supposed to be small but grew.

There was Arlene Skolnick (book on my shelf), Nena O'Neill (**Open Marriage** on my shelf) and Robert Rimmer, my favorite author at the time, who had written four books on my shelf and one more I bought after the conference. What a night!

There was so much that was new to me, NCFR, and I experienced it with wide eyes--my first film on sexuality, my first NCFR dress-up banquet, my first meet-the-authors book exhibit, my first

cigarette, and one of you tried for the whole conference to pick me up (I think it was a research project really, and although you may be reading this, I doubt you remember my name). I remember St. Louis, and I was hooked. I have thirteen more conference programs to remember you by, NCFR.

So what is my advice to new attendees?

- *Go to small group sessions (round tables, focus groups, for example) and introduce yourself and talk to people. Choose ones that fit your interests.
- *Go to section meetings and volunteer when they ask for help. Speak up--not to simply be noticed but to get involved.
- *Attend the NCFR business meeting. See who is running this organization now and what is going on. Think about how you could be involved in this.
- *Talk to authors in the book display

while you get a good chance to see the newest publications in the field all at your fingertips--not in a brochure.

*Ask your professors or more experienced friends to introduce you to people in the organization whom you would like to meet. Make research connections through someone who can provide that bridge.

*Talk to people sitting near you in the central areas of the conference hotel. Introduce yourself and discuss the conference.

*Find people to go out to lunch or dinner with in groups. Great connections are made here.

*Don't ask me for a cigarette. I don't smoke any more now than I did then.

*Do let me know what your membership concerns are. Our committee will meet at the conference on Thursday, November 16 and Saturday, November 18. Let me know if you would like to get involved or have an issue we should be working on. My e-mail address is FLICK@4J.LANE.EDU and my FAX number is 503-689-9420.

Member News

NCFR members **Patricia Bell-Scott**, professor of child and family development and women's studies at the University of GA, and **Joseph H. Pleck**, associate professor of human development and family studies, University of IL-Urbana-Champaign, recently received Distinguished Services Awards at the 20th anniversary celebration of the Wellesley College Center for Research on Women.

Bell-Scott was recognized for her scholarship on Black women and women's studies, and Pleck was recognized for his contributions to the study of masculinity, gender, and work and family issues. The awards were made at a ceremony in Cambridge, MA, in May.

Meeting

October 22-25: **Bridging Science and Program**, National Violence Prevention Conference, Des Moines, IA, Convention Center. Conference Tracks: Family and Intimate Violence Prevention, Youth Violence Prevention, Suicide Prevention, and Workplace Violence Prevention. Contact: NCIPC/National Conference Organizers at 404-488-4647; 488-4494 or 488-4279; FAX 404-488-4349.

Meet - a - Member

Robert Reyes Ph.D. joined NCFR in 1993. He earned his doctorate in June from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena with a concentration in marital and family studies. He also holds the M.Div. degree from Fuller and a bachelor's degree from Oral Roberts University.

Reyes joined NCFR "to be part of a professional organization that would be multidisciplinary in its focus, addressing a variety of social, economical, legal, moral, and psychological issues affecting the family today. NCFR explores not only the need for therapeutic or psycho-educational interventions, but also the need to examine the larger methodological and theoretical factors on which those interventions rest. Finally, this organization is interested and open to addressing issues of ethnicity and racial interaction as the color and face of America continues to change."



Reyes

Currently he is a student/new professional representative on a multidisciplinary task force examining the criteria and process by which an honorary fellowship program may be instituted within NCFR. Chair of the task force is Larry Kurdek, Wright State University.

Reyes currently is coordinator and provider of mental health services at

Foothill Community Mental Health Center for the East Valley Network of the Los Angeles County Family Preservation program. He is responsible for evaluating and providing mental health services in English and Spanish to children at risk of placement in foster care. The program is an collaborative effort among different agencies in the East San Gabriel Valley, the Los Angeles County Dept. Of Children and Family Services and the L.A. County Juvenile Probation Dept. He also is an adjunct professor in the Dept. of Psychology and Marriage and Family Therapy at Azusa Pacific University.

Reyes is "interested in further exploring the correlation between the individual's perception of gender identity (i.e., machismo, marianismo) among Latino groups and its impact on marital and/or family interactions."

He also wants "to devote time to the study of acculturation, its measurement and impact on the marital relationship among Central American immigrants, and contribute to the dialogue between psychology and religion."

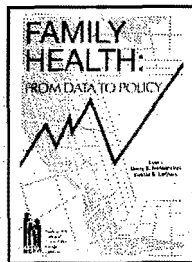
Reyes notes that NCFR "has provided a forum for me to explore a variety of issues affecting the well-being of families in this country. It has been a friendly place where new professionals like me have an opportunity to dialogue with other professionals in the field regarding common interests and future goals."

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S/NP Snippets

Catch the S/NP Conference Activities

The presentations and activities sponsored by Student/New Professionals at the 1995 conference in Portland will offer something for everyone.

The Student Skills Exchange, Wednesday, November 15, from 8 to 9:30 p.m., will focus on skills and information needed for making personal and professional transitions. Dr. Dan Sandifer-Stech will discuss the move from student to professional and strategies to minimize the stress and maximize the success.

In her presentation about interviewing for the position you seek, Dr. Norma Burgess addresses a need that students and professionals may face several times in their careers. For new professionals in an academic setting, Dr. Marilyn Bradbard, will focus on constructing successful tenure credentials.

Being well-informed is part of moving successfully through an academic degree program and succeeding in your chosen position. Students and new professionals may fail to obtain information because they simply do not yet know the questions to ask. Dr. Sandra Stith, who has written several articles about the needs of both students and new professionals, will address some of these issues in the S/NP

Seminar, "From Student to Professional: Skills and Strategies for Long Term Success", on Friday, November 17, from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m.. Her presentation will cover a continuum of topics--from choosing the correct advisor/chair and getting started publishing, to improving your teaching skills and developing your professional network. All these topics are

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of interest to both students and professionals.

The S/NP Development Forum, scheduled for Saturday, November 18, from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m., is a round table which offers an opportunity for dialogue and interaction. You will have the opportunity to visit three round tables for 30 minutes each. Just a few of the topics this year will include course development for new professionals, family careers in cooperative extension, and the challenges

of mid-life students. Please come and share you ideas.

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Family Science Review Seeks New Editor

Family Science Review is seeking a new editor (or co-editors) beginning with the August, 1996, issue. Transition for the new editor would take place prior to that date.

Applicants should be members of NCFR or the Family Science Association. All applications must be submitted by **October 15**. Send a letter and curriculum vitae to Janette Newhouse, Department of

Educational Studies, Box 6958, Radford University, Radford, VA 24142; 703-831-5438; 703-831-6053;
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Conference Comments

Ask the Conference Coordinator...

Why must we meet in such expensive hotels for the conference?

This is a question that we wrestle with every time we select hotels.

NCFR is limited as to the number of hotels where we can hold Annual Conferences because of the enormous number of meeting rooms needed (19 concurrent). Therefore we must meet in larger, more expensive hotels. Sometimes a large city-wide convention meeting in the summer can negotiate lower hotel rates, but NCFR cannot take advantage of this. Here are some of factors that enter into the price of sleeping rooms. In the December *Report* I will talk about the whole site selection process.

◆ **Dates and days of the week.**

Hotels operate according to **The Law of Supply and Demand**. Some seasons are peak (highest occupancy), and sleeping rooms will be higher priced. Facilities will not be willing to make as many concessions if you must meet in their **prime time** - generally September, October, November, April, and May. At those times there are many other events waiting in the wings, and facilities will not be as flexible. On the other hand, if NCFR would be willing to meet in the middle of the winter in the North, during the heat of the summer in the South, or over a holiday period such as Thanksgiving, Christmas, or Easter, the facilities would be more flexible in rates because their business is generally slower.

◆ **The ratio of sleeping rooms to**

meeting room space needed. This is the biggest problem for NCFR. We require all the meeting space of the facility, yet most hotels that have enough meeting rooms have 1,000 or more sleeping rooms. Over 70% of a hotel's gross income comes from sleeping room revenue. NCFR uses 450 sleeping rooms on the peak of the conferences, but all the meeting room space. The hotel cannot fill the remainder of the sleeping rooms with other traffic, so therefore our rates are higher.

◆ **The ratio of meeting rooms to catering functions.** A facility's next top revenue producer is catering. NCFR has few food functions in comparison to the number of meetings and the sleeping rooms used. Therefore our sleeping room prices are higher than for a convention of 40,000 people in the summer in Florida.

◆ **The 1990s have seen a change in the hotel industry.** Hotel occupancy rates are up considerably now, so it is a Hotel market, not a meeting market. Hotels are not as willing to negotiate perks in this new market.

Negotiations can be difficult, but when a contract is mutually satisfying to both parties, it is the beginning of a successful partnership. NCFR has been very fortunate in the past few years. The hotel management has been extremely cooperative in working to see that the NCFR conference is a success.

The Portland Hilton Hotel is just finishing a multi-million dollar

renovation, so we will have a "new" facility when we arrive in November. You will also be pleased with the service at the Hilton. They are anxious to serve you. We are appreciative of their

sponsorship of the Opening Reception on Wednesday, November 15, at 7:00 pm.

Please feel free to call me with any questions. I look forward to seeing many of you in Portland at the Conference.
Cindy Winter, CMP
Conference Coordinator

Contributors

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Member News

NCFR member **Ann Ellwood** was recognized in June as a Twin Cities (MN) Woman of Distinction. The honor is a regular feature carried by MPLS/ST PAUL magazine, a leading regional publication.

Ellwood was honored for her work as director of MELD which she founded in 1973. MELD coordinates support groups for parents during the first two years of their children's lives. Parents attend weekly meetings with other parents of same-aged children. The groups are led by volunteer facilitators of similar backgrounds.

The MELD format has been duplicated 100 times nationwide, including in 65 affiliate programs. Ellwood has been honored nationally and internationally as a visionary in the field of family support, and is considered a pioneer in parent education.

Ellwood retired on July 30.

Future NCFR Conference Dates

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

Program Vice-president: **B. Kay Pasley**, Univ. of NC-Greensboro

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◆ **1996 - November 5-10**
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Annual Conference Vice-president Reflects on Experiences

Many people have asked me what it's like to oversee the planning of a major conference. My typical response has been "It's interesting." Serving as the Vice-president for the 1995 Program has been rewarding, frustrating, and most of all challenging. I want to share some of my reflections on this experience.

One rewarding part of this position has been the opportunity to work with the members of an outstanding program committee. I am indebted beyond measure to the Section chairs who took their responsibilities seriously, secured reviewers who completed their work in a timely fashion, and ultimately acted upon their recommendations. I was in awe of their willingness to make difficult decisions regarding inclusion and exclusion, knowing that it would be impossible to meet everyone's needs and include all those who wanted and deserved to be on the program. At the Board meeting in April, I was pleased to see the careful consideration members gave to important issues and their willingness to continue to meet when we got tired of sitting for hours and were simply ready to be done with it. (We even had a meal brought in and worked through it to finish our task--that's commitment!)

Another rewarding aspect of this responsibility has been working closely with the NCFR staff. Cindy Winter has made my job immeasurably less demanding. She is a wealth of information on organizing meetings and working out the numerous details that need attention--things that in my wildest dreams I would not have considered. Moreover, I have appreciated her eagerness to include me in many decisions that might have been left to her alone. I continue to value highly her responsiveness to my concerns and our on going ability to work as a team. Mary Jo Czaplewski has overseen our efforts and offered helpful counsel throughout the year. She has been quick to include me in decisions around the program that affect the central office and has offered creative solutions to resolve issues. On a personal note, she saw to it that my special needs were met at the April Board meeting when I was on crutches and spent the time with an elevated foot packed on ice.

Another rewarding part of this position has been the opportunity to talk with many, many NCFR members about my vision for the meeting and their prospective proposals. Not only did the program committee take seriously my desire to incorporate unique content and

formats, but many members expressed interest in doing something different. These submissions challenged reviewers and the program committee to think differently about what was possible. We had 535 submissions and struggled to schedule unique formats so that as many proposals could be incorporated as was possible.

Frustrations have stemmed from two sources: (a) trying to meet the diverse needs and interests of our Sections and members within the constraints of time, space, and resources, and (b) underestimating the demands on my time that this work would take. Taking chances is characteristic of my life whether it's changing academic positions and giving up tenure again, or paddling a river where the rapids demanded more skill than I had. Trying to initiate change in the program felt natural because I think about change as an opportunity to grow and learn about myself and others. Others find change more disconcerting and are more hesitant to embrace it. For me the challenge has been to find balance in being responsive to new and creative ideas, (e.g., a change in procedures to accommodate a specific interest group), while trying to maintain some consistency with the past because the past has worked well for NCFR. In the process, I failed to anticipate the nature of this challenge and how best to resolve it, and I found myself trying to work things out as I went along. In other words, there were times when I flew by the seat of my pants--an uncomfortable situation for me.

I have been astounded by the number of phone calls, letters, and E-mail messages I have received from members as proposals were submitted and reviewed. I commented to Cindy and Mary Jo that by the submission date I had counted more than 300 such contacts from members wanting clarification or information. Once the reviews had been completed and the program decisions made, I received another massive number of contacts in response to this. I simply did not expect to hear from so many of you. My challenge was to find ways to deal personally and respectfully with each contact, especially when the contact meant I had less time to get my other work completed. The beauty of this was I learned more about my own issues regarding boundaries and searched for new ways of gaining clarity and resolving the issues. In retrospect this was an important lesson to re-learn.

Now that most of the work is completed, I am quite pleased with the results. In keeping with the theme, "Families: Honoring Our Past, Creating Our Future," new ideas and formats will face attendees in November. However, the best of the past also is reflected in the program. I look forward to seeing each of you there and hearing your thoughts about our efforts to merge the old and the new.

Kay Pasley
1995 Program Vice-president

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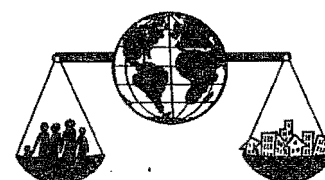
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Families: The Rhetoric of Washington Politics

People ask me what I do as the Washington Representative for NCFR here in Washington. Many think that I just lobby congress people. Actually there is a lot more than that.

In past columns I have told about coalitions I work with in which I try to bring a family focus to the deliberations of the group. When these coalitions do engage in lobbying, I go along with a team from a coalition and present a family outlook on the issue at hand when appropriate. By working with coalitions I am able to take advantage of the excellent work done by individuals or groups of paid legislative staff maintained by such organizations as APA, ASA, Population Council, Consortium of Social Science Associations (COSSA), Children's Defense Fund, unions, and many more specialized groups or organizations.

In addition to coalitions, I attend meetings of allied groups, government-sponsored information groups or meetings that deal with relevant issues. At these meetings, I frequently ask questions and state my affiliation, which brings NCFR to the attention of others. I have reported on some of these and in this article, plan to focus on several I have attended recently.

At all of these meetings I network with others who share similar interests, which brings new information, insights, and contacts.

Emphasis on Families in Washington

As more and more research emerges showing the positive effects on both children and their parents when both parents participate in child rearing, the dialogue and policy debates are beginning to address the issues of how tax policy, public and media discussion, education, welfare, and other social programs can all work to promote strong marriages. Single parent families, as we all know to a large extent, are mother-child families and many are doing an excellent job. It is the fathers who are not only absent, but also missing the positive emotional connection to families. What can be done?

Disconnected Dads: The Family Impact Seminar

The latest Family Impact Seminar focused on Strategies for Promoting Responsible Fatherhood (sponsored by the Ford Foundation). These Seminars offer informative policy oriented sessions to bring findings of research and practice on policy issues to congressional staffers and other interested people in the Washington area. This report summarizes the briefing paper prepared by Theodora Ooms, the director of Family Impact Seminars.

Men are beginning to organize not only as "men," but also as fathers as a way of defining and developing a new masculine role. As work has lost some of its rewards, men recognize that their role in the family is necessary, important, and satisfying. The movement to connect and reconnect men to their families is growing not only among middle class men, but is

also becoming part of welfare policy in some areas.

In general, policy in regard to fathers has focused on their financial responsibility. We all know the dismal figures on the number of "deadbeat" dads. The alarming number of children who will be without a father at some time during their childhood brings concern about the emotional support of fathers as well. The briefing paper for the Seminar pointed out that there is general agreement today that "absent fathers" have the following much larger responsibilities:

The moral and social obligation to avoid fathering a child out-of-wedlock.

The responsibility to establish legal paternity, which is increasingly being required by law.

The legal, moral, and social obligation to pay child support.

The moral and social obligation to develop and maintain a relationship with their children.

The Seminar briefing paper listed four strands within the fatherhood movement:

1. **Fathers' Rights Groups**, focusing on child support and visitation with largely adversarial views toward their children's mothers. This is comprised mainly of the middle class and strong on policy influence.

2. **Programs for Fathers in "Fragile Families,"** consists of mainly low income minority families for whom there have been few programs. Fathers' responsibility to their children's mothers is not yet defined. This program, best exemplified by Charles Ballard of the Institute for Responsible Fatherhood and Family Revitalization in Cleveland (202-789-6376) whom we heard speak. It makes use of intensive one-on-one work with young men to help with education, jobs, and learning how to maintain relationships. This program includes work with incarcerated men. Strong programs exist in the Minneapolis and St. Paul, MN.

3. **Public Information and Education Campaigns about Fatherhood.** Supported by people such as Vice President Gore, these programs are intended to convince men to recommit themselves to their families. Some of these promote attachment to the family, but others especially focus on relationships with children.

4. **Paternal Involvement in Family Service Programs**, encouraging family service agencies to admit that "family" is more than a mother and child. The goal is to involve fathers in family planning, welfare, Head Start, maternal and child health projects, and schools so that they develop an attachment to family.

The Jacobs Institute on Women's Health

The Jacobs Institute has been having a series of breakfasts, sponsored this year by

the Monsanto Company, to bring together "representatives of medical, health, women's and other advocacy groups to discuss the problems and opportunities confronting us as we address the health care needs of all women." A recent breakfast featured "The U.S. Public Health Service; Shaping the Future of Women's Health."

Dr. Ruth Merkatz, director, Office of Women's Health of the Food and Drug Administration, discussed women in clinical trials. From 1977 to 1992 women were included in a few studies, but interestingly enough, women were about 1/3 of the participants in cardiovascular studies and about 2/3 in psychotropic drug studies. In these studies, although women were included, the results were not gender-analyzed. There was no analysis of age, gender, or race, even though 1988 guidelines for drug tests specified that women must be included.

The problem of fetal exposure during drug trials as exemplified in the thalidomide case is always in mind. In the 1990s, with the growing concern about AIDS and recognition of the failure to include women in trials, much more attention was brought to the questions of: What was a representative sample? At what stages of pregnancy was it permissible to do studies?

Women are much less apt to volunteer for participation in drug trials, and the question still remains as to when is an observed difference a real difference? Hormonal studies that have to take into account the menstrual cycle pose real problems in designing proper trials. The new guidelines try to define "reasonable" attention to cycle, fetal exposure, and informed consent. The Office of Women's Health now sees the inclusion of women in clinical trials as a main focus for their mission of learning about all humans.

Dr. Merkatz ended her presentation with a quotation from Shulamith Firestone: "Gender remains the spectacle through which we view the worlds which are unnoticed until they are removed."

Dr. Felicia Stewart, deputy assistant secretary, Office of Population Affairs, spoke on "Family Planning: Looking to the 21st Century." Family planning is now at a turning point, which may affect all health care. The current high unintended pregnancy rate (57% of all pregnancies and 87% among teens) affects all of the society and, for the first time, is being looked at in terms of the effect on the children and the total family. The U.S. has the highest unintended pregnancy rate in the world. Rational and irrational issues in the U.S. reflect changing male-female roles and result in gaps in service provision.

Unintended pregnancy is now the issue, and we should not waste time trying to change intentions; the issue is how to help people realize their intentions. The question of more effective contraception is being researched, since four million couples are using "nothing" at any one time. Dr. Stewart presented an arresting slide which estimated that worldwide,

there were 720 trillion active sperm per second! To cope with this, there are now 14 approved methods in the U.S., but many are being attacked and many are not commercially profitable. Other countries are offering "emergency contraception" which in some places consists of extra doses of ordinary pills. Emergency contraceptives may be as much as 75% effective and should reduce unintended pregnancy by about one half.

Dr. Stewart praised Medicaid as one of the best medical services for contraception, and faulted HMOs because she said only 40% provide comprehensive coverage. Most insurance plans do not cover contraceptives and could save a great deal by providing it as opposed to paying for surgical sterilization and births. She also faulted HMOs for not pushing prevention, but said that people are remaining only an average of 14 months with any one company, and the HMO has no incentive to provide preventive services. She said some issues lie outside the profit motive, but these are not being considered.

The recent U.N. meeting in Cairo on Population featured the linkage of reproductive health to the economic health of all—equity in education and an improved quality of life. Dr. Stewart concluded, "We need a new metaphor for our efforts; not war, not market, but perhaps ecology."

A new book, "The Best Intentions: Unintended Pregnancy and the Well-Being of Children and Families," is available from the Institute for Medicine for \$45 plus \$4 shipping. Call 1-800-624-6267.

Population Council

"From Cairo to Beijing—Families on the Front Line" is the title for an upcoming panel discussion featuring a new publication from the Population Council: "Families in Focus: New Perspectives on Mothers, Fathers and Children." It sounds like a follow up to the above discussion. I will let you know how you can get the publication.

Congressional Action

It is difficult to predict what will still be the relevant issues by the time this article gets to you. We may know whether welfare, Medicaid, food stamps, and other social programs have been block granted to the states. Read our ACTION ALERT to be reminded of the implications of this.

New threats to "making work pay" are proposals to lower the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) which was originally needed to compensate low income workers from the regressive FICA tax on their first dollar. One argument is that as the EITC gets high enough, it becomes a marriage penalty. To encourage work, the Credit is scaled so that the more you work up to a given amount, the more subsidies you get. After this level, as you earn more it shades off so that there is no subsidy as

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Peace Train Leaves for Beijing, China

(Editor's note: The following article was submitted by Heather Cummings, Orono, MN, who will be taking the Peace Train to Beijing, China in August.)

Imagine preparing for a 22-day train trip through Eastern Europe and Asia with 250 women from 42 countries, including Brazil, France, Jordan, Kenya, and Sri Lanka.

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Twenty Minnesota women are packing their bags, heading to the travel clinics for shots, buying mosquito netting and loose, cool clothing for the adventure of a lifetime on the Peace Train.

Departing August 7, from Helsinki, Finland, they head to Beijing, China, and the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women.

Stopping in eight cities: St. Petersburg, Russia; Kiev, Ukraine; Bucharest, Romania; Sofia, Bulgaria; Istanbul, Turkey; Odessa, Ukraine; Alma Ata, Kazakhstan; and Urumchi, China, the women have a hefty agenda to accomplish while aboard. Fulfilling an 80-year mission of their sponsoring organization, the Women's International League of Peace and Freedom (WILPF), the women will be crossing borders to connect with their sisters in Eastern Europe and Asia.

Along the way, they will learn more about the aftermath of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster, peace issues around the Black Sea, poverty and prostitution in Romania, the effect of the Soviet transition on women's lives, and the war in the former Yugoslavia.

At each stop, travelers and their hosts

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you reach an ordinary wage. If two workers, each getting the maximum credit, should marry, their combined income puts them into the lower subsidy category--or possibly no subsidy, thus constituting a marriage penalty.

Data show that some families in this situation will decide to have one partner stay home with the children and accept the higher subsidy to compensate. Proponents say this is a good thing for a family, but it does not lower the cost to the government, which is the concern of those wanting to cut the program.

For high income two worker families there is also interest in eliminating the marriage penalty. The budget only allows \$10 billion for this so that the maximum return to married partners under proposed changes would be \$145 per couple. The concern is to eliminate the penalty, but not create a bonus.

Women's Conference in Beijing

We are looking forward to the 4th World Conference of Women in Beijing, but have been dismayed by some of the controversies which have emerged in the papers. I have mentioned the controversy about the word "gender." Finally, it has come out directly in the **Washington Times** (July 13, 1995). In an editorial they state that "Conservative American

will discuss the World Conference on Women's draft **Platform for Action**. Eastern European and Asian women unable to attend the conference will comment on the platform's eleven critical areas of concern--poverty, education, health, violence, armed and other conflicts, economic disparity, politics, national and international institutions, human rights, mass media, and environment and development. Peace train travelers, in turn, will bring their concerns to Beijing and lobby for their inclusion into the final conference document.

As part of preparations for the Peace Train, a delegation of Tibetan women and men shared their concerns for women in their home country with the Minnesotans traveling on the train. Officially denied representation at the Women's Conference as a delegation of their own, the interests of Tibetan women will be subsumed under the Chinese women's conference delegation.

Thus, the activities of American Tibetan women and those sympathetic from around the world will be essential to ensuring that the voices of Tibetan women are heard. Critical issues for Tibetans included forced sterilization and abortion, prison rape, and inferior education.

According to the International Committee of Lawyers, the most disturbing reports of Chinese abuses include "blitz" campaigns of mobile family planning teams which have gone into remote villages in Tibet and carried out abortions and sterilizations of virtually every women of childbearing age--regardless of the number of children, age or health.

In an emotional ceremony at a bon voyage party for those traveling to the

Women's groups have complained that a radical agenda is being written into the document, which bespeaks of the rights of the various five 'genders'--to wit, homosexuals, bisexuals, and transsexuals, as well as males and females." Nowhere in the document is this even remotely suggested. And it is not only "Conservative American Women" who are distorting the meaning of the word "gender." It is people from the countries of Malta, the Vatican, Guatemala, Benin, and Honduras who have led the attack.

Speaking of Men

And finally, a quote from the Preparatory Conference in Vienna Report of a UN Conference on Changing the Role of Men convened by the Nordic Women's Peace Network. "A question that was asked was: Can we afford men? Men are not cost effective. The masculine culture is expensive with all its negative consequences and its needs for repair strategies instead of damage prevention. The costs include those of militarism, weapons production and sales, pollution, trafficking in women and children, narcotics,....and violent behavior in general that creates anxiety and damage." NCFR's Men's Roles preconference of last year lit the spark. This is an issue needing further discussion and study by our colleagues in the family field.

Margaret Feldman
NCFR Washington representative

conference, the delegation of Tibetan Minnesotans presented women traveling on the Peace Train with white scarves as symbols of good luck. Following the presentation, two women and two men performed a traditional dance accompanied with song to bless the trip. The display of cross-cultural connections touched the emotions of the audience.

Professor Seeks Position

Rudolph Richter, professor at the University of Vienna, Department of Sociology, is looking for a visiting lectureship in the U.S. between summer 1996 and January, 1997. He is specializing in family (children, youth), lifestyles and interpretative sociology.

If you are interested in further information please write or fax to: Prof. Dr. Rudolf Richter, Institut of Sociology, University of Vienna, Neutorgasse 12/9, A-1013 Wien
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Minnesotans will also share gifts with the women they meet. WILPF member Diane Knutz will carry along ten quilts from blocks made by school children in the Twin Cities. Director Carolyn Keefe will present one quilt to each organization visited on behalf of Minnesotans. Sally Shannon and Sally Flax requested donations from pharmaceutical companies, and will carry along more than 1800 condoms to be distributed enroute. In addition to bringing balloons as gifts for children, the delegation will take along aspirin earmarked for youngsters.

"One of the purposes of the WILPF Peace Train is to call attention to the role of women in the peace process," says Keefe. "We often think of war and militarism as the domain of men--but it is women and children who make up the majority of the world's refugees and of those killed by war and harmed by violence in our communities."

Keefe expects that the Peace Train will demonstrate that women are not just victims, but the solution to global violence.

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New Editor

Roderick Phillips, professor of history at Carleton University in Ottawa, ONT, Canada, is the new editor of **Journal of Family History**. Sage Publications begins publishing the journal in January, 1996.

The Journal previously was owned by NCFR and published by JAI Press.

He earned his bachelor's degree from Trent University in Canada in 1971, his master's degree from the University of Otago in New Zealand in 1972, and his D. Phil. from Oxford University in 1975. Before joining Carleton University in 1989, he taught at other universities in Canada and New Zealand. He is the organizer of the Carleton Conferences on the History of the Family.

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Sokalski Appointed to New U.N. Post

Henryk Sokalski, the United Nations official who was a keynote speaker at last year's NCFR International Year of the Family Workshop, has been appointed Chief of Mission of the UN Preventive Deployment Force in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. Sokalski was planning to retire when the appointment was made by Secretary-General Boutros-Boutros Ghali.



Sokalski

In informing NCFR of his new position, Sokalski expressed his sincere appreciation for the contributions that NCFR made in supporting social development of the family worldwide through many activities during the International Year of the Family (1994), and for its historically long time commitment to family science and service.

Sokalski stressed that in his new position he will be in need of support and partners more than ever before: The major project in the Republic of Macedonia is the first effort at "preventive diplomacy." This diplomacy is a type of social integration, as conceived and elaborated by the recent World Summit for Social Development held in Copenhagen. Sokalski is looking to organizations like NCFR to collaborate in joint innovative and model projects.

Sokalski's new address is Assistant Secretary-General, Chief of Mission, UNPREDEP, Ilindenska Str. Bb, 91000-Skopje, Macedonia; (389-91) 361-168 telephone; (389-91) 3363-113 FAX.

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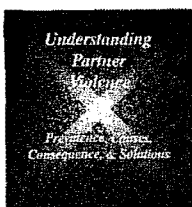
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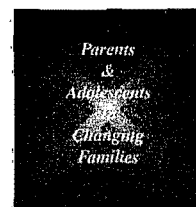
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Section News

Join Sections at Conference Events



The Family and Health Section

officers express appreciation to the 65 Section members who submitted abstracts for the 1995 NCFR annual conference. Based on the recommendations of 23 reviewers, the Section will sponsor 15 papers, 24 posters, two symposia, 1 focus group, 1 teaching round table, and 4 round tables during the conference.

The Section newsletter includes two important items: a membership survey and a ballot on by-law changes. The purpose of the survey is to elicit information from Section members on their current interest and hopes for the Section. Section members will be polled on areas of interest and expertise and Section activities that you benefit from, support and/or would like to be involved in or see developed. We are also interested in the family and health care issues that Section members believe should be considered over the next 3 to 5 years.

This information facilitates planning of Section activities and program development for the annual conference. The information will also be used for recommending Section members for committees and activities within the Section and NCFR. Section members are urged to complete and return the survey to: Marilyn McCubbin, Ph.D., RN, University of WI-Madison, School of Nursing, K6/248 Clinical Science Center, 600 Highland Avenue, Madison, WI 53792-2455.

The newsletter will also include the by-law changes approved at the last business meeting. Voting instructions will be included in the next Section newsletter.

In the fall, the student/new professional award committee will be busy selecting two student/new professional awards for the best paper and the best poster accepted for presentation at the annual conference. Other activities include developing an election slate for new officers and making plans for the 1996 annual conference. Section members are urged to either self-nominate or nominate others for an elected Section position. These elected positions include the chair, vice-chair, treasurer/secretary and student/new professional representative.

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Congratulations to our recently elected Section officers who will guide the **Feminism and Family Studies Section** for the 1995-1997 term: Leigh Leslie, chair; Beth Norrell, vice-chair; Shelley MacDermid, secretary/treasurer; Carmen

Knudson-Martin, newsletter editor; Kate Conway-Turner and Karen Wilcox, student/new professional representatives. We look forward to your leadership over the next two years.

I have heard from many Section members lately, a good sign that people are gearing up for the 1995 NCFR annual conference. Recently, NCFR mailed information regarding the conference, to be held in Portland November 14-19. I hope you've had a chance to peruse the program schedule and note some key events for FFS Section members.

Mark your calendars for our business meeting on Thursday, November 16 from 9 to 10:30 p.m. We will host a reception at the beginning of this meeting, which will be a great time to meet new members and visit with old friends. This will also be a time to thank the 1993-95 Executive Committee and welcome newly elected officers for 1995-97.

Back by popular demand are the Teaching Round Tables, organized by Donna Sollie, "Tales from Feminist Teachers: Sharing Experiences and Techniques," scheduled for Wednesday, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The Feminist Teaching Round Tables are co-sponsored by the student/new professionals, and the Ethnic Minorities and Education and Enrichment Sections, and include sessions by Scott Coltrane; David Demo; Margie Geasler; Phyllis Greenberg and Karen Wilcox; Suzanne Smith; Alne Humble; Margie Kiter; Pam Lerner and Jacki Fitzpatrick; Leigh Leslie; Hilary Rose; Norma Burgess; Maureen Perry-Jenkins; and Sharon Dwyer. Participants will have their choice of three round tables to attend (for 30 minutes each) in the 90 minute session.

We have two exciting paper sessions planned: The first is scheduled for Thursday, November 16, 8:30 to 10 a.m., and is entitled "Mothers, Fathers, and Co-parents in Diverse Family Contexts" and includes papers on parenting, step-parenting, and co-parenting relationships. Helen Mederer will be the discussant for this session. The second, co-sponsored with Religion and Family Life Section, is scheduled for Saturday, November 18, from 3:45 to 5:15 p.m. and is entitled "Feminist Investigations of Women's Vulnerability and Survival," and includes empirical and critical science investigations of homeless mothers, battered women, and women's experiences within diverse religious contexts. Karen Blaisure will be the discussant for this session.

We are also sponsoring several symposia: "Family Care of the Elderly: The Role of Caregiver Gender Revisited" is scheduled for Wednesday, November 15 from 2:45 to 4:15 p.m.; "Interpreting Qualitative Data" (co-sponsored with Research and Theory Section) is scheduled for Thursday from 5:30 to 7 p.m.; "International Perspectives on Gender and Families" (co-sponsored with International Section) is scheduled for Friday, November 17 from 8:30 to 10 a.m.; and "Professional Issues for Gays and Lesbians in Family Studies: A Life Course

Perspective" (co-sponsored with Students/New Professionals) is scheduled for Saturday, November 18, from 8:30 to 10 a.m.

Plans are coming along for the sale of the feminist greeting cards, designed by our Secretary/Treasurer and Endowment Fund Committee Chair, Margaret Crosbie-Burnett, and members of the Endowment Committee. A pack of five cards, each with a different design and message from a feminist author, will sell for a donation of \$10 a pack. The profits from the sale of the cards will benefit the Jessie Bernard Endowment Fund, which is used for the \$500 annual Section award given each year to a Student/New Professional: the "Outstanding Research Proposal from a Feminist Perspective." PLEASE bring your checkbook and support this important fundraising activity by purchasing cards at the meeting.

Beginning at the 3:15 p.m. session on Friday, November 17, we will recognize the recipients of our two Section awards: the "Outstanding Research Proposal from a Feminist Perspective" and the "Outstanding Contribution to Feminist Scholarship Award." Following the presentations of these honors, Alexis Walker will give her Presidential Address. Later that evening, beginning at 8 p.m., the conference is sponsoring a Mini Pow-wow. These are among the many exciting

events planned for the conference, and we hope to see all of you there!

Just a reminder that the next deadline for material for the October issue of the Feminism and Family Studies Section Newsletter is September 15, 1995. Look for more Recorder summaries of 1994 paper sessions in the October issue, as well as more information about the 1995 annual conference. Send your materials to our Newsletter Editor, Vicki Loyer-Carlson, Family Wellness Center, 2424 E. Broadway Blvd, Suite 202, Tucson, AZ 85719; 602-624-2448 FAX & phone; email: VLOYER@CCIT.ARIZONA.EDU

Enjoy the rest of the summer, and let me know if you have questions about the conference or if you want to volunteer to help with Section activities. Thanks for your support and assistance!

Katherine R. Allen

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The conference format will include hour-long symposia, half-hour papers, and two to four-hour workshops. Indicate your format and time preference with your proposal.

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As most of you know, Bob Milardo is the new editor of **Journal of Marriage and the Family**, and needed to resign as chair of the **Research and Theory Section** last November in Baltimore. At the Section meeting it was decided I would serve out the term as chair. Bob left our Section in great shape, and the transition to an interim chair has been smooth.

I have spent most of my effort on the 1995 program for the annual conference in Portland. The participation has been great, and I believe the program will be excellent. There were 112 submissions to the Section. Each abstract was reviewed blindly by three reviewers. A total of 49 reviewers participated in the evaluation process this year.

In terms of format, our Section will sponsor 5 round table presentations, 41 poster presentations, 8 symposia, and 7 paper sessions. Three papers will be presented in each paper session and a discussant will follow-up with integrating comments. You will notice in the program that the discussants who have agreed to present are established and esteemed scholars in their respective areas of inquiry. I want to thank everyone for all their contributions. It made my job easy.

The last bit of program news I want to inform you about is the invited symposium with Dr. John Gottman. He will deliver the Burgess Address on Thursday, and then on Friday morning our Section will sponsor a symposium on his work. Gottman will present for about 20 minutes, detailing one of his new ideas. This will be followed with comments by Dr. Cathy Surra and Dr. Larry Kurdek. The session will conclude with about 20 minutes of audience discussion. I am looking forward to this special session and want to thank those involved for their willingness to share their ideas with us. Hope to see you in Portland.

Cheryl Buehler
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Focus Groups



The **Peace Focus Group**, sponsored by the **Education and Enrichment Section**, will meet on Saturday, November 18 from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Though a small amount of business will be conducted, the primary activity for this time period will be a panel discussion entitled "Legacies of Peace: Reflections on Family Life in Historic Peace Church Homes." Projected panel participants are Harriette McAdoo, Ron Pitzer, Bradley Yoder, Karen Myers-Bowman, and Judy Myers-Wall.

Insights on the ways such an environment influenced sibling, parent-child, spousal and other relationships will be given. Despite the early hour, a lively and well attended session is a goal. Come join in!

Deb Gentry

1996 Conference Targets Family Politics

NCFR members should plan now to attend the 1996 annual conference in Kansas City, MO, November 9-13. The meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency Crown Center Hotel.

The theme is "Families in Political Context." Traditionally, families have been considered a private, not a public, matter. Increasingly, however, the topic of families has entered into political discourse and is being used by liberals, conservatives, and others to justify certain courses of action.

The issue of family/government responsibilities and relationships loom large around issues such as domestic abuse, abortion, child care, health care, work, the minimum wage, etc.--pervading many domains of public policy: health education, welfare, housing.

How can we as family professionals and scholars better understand the politicalization of the topic and its contributing factors? What does it mean for our teaching, practice, and research? What role can we or should we as family scientists and scholars play in this process? Are we even aware of the political contexts in which we, as family scholars and practitioners, work and of its implications for the families with whom or on whose behalf we work?

Speakers for the conference include Theodore Lipsett, James Mason University, VA; Theda Skocpol, Harvard University; and Naomi Tutu (daughter of Desmond Tutu), University of CT.

The 1996 Call for Abstracts will be included in registration packets at the conference and sent to all active NC

members with their December, 1995, REPORT issues. If you are interested in presenting a pre- or post-conference workshop, please submit your idea to the appropriate Section chair by **November 1, 1995**. Section chairs will discuss the submissions during the annual conference in Portland..

Given that the 1996 conference follows the presidential election on November 7, the conference theme is especially timely. Watch for details on speakers and topics in future REPORT issues.

Shirley Zimmerman
1996 Program Vice-president

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New Officers Elected

Anne Stanberry Ph.D. CFLE, a part-time professor in the Child Development and Family Studies Department, School of Family and Consumer Sciences, at the University of Southern MS, Hattiesburg, is the Association of Councils president-elect for 1995-96. She will serve as president in 1996-97.

Association of Councils officers are elected by the presidents of the state and regional councils. The election was conducted in July.

She is president of the MS Council on Family Relations, and has served NCFR on the Membership committee, CFLE Focus Group, and New Publications committee. She is a member of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, American Orthopsychiatric Association, Southern Early Childhood Association, MS Academy of Sciences, and Kappa Omicron Nu.

In her platform, Stanberry noted she "will be a team member: Working with the president in planning the AC budget, translating AC goals into action, following up on the AC Planning Survey distributed to affiliate officers this year, proposing a workshop session at the annual conference in which affiliate officers can hone leadership skills helpful in affiliate work...and continuing to build bridges between affiliate groups and the national headquarters through listening and responding."

Elected Program Chair for 1995-96 was **J. Phillip Stanberry Ph.D.**, an associate professor and director of Clinical Training in Family Therapy at the University of Southern MS. He is a member of NCFR's Membership committee, and is the first vice-president



A. Stanberry



P. Stanberry



Rubin

and secretary of the MS Council on Family Relations.

In his platform, Stanberry noted he proposes "planned dialogue between affiliate leaders designed to evoke mutual appreciation and understanding of the rich, cultural diversity of the many geographical areas of NCFR."

Roger Rubin Ph.D. was elected secretary/treasurer for 1995-96. He is an associate professor of Family Studies and director of the Family Research Center at the University of MD-College Park. He is past president of the DC Council on Family Relations, and has served NCFR as Public Policy vice-president, and as a member of the Public Policy, Publications, Membership, and Student Award committees. He also has been chair of the Task Force on Income Maintenance and the Regional Planning commission.

Rubin's platform he noted that "the grassroots membership must be the heart and foundation of our organization. Officers must represent and serve the needs of members as well as activate the membership."

Association of Councils Offers Many Sessions

The annual conference is being finalized and promises to be an exciting event in a beautiful location. I hope you will be able to come to Portland in November and participate in sessions sponsored or co-sponsored by the Association of Councils



Touliatos

and take part in other activities planned by Kay Pasley and the NCFR program committee. Although you will be receiving a copy of the complete program, here are some of the sessions in which AC will be involved.

Tuesday, November 14

6-9 p.m. Military Family Workshop and Military Family Life Council Business Meeting

Wednesday, November 15

8 a.m.-1 p.m. Public Policy Advanced Skills Workshop (Public Policy Section)

12-1 p.m. AC Executive Board Meeting

1:45-2:45 p.m. AC Public Policy Workshop (Feldman)

Thursday, November 16

1:45-2:45 p.m. Round Tables: Perceptions of the Association of Councils (Touliatos), Military Family Adaptations (Bowen)

3-4 p.m. RUP: Strengths and Resiliency of Black Families (McBride Murray)

Friday, November 17

8:30-10 a.m. RUP: Families in Later Life (Schmall)

12:45-1:45 p.m. Round Tables: Roles and Responsibilities of Association of Councils Officers (Blume, Steele), Working with Boards of Directors (Czaplewski), Supporting the Employment Needs (Orthner)

5-6 p.m. AC Business Meeting

6-7:45 p.m. AC Information Fair/Mixer

Saturday, November 18

2-3:30 p.m. RUP: Family Life Education (Arcus)

7:30-8:30 p.m. Meeting of AC Incoming and Outgoing Officers

I especially encourage you to attend the AC Business Meeting and the Information Fair and Mixer that follows. Affiliate presidents, presidents-elect, or designated representatives are invited. At the business meeting, we will be discussing a number of issues that are important to AC's future. For the Information Fair/Mixer, we ask that you bring recent copies of your newsletter, flyers announcing programs, materials describing fundraising events and other projects, etc. We want to share materials, learn about what councils are doing for families, and get to know each other.

Finally, I hope you will respond to my correspondence requesting input on perceptions and future directions of AC. It is not too late. I will present my findings at the meeting. See you in November.

John Touliatos
Association of Councils President

State, Regional, Provincial AC Leaders Invited to Special Sessions

Are you coming to the Annual Meeting in Portland? Will you be representing your state/regional/provincial council? We would love to have all presidents of the affiliates in attendance, but we realize that is not always possible. If the president can't come, we would encourage another officer and/or any other committed members to represent your affiliate at the Association of Councils Business Meeting and other AC events. Please come and make sure your council is heard in Portland!

As Program Chair for the Association

of Councils, I have the job of making sure that the annual conference provides information and resources for the Affiliates that will help strengthen their organizations. I also hope to build a sense of unity and connection between the national organization and its smaller constituent units. The AC contributions to the 1995 conference have those goals in mind.

AC Sessions at the Conference

The Association of Councils will sponsor three round tables during the

conference. The first will be on Thursday, November 16, at 1:45. John Touliatos will report on "Perceptions of the Association of Councils," based on his recent survey of affiliate officers. The second and third round tables will be on Friday, November 17, at 12:45. Mary Jo Czaplewski, executive director of NCFR, will lead a discussion about "Working with Boards of Directors." At the same time, Libby Blume and Connie Steele, both former state affiliate presidents and current or former Association of Councils officers, will discuss "Roles and Responsibilities of Affiliated Councils Officers." We hope

you will find these offerings stimulating and helpful.

The other major event planned for AC representatives is the Association of Councils Business Meeting and Information Fair. It will be from 5 until 7:45 p.m. on Friday, November 17. This is not just a boring reading of minutes and obligatory reports. This is a chance to meet others who are facing the same challenges and tasks as you, to share your

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success stories, and to get ideas for tackling problems you have not been able to solve. In preparation for this session, please bring at least one sample of your newsletter, a program from your last annual meeting, and a flyer describing your council. Additional sharing will take place at the session.

Co-sponsored Events

In addition to the sponsored events listed above, the Association of Councils is co-sponsoring several events at the conference. First, we are co-sponsoring a preconference workshop on public policy (Wednesday, November 15) and the preconference Military Families Workshop (Tuesday, November 14). Also on Wednesday, we are co-sponsoring a Public Policy Workshop with Margaret Feldman focusing on use of "Electronic Mail in Monitoring Family Legislation" from 1:45 to 2:45 p.m. Finally, the Association of Councils helps to sponsor the Research Updates for Practitioners each year. There will be three of them in Portland.

Bringing the NCFR Conference Home

I imagine many of you wonder what difference it makes to you what the national conference will include. If you can't attend, why should you care? The Association of Councils exists in order to provide that link. We want you to care, and we want you to know that NCFR cares about your council.

There are several contributions the conference can make to your council. First, you could send a representative who could meet with other council representatives and bring back ideas that would be helpful to you. That idea was addressed above. Second, you could use the conference theme, materials, and information to help you plan your own annual meetings. Let me say more about this second idea.

Borrow or purchase videotaped copies of the plenaries or RUPS for showing in your state. Major sessions are videotaped at NCFR. Many of these presentations are on significant issues in the family field. Consider using these tapes at a council meeting. It's the next best thing to being there!

Use the NCFR Annual Conference theme as the theme for your workshops or annual meetings. After NCFR has developed the ideas and members have presented papers related to the theme, your job in planning your meeting could be simpler. This type of coordination also could bring the local and national councils into closer contact. As you know, this year's theme is "Families: Honoring Our Past, Creating Our Future." The theme for 1996 will be "Families in Political Context." For more information about the 1996 program, see the related article on page..... Shirley Zimmerman is the 1996 Program Vice-President.

Use the program of the NCFR conference to get ideas for speakers. Some of the top academics in the family field speak at the NCFR conference, as plenary speakers, in RUPS, in symposia, and in

poster sessions. Many people in your council's area may be active in NCFR, but you may not know them. Look at the program and find the rich resources available to you. Ask your council's representative(s) to preview certain sessions or posters to see if you want to follow up.

Continue to watch the **Affiliate Connection** for more ideas about using NCFR resources to strengthen your council. After the meeting, we will have reports about how you could use tapes and other resources. Do you have any ideas of your own that I have not addressed? Send them to me. I would love to hear them!

Judith Myers-Walls
AC Program Chair

BRITISH COLUMBIA

As the use of the **BC Council for the Family's** Resource Center has been mushrooming, a committee has been struck to review policy and procedure around use of the Center. A first step has been the development of a philosophy statement:

The B.C. Council for the Family established the Resource Center as one means of realizing its mission to strengthen, encourage, and support families through education, information, research and advocacy. As a provincially based organization, this is one of the best ways we can provide service to the entire province.

The Resource Center is a permanent, specialized collection of resources relating to topics of concern to families across the life cycle. The collection focuses primarily on enrichment and primary prevention as well as current trends and issues.

The Resource Center is designed to primarily serve members of the organization, professionals in the field, students and staff. Resources are purchased with this audience in mind. Members of the media and the general public are also encouraged to use the Resource Center.

Materials are available for loan to members only and may be mailed across Canada. Non-members are welcome to use resources in-house only. Bibliographies of some topics are available to be mailed out in response to general inquiries. Phone inquiries for more specific requests will be addressed within one week by the receptionist, librarian, or program staff. Wherever possible, requests outside the mandate of the Resource Center are met with a referral to another resource center.

The Council held its Annual General Meeting in June. If anyone would like a copy of the 1994-5 Annual Report, please contact the B.C. Council for the Family; #204-2590 Granville Street; Vancouver, B.C.; V6H 3H1; (604)660-0675.

Carol Matusicky
Executive Director

KANSAS

Kansas Council on Family Relations, in a joint effort with the Kansas Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, presented a workshop on "Collaborative Team Skills". The presenter was Dr. Sherod Miller of Interpersonal Communications Programs, Inc., Littleton, CO. It involved valuable

training in such programs as team building, staff development, and self-directed work teams.

September 27-29, 1995, KCFR will again be a joint sponsor of the National Rural Families Conference at Kansas State University, and will hold their annual meeting and election of officers at that time.

In order to promote the Certified Family Life Educator program, KCFR offers two scholarships a year to help a student or person new to family life education with the application cost. This year a scholarship was given to Dr. Minakshi Tikoo, who has just finished her PhD at Kansas State University. Her application was approved in the last review.

Jim Pettit
President

MISSISSIPPI

The **Mississippi Council on Family Relations** used the NCFR display to promote NCFR and MCFR at the annual meeting of the Mississippi Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. John and Emily Visser spoke to the group on Stepfamilies, a topic relevant to current and potential NCFR/MCFR members.

Tammy Miller-White and her planning committee are working hard on the fall conference entitled "Influences on Mississippi Families Across the Lifespan". The keynote address will be "Advocating for Mississippi Families". Others will discuss influences on children, families, and the elderly such as gaming, violence, economics, and cultural insensitivity.

Anne M. Stanberry, PhD, CFLE, CFCS
President

NORTH TEXAS

The **North Texas Student Council on Family Relations** recently elected new officers. Congratulations to Jennifer Cox, president; Wileen Hogan, vice-president of programs; Abby Holt, vice-president of membership; Gina Spradling, vice-president of publications; Shannon Locke, treasurer; Shannon O'Malley, secretary; and Lea Ann Watson, volunteer coordinator.

The officers and members are busy working on their second Annual State Conference, "Promoting Positive Individual and Family Relationships." The conference will be held at the University of North Texas on November 4.

SOUTHEASTERN

The largest attendance in many years and interaction with presenters from across the U.S. marked the **Southeastern Council on Family Relations' Atlanta Families Conference '95**. More than 60 presenters from such scattered points as New York, Chicago, Miami, and California focused on the theme of "Parenting Today: What Works and What's Needed" and other topics. Total attendance at the February 23-25 meeting topped 175.

Keynoting the conference was Kenneth V. Hardy, Ph.D., of Syracuse University. He delivered what attendees described as a "thoughtful and thought-provoking" keynote address entitled

"Against the Odds: Parenting and the Dynamics of Race, Class, and Gender." Other featured presenters included Dorothy S. Becvar, Ph.D., and Raphael J. Becvar, Ph.D. (St. Louis), on Aesthetics of Parenting, and Charles R. Figley, Ph.D. (Florida State University), on "Compassion Fatigue: The High Cost of Helping the Suffering." Lynda H. Walters, Ph.D. (University of Georgia), a former president of the National Council on Family Relations, moderated a panel on summary and directions for the future ("What works and what's needed").

A special feature was a community forum at the Carter Collaboration Center-The Atlanta Project (TAP) on Atlanta parenting needs, programs, and resources. Moderators were Suzanne Begin, CFLE, TAP Parenting Manager, and the co-chairs of the Atlanta Families Conference '95--William C. Nichols, Ed.D., consultant and marital and family therapist and former NCFR president, and Mary Anne Pace-Nichols, Ph.D., human development specialist at the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service and marital and family therapist.

Mary W. Hicks, Ph.D. (Florida State University) was awarded the SCFR's award for distinguished service to families. Hicks has been at Florida State University since 1973 and previously taught at another southeastern region university, Virginia Tech. The award was presented by Lynda Walters Ph.D. and James Walters, Ph.D., the 1994 recipients and former NCFR presidents.

Norma Burgess, Ph.D., president of the SCFR, presided over the annual business meeting. During the conference, she turned over the gavel to Don Bower, DPA (The University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service), as the incoming SCFR president.

TAIWAN

Taiwan Council on Family Relations in Taipei has invited Mary Jo Czaplewski, NCFR executive director, to attend and keynote its affiliate meeting.

She will make her visit as part of her travels to the U.N. 4th World Conference on Women. Czaplewski will be in Taiwan August 16-19. During the course of the two day conference, she will lead discussions on Family Policy, Family Life Education and the Certification process, and on NCFR's role and function at the Conference on Women in Beijing. She will also tour the International Family Life Education Center, directed by Lee Shih Wu CFLE.

Approximately 100 professionals are expected to attend this conference. Wu has been instrumental in translating the NCFR CFLE materials and other products into Chinese.

Meeting

March 16-19, 1996: **Aging in Transition: Conflict and Coalition** 42nd annual meeting of the American Society on Aging, Disneyland Hotel, Anaheim, CA. Contact ASA, 833 Market St., Suite 511, San Francisco, CA 94103-1824; 415-974-9600; FAX 415-974-0300.