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Candidates Submit Platforms

Here are the biographical sketches for candidates for office in NCFR. In addition to races for national offices and the national nominating committee, elections are being held by the following Sections: Education and Enrichment, Ethnic Minorities, Family and Health, Family Science, Family Therapy, and Research and Theory.

Photos are included where candidates have submitted them.

Biographical data includes:

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

Ballots will be sent by April 1, 1996, to all NCFR members with active membership status at that time. If you are not an ACTIVE member, you are not eligible to vote. If you have any questions about your membership status, please call Kathy at 612-781-9331, extension 21.

All ballots must be RETURNED TO NCFR HEADQUARTERS WITH POSTMARKS NO LATER THAN MAY 1, 1996.

Members are also reminded that nominations for the 1997 election will be open beginning in June. Information on the positions open for election and a nominations form will be printed in the June issue of REPORT. Nominations will be taken until September, 1996, for the 1997 election.

National President-elect



Fox

Greer Litton Fox, Ph.D.

1) Professor of Family Studies, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN. 2) Professor of Sociology and Associate Director of the Merrill-Palmer Research Institute at Wayne State University, Detroit, MI. 3) NCFR Program Vice-president (1994); Board of Directors (1992-94); Secretary, Board of Directors (1987-89); Member-at-large, Board of Directors (1979-81); *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, Editor Search Committee (1993-94); Research and Theory Section, Vice-chair (1982-83, 1987-89); Theory-Methods Workshop, Chair (1989-90); Transition Committee, Chair (1982); By-laws Committee (1984); Long-range Planning Committee, Chair (1987-89); Editorial Board, *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, (1981-86, 1992-present); Editorial Board, *Journal of Family Issues*, (1989-present). 4) Population Association of America; American Sociological Association; Sociologists for Women in Society; Groves conference on Marriage and the Family; Southern Sociological Society. 5) Among professional organizations NCFR is unique in its organizational reach from local affiliates to international participation, in its disciplinary diversity and energy, and in the range of



Lee

Gary R. Lee, Ph.D.

professional applications of our common focus on families. As President, I would try to 1) strengthen the interconnectedness among the many separate parts of our organization, 2) foster the independent Section interests and activities that have been so vital to the flourishing of NCFR, 3) enhance both the structural and social diversity of voices involved in internal organizational leadership and decision-making and 4) expand our vision of where our needs and interests lie.

1) Director, Sanford Center for Aging, University of Nevada, Reno, NV. 2) Professor of Sociology, University of Florida. 3) Chair, International Section; Chair, Publications Committee; Board of Directors; Reuben Hill Award Committee; Osborne Award recipient; Associate Editor, *Journal of Marriage and the Family*. 4) American Sociological Association; Gerontological Society of America; Rural Sociological Society. 5) NCFR is a strong and active organization. Perhaps our most pressing problem at the moment is membership. We lose too many newer members after only a year or two. We need to ensure that student and new professional members become actively involved in the life of the organization, with central roles in our annual conferences and the operation of our journals, to increase their investment in NCFR. We must also make an effort to recruit members from all academic disciplines that deal with families, to both maximize membership and increase the intellectual diversity of the organization.

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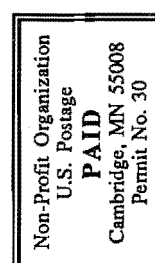
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President's Report

A Busy Agenda in 1996

So far 1996 has been a much too eventful year: First 34 inches of snow in 24 hours in a place--Blacksburg, VA--that in my 25-plus years here saw a maximum of 17 inches at one time (and rarely more than six or eight inches). (Shades of Minneapolis in 1965-66!) Then, flooding which saw our New River crest at nine feet above flood stage about 20 miles away. And we continue in our Federal no budget disaster--I thought so much hot air would now allow snow to make Washington more of a disaster area than it already was...So much for the good news!

I am looking forward to participating in the Southeastern Council on Family Relations meetings in Atlanta (February 23 and 24) as the closing speaker addressing, "Research, Education and Practice: The Common Ground." Their conference theme is "Common Ground of Families." Don Bower (dbower@uga.cc.uga.edu) at the University of GA is their President and coordinating what looks to be a fine program.

Come June, I will be keynoting the Northwest Council's meetings in Seattle, WA, where the theme is "Families in the Information Age: Teaching and Research." I'll be speaking on "Families on the Information Superhighway: Managing the Potholes While Taking the SMART Road." This conference, in collaboration with the Teaching Family Science group looks to be most informative. The dates are June 27-29. Jim White has been my contact (blanco@unixg.ubc.ca). They even have a Microsoft workshop scheduled.

We have two groups looking at NCFR's technology-related issues at the moment. Shelley MacDermid is chairing the Technology Task Force which is making recommendations about NCFR's Home Page on the World Wide Web. Alan Booth and Tim Brubaker are co-chairing the Future of the Journals Task Force which, among other things, is examining how electronic publishing may or may not be a part of where NCFR will be going. The discussions of these two groups on e-mail have been interesting and most helpful.

I had a multitude of responses, many from NCFR members, when I asked the Family Science Network to respond to a query about how those who had such an experience felt about the joining of Colleges of Human Resources (Ecology, etc.) and Colleges of Education. I requested input since the College I am in (Human Resources) is traveling such a road, and I felt it would be of benefit to us within it to know of the joys, challenges, pitfalls, and pratfalls we might likely encounter--recognizing not all systems are the same and that not all people will agree as to how their experiences were experienced. Change seems to be more and more our way of life. Hopefully, we can develop the skills and mechanisms to deal effectively with it and come out the better for it.

I want to encourage you to seriously consider making nominations for the NCFR awards for the coming years. A nomination form appears in this issue. Our organization is blessed with people who exhibit excellence in many ways. Our awards are but one way to recognize this. Please give thought to whom you might nominate for: NCFR/Sage Student/New Professional Book Award; Ernest Burgess Award; Jessie Bernard Awards for Outstanding Research Proposal from a

In Memoriam

Longtime NCFR member Russell C. Smart died January 13 at his home in San Diego, CA, following a long illness. He was 82.

He and his wife, Mollie Stevens Smart, also a member of NCFR, co-authored 10 books on child rearing and family relations.

Among the books, published by Macmillan from 1967 to 1973, were four that were subtitled "Development and Relationships." Each one focused on a different age group.

The couple wrote *It's a Wise Parent* in 1944; *Living and Learning with Children*, 1949; and *An Introduction to Family Relationships*, 1953.

Smart was born in Greenfield, MA, and was graduated from Dartmouth College. He earned his master's and doctorate degrees from the University of MN.

He was a Fulbright Fellow, and taught a Merrill-Palmer Institute in Detroit, Cornell University, and the University of RI. In the mid-1960s, he was a consultant to the federal government in the early stages of the Head Start program.

He is survived by his wife, Mollie; and three daughters: Ellen Smart of San Diego, Susan Smith of Harrisonburg, VA, and Laura Smart, also a member of NCFR, DeKalb, IL; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Feminist Perspective and Outstanding Contribution to Feminist Scholarship; NCFR Student Award; and 1997 Distinguished Service to Families Award.

Our Certified Family Life Educator Program is doing well under Dawn Cassidy's tutelage. As with most things, I hope it will be doing even better. Two annual conferences ago, I, along with two of my graduate students, had a poster session on "the state of the states" regarding Family Life Education, and specifically educators.

We were amazed in our survey of Superintendents and Commissioners of Education of the 50 states and District of Columbia how little was being done in training and certification of family life educators, let alone in actually doing family life education. It was obvious to most of us that family life education is not a high priority item in the agenda of most states and that the CFLE credential was also lagging in visibility.

We in NCFR can do something about both those deficits. We have very good materials and curricula; we need to "pound the pavement," shake some hands, and get appointed to boards, commissions, and other policy-making bodies to have our messages heard. Let us make a personal as well as organizational commitment to bring the research and theory to the practice and educational domains reaching families in our localities and states, and perhaps to the nation in this election year.

Your Board will be taking a look at the future of the organization during part of the spring Board meeting in Minneapolis in April. If you have ideas to share, that you wish discussed or considered relating to planning for the future of the organization, now might be the time to interact with officers or other board members so that they can include your thinking in the April discussions.

One final thought: As I looked over the evaluations of the Portland annual conference, I was once again amazed at our non-obvious diversity. I recognize that people who respond to evaluation devices often are very "pro" or very "con" to what they have experienced, but the responses often brought to life the multifaceted constructivism which seems to abound in our contemporary lives. Many times one respondent would say, "Session X was magnificent," while another would question why that "same" session was even included on the program. For those responding to the questionnaire, it seems obvious that few sessions were non-controversial, which I saw as a positive sign. We certainly have a variety of presentations each year. I hope our offerings in this political leap year will continue to stimulate thoughts and concerns for the well-being of families, and energize us to be actively involved in whatever political processes make sense for us individually and as members of NCFR.

Michael Sporakowski, Ph.D. CFLE
1995-96 NCFR President

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CFLE Directions

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The directions and forms needed to have your college or university degree program approved by NCFR are now available. The purpose of the Academic Program Review is to recognize schools offering undergraduate and/or graduate degree programs that include coursework that follows the Standards and Criteria needed for the Provisional Certified Family Life Educator designation. Provisional Certification is available to applicants with related family coursework, but without the required two years of full-time experience needed for Full Certification.

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Review Application.

In order for your program to be approved by NCFR, the following must be submitted to the CFLE Academic Program Review Committee. These items are described in more detail in the Application Packet:

- A completed Application Form
- Program Requirements - catalog or bulletin description of program requirements
- Completed worksheets for each of the ten family life substance areas
- A course syllabi for each course listed
- Academic Program Review Fee (\$500.00 for one program, plus \$250 for each additional degree program).

A TOTAL OF FOUR COMPLETE COPIES OF EACH APPLICATION AND ALL SUPPORTING MATERIALS ARE REQUIRED.

If you are seeking approval for more than one degree program, (i.e., an undergraduate and a graduate level program), you must submit separate and complete applications for each degree. Applications do not need to be submitted at the same time in order to receive the second application discount (\$250 instead of \$500).

Applications for program approval may be submitted to NCFR for review at any time. Applications will be reviewed by the Academic Program Review Committee. Notification of the Committee's decision will be made within three months of receipt.

Approved programs will be re-evaluated every five years by submitting a Renewal Application. This follow-up application will consist of a list of any changes to the program requirements or courses. A Renewal Fee of \$175 will be due upon submission of the Renewal Application.

Information on ordering the CFLE Academic Program Review Application Packet and supporting materials is listed below. Please contact me at if you have

any questions.

NEXT CFLE REVIEW DEADLINE IS MAY 3!

The July CFLE Review is coming up! The deadline for submission of applications is May 3, 1996. Applications must be postmarked by that date. Keep in mind that the CFLE Application Packet is now available on computer disk for an additional \$2. Contact NCFR headquarters for ordering information.

Name Change

The Family Life Education Teacher's Kit has been re-named "Resources for Family Life Educators."

Both the original Family Life Education Teacher's Kit and the 1994 Supplement have been very positively received and are popular resources for family life educators. A 1996 Supplement is in the works, but the number of submissions received has been below our expectations and needs. The Kits were discussed at the CFLE Focus Group

meeting in Portland and it was suggested that the name Family Life Education Teacher's Kit was a possible deterrent to submission because it did not accurately represent the caliber and content of the publication.

The "Kits" include lesson plans and references for teaching family life education topics. Submissions are peer-reviewed and can be counted as a publication for those seeking tenure. In order to better reflect the true content of the publication, the name will be changed to "Resources for Family Life Educators."

We are seeking submissions for the 1996 Supplement and welcome your input. Have you developed a lesson plan which you are willing to share? We are especially interested in receiving submissions for lesson plans that cover topics included in the following substance areas: Families in Society; Internal Dynamics of Families; Family Resource Management; Parent Education and Guidance; Family Law and Public Policy; and Ethics. Contact me at the NCFR office for a submission form and sample lesson plan.

Dawn Cassidy
CFLE Director

Credit Approval

NCFR has recently approved two well-known curriculum programs for CFLE credit. *Systematic Training for Effective Parenting, Early Childhood STEP*, and *STEP/Teen Leader Training* workshops offered by AGS have been reviewed and approved for 6 Contact Hours or .6 CEUs. *Couples Communication Instructor Training*, offered by Interpersonal Communications, Inc. and developed by CFLE Sherod Miller, has been approved for 7 Contact Hours or .7 CEUs. Both programs can be used for CFLE Continuing Education credit or as part of an original application.

1996 CFLE Application Deadlines

**March 3, May 3,
September 3, and
December 3.**

**Call Dawn at
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for more information**

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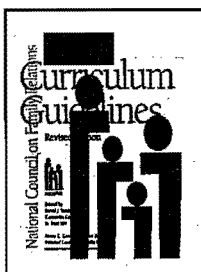
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Offers guidelines for developing or assessing family life education programs over the life span. A must-have for anyone involved in family life education program development or assessment.

Editor David J. Bredehoft, Ph.D., has revised and expanded the contents of the NCFR Family Life Education Curriculum Guidelines to include a number of excellent resources for anyone working in family life education. Contents include: University and College Curriculum Guidelines, A Framework for Life-Span Family Life Education, a K-12 sexuality curriculum guide, an evaluation guide, a parent education program guide, family life education references and resources.

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Executive Review

Board Seeks Response to NCFR's Future

New realities are raising questions about NCFR's being and becoming into the next millennium. You, our members, will soon be questioned about your perceptions and needs. Watch your mailboxes!

Like the rest of the world described by futurists as far back as the 1980s (Alvin Toffler - **Future Shock**, and the **Third Wave**; John Naisbett - **Megatrends 2000**; and Peter Drucker - **The New Realities**), NCFR has arrived at the crossroads-- that point at which there is no turning back, and we must step forward, or be swallowed up by other more powerful associations.

The Board of Directors will meet on April 26, in Minneapolis to consider the impact of global, social, and technological changes on NCFR, and to chart directions for keeping NCFR viable to serve its members in the future. Associations call this "STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT". The board and staff are committed to confronting the challenges of the dizzying rate of change head-on, and both Board and staff will be addressing the two major questions at the heart of successful strategic management:

#1. Has NCFR determined what the most appropriate change objectives or targets should be in the context of external conditions and trends and NCFR's own core competencies?

#2. Is NCFR capable of implementing the change initiatives it has or will be developing?

To answer these questions NCFR will need to realize that change is so accelerated that "long range" is not 5 to 10 years. Today, 3 years is considered long range. Thus greater focus must be concentrated on identifying the many targets for change, developing change

initiatives to achieve those targets and implementing them in a much shorter period of time. It does not work any longer to project everything NCFR is already doing into the future. New targets need identification, but what are they?

Important questions like the following need to be answered:

*What is our vision of NCFR in 2001 in terms of what we value, or intended impact and desired image?

*Is it easier access of members to information about families?

*Is it better outreach to international audiences?

*Is it greater impact on national policy formulation affecting families?

*Is it better utilization of technology to service our members?

In order to answer these questions, certain external factors need to be carefully considered. These include NCFR's changing member needs and demographics. For example; are NCFR's premiere journals still serving the needs of professionals for good research on families? Other factors include the changing social and political environments of the colleges and universities which employ almost 50 percent of NCFR's members, and the agency funding sources of those employing much of NCFR's remaining members. What is NCFR's public image? How should it be altered or expanded? How is NCFR positioned to attract and retain younger members to replace those who are retiring?

The Board will be responsible for pinpointing those issues for which change initiatives must be fashioned and

implemented. To do so staff and volunteer leaders will need your help to answer yet another set of key questions.

##1. What penalties are likely to be paid for neglecting to deal with a particular issue or issues? For example: the escalating cost of producing journals in light of a decreasing subscriber base and increased postal rates must be addressed.

##2. Does NCFR have the capability to tackle a difficult issue or can it realistically build that capability? For example: the issue of entering cyberspace sounds simple, but contains many hidden costs related to staffing, copyrights, and income generation.

##3. What are the monitoring and political costs associated with tackling a difficult issue? For example: what costs might accrue if NCFR changes its name to be more inclusive of its growing international membership and involvement in international family scholarship activities?

Once the strategic change initiatives have been identified, staff and board task forces will need to develop the action projects, the measurable objectives, a schedule of implementation; specify who is accountable for carrying out the steps; and identify the costs that must be incurred during implementation along with revenue sources that will cover these incurred costs. Again NCFR has already taken a step ahead. There is already a "Task Force on the Future of the Journals" co-chaired by Alan Booth and Tim Brubaker. The "Electronic Technology Task Force" chaired by Shelley MacDermid is in its second year of activity and is assisting NCFR in the development of its HOMEPAGE due to be mounted online this coming June. But NCFR faces additional challenges for

which the above steps are necessary to conquer change barriers looming before us. These include human resistance to change which creates fears of the unknown regardless of how well the changes are planned for. The need for sustained time and attention has been one of NCFR's major barriers due to the short term tenure and diversity of interests of the board members.

Though NCFR has been fortunate to have extremely generous and dedicated volunteer leaders, the president has only ONE year to set and achieve goals, and sections and other officers have two years. Change initiation, implementation and results assessment take almost three years as was the case with the membership restructuring initiated in 1993. Currently, many of those who initiated this change, are no longer in leadership roles.

Finally, change initiatives need a strong home --strong commitment to keep them in the forefront of association consciousness. Staff and leadership and membership of NCFR all need to "buy into" the effecting of planned change. For example, if NCFR membership is important to professionals working with and for families, EVERYONE needs to be personally responsible for recruitment and retention, not just paid staff.

Change is exciting and exhilarating! But it must be managed and planned for if it is to make a difference in the satisfaction of an organization's members and public image.

This will be the challenge which the 1996 Board, committees, and staff will be facing in this coming year. Progress will be reported to you, our members, along the way, but your input will be sought by way of surveys and questionnaires. Watch for them, answer and return them. Help NCFR to strategically manage its special place in the future.

Mary Jo Czaplewski Ph.D. CFLE
Executive Director

NCFR Enters Cyberspace Soon

For those who now have access to the World Wide Web, watch for NCFR's HOMEPAGE, which will be mounted in early June, 1996.

The Technology Task Force of NCFR began investigations in May of 1995 on the feasibility of putting NCFR's conference registration on electronic e-mail; on establishing a Homepage; and establishing an electronic mail network, - three goals assigned by then president, Alexis Walker.

The November 1995 Board approved this committee's recommendation to establish a Homepage having the following specified goals.

The Web site is intended primarily for information dissemination to members or potential members of NCFR, and secondarily as a marketing tool.

The committee recommended an incremental approach to marking up the Homepage in order to focus on high quality while minimizing costs and accommodating the learning curve and workloads of the organization, and the emergent nature of the technology.

Since December, NCFR staff have been pursuing a series of steps which other organizations (Am. Society of Assoc. Executives) have found useful in developing homepages. The following seven steps are on target to date.

1. CONCEPTUALIZATION. What does NCFR want to accomplish? Staff department heads have determined that the site's major purposes will be to communicate NCFR's goals and services to members and potential members. Secondly, to market NCFR's programs (Annual Conference, CFLE) and products. Legislative activities may become a future goal.

2. CONTENT. Since web sites are "live" and can be constantly changed. Staff are now working on each of the pieces and linked pages which will be implemented in stages.

3. FORMAT & DESIGN. Perhaps the most difficult and potentially expensive step, this is akin to publishing a new journal. The key is attractiveness, ease of access, and balancing the amount of information on each page, as well as balancing with linkages to other sites. It is this part that will attract or detour potential users. Staff will be working on this step during March and April.

4. PRODUCTION & DEVELOPMENT. Writing components and establishing layout will be done for presentation to the Board of Directors in April.

5. MARKUP. Finished text will be marked up in HTML format (including form and search options) during May.

Field testing will also take place during that time.

6. PUBLISHING. The information will be uploaded to the University Of Minnesota server, tested and finally made available to the public.

7. SITE ADMINISTRATION. This has been the most difficult step for NCFR, as staff, already working full time will be expected to add to their already heavy loads. Tentatively, the Web Master will be John Pepper, who is already full time finance manager of NCFR. An EDP support staff will be assigned to assist in administering the HomePage for six hours per week, until the usage patterns can be established.

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S/NP Snippets

Apply Now for Student Award

One of the many ways in which NCFR supports its student members is through the Outstanding Student Award. The purpose of this award is to recognize a student whose work and academic potential indicates future significant contributions in the field of family science.

Nominations for the award may be submitted by a faculty member through April 15. To qualify for nomination, you must be a student currently in a graduate program and a member of NCFR for at least two years.

Once nominated by a faculty member, qualified students are asked to submit:

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

DON'T DELAY! Nominations are due to Sharon Dwyer, S/NP representative, by April 15.

Kansas City in 1996

Presentation proposals submitted for the S/NP Program at the 1996 annual conference in Kansas City are currently under review. If you submitted a proposal, you should receive notification of a decision by the end of May. Karen Myers-Bowman and I are currently

working on coordinating the Student/New Professional activities and program for November. We welcome both your ideas and suggestions. Our addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail are listed at the end of this article.

I have enjoyed communicating with those of you who attended the 1995 conference in Portland and agreed to provide some more feedback. If others would be willing to provide some input (a short questionnaire/interview) by mail, phone, or e-mail, about the conference or other student/new professional issues and activities, please contact me.

Awards and Opportunities

The NCFR Board of Directors, Sections and general members provide many ways to reward, recognize and support student/new professional members. An updated list of awards and opportunities, many of which are available through specific Sections, is being compiled. If you would like a copy, please contact me.

Thanks to Cathy Solheim, 1995 Student/New Professional representative, for all her hard work and outstanding support of students and new professional members. Her guidance has been invaluable, and she leaves a legacy which we will work hard to continue.

Conference Wrap-Up

Students and new professionals had a great time at the 1995 annual conference in Portland. S/NP program events reached a large, diverse audience. The Skills Exchange and Seminar were very well received, with excellent attendance.

Dan Sandifer-Stech, Norma Bond Burgess, and Marilyn Bradbard presented helpful information about personal and professional transitions. Dr. Sandra Stith conducted the S/NP Professional Seminar with time-tested strategies for success across a long term career. One attendee stated on the evaluation form, "This is what I came for, exactly what I needed, concrete, useful information about my future."

The roundtable format in the S/NP Development Forum is very popular with a wide range of topics. The informal format allows attendees to rotate through several different topics. Thank you to Margaret Feldman, Kathy Piercy, Margie Geasler, Lisa Angermeier, Liz Farnsworth, Sandra Stith, Mark Benson, Alan Acock, Karen Wilcox, and Jan Ewing, Cathy Solheim, Phyllis Greenberg, Barbara Holder, Elaine Anderson, and Scot Allgood for sharing their time and expertise in support of student and new professional members.

Information was exchanged and professional contacts and friendships were made as over 60 students and new professionals got up extra early to attend the morning S/NP Networking sessions. They are becoming increasingly popular and provide an excellent place to connect with colleagues and share information.

Watch for this column in future REPORT issues. For those unable to attend the conferences, or a particular S/NP session, several of our presenters have agreed to develop their topics for publication here. In addition, if there are topical areas or questions which you have that could be addressed in future issues of this column, please let us know. We have a diverse, interdisciplinary membership, ready and willing to share their expertise and committed to supporting student/new professional members.

Please contact us and let us know your ideas, comments, and suggestions for S/NPs.

Finally, a very special thank you to Sage Publications for their sponsorship of the S/NP party during the conference. A great time was had by all!

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In Fall 1995, the Department of Family Studies at the University of MD admitted its first class of students to a new interdisciplinary doctoral program in Family Studies and Health Education.

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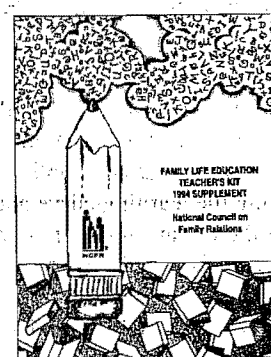
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Though NCFR always aims for cutting-edge services to its members, many difficult questions regarding our entrance onto the electronic superhighway remain to be studied and answered. These include questions of security (of membership lists and data); marketing - when there is no idea of demographics of users; juggling staff time and workload - without increasing staff; costs to NCFR

and return on the investment. NCFR board and staff will be grappling with these questions in the month to come, and looking to you--our members and most important resource--for ideas and comments. Please let us know what you think. Contact us on e-mail: NCFR@sihope.com
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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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A Matter of Membership

A Continuing Look at NCFR Membership

At the annual conference in November, first the membership committee, a group of about 10, saw my charts and graphs. Then the Board of Directors, a group of about 25 saw them. At the annual business meeting, a group of about 65, I showed them again. This means that approximately 3689 of you have not seen these graphics and numbers. For the 50 or so of you who have, read the text and skip the pictures.

By the end of October 1995 (which were the most up-to-date figures I had at the time of the annual meeting), there were 307 new members in NCFR for the fiscal year-to-date. When someone joins NCFR, the source of the membership application is evident by the look of the form or the source code printed on it, and our NCFR staff keeps track of that information. Here is what the year's new membership looks like.

Perhaps, like me, you assumed that most of our new members sign up on the annual conference registration form to avoid the higher rates. That ties for the fourth largest source of new members. The largest percentage come from the targeted brochure mailings, brochures in annual conference packets, brochures handed out at state, regional, and provincial conferences, and brochures given out by you to those you believe might be interested in membership. The brochure is an instrument which, when it finds its target, is very effective. If you would like to be prepared with some for your students, colleagues, conferences, or mailings, let the NCFR staff know, and they will be glad to send you any number.

Our CFLE program has not, as a budget item, been in the black since its beginning. However, the financial impact of its bringing in the second largest percentage of new members is not counted in that budget figure. If those new members renew their membership to keep their certification active, they may not become part of the 900-1000 members who are suspended each year for not renewing.

And if you wondered why more than once a year you receive a request, directed to professors, to sign up your students, you must realize that impact counts for the third largest source of new members.

Yes, the annual conference brings in new members, and so does the work of the marketing coordinator sending out specialized mailings. And while our publications account for a significant portion of our income, they also combined bring in a good proportion of members. Can our Association of Councils and its affiliates do more to bring in new members? Not the first time this questions has come up, but one that should be re-thought periodically. What can we do to attract new members?

In the NCFR REPORT at this time last year, I looked at data on our new membership categories. With a year's worth of data by the annual conference, the picture is clearer. Remember that the

Colleague category is the regular membership, the Benefactor pays \$40 more, the Associate gets one journal for \$25 less, and the Supporting member gets no journals for \$47 less than regular membership.

With my calculator in hand, I compared the total amount of dues taken in for the year by calculating the dues times the membership for each category. Leaving out life members, we took in \$269,590 in dues by October 31, 1994, and \$261,351 by October, 1995, a difference of \$8239. With our annual income over \$1 million, this is not a large amount to be concerned about, but again, it must be re-thought periodically. We will continue to evaluate our new membership structure.

My annual report included several more charts and graphs, but I end with this one. In the long run, how are we doing with membership. Kathy Collins Royce, NCFR membership manager, helped by gathering membership total for 12 years.

The four-year upswing we are currently in looks nice. And with the success of the Portland conference and the upturn of the economy, perhaps the membership rise will continue this year as well. We must continue this rise in membership to overcome the 19.9 percent loss in membership overall in the past 12 years.

Finally, with all the rethinking I have suggested, let me add one more. Our membership would double if each member found one new member. Rethink your professional connections--at your place of work, in your state or province, on your favorite listserv, or over e-mail--and find one who would celebrate the opportunities of NCFR that the rest of us do. Marilyn Flick 1994-96 Membership Vice-president.

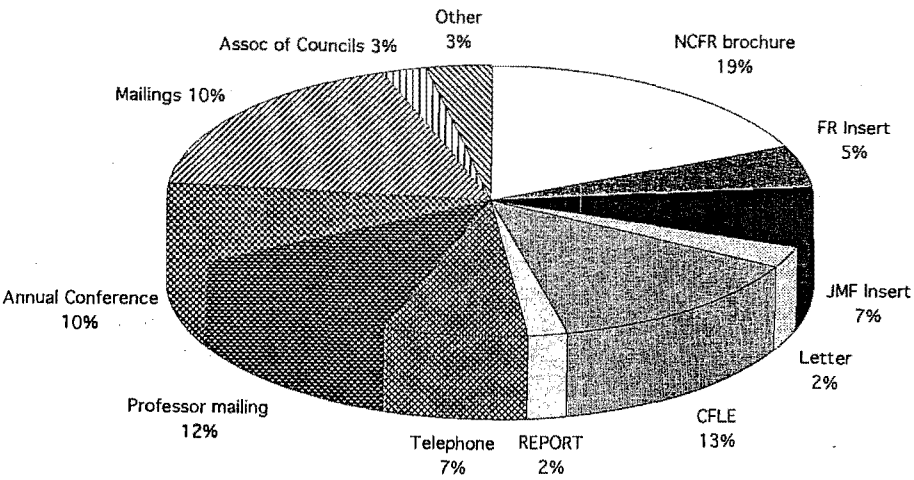
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May 23-25, 1996: Second international Marriage Enrichment Conference and Exhibition, Ft. Worth, TX. Contact: Bobbye and Britton Wood, P.O. Box 10193, Ft. Worth, TX 76185.

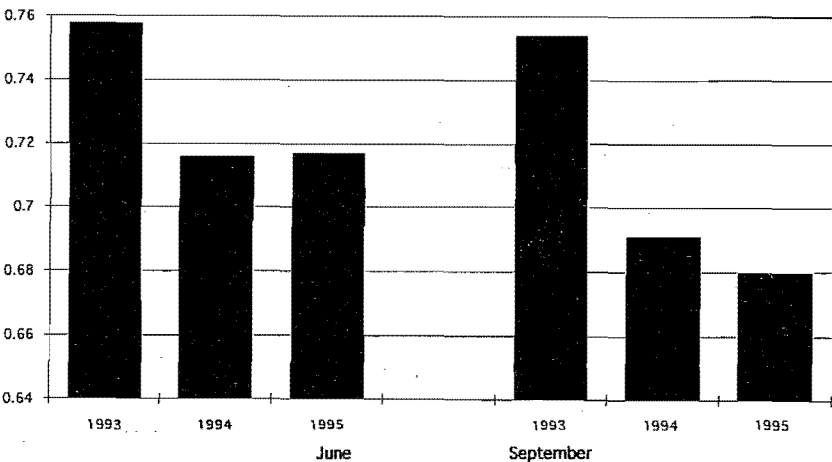
June 17-19, 1996: 18th annual Guelph Conference and Training Institute on Sexuality, "Women and Sexuality," Guelph, ONT, Canada. Contact: Office of Open Learning, University of Guelph, Guelph, ONT, Canada N1G 2W1; 519-767-5000; FAX 519-767-1114.

August 4-8, 1996: 8th international Conference on Personal Relationships, Banff, Alberta, Canada. Contact: Beverley Fehr, uowbaf@ccm.umanitoba.ca or Susan Boon, sdboon@acs.ucalgary.ca.

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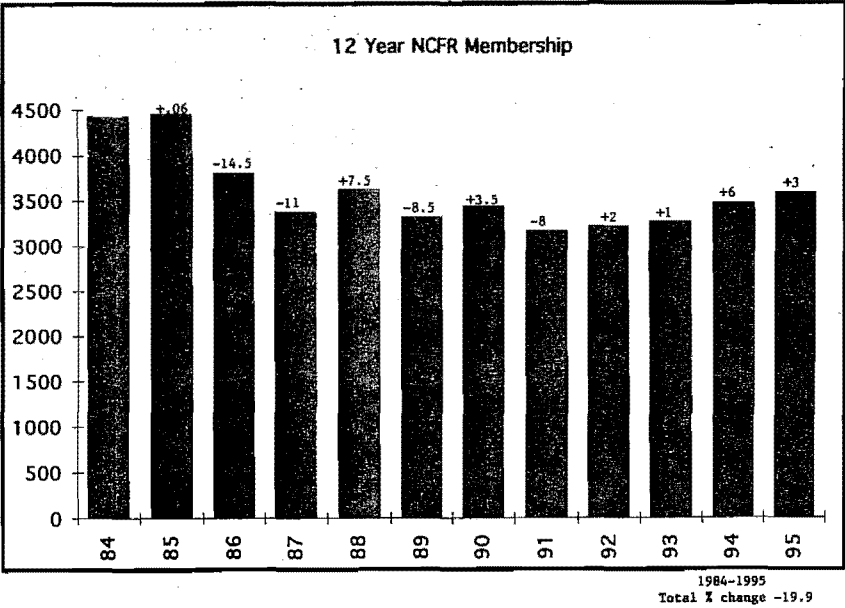


Renewal Rates for Membership



Membership Counts

Member Type	10/31/95	% total	10/31/94	% total
Colleague	1663	43%	1906	51%
Benefactor	101	3%	58	2%
Supporting	352	9%	160	4%
Student 1-Jr.	348	9%	140	4%
Student 2-Jr.	383	10%	694	19%
Organization	215	6%	230	6%
Associate	734	19%	512	14%
Life	37	1%	38	1%
Totals	3833	100%	3738	100%



Personal Reflections on the NGO Women's Forum

by
Lucy Jackson Bayles

On a cold snowy day last January, I drove across campus from my office downtown to the Evansdale campus of West Virginia University of an appointment with the Assistant Provost for International Programs. At the meeting, I exuberantly told Dr. McBreen about the NGO forum on Women and the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women to be held in the late summer of 1995. I took materials and information about both events that I had garnered from a variety of sources. I even related my



A Turkish poster on exhibit in Huairou.

childhood dream of going to China! Since I was five years old, I expounded, when I discovered the picture books of China in my little Indiana hometown public library, I had wanted to travel to China! (Of course, many of us were told as children in the 'Fifties' to "clean your plate: because children were starving in China! We also were told that we could dig a hole in the

"Excuse me?" I stammered. She repeated her question for me to more fully comprehend. This time I quickly responded with a "Yes!" before she could change her mind! Thus, the odyssey which began 45 years earlier was underway! Though I had traveled internationally many times since I was an exchange student during my junior year in high school, nothing quite prepared me for the challenges of trying to visit China to attend the NGO Forum.

What did the NGO Forum and the Fourth World Conference on Women mean to me? My story is interwoven with the United Nations and with the history of the 4th World Conference on Women. Both the United Nations and I are celebrating our 50th year of life—one a bit more dramatically and globally!

The First World Conference on Women was held in 1975 in Mexico City. This conference established the United Nations "Decade on Women." I did not hear about the Conference that year. I did not know that global conferences were held to discuss women's issues. I was married and living on a farm in Indiana, having recently returned from living in a remote area of Southeast Asia (Sarawak, East Malaysia) for nearly three and a-half years. I was "grassroots," perpetually pregnant (three babies in two and a-half years!) and into a true "mother earth" phase of life. Also, I was entering more deeply into a period of emotional and physical abuse in my marriage. Violence against women became a personal experience for me; it was no longer simply an abstract phrase. I did not know it was the United Nations Decade on Women! I had not heard.

In 1980, the Second Conference on Women was held in Copenhagen, Denmark, for a mid-decade review of the status of the world's women. The focus on



Women from countries around the world brought squares with them to stitch together into this Peace Quilt during the conference.

backyard, and if we dug long enough and deep enough, we could reach China--on the other side of the earth! Remember?)

After enthusiastically blathering on and on about the UN Conference and the NGO Forum with the theme, "Looking at the World Through Women's Eyes," Dr. McBreen stopped me in mid-sentence to say, "Would you like to represent West Virginia University at the NGO Forum?"

the Conference centered around three issues: education, equality, and empowerment of women. I heard about the U.N.'s World Conference on Women! In that same year, 1980, I had chosen to become a single parent with my three young children as I fled from oppression and a dominance model of marriage. Those three issues of the World Conference on Women had great meaning as I struggled to find dignity and worth. I returned to college to complete a master's



Discussions on issues and concerns (above) were held in the Girls' Tent in Huairou, China, linking girls from around the globe. Women in native dress (below) performed dances from their countries.



degree and to begin a doctorate. Education, equality, and empowerment became personal beacons for me in the quest to survive. Yes, I heard about the Conference that year!

The story continues with the third United Nations World Conference on Women in 1985. Nairobi, Kenya, was the site of the conference, and the theme was "Forward Looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women." I heard about the Conference, and I knew someone who was going!

During the summer of 1985, my children and I had moved to Missouri where I took my first job as an area agent with the Extension Service after finishing the coursework for my doctorate. At the University of Missouri two very special women, Dr. Marilyn Coleman and Dr. Velma McBride Murry, helped me see that I could, indeed, look forward and helped me strategize to complete my dissertation. I began to realize the meaning of empowerment in human terms.

In 1995, the Fourth World Conference on Women and the NGO Forum were slated to be held in Beijing, China. I heard about the Conference! I knew people who were going! I was going to represent West Virginia University! My story is interwoven with the essence of grassroots women of the world as we struggle to find a voice--for the right to be educated and informed, to be heard concerning what we know intuitively about ourselves and our families, and for the right to act on behalf of women, children, and families.

What did the NGO Forum and the

Fourth World Conference on Women mean to me? Participation in these global events gave me the opportunity to feel connected with women around the world, and at the same time, the responsibility to be more politically aware of local, state, national, and global issues concerning women and families. Finally, as a "grassroots" woman, to NOT be afraid, or more accurately, to have the courage to speak up (even among "heavy hitters" like Drs. Mary Jo Czaplewski, Harriette McAdoo, and Margaret Feldman) on a variety of issues that are encompassed in the Platform of Action.

Three words: connection, responsibility, and courage seem to summarize my experiences of three weeks in China and a lifetime on the journey. I am more convinced than ever before of the need for peace and understanding at the personal level and at the global level.

At the NGO Forum, one of the women that I met, Catherine Biggs (who works in London for "Population Initiatives for Peace"), related her experience at the Peace Tent. Bosnian women, who had lost nearly everyone close to them, were speaking. One told of an encounter at the graveyard with another woman mourner. The woman at the grave shared her thoughts:

"What is civilization?"

"It is not cars, not things--it is a mother with the wound of a dead son in her heart never teaching hate to the next generation."



Family Policy Monitor

Washington Groups Respond to "The Contract"

With elections approaching, the shutdowns of the government, rigid ideology, long "work periods" of House and Senate members, and complexity of the budget, welfare, Medicaid and other people programs, it is hard to get the attention of legislators. But there is tremendous activity among all sectors of the advocacy community in Washington to counter the worst provisions in the **Contract With America** which would diminish opportunities and services now serving the less fortunate. Meetings and rallies are being held and arranged. But, there are few positive developments.

Families USA Briefing on Medicaid

Families USA used to focus on the problems of aging and then turned to long term care. Now this very effective and well-connected advocacy group has turned to Medicaid reform. On January 21, they held a conference attended by 300 people from all over the U.S. to discuss the potentials, pitfalls, and prospects for Medicaid reform. The assumption was that there would be block grants a lower funding than at present, and that states should prepare. There is a massive movement toward managed care as a means to cut costs, but there is insufficient attention to quality of care and very little attention to universal coverage. Many state plans make no provision for fair hearings if services are denied. Services to the disabled may be in jeopardy in many states.

Although Medicaid funds will be available through 1996, there will probably be a severing of the ties between Medicaid and welfare. Family planning may be in jeopardy. Be alert to developments.

One presentation clearly showed the necessity for federal standards. Investigators studied the waivers granted to the states by HCFA on managed care plans and were able to draw up a comprehensive list of features which were most likely to be abused by state plans. Without federal standards these features could lead to higher costs to the system or to inadequate services for those enrolled in the plan.

NCFR members, or local advocacy organizations, interested in this topic should phone for reports, including data books on states, from the Kaiser Commission on the Future of Medicaid, 1-800-6567 or the Commission offices at 202-347-5270 or FAX 202-347-5274. Or contact Families USA at 1334 G St. NW, Washington, DC 20005; 202-628-3030; FAX 202-347-2417; info@Familiesusa.org for extensive briefing materials.

OMB Watch: Watching Out for Protection and Safety

OMB Watch is continuing to sponsor informative coalition meetings about the current bills being offered in the name of saving money by cutting out unnecessary regulations. The coalition is for the first time bringing together people from the environment, human service, labor, health, and other fields.

Regulations being targeted are those that protect our clean water and air, the safety of our meat and our drugs and protect workers in the workplace (OSHA), including minimum labor standards. A panel called to examine these regulations has come out with a report which suggests repeal or relaxation of mandates on state and local governments. This panel is holding a meeting soon to describe its findings, but are giving only one side of the arguments are charging up to \$400 for people to attend, possibly even those who want to testify against the regulations. (Hardly an "open hearing" as required.)

The main change recommended of interest to NCFR members is **Medical and Family Leave** to be exempted for state and local governments. This is very strange since at this time, Congress itself has decided to make regulations refer to themselves regarding employee benefits. When candidates come to your town for town meetings, ask for his/her stand on "unfunded Mandates," particularly Medical and Family Leave.

Follow-up on Beijing Conference

As announced in the last REPORT, the President's Interagency Council on Women has been formed and each federal agency is being asked to develop an appropriate related initiative to further women's progress and engage in outreach and public education to support the successful implementation of the conference agreements. Hillary Rodham Clinton is the honorary chair of this body, and Donna Shalala, secretary of HHS, is the chair. (Internet <http://women.usia.gov/usia/>)

Each month, the President's Council conducts a briefing in Washington to let the women's community know about one of the agency programs. The meeting in February featured Carolyn Becraft, deputy assistant secretary of defense (personnel support, families and education), who has worked in women's research for many years, much of it with the military.

Secretary Becraft told about the extensive family and women's program conducted by the Dept. Of Defense at its far-flung installations. Fifty-five percent of the force are married; there are 1.4 million military children; women are 12.7 percent of the military forces; 37 percent of the labor force; and there are 757,164 non-active duty wives.

DOD supports women's choices to go to work and helps families balance the competing demands of family life and the military. Secretary Becraft kept stressing how young the force is, and how many are far from family and their ordinary supports. The Service tries to provide some of the needed support by providing a team to visit new parents, providing the supervising extensive child care services and referrals, working on finding employment for spouses, and dealing with employment needs as the military downsizes.

There are extensive programs to deal with family violence toward children,

spouses or elders, and Ms. Becraft said DOD has the best statistics on spouse abuse in the U.S. They do extensive research as well. She told us her challenges were to expand the scope of child care, employment opportunities, health care, and maternity services, and to prevent violence against women. She said there were 77,700 single parents with children and that the bulk of these were males (like the military forces) whose children tended to be adolescents. The problems of retraining and finding employment are major thrusts for DOD, even in ordinary times when there is an annual turnover of 300,000.

There is a Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services which was set up in 1951 when Eisenhower was president. The present executive director is Carolyn Prevatte. She told us that since 1991, most of the prohibitions limiting women's participation in the services have been lifted.

NCFR conference-goers will remember that in 1992, the Military Families Support Group met just prior to the regular conference in Orlando.

Donna Shalala and the Women's Agenda

At a "Beyond Beijing" meeting held in December, Donna Shalala, secretary of HHS and chair of the President's Interagency Council, in answer to a question, stated that "it was impossible to balance the budget without hurting women and children." She urged women to be aware of what was happening and make their voices heard.

Ratification of the Convention to Eliminate Discrimination Against All Women (CEDAW) is being blocked in the Senate. This is an important vehicle to implement the Beijing theme, "Women's rights are human rights." At this meeting, citizens were urged to pressure state and local, as well as the federal government to **act as though the Convention had been passed**. This would mean that local laws against violence toward women would be strengthened and sanctions would be made explicit. In the U.S., the Violence Against Women bill is part of the Crime Bill which is in some jeopardy of elimination.

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NCFR Representatives Attend Habitat II Preparations

The last Preparatory Committee Meetings for the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) were held in New York from February 5-16. Both Marilyn Bensman and Margaret Feldman attended caucuses and will represent NCFR at The City Summit which will take place June 3-14, 1996 in Istanbul, Turkey.

As was the case in Beijing last summer, a Forum for Non-governmental Organization (NGO) representatives will take place from May 30-June 9. During this same period, the "World Assembly of Cities and Local Authorities," a "Forum of Academies of Science," a "Private-Sector Forum," a "Forum of Foundations," a "Forum of Parliamentarians," a "Forum of Labor Unions," and a "Forum on Human Solidarity" will also be meeting there.

At a previous preparatory meeting held in Geneva in 1994, two main themes for the Draft Global Plan of Action were developed: **adequate shelter for all and the development of plans for sustainable human settlements.** The conference is to build on other U.N. conferences, and cooperation and partnership between the Secretariat and a host of U.N. agencies and organizations that have already contributed heavily to the drafting of the agenda was guaranteed.

The various NGO Committees at the U.N. such as the NGO Committee on the Family, the Committee on the Elderly, the Committee on the Rights of the Child, and the Committee on the Status of Women, to which NCFR has membership, formed caucuses to include concepts and language they deemed appropriate for the problems being discussed in the agenda and Statement of Principles.

NCFR's two representatives worked on "family language." The Draft Plan of Action mentioned the family three times,

and households four or five times. The Task Force of the Caucus on the Family under the leadership of Carol Nixon and Jenny Fields examined the Draft Plan of Action for places where the family, particularly, but sometimes the needs of the elderly or children should be included. Thus, in paragraph 14 of the document, we pushed to include families to read:

Fairness and justice are central to sustainable social and economic development. Equitable human settlements are those in which all people (families)--women and men, children and youth--have equal access to basic housing...

Paragraph 18 does speak of the family as "the basic unit of society" but it was bracketed due to opposition from a block of delegates. We felt it was inadequate as written, and needed to be more explicit. The Women's caucus found it too controversial and decided to drop the entire paragraph.

The Family caucus, of which Marilyn and Margaret were a part, rewrote the paragraph as follows (the bold type represents changes made by the caucus):

The family is the provider and initial shelter for our earliest human experience and serves as the foundation for community life. It provides for the basic material, physical, spiritual and emotional needs of its members, and is the primary educator and transmitter of cultural values. As the basic multigenerational unit of society, it is critical that the family receive comprehensive support in the planning of human settlements. Its fundamental role is all sustainable settlements, i.e., neighborhoods and communities, should be recognized and enhanced by all States. It is recognized as a valuable resource, therefore, all necessary conditions

for its integration, preservation, improvement and protection within an adequate shelter should be available. Access to fundamental services and with decent livelihood should be facilitated. In different cultural, political and social systems, various forms of the family exist.

Lesser changes were suggested through the document, i.e., including "the disenfranchised and refugees with special emphasis on restoring or preserving family unity" in a paragraph concerning U.N. commitments to the objective of providing housing and services for the poor by acknowledging and harnessing the potential of the informal sector.

Members of the U.S. delegation met with us several times and appeared to be sympathetic with the aims of our caucus, and stated they would try to include at least some of our changes. The caucus distributed copies of the revisions to delegations that were known to be sympathetic to a family agenda with the help of people from other countries who attended our daily caucus meetings. We were disturbed by the presence of a very aggressive group calling itself "The Family Coalition" who was advocating its own family agenda, which coincided in many respects with ours, but the group was also very critical of the U.N. in general and nations such as Sweden and Germany whom they accused of being generally "anti-family." They received news coverage in the "Earth Times" (the internal newspaper of the U.N.) and put off many people whom we feared might mistake our efforts with theirs.

The Caucus on the Family learned on Thursday afternoon that when the U.N. Working Committee examined the documents, paragraph 18 of the document was rewritten and accepted as follows:

The family is the basic unit of society and as such should be strengthened. It is entitled to receive comprehensive protection and support. In different cultural, political and social systems, various forms of the family exist. The rights, capabilities and responsibilities of family members must be respected. Human settlements' planning should take into account the constructive role of the family in design development and management of such settlements. All necessary conditions for its integration, preservation, improvement and protection within adequate shelter, with access to basic services and sustainable livelihood should be facilitated.

Marilyn Bensman Ph.D.

NCFR Joins Coalition

NCFR is an organizational member of the National Prevention Coalition, a collaboration for the prevention of mental-emotional disabilities. NCFR's Board of Directors has approved the Coalition's position statement.

Margaret Feldman, NCFR's Washington representative, will be the representative to the Coalition.

The group is chaired and staffed by the National Mental Health Association. Other members include the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, American Psychiatric Association, American Psychological Association, American Psychological Society, Child Welfare League of America, Family Resource Coalition, National Association of Social Workers, and the World Federation for Mental Health, among others.

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NIH Funding for the Behavioral and Social Sciences

In this column, I have discussed the coalition for the Advancement of Health Through Behavioral and Social Science Research in the NIH family. This year the total NIH budget was not cut, unlike so many other areas of the government, but for the first time the budget was for the total of NIH, not allotted to different institutes. This gives more discretion to Dr. Varmus, the director, but he seems committed to continuing the same distributions. Dr. Varmus is being urged by congressional friends to stress prevention and the savings resulting from a healthier citizenry.

The coalition in past years has tried to get more funding for the new Office of Behavioral and Social Science Research. This year, the Coalition decided to try to encourage the use of behavioral scales in all clinical trials, and especially in promising areas. How this will be done is still to be discussed, but many of the members of the Coalition work with other Institutes and can urge this emphasis.

NCFR members should consider behavioral scales and ideas in collaboration with medical trials in the various institutes.

The single lump funding for NIH is advantageous for the Adolescent Health project which is part of the "Family Responsibility controversy."

Family Responsibility

One of the main thrusts of the Christian Coalition is insistence on family rights to raise their children as they see fit. Senate Bill No. 984, The Parental Rights and Responsibilities Act is their answer. The National Child Abuse Coalition is supporting an alternative bill, S.919, which in their words, "establishes a clear federal leadership role in helping states do a better job of protecting children and safeguarding parental liberties, through support for research, training and the development of appropriate procedures. Bill S.984 would introduce cumbersome legal redress which might tie up the courts as well as offering less protection for children's rights.

The professional research community feels that social science research in the schools using a true random sample is being severely jeopardized by the Parental Rights argument. People calling for parental rights want to require **active parental permission**, rather than notification with the possibility of withdrawing a child if there were an objection. The children who are hardest to reach and whose responses are most needed often have parents who would not take the time to return a permission slip, but would really have no objection.

FLASH

Affirmative Action is being attacked in California, Colorado, Florida, and 17 other states, as well as Congress, according to an analysis provided by the feminist majority's Ellie Smeal. At a recent meeting she said that the present attempts to change the California constitution have been discussed as a race bill, but even more severe are the provisions allowing sex discrimination, but not race, unless there is "compelling interest" in not allowing it. This would be a major setback, since the congressional

bill has the same provision regarding federal contracts which now are important sources of jobs for women. Women still need affirmative action. Ms. Smeal thinks the ultimate objective is to get vouchers and single sex schools which she thinks would allow elite schools' training in math and science to become single sex as they used to be. She thinks this is a major assault on women's hopes for equality. She warns us all to read the fine print and not be guided only by news reports which have consistently avoided any comment about the effects of these bills on sex discrimination.

Elections Coming Up

You may want to ask your candidates about their stands on:

"Unfunded Mandates," including Medical and Family Leave; Violence Against Women Bill (part of the Crime Bill); the necessity for federal standards in managed care; and affirmative action for women as well as on race.

Margaret Feldman
NCFR Washington Representative

NOMINATE YOUR COLLEAGUES FOR 1996/97 AWARDS!

The National Council on Family Relations, its Sections and Affiliated Councils present several awards to recognize excellence in the Family field. The **DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS APRIL 15, 1996** (exceptions are noted below).

1997 Distinguished Service to Families Award...



Given in recognition of exceptional leadership and/or service to improve family living. The contributions in "action" programs represent the importance of family relationships in the future rather than the past. If the award winner is in the Policy field, the award is given in honor of **Dr. Harold Feldman**. If the recipient is in a health field, it is in honor of **Dr. Fred Bozett**.

Who may be nominated: National leaders in the family field, political figures, entertainers, volunteers who have played significant roles in helping families. **Nominees need not be NCFR members** to be eligible. A check for \$1,000 and a plaque are awarded.

Ernest W. Burgess Award...



Given to an individual who has shown a distinguished career of Family Research and Scholarship. A check for \$1,000 and a plaque are awarded to the winner. **The award winner will present a lecture at the 1996 Annual Conference.**

Jessie Bernard Awards...



Outstanding Research Proposal from a Feminist Perspective

Recognizes a graduate student/new professional who has demonstrated excellence in research for potential contribution to feminist scholarship. A plaque and monetary award is presented to the winner. The award recipient will present a report of the project and findings at the 1997 NCFR annual conference in Washington, DC.

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

Outstanding Contribution to Feminist Scholarship

Recognizes a graduate student/new professional who has demonstrated excellence for feminist scholarship. A plaque, and a gift of complimentary books from Westview Press are awarded annually. Proposals are evaluated for potential contribution to feminist scholarship and use of feminist frameworks. A summary of the recipient's research results will be published in the Section newsletter.

Both awards are open to all graduate students/new professionals (with up to 5 years post-doctoral work). Please submit 6 copies of the application and supporting documents by **April 30, 1996**, to J. Elizabeth Norrell, Dept. of HFR,

Northern Illinois Univ., De Kalb, IL 60115. Phone: 815-753-6339; e-mail: jenorrell@niu.edu

NCFR Student Award...



Given to an NCFR graduate student member who has demonstrated excellence as a student with high potential for contribution to the field of family studies. A plaque and check for \$1,000 are presented annually.

Criteria for selection: 1) A student currently enrolled in a Graduate Program whose work shows promise of significant contribution to family studies. Research

projects or other work need not be completed at the time of nomination; 2) Membership in NCFR for at least 2 years. Qualified students who are nominated will need to supply other supporting credentials: a) additional letters of support; b) brief statement defining an important problem they see in the family studies field and outlining possible steps towards solution; c) brief summary of a personal program, research project, publication representing the quality of their work and area of interest.

DEADLINE

for the next REPORT is
May 15, 1996

Use the form below to submit your nomination.

NOMINATION FORM - 1996/1997 National Council on Family Relations Awards

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Please nominate an individual or organization for one of NCFR's awards. Submit a nomination today for someone who has made outstanding contributions in the family field. They deserve NCFR's recognition.

Instructions: Use one form for each person/organization you wish to nominate. **Attach all documentation (letters of recommendation, other supporting materials) with this application form.** Mail all materials to NCFR Awards, 398 Central Ave. NE, #550, Minneapolis, MN 55421 by April 15, 1996. (Mail nominations for the Jessie Bernard Awards directly to the address listed on the previous page; note the deadline for submission.) You may duplicate this form if you wish to nominate more than one person. For further information about the awards call NCFR at 612-781-9331.

Check the Award for which you are nominating a candidate:

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Meet-a-Member

The National Football League, represented by Dr. Lem Burnham, is a new organizational member of NCFR.

Burnham is the NFL's Director of Player Programs, including services in continuing education, career internship, financial education, and family assistance. He also leads the NFL's involvement in a consortium of over 100 colleges and universities, and a national referral network of 125 or more professionals involved in the Family Assistance Program which includes psychologists, psychiatrists, counselors, and social workers.



Burnham

Burnham has been the administrator of critical care, inpatient and outpatient chemical dependency unit at West Jersey Health System, a teaching hospital consortium. He worked with the Baltimore Orioles Baseball Club and the Philadelphia 76ers Basketball Club as a club psychologist, and provides consulting services in employee education, leadership training, management and staff development, managing diversity in the workplace, performance appraisal, and team building through his own business, LL Burnham, Inc.

Burnham earned his bachelor's degree in psychology from U.S. International University, California Western College in San Diego; his master's degree in counseling psychology

from Minnesota State University in Bemidji, and his doctorate in psychology from Temple University in Philadelphia.

He is a board certified Forensic Examiner, BCFE and Diplomate of the American Board of Forensic Examiners and a Certified Employee Assistance Professional.

Burnham played defensive end with the Philadelphia Eagles from 1977 to 1980 and was a member of the 1980 Super Bowl team. In 1978 and 1979, the Eagles defensive unit was ranked No. 1 in the NFL. While he was with the Eagles, he was awarded five game balls for excellent performance, was the team leader in quarterback sacks in 1977-78, was awarded the Most Improved Training Trophy in 1978, and made the honor roll of Eagles Special Teams in 1979 which was ranked No. 1 in the NFL at the time.

He served with the U.S. Marine Corps in Vietnam, earning the National Defense Service Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Naval Unit Citation, Presidential Unit Citation, Vietnam Service Medal with 1 Star, and a Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device.

Meeting

April 11-12, 1996—"Protecting Families, Protecting Children: Research and Practice," national conference to examine effective strategies for protecting and enhancing the lives of children and families. Keynotes: Stephanie Coontz and Kenneth Smith. Speaker: Donna Shalala. Contact: 608-785-6500; FAX 608-785-6547.

Member News

NCFR member **Keith Farrington**, professor of sociology at Whitman College, was honored recently by the college for excellence in student counseling.

Farrington, who joined NCFR in 1974 and the Whitman faculty in 1977, was awarded the George Hudson Ball Award for Excellence in Advising. He earned his bachelor's degree from Bates College and his master's and doctoral degrees in sociology from the University of NH. He is an expert on social stress and is founder and coordinator of Whitman's Prison Research Group in which faculty and students study life at the Washington State Penitentiary.

Farrington was named Washington Professor of the Year in 1992 by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. In 1989, the college awarded him the Burlington Northern Award for outstanding teaching and scholarship, and the Town and Gown Award for service to the Walla Walla community. He was named a Paul Garrett Faculty Fellow in 1993, and has received numerous Sally Ann Abshire Research Scholar Awards for student-faculty research projects.

Toivo Ronka, a member of NCFR in Helsinki, Finland, has written a new book, **The Wisdom of Father**. He co-authored it with his daughter and research partner, Anne. The project was part of International Year of the Family-1994 activities.

Topics covered in the book include society's expectations and people's ways of thinking that shape education, human relations, and division of household labor; work and family life; self-esteem; action model and practical approach for the development of human relations and prevention of problems; and father as caretaker of the emotional relationship between spouses. Plans are underway to translate the book into English and German.

Ronka wrote the first Finnish family therapy book in 1972, and a second book on Finnish family life/parent education in 1967.

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Reviewer Training Started

A Reviewer-in-Training program has been started by the editor of **Journal of Marriage and the Family**, Robert M. Milardo.

The program is designed to provide advanced graduate students the opportunity to participate in the peer review of manuscripts submitted to JMF, and receive training in the review process.

"As a new reviewer, you will be asked to evaluate one or two manuscripts per year," Milardo explained. "I will provide guidelines for doing so, and you will receive copies of the decision letter written to the author of the manuscript being evaluated, as well as copies of the other reviews so that you might compare your own work with that of more experienced reviewers. I will not necessarily share your review with authors. It seems wise to engage in some batting practice before entering the Major Leagues."

Advanced graduate students who have typically completed all requirements for the doctoral degree in family studies, sociology, psychology, or a related discipline, with the exception of their dissertations, are eligible to participate in the Reviewers-in-Training Program.

To enroll in the program, contact Milardo at 17 Merrill Hall, University of ME, Orono, ME 04469-5749; Milardo@Maine.Maine.Edu

"We will follow up with further instructions and a form on which you may list your particular fields of interest and expertise," Milardo added.

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Positions Open

Dean, College of Human Resources and Education*, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) invites nominations and applications for Dean of the proposed College of Human Resources and Education. The College of Human Resources and the College of Education have been recommended for merger effective July 1, 1996.

The Dean reports to the Senior Vice President and Provost and has responsibility for the academic and administrative leadership of the College. Human Resources encompasses five departments and houses six research and service centers. It has 84 faculty, 38 support staff, and approximately 190 graduate and 1,400 undergraduate students. Education encompasses two departments and has 85 faculty, 30 support staff, as well as 1,200 graduate students, 600 of whom are at off-campus sites, and 300 undergraduate majors with an additional 300 majors in other college seeking teacher certification. Both Human Resources and Education have departments that are ranked among the leading programs in the country.

Virginia Tech is the senior land-grant university in the Commonwealth of Virginia with approximately 19,500 undergraduates and 4,200 graduate and professional students in 70 undergraduate and 120 master's and doctoral degree programs on the Blacksburg campus. In addition, there are approximately 1,800 graduate students at several off-campus centers in Virginia. Annual research expenditures exceed \$148 million, placing Virginia Tech in the nation's top 50 research universities. The University ranks 21st in the nation in industry-supported research.

Qualifications include an earned doctorate in a field related to the College programs. Preference will be given to candidates who have demonstrated strong academic leadership and a commitment to excellence in teaching, research, and outreach. Moreover, the prospective dean will be expected to provide leadership throughout the two year period of the anticipated merger.

Review of application with accompanying curriculum vitae and nominations will begin March 15, 1996 and continue until the position is filled. Communications should be addressed to: Dr. Patricia K. Edwards, Dean; College of Architecture and Urban Studies, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; Blacksburg, Virginia 24061-0205; Phone: (540) 231-6416.

Virginia Tech has a strong commitment to the principle of diversity and, in that spirit, seeks a broad spectrum of candidates including women, minorities, and people with disabilities. Individuals with disabilities desiring accommodations in the application process should notify Dr. Edwards (address above; TDD (540) 231-9460) by the application review date.

***This is a proposed merger subject to University approval.**

Position in Human Development and Family Sciences. Assistant Professor, Senior Researcher of Family and Child Policy, 1.0 FTE for 9 months, fixed term, renewable at the discretion of the department chair.

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Evidence of teaching competence, research, and commitment to external support.

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EFFECTIVE DATE: September 16, 1996.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 1, 1996, or until filled.

Send VITA and 3 references to: Alan C. Acock, Chair, Human Development and Family Sciences, Oregon State University, 322 Milam Hall, Corvallis, OR

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The National Institute for Healthcare Research announces the release of its latest publication, *The Costly Consequences of Divorce*, by David B. Larson, M.D., Susan S. Larson, and James P. Swyers. This report provides an in-depth analysis of trends in marriage, divorce, and remarriage in this country over the past few decades based on over 300 research studies. *The Costly Consequences of Divorce* explores changes in America's attitudes towards marriage, divorce, cohabitation, and parenting and then takes readers through step-by-step analysis of the potential adverse emotional, physical, psychological, and economic stresses that often occur for adults and children as the result of marital disruption. In addition, the report examines research on factors that may contribute to marital instability as well as detailed factors that may contribute to marital stability and marital satisfaction. This report is available for purchase from NIH for \$40.00. Please contact: NIH, 6110 Executive Blvd., Suite 908, Rockville, MD 20852 or call (301) 984-7162.

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CALL FOR PAPERS

The Editor-Elect of Family Relations has initiated a general Call for Papers for publication beginning with the January 1997 issue of the Journal.

Submissions that focus on family issues or relationships across the life cycle and have implications for intervention, education and public policy are encouraged.

The Editor-Elect is interested in increasing the submission of manuscripts in all areas, especially intergenerational relationships, minority family issues, cross-cultural or international family issues, and interdisciplinary approaches to family needs, problems and interventions. The editorial staff is committed to working with authors at all stages of the process.

Instructions to Authors are published annually in the January issue of Family Relations. Instructions can also be obtained by sending your request through e-mail to fr@iog.wayne.edu. On May 1, 1996, you will be able to access the Family Relations homepage through the following website: <http://www.iog.wayne.edu>.

Beginning May 1, 1996 submit manuscripts to:

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Section News

Sections Share Information on Activities

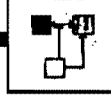


The International Section met at the annual conference and discussed ongoing projects to better integrate international participants at the conference. A hosting program is planned that includes a welcome letter in the conference packets and a hosting of international guests by NCFR members.

The Section is requesting assistance from all NCFR members in identifying possible international speakers and asks that members submit speakers' names to the Section chair.

The Section urges all NCFR members to support an international scholar's travel to the annual conference by making a small contribution (\$1.00) when they submit their membership dues.

The new officers were introduced at the meeting: John DeFrain, chair; Mindy Wang, vice-chair; Suzanna Smith, secretary/treasurer; and Jackie Fitzgerald, student/new professional representative.
Suzanna Smith



The Research and Theory Section has initiated a student proposal award that will begin with the 1996 program. All proposals where the student is the sole or first author will automatically be considered. The author of the proposal receiving the highest rating will be the winner and receive a check for \$200 and a plaque.

All proposals are blind reviewed by three reviewers. In case of a tie, the author of each proposal will receive an award. Awards will be made during the annual business meeting of the Research and Theory Section. Applications for all formats (paper, poster, etc.) will be considered. Eligible students include master's and pre-doctoral students currently enrolled in a graduate program.

The purpose of the award according to Alan Booth (current chair), Cheryl Buehler (former chair), and Jennifer Kerpelman (student/new professional representative), is to recognize outstanding student-originated contributions to family research and theory and to encourage student participation in the annual conference.
Alan Booth

Focus Groups



The Adoption Focus Group of NCFR's Family Policy Section met during the NCFR conference in Portland last November. If you were unable to attend, copies of the minutes are available. Packets of resource materials were distributed to those attending. Several sets are left and can be mailed out per your request until the supply is depleted.

It is required that all members of the Adoption Focus Group belong to our sponsoring Section, Family Policy. Please keep this in mind when you renew your NCFR memberships. We appreciate your letters indicating your interest in our group activities. As always, any NCFR member, guest, or conference attendee is welcome to attend our annual Focus Group meetings or request to be on our mailing list.

We hope you will make plans to attend the 1996 conference and our Focus Group activities. Plans are in progress. We will again feature short adoption policy and research summaries and discussions. Please notify me by June 1 for consideration of agenda proposals. You may request further information.

If your agency or university wishes to contribute brochures, materials, etc., for distribution or wishes to have current research, journal articles, videos, books, etc., listed on our annually updated Adoption Bibliography, submit those requests by October 1. Thank you for your input. We look forward to meeting you in November.

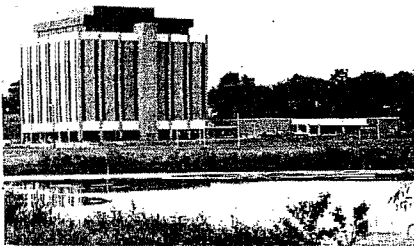
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Meetings

March 17-20, 1996: 23rd national Conference on Juvenile Justice, "Juvenile Justice: Winning the Race," Atlanta, GA. Sponsored by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and the National District Attorneys Association. Contact: National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, University of NV-Reno, P.O. Box 8970, Reno, NV 89507.

November 24-27, 1996: International conference on health and culture in adolescence, organized by the Israel Society for Adolescent in Health, Jerusalem, Israel. Contact: Dr. E. Chigier, chair, POB 1931, Ramat Gan, Israel; +972-3-6133340; FAX +972-3-6133341.

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For more information, contact Dr. Leonard Abbeduto, Waisman Center, 1500 Highland Ave, Madison, WI 53705; e-mail: abbeduto@waisman.wisc.edu. Phone: 608/263-1737. The deadline for applications is April 15, 1996. The University of Wisconsin is an equal opportunity employer. Women and minorities are especially encouraged to apply.

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Conference Comments

Ask the Conference Coordinator...

It appears to me that many of the conference sessions are geared to researchers. Are there sessions which are valuable for practitioners and students?

The NCFR Conference has many sessions, designed to be valuable for practitioners, students, and researchers. New research can be extremely helpful for those who seek to upgrade their skills, but the conference sessions need to feature sessions which show application of the research and answer the question, "so what does this research mean to my work?" I would like to offer suggestions of some of the 1996 Conference sessions and services which will be beneficial to everyone.

◆ **Plenary Sessions** feature speakers who are recognized as experts in the field of the Conference theme. For example, this year's speakers have been featured in the press and in many types of conferences on "Families in Political Context." During past elections **Seymour Martin Lipset**, the plenary speaker on **Saturday, Nov. 9**, has been recognized for his expertise in analyzing the outcome of National elections. Since the Presidential election takes place the day NCFR Pre-conference workshops begin, Dr. Lipset will give fresh insights about how families could be impacted by those who are elected to office, and what this means to you as family professionals.

Naomi Tutu, the opening plenary speaker on **Thursday, Nov. 7** (daughter of South African Bishop Desmond Tutu), is discussing *Families in Political Context in the South Africa*. She has been the speaker at United Nations conferences.

Theda Skocpol, speaker on **Friday, Nov. 8** is discussing, *What is Happening to Families in U.S. Social Policy?* Her insights, gathered from her research at Harvard University, will be useful to every family professional - practitioner, researcher, student.

◆ **Research Updates for Practitioners** are especially useful for professionals who want to know about the latest research, but simply don't have the time to examine all the literature. RUP speakers are experts who have searched the latest literature on a topic and summarize it. They then discuss the practical implications.

◆ **Focus Groups** are informal sessions which discuss specific topics such as Single Parent Families, Nursing and the Family, Men in Families, etc. These sessions are open to all attendees.

◆ **Exhibits** offer practitioners, researchers and students the opportunity to look for the latest books, periodicals,

and products such as educational and research software, to be used in their work and classrooms.

◆ **Employment Matching Service** presents an opportunity for prospective employers and job candidates to meet face-to-face while attending the

conference. This year we are hoping to expand the service to include some online service.

◆ **How-to-Sessions on a Variety of Topics** such as *How to Write for NCFR Journals*, *How to Review and*

Critique Journal Manuscripts, and *How to Become a Certified Family Life Educator* offer down-to-earth suggestions for students, researchers, and practitioners. In addition, the **Students/New Professionals** offer several sessions geared for those in this phase of life. Topics such as *How to Get the Most Out of a Conference*, *How Do I Mix Family, Graduate School, and a Job?* *Suggestions for Job Interviews* have been offered in the past.

The 1996 Program Committee will meet on Thursday, April 25, to finalize the program. In the June issue of **NCFR Report** I will list some of the Paper, Poster, and Symposia sessions which are valuable for practitioners, students, and researchers.

Cindy Winter, CMP
Conference Coordinator

Tutu Keynote Scheduled

The 1996 NCFR annual conference directly follows the 1996 U.S. Presidential election. In fact, members who attend pre-conference workshops may have to secure absentee ballots in order to cast their votes. Plan now to cast your vote and attend the conference at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Kansas City, MO, **November 6-10, 1996**.

The conference theme is **Families in Political Context**. While the rationale for the theme had to do with its timeliness in relation to the seemingly increasing political nature of the systemic relationship between families, the economy, and government, the election gives the theme added significance.

To help us better appreciate its significance, we have invited three outstanding scholars to speak at our plenary sessions November 7-9, each from a different perspective. **Naomi Tutu**, who teaches in the School of Education at the University of Connecticut-Storrs, will speak on Thursday, November 7. Her topic will be "Families in Political Context in South Africa." Having spent her sabbatical year, 1995-1996, in her home country of South Africa, she will be able to share with us her observations of the effects of recent political changes on family life there.



Tutu, daughter of Nobel Peace laureate Archbishop Desmond Tutu, founded the Tutu Foundation which provides scholarships and grants to South African refugees in other African countries, helping them learn new skills and create businesses, and assisting them with basic survival needs.

She serves on the advisory committee of the Archbishop Tutu Southern African Scholarship Fund, which has brought South Africans and Nambians to the U.S. for higher education. She holds a bachelor's degree in economics and French and a master's degree in international economic development. She is writing her dissertation for a doctorate with the London School of Economics.

With such an illustrious array of speakers, no NCFR member will want to miss the 1996 NCFR annual conference. It promises to be a rare opportunity for members to come together on the combined important occasions of a national Presidential election and NCFR's annual conference.

Plans are now underway by the Local

Arrangements committee under the leadership of Olivia P. Collins, to make the 1996 conference an especially memorable event. I personally am looking forward to the conference--I hope you are, too.

Shirley Zimmerman
1996 NCFR Conference Program
Vice-president



Conference:
November 7-10, 1996

Pre-Conference Workshops:
November 5-6, 1996

Hyatt Regency Crown Center
Kansas City, MO

Program Vice President: **Shirley Zimmerman** Univ. of Minnesota

Plenaries

Naomi Tutu, Ph.D.
Univ. of Connecticut
Families in Political Context in South Africa

Theda Skocpol, Ph.D.
Harvard Univ.
What is Happening to Families in U.S. Social Policy?

Seymour Martin Lipset, Ph.D.,
George Mason Univ.
What does the Election Mean?

Panel: **Reaction of Special Interest Groups to the Election**

Special Activities

- ◆ Research Updates for Practitioners ◆ Symposia ◆ Posters
- ◆ Papers ◆ Panels ◆ Round Tables ◆ Workshops
- ◆ Exhibits ◆ Networking ◆ Receptions
- ◆ and much more

Conference Registration fees: NCFR Member, \$140
Non-member Professional, \$220; NCFR Student Member, \$65
Non-NCFR Student, \$95

Hyatt Regency Crown Center Hotel Sleeping Room rates:
\$99 Single or Double

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Kansas City Highlights

More fountains than any city except Rome, more boulevard miles than Paris. Just one of the many ways Kansas City, the site of NCFR's 1996 annual conference, is a city of surprises.

Metropolitan and inviting, Kansas City sits proudly in the heartland of America, offering sophistication in a hometown atmosphere. From dining to shopping, museums to amusement parks, performing arts to sports, the entertainment opportunities are endless.

Conference-goers will find themselves at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, located in Crown Center, one of Kansas City's premier attractions. Connected to the Hyatt by The Link, a climate-controlled, 880-foot long elevated pedestrian walkway, Crown Center is a world famous city within a city, beautifully landscaped on 85 acres that surround the international headquarters of Hallmark, the world's largest greeting card company.

This enclosed tri-level shopping and entertainment center features more than 80 shops and restaurants, two live theaters, a six-screen cinema, and the popular Ice Terrace, an ice skating pavilion.

Free activities include the Hallmark Visitors Center, where guests can see 12 exhibits, a timeline depicting the history of greeting cards, interactive displays, craftspeople at work, and a movie about Hallmark; and Kaleidoscope, a children's creative workshop for ages five to twelve.

The largest of the retail outlets is Halls Crown Center, a 100,000 square foot specialty department store. Perched above Halls is the Mobil four-star American Restaurant. The Heartland Market is Crown Center's network of restaurants and food shops on the first level featuring several types of ethnic specialties, along with standard American fare at economical prices.

Among other Kansas City surprises awaiting conference-goers:

- Country Club Plaza: one of the nation's first shopping centers, built in 1922 and modeled after Seville, Spain. Features red-tiled roofs, ornate ironwork, majestic towers, statues, exquisite mosaics and sparkling fountains, as well as 150 of the finest stores in the country and dozens of restaurants.
- Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art: one of the largest art museums in the U.S., featuring one of the finest collections of Asian art in the western world. Home to the largest collection of monumental bronzes by British artist Henry Moore outside his native England, and to the largest sculpture project by artists Claes Oldenburg and Coosie van Bruggen.
- The Negro Leagues Baseball Museum: located in the heart of the historic 18th and Vine district, the museum is the centerpiece of a historical renaissance of Negro Leagues baseball. The exhibit covers the entire history of the Negro Leagues from their inception after the Civil War through their end in the 1960s.

- The Harry L. Truman Library: located just 20 minutes east of downtown Kansas City in Independence, MO, one of nine presidential libraries nationwide. It contains exhibits relating to Mr. Truman's presidency, including a recreation of his White House Oval Office and a large mural painted by Missouri artist Thomas Hart Benton.
- Westport: a quick step back into Kansas City's history. More than a century ago, this famous spot was the jumping off point for the Santa Fe, CA, and Oregon trails. Today, you can jump off to an afternoon of unique shopping in the district's one-of-a-kind boutiques or spend an evening sampling the nightlife found in dozens of clubs and brewpubs.
- The Toy and Miniature Museum; located in a renovated 1911 mansion with a newer 14,000 square foot addition, a treasure house of over 500,000 antique toys, miniatures, doll houses and furnishings, dating from the mid-1800s to the present.

Employment Service Set

In keeping with a successful tradition, this year's annual conference will again feature an Employment Service. The service benefits employers and professionals seeking jobs.

Employers may expedite their search process by being able to meet with a number of prospective applicants in one setting. These initial meetings can serve to provide additional information about the open position, as well as act as an initial screening. It is always helpful to be able to put a face and personality with an application.

The service also provides professionals with the opportunity to meet with a number of potential employers. Prospective employees can gain more information about specific job requirements and expectations, as well as learn details about the potential employment setting.

As co-chairs of this year's service, we are interested in your feedback and suggestions to improve this service and better meet your needs. Please contact Charlotte Olsen at 913-532-5773; COLSEN@OZ.OZNET.KSU.EDU or Rick Miller at 913-532-1487; RMILLER@KSU.KSU.EDU Rick Miller and Charlotte Olsen

Burgess, Peters Awards Staggered

The 1995 NCFR Board of Directors voted to stagger presentation of the Burgess and Peters Awards beginning in 1996. In addition, the award will be presented in the same year as the speech is given.

The new process begins this year with presentation of the Ernest W. Burgess Award. The award's purpose is to recognize a distinguished career in the field of family research and scholarship.

STUDENTS! EARN A SCHOLARSHIP TO NCFR'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE, NOVEMBER 5-10, 1996

NCFR student members have the first chance to earn scholarships towards their Annual Conference registration fees. The Conference is November 5-10, 1996, at the Hyatt Regency Crown Center Hotel, Kansas City, MO. Conference registration fees will be refunded in return for 8 hours of help. The number of positions needed is limited--Return your form soon!

What is a Student Assistant?

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

What are the responsibilities of a Student Assistant?

- Check in at the Student Assistance desk upon arrival at the conference.
- Be at your assigned position 20 minutes before the scheduled work time to be briefed on information pertinent to your job and shift.
- Be willing to do ANY task necessary for the smooth operation of your assigned project and the conference as a whole. (Note: Some positions may include moving boxes and audio-visual equipment.)
- Acquaint yourself with the conference program BEFORE coming to the conference so that you are able to answer questions asked by attendees.

How Can We Sign Up?

- Complete the form below and return by SEPTEMBER 15, 1996, to:

Farrell J. Webb
School of Family Studies and Human Service
Kansas State University
303 Justin Hall
Manhattan, KS 66506-1403

STUDENT ASSISTANTS FORM SUBMISSION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 1, 1996

Name _____
School _____
Address _____

Phone: Day (____) _____ Night (____) _____

Please check the areas in which you would be willing to work:
☐ registration ☐ employment service ☐ special events set-up
☐ local information ☐ workshop registration ☐ exhibits
☐ poster session set-up, door monitor
☐ liaison for emergencies, AV set-up, audio-taping (must have access to a car)

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

Tue., Nov. 5 <input type="checkbox"/> afternoon <input type="checkbox"/> evening	Wed., Nov. 6 <input type="checkbox"/> morning <input type="checkbox"/> afternoon <input type="checkbox"/> evening	Thur., Nov. 7 <input type="checkbox"/> morning <input type="checkbox"/> afternoon <input type="checkbox"/> evening
Fri., Nov. 18 <input type="checkbox"/> morning <input type="checkbox"/> afternoon <input type="checkbox"/> evening	Sat., Nov. 9 <input type="checkbox"/> morning <input type="checkbox"/> afternoon <input type="checkbox"/> evening	Sun., Nov. 10 <input type="checkbox"/> morning <input type="checkbox"/> afternoon

→ or E-mail your request with all the information asked for above to
fwebb@ksu.ksu.edu

Reminder - Vote by Absentee Ballot

If you are coming to the pre-conference workshops of the NCFR Conference on Tuesday, Nov. 5, it will be necessary for you to vote by Absentee Ballot. Make plans now so that you can take advantage of this privilege.

The winner will receive a gift of \$1,000, a plaque, and up to \$750 in travel funds.

The committee requests nominations by March 22. Please send your nomination along with a paragraph summarizing the person's major contributions to the field to Cheryl Buehler, Child and Family Studies, JHB 115, University of TN, Knoxville, TN 37996-1900; 423-974-6271; PA89608@UTKVM.BITNET

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Program Vice-president



Elliott



Myers-Walls

Barbara A. Elliott, Ph.D.

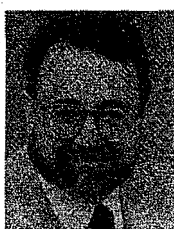
1) Associate Professor, Department of Family Medicine and Director, Clinical Research; School of Medicine, University of Minnesota-Duluth. 2) Director of Behavioral Science Research; Duluth Family Practice Residency Program. 3) Board of Directors; Conference Program Planning Committee; Chair, Family and Health Section; Chair, National Program Advisory Committee; Editor, **Families and Health Care** (Vision 2010 series); Chair, Health Forum, International Year of the Family; Photographic Exhibit "Many Faces of Absolute Poverty" at 1991 conference; Newsletter Editor, Family and Health Section; International Year of the Family Program Planning Committee; Member of Sections: Family and Health, International, Research and Theory, Religion and Family Life, Public Policy; Member: Minnesota Council on Family Relations; Multiple presentations in symposia, paper, and poster sessions. 4) Society of Teachers of Family Medicine; North American Primary Care Research Group; International Red Cross; Social Science and Medicine. 5) NCFR is the primary family organization, and it continues its visibility, collegiality and leadership through its annual conference. As the conference program vice-president, I look forward to a conference topic that focuses on the continuance of families which are basic to society as its smallest unit. We each--scientists, policy makers, and practitioners alike--will have the opportunity to learn from each other while addressing an issue that concerns us all. The plenary speakers will represent national and international perspectives regarding the topic and bring scientific and artistic skills to their presentations.

Judith A. Myers-Walls, Ph.D., CFLE

1) Associate Professor and Extension Specialist, Child Development and Family Studies, Purdue University. 2) Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist, Purdue University. 3) Member of NCFR since 1978; member of International, Feminism and Family Studies, and Education and Enrichment sections; member of the Peace and the Family, Parent Education, and CFLE focus groups; Association of Councils Program Chair; Education and Enrichment secretary/treasurer, and chair; member of the Board of Directors; International Year of the Family planning committee; chair of the Task Force on CFLE. Indiana Council on Family Relations: secretary, program chair, president. 4) Society for Research in Child Development; Family Resource Coalition; Psychologists for Social Responsibility; National Association for the Education of Young Children; Parenting for Peace and Justice Network. 5) My goals for enriching the already strong NCFR Annual Conference: explore ways to improve the meeting as an educational opportunity by encouraging the use of high-quality

educational techniques in presentations; continue efforts to help members to "bring the meeting home" to local councils; explore ways to simplify the increasingly complex meeting schedule without reducing opportunities for participation; expand and refine the concept of the Educators' Resource Exchange. A possible theme is Families and the Big Blue Marble. It would emphasize families in the larger world context and focus on the family's role in building a sustainable future on this planet.

Publications Vice-President



Berardo



Gelles

Felix A. Berardo, Ph.D.

1) Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL. 2) Chair, Department of Sociology, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL. 3) Chair, Publications Board; Member, Publications Board; Chair, Strategic Planning Committee; Editor, **Journal of Marriage and the Family**; Guest Editor, **Journal of Marriage and the Family**, Chair, Distinguished Service to Families Award Committee; Member, Distinguished Service to Families Award; NCFR Representative, White House Conference on Aging; President, Florida Council on Family Relations; Affiliated Council Nominations Committee. 4) American Sociological Association; National Council on Family Relations; Gerontological Society of America; Southern Sociological Society; Florida Council on Family Relations. 5) Over the decades NCFR has achieved prominent recognition as the leading professional organization derived in large part from its publications, in particular the **Journal of Marriage and the Family** and **Family Relations**. Those publications have steadily improved in theoretical and methodological innovations and sophistication related to family scholarship, under the careful dedication of successive editors and their board members. In my view, the Publications Board must (1) continue to play a crucial role in maintaining that record, by setting high standards of scholarship, and (2) develop and promote fresh proposals designed to enhance the dissemination of NCFR publications. These would be my primary concerns.

Dr. Richard H. Gelles

1) Professor of Sociology and Psychology; Director, Family Violence Research Program. 2) Dean, College of Arts and Sciences. 3) Chair, Research and Theory Section; Chair, Theory Construction and Research Methods Workshop; Associate Editor, **Journal of Marriage and the Family**; Editor, **Vision 2010: Families & Violence, Abuse, & Neglect**; Board of Directors. 4) American Sociological Association; Eastern Sociological Society; Society for the Study of Social Problems. 5) National Council on Family Relations publications--**Journal of Marriage and the Family**, **Family Relations**, the **Vision 2010** series, and other publication projects are main member services, significant sources of

revenue for NCFR, and the major links between NCFR members are the larger academic, clinical, education, and policy communities. My platform is to maintain the current quality and financial success of NCFR publications as well as explore new ventures (including the Internet and World Wide Web) that can both provide services to NCFR members as well as link NCFR with other individuals and groups concerned with families and family relations.

Membership Vice-President



Blieszner



Bower

Rosemary Blieszner, Ph.D.

1) Professor, Gerontology and Family Studies, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. 2) Associate Professor. 3) Local Arrangement Committee; Nominating Committee; Reviewer, **Journal of Marriage and the Family** and **Family Relations**; Research and Theory Section Nominating Committee Chair; Feminism and Family Studies Section Secretary/treasurer, Endowment Committee Chair. 4) Gerontological Society of America Fellow; American Psychological Association; International Society for the Study of Personal Relationships; International Network on Personal Relationships; Southern Gerontological Society. 5) A large and diverse membership enhances NCFR's potential for accomplishing its missions and contributing to improved individual and family well-being. To assist in membership development, I would work with the Board to establish an incentive plan for recruitment of new members by current members; propose a multi-year membership fee for student members transitioning to new professional status; aggressively recruit new members from among NCFR conference participants; seek resources to recruit new members from related organizations such as AAMFT, AAFCS, APA, and GSA; and coordinate with Affiliated Councils on state and local membership campaigns.

Dr. Donald W. Bower

1) Leader, Resource Management and Human Development, Cooperative Extension Service, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA. 2) Human Development Specialist, Cooperative Extension Service, the University of Georgia, Athens, GA. 3) Member 1973-present, participant in many annual conferences; Association of Councils: Board of Directors; Southeastern Council: President, Annual Meeting chairman, treasurer; Georgia Council: President. 4) American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences; National Association for the Education of Young Children; Sexuality Information and Education Council of the U.S.; National Council on Aging; Council of Administrators of Family and Consumer Sciences. 5) Membership involvement at all levels of NCFR is critical to the organization's continued viability. Effective member recruitment depends on a combination of attractive organizational programming and member outreach. In this era of specialization and declining interest in "joining," NCFR needs to continue

refining its effectiveness in serving current and potential members. I look forward to bringing new ideas to the Board to make this happen.

Public Policy Vice-president



Hernandez



Kingsbury

Donald J. Hernandez, Ph.D.

1) Study Director, Committee on the Health and Adjustment of Immigrant Children and Families, Board of Child Youth, and Families, National Academy of Sciences. 2) Chief, Marriage and Family Statistics Branch, U.S. Bureau of the Census. 3) Member, Public Policy Committee, Reviewer for **Journal of Marriage and the Family**. 4) Society for Research in Child Development; American Sociological Association; International Society for the Study of Behavioral Development; Population Association of America, American Association for the Advancement of Science. 5) I am greatly honored to be nominated for the position of Public Policy Vice-president at a time when welfare and health policies for families and children at the national, state, and local levels are undergoing revolutionary transformations more profound than any more than a half-century. As policies are redesigned, implemented, and evaluated propose to expand information available NCFR members regarding these change and to strengthen the NCFR role in shaping them by working with the Public Policy Committee, our Washington representative, the Family Policy section and key actors in the national agenda-setting debate.

Dr. Nancy Kingsbury

1) Chair, Department of Family Sciences, Texas Woman's University, Denton, TX. 2) Associate Professor, Department of Family Studies, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. 3) NCFR member since 1981; Chair, Osborne Award Committee (1988 nominee for Vice-president of Membership (1994); attended national conference and presented each year since 1981; chaired, presided, and presented a symposium on International policies that affect childbearing and childrearing at NCFR conference (1994); member: Research and Theory, Family Policy, and International Sections; Program Committee member; Secretary of International Section; discussant, review presider at annual conferences. Texas Council on Family Relations since 1992; conference participant; VP Public Relations (1995). 4) Groves Conference on Marriage and Family; International Union for the Scientific Study of Population; American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences; Council of Administrators of Family and Consumer Sciences; Omicron Nu. 5) No matter where I go, when I tell people who I "do," the comments are similar--you're right on the edge of what is the focus of today. The question is how this "focus" can have the most positive impact on families? Our Public Policy committee that meets in Washington is meant to be NCFR's voice to policy makers. We are empowered with expertise, knowledge,

and research process and outcomes that are invaluable to public policy process, implementation, and evaluation. My research has focused on cross-cultural policies and childbearing/childrearing. In a global economy that is ruled by technology, international knowledge and comparisons are crucial to policy analysis, trends, and decisions. Living in France one year (sabbatical) and Canada nine years gave me a perspective about policy influences that I could not have experienced had I lived in the U.S. only. My work and interactions with members of the International Section of NCFR have contributed to my broadened perspective of U.S. policies in the context of global networks. I have long been an advocate for the link between research and knowledge and the applied focus and actions. I am eager to be Vice-president of Public Policy so that I can use my acquired knowledge and skills about policies to enhance the NCFR work in Washington.

S/NP Representative



Barre



Choice



De Reus

Donna M. Barre, Ph.D.

1) Epidemiologist, Arkansas Department of Health. 2) Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Center for Development and Health Research Methodology, Penn State University. 3) NCFR member since 1992; Member: Feminism and Family Studies, and Research and Theory Sections--reviewed conference abstracts, participated in business meetings for these sections. Also involved in Qualitative Methodology group and the Work and Family group. 4) American Psychological Association; National Association for the Education of Young Children. 5) I feel that there are three key functions on which an S/NP representative should focus: developing programs for the professional development of S/NP members, representing the S/NP members and perspective on the organization's board, and providing opportunities for new members to learn how to become active participants in NCFR. I will pursue these goals by continuing established S/NP programs (e.g., job skills), by expanding and extending some programs (e.g., on-line mentoring), by developing new programs (e.g., how to write an abstract or participate in section activities), and by maintaining regular contact with S/NP members (e.g., sharing S/NP e-mail addresses).

Pamela Choice, Ph.D.

1) Assistant Professor, Child Development and Family Studies, Purdue University. 2) Graduate Research Assistant, Family and Child Development, Auburn University. 3) 1993-95 Student/New Professional Representative Feminism and Family Studies section; Member: Feminism and Family Studies section, Family Policy section, Research

and Theory section, International section; Co-winner Jessie Bernard Award for Outstanding Contribution to Feminist Scholarship, 1995. Assisted with the development and planning of feminist teaching roundtables. Annual conference presenter. 4) International Society for the Study of Interpersonal Relationships; American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences; American Psychological Association. 5) As the S/NP representative, I would seek to focus my energies on conference steering to ensure that the needs of both students and new professionals are met. I see professional development sessions as a primary area of interest for students and new professionals. I would work to ensure that issues relevant to the professional development of students and new professionals are addressed in the domains of research, education, policy advocacy, and clinical practice. Student and new professional involvement in NCFR is important to the vitality of NCFR as well as to the families and children we serve and study. I would communicate to the NCFR Board the importance of outreach and benevolence to students and new professionals. In addition to the importance of maintaining communication between the NCFR Board and students and new professionals. I would work to enhance lines of communication among students and new professionals with each other. This could be achieved by expanding the services of the Council of Representatives which is already in place.

Lee Ann De Reus

1) Doctoral candidate, Department of Child Development and Family Studies, Purdue University. 2) Research Project Coordinator, Indiana Community Childhood Hunger Identification Project. 3) Section memberships: Family Policy, Feminism and Family Studies; Affiliated Councils: Student Representative to Indiana Council on Family Relations; Board of Directors. 4) Indiana CFR; Association for Women in Psychology. 5) As the S/NP Representative I would strive to achieve the following five goals: 1) Organize an NCFR pre-conference workshop on grant writing; 2) Organize an NCFR S/NP skills exchange session that introduces S/NPs to resources on the Internet; 3) Work with the NCFR Membership Vice-President to develop and implement strategies for increasing S/NP membership and retention rates; 4) Actively solicit suggestions and concerns of S/NPs and communicate them to the NCFR Board; 5) Provide continuity in leadership and programming from the previous S/NP Representative. I am committed to the continued vitality of the S/NP membership and believe that I possess the necessary leadership skills and enthusiasm to be an effective representative.

Meetings

October 23-27, 1996--National Recreation and Park Association Symposium on Leisure Research. Kansas City, MO. Contact: Patricia A. Stokowski, Dept. Of Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences, 308 Francis Hall, TX A & M University, College Station, TX 77843-2261; 409-845-5302; Pstokows@rpts.tamu.edu

July 15-August 9, 1996--Summer Forum, "Resiliency in Families." University of WI-Madison. Contact: Jo Futrell at jfutrell@facstaff.wisc.edu

National Nominating Committee



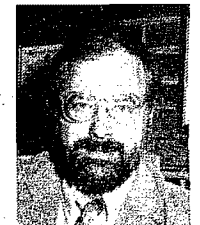
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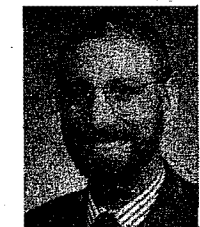
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Betty Rose Johnson, Ph.D.

1) Assistant Professor, The University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio School of Nursing, Department of Family Nursing Care, San Antonio, TX. 2) Assistant Professor, The University of North Carolina School of Nursing, Chapel Hill, NC. 3) Member of NCFR since 1984; member of Family Health and Research and Theory Sections; Affiliated Councils: Member of Texas Council. 4) The National League for Nursing; American Nurses' Association; Southern Nursing Research Society; Sigma theta Tau International. 5) NCFR must be visionary and proactive in its planning as we approach the next millennium. The most effective means of accomplishing this is to identify those individuals who can speak for all of the members in an era of accelerated change and who will continue the history of NCFR as a strong organization. If elected to the National Nominating Committee, I will attempt to select individuals of diverse cultures and interests who display a commitment to providing leadership and to promoting the goals of the organization.

Yoav Lavee, Ph.D.

1) Senior Lecturer and Director of Graduate Studies, School of Social Work, University of Haifa, Israel. 2) Lecturer and Director of Graduate Program in Family Studies, School of Social Work, University of Haifa. 3) Member since 1983; Research and Theory, International, Family Therapy, and Family and Health sections; Active participation in NCFR annual conferences and Theory Construction and Research Methodology Workshops since 1984; Planning Committee, IYF Workshop; Reuben Hill Award Committee; Editorial Board, *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, and Reviewer for *Family Relations*; Reviewer of abstracts for NCFR conferences, Research and Theory and International sections. 4) Clinical member, AAMFT, and reviewer for the *Journal of Marital and Family Therapy*; Israeli Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (Executive Board and Editor, *Family - the IAMFT journal of marriage and family therapy*); Israeli Association for Sex Therapy (Board of Directors); Israeli Psychological Association. 5) It is the responsibility of the Nominating Committee to identify, recruit, and present

a slate of candidates for NCFR offices who are willing, committed, and able to lead the organization in its multiple missions. As a member of the Committee, I will work to ensure that this slate represents the diversity of NCFR in terms of age, gender, ethnicity, discipline and professional interests, and also that candidates are committed to strengthening NCFR ties with other national and international organizations which focus on families, in order for the organization to broaden its scope in understanding and helping families world-wide.

Eleanor D. Macklin, Ph.D.

1) Professor and Director, Marriage and Family Therapy Program, Syracuse University. 2) Assistant Professor, University of Maryland. 3) NCFR: Board of Directors; Nominating Committee; Associate Editor, *Journal of Marriage and the Family*; Secretary and Chair, Family Therapy Section; Member, Editor Search Committee; Member, Family Service Award Committee; Member, Commission on AIDS. 4) American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy; American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors, and Therapists; Groves Conference on Marriage and the Family. 5) The future well-being of NCFR will be determined to a large extent by the caliber and dedication of the members who are willing to serve as its officers. I am committed to developing a slate of competent and committed individuals who will represent the many facets of the organization.

James Ponzetti, Ph.D.

1) Associate Professor of Family Studies, Central Washington University. 2) Assistant Professor of Family Studies, University of New Mexico. 3) Long Range Planning Committee; Affiliated Councils: Past president, Northwest Council on Family Relations; Past president, New Mexico Council on Family Relations. 4) International Society for the Study of Personal Relationships; International Network on Personal relationships. 5) The diversity of the NCFR membership is perhaps its greatest strength. Accordingly, it is imperative to insure that those members nominated for

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office reflect this diversity. I would make every effort to insure that members nominated for office represent the diversity of the organization as a whole. There are so many qualified competent members who wish to serve NCFR in some capacity that have yet to be given the change. I think it is important to identify these individuals and encourage them to become more active in their organization.

Suzanne Randolph, Ph.D.

1) Associate Professor of Family Studies. 2) Assistant Professor of Family Studies. 3) Member, Ethnic Minorities Section (Chair, Strategic Long Range Planning, 1990-1992; Co-chair, Fundraising, 1992-1994); Member, Family and Health Section; developed NCFR Diversity Poster. 4) Association of Black Psychologists (Past National President); American Psychological Association; Society for Research in Child Development (Chair, Ethnic and Racial Issues); National Black Child Development Institute; National Academy of Sciences, Head Start Research Roundtable. 5) My commitment to the membership is to present them with a slate of compelling leaders representative of the various perspectives of NCFR (in terms of gender, race and ethnicity as well as disciplines, and interests in teaching, research, policy, practice and service). My goal is that the membership have leadership options that ensure NCFR's continuing role in family issues into the 21st Century.

Dr. Virginia H. Sibbison

1) Executive Director of Welfare Research, Inc. (WRI) for more than 20 years. 2) Most "immediate past professional position" was more than 20 years ago--Assistant Professor at Pennsylvania State University, with a joint appointment teaching in the College of Human Development. 3) Member since 1970. Sections: Member of Research and Theory Section. NCFR Affiliate Council: President, Board of Directors, 1982-84, New York State Council; Treasurer, Board of Directors, 1984-90; New York State Council. 4) Groves Conference on Marriage and the Family: Treasurer, Board of Directors, 1982-present; New York City Executive Women in Human Services, Board of Directors, 1985-93. 5) As the only national organization composed of academics, clinicians, practitioners, researchers, graduate students, government representatives, and senior staff from not-for-profit organizations--all professionally concerned with the family, in all of its forms, and all of its members--NCFR has the potential to respond to the complexities of the current political environment and its impact on family. There is a great need to influence public policy and practice, as they affect children, adults, and families, through the communication of the lessons learned in the practitioner and academic communities. I would advocate that NCFR find more mechanisms to bridge the gap between the knowledge and experience of its members and government policy makers through the identification of, and recruitment of, new members who could facilitate that process.

Benjamin Silliman, Ph.D., CFLE

1) Family Life Specialist, University of Wyoming Cooperative Extension Service. 2) Assistant Professor, Family & Child Studies, Louisiana Tech University. 3) Member of NCFR since 1986; Secretary/treasurer, Education and Enrichment Section (1994-96); Vice-chair, Religion and Family Life Section (1993-95); President, Louisiana Council on Family Relations (1989-91); CFLE Recertification Committee (1994-96). 4) Family Resource Coalition, since 1988; National Association for the Education of Young Children, since 1988. 5) NCFR is a diverse organization whose leadership should reflect the diversity of professional training, professional involvement, and viewpoints characteristic of the family field. In addition, NCFR's leadership must find new ways of listening to members needs, facilitating dialogue with a variety of other family-serving organizations, and encouraging innovative efforts to assist families. NCFR officers should reflect and cultivate these qualities if the organization is to remain vital into the twenty-first century.

Donna L. Sollie

1) Full Professor, Family and Child Development, Auburn University. 2) Associate Professor, Family and Child Development, Auburn University. 3) Vice-chair, Nominating Committee, Research and Theory Section; Chair, Feminist Teaching Committee, Feminism and Family Studies Section; Member: Research and Theory, Feminism and Family Studies, Family Action, Education and Enrichment Sections; Presenter and presider at annual meetings. Editorial Board, **Family Relations**; Local Arrangements and Hospitality Suite; Board member, Awards Committee, Alabama Council on Family Relations; Program Planning Committee, Texas Council on Family Relations; Southeastern Council on Family Relations. 4) International Society for the Study of Personal Relationships, Board Member, Secretary-Treasurer, Membership Committee; Groves Conference on Marriage and the Family, AAMFT. 5) If elected to the NCFR Nominating Committee, my major goals will be to identify candidates who will reflect the diversity of NCFR membership, and who possess qualities of vision, innovativeness, and leadership. One of the major strengths and appealing aspects of NCFR is our diversity with respect to gender, age, ethnicity, disciplinary background, and professional affiliation. As we move into the 21st century, we must continue to capitalize on our diversity and select visionary leaders who are committed not only to the continued growth and well-being of NCFR, but also to the importance of making sure that we are an organization that truly makes a difference in the lives of individuals and families.

Dr. Dena B. Targ

1) Extension Specialist and Associate Professor, Department of Child Development and Family Studies, Purdue University. 2) Extension Specialist and Assistant Professor, Department of Child Development and Family Studies, Purdue University. 3) Member, Feminism and Family Studies Award and Conference Paper Selection Committee; Member, Education and Enrichment, Feminism and Family Studies and Research and Theory Sections; Associate Editor, **Journal of Family Issues**. Affiliated Councils: Chair and Member, ICFR Program Committee; Member ICFR Board. 4) American

Sociological Association: Chair, Jessie Bernard Award Committee. North Central Sociological Association: President and Treasurer; Sociologists for Women in Society: Member. 5) As a member of the Nominating Committee, I would work with other members of the committee to seek candidates who are diverse in terms of such professional characteristics as roles and focus, type of employer, clientele, geographic location, as well as diverse in group membership with regard to race, gender, ethnicity, age, and sexual preference.

Patricia Voydanoff, Ph.D.

1) Director, Center for the Study of Family Development, University of Dayton. 2) Chair, Department of Family and Community Studies, Merrill-Palmer Institute. 3) Task Force on NCFR Editorial Long Range Planning; Program Vice President; Board of Directors; Chair, Workshop on Theory Construction and Research Methodology; Publications Committee; Nominating Committee; Chair, Reuben Hill Award Committee; Editor, **Journal of Family Issues**, Associate Editor, **Journal of Marriage and the Family**. Affiliated Councils: Nominating Committee; Board Member, Ohio Council on Family Relations; Board Member, Michigan Council on Family Relations. 4) American Sociological Association; Society for the Study of Social Problems; International Sociological Association; Sociologists for Women in Society. 5) As a member of the Nominating Committee, my goal will be to nominate candidates for national office who will contribute thoughtful, imaginative, and creative ideas for the further development of NCFR; who are willing to devote their time and energy to the organization; and who represent the diverse membership and constituencies making up NCFR.

James (Jim) M. White, Ph.D.

1) Associate Professor, Family Science, University of British Columbia, Canada. 2) 3) Nominated to serve as chair of the Reuben Hill Award Committee; President, Northwest Council on Family Relations. 4) -- 5) I would like to help NCFR continue to recruit leaders of the same excellence as those who preceded us. I think that NCFR must not only continue to serve national interest but also must reach out and attain a more global perspective and a more inclusive international perspective. As a scholar from another country, I believe I can assist in this process of development.

David Wright

1) Associate Professor, Kansas State University (1985-present). 2) Doctoral Student, University of Georgia. 3) NCFR member since 1982; Chair, Mentoring Task Force; member, Publications Committee; member, Membership Committee; Chair, Family Therapy Section and member, NCFR Board of Directors; Past-president, Kansas Council on Family Relations; Juror, Reuben Hill Award; Juror, Distinguished Service to Families Award; Active participant at all NCFR conferences since 1982. 4) American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy; Kansas Council on Family Relations; Kappa Omicron Nu. 5) The efforts made over the last several years to increase diversity in leadership and governance within NCFR have been important and, basically, successful. I applaud those efforts, but at the same time it is my belief that we must continue to search for and remove the more subtle

barriers that may prevent NCFR from realizing the full benefits of diversity, especially beyond gender and ethnicity. Two examples are barriers hidden within various time-honored election and selection processes and the often artificial distinctions between students and non-students. As a member of the Nominating Committee I will strive to address these issues.

Education & Enrichment Chair-elect



Van Horn



Barnes

Dr. James Van Horn CFLE

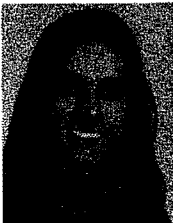
1) Professor, Rural Sociology, Cooperative Extension Family Life Specialist. 2) Director, Family Life Bureau, Columbus, OH. 3) President of and Newsletter Editor for Ohio Council on Family Relations; President and Executive Board Member, Pennsylvania Council on Family Relations; Member CFLE National Certification Committee; Workshop convener for CFLE candidates. 4) The International Society for Intercultural Education, Training and Research; American Association for Family and Consumer Sciences; Rural Sociological Society; American Sociological Association. 5) As chair-elect, I will: 1) Promote the active involvement of family life educators/practitioners in NCFR and in the Education and Enrichment Section. Such involvement fosters a healthy balance between academics and practitioners and helps maintain high standards among educators and practitioners. 2) Foster the growth and expansion of the CFLE certification program, actively seek ways to reach new applicants, and develop ways to provide support to professionals seeking certification. 3) Take positive steps to provide a forum for ideas and an information base for family professionals and develop ways to facilitate the sharing of expertise among Education and Enrichment members.

Howard Barnes, Ph. D., CFLE

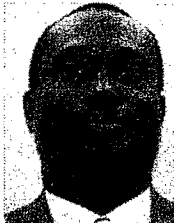
1) Associate Professor, Department of Child Development and Family Relations, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC. 2) Associate Professor, Human Development and Family Studies, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS. 3) Long time member of NCFR; Education and Enrichment, Family Therapy, and Research and Theory sections; CFLE; Facilitator of the Families and Sexuality work group for the International Year of the Family Conference; KS CFR Board member, 1987-1990. 4) The Family Council of North Carolina; Advisory Committee of the NC Institute for Early Childhood Professional Development; AAMFT - clinical member; Kansas Action for Children - Board member, 1989-1992. 5) Education and Enrichment, one of the largest NCFR sections, represents the interests of family life education practitioners. The actions and programs of Education and Enrichment must advocate for practitioners within NCFR and for the professional role of family life educators in society. I would do this by supporting the CFLE program; working to consistently offer an annual pre-

Relations. 5) I believe that accurate record keeping and fiscal accounting are essential for the health of an organization. I intend to follow in the path of my predecessors keeping the section fiscally viable. I would also like to establish a fund that rewards outstanding student efforts and contributions to the section since their efforts are important to our continued existence.

**Ethnic Minorities
S/NP Representative**



Anguiano



Blake



Goldfarb

Ruben Viramontez Anguiano, M.S.

1) Research Assistant for Ethnic Family Research Team, Michigan State University; Teaching Assistant for Ethnic families class, Michigan State University. 2) Assistant Recruiter and Counselor for Ethnic Minority graduate students, Iowa State University. 3) Two-year member of Ethnic Minority Section. 4) National Association for Chicano Studies; National Collegiate Athletic Association. 5) As the Ethnic Minorities Section Student/New Professional Representative my goals are to benefit the organization in two areas. First, I am determined to find and create avenues that will aid students with the cost of attending the annual conference. Second, as an Ethnic Minority member of NCFR my goal is to increase ethnic minority representation at the graduate and undergraduate levels.

Wayne M. Blake

1) Doctoral Candidate, Department of Family and Child Sciences, Florida State University; Field Service Representative, CRA Managed Care, Inc., Jacksonville, FL. 2) Case Manager, CRA Managed Care, Inc., Jacksonville, FL. 3) Ethnic Minorities; Religion and Family Life; Student/New Professional. 4) National Rehabilitation Association; National Rehabilitation Administrators Association; Tallahassee Claims Association. 5) In this position as S/NP Representative, I plan to strengthen the relationship between students, new professionals, and other members of NCFR by encouraging more dialogue between the groups. I will also promote more research and theory centered around the quality of life of African-Americans and other minority groups.

Katia Paz Goldfarb, Ph.D.

1) Assistant Professor, Family Studies Program, College of Education, The University of New Mexico. 2) Instructor, College of Education, Eastern Michigan University. 3) Member since 1992; Ethnic Minorities Section; Qualitative Family Research Network; Research and Theory

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conference workshop for practitioners; expanding training opportunities during annual conferences; encouraging members to work through the affiliated councils to seek permanent job title status for family professionals in state government job classifications; and emphasizing the enrichment as well as the educational interests of section members.

**Education & Enrichment
Secretary/Treasurer**



Duncan



Hammonds-Smith

Stephen F. Duncan

1) Extension Specialist and Associate Professor, Department of Health and Human Development, Montana State University. 2) Extension Specialist and Assistant Professor, Department of Family and Child Development, Auburn University. 3) Editorial Board, **Family Relations**; Section abstract reviewer; session presider. Affiliated Councils: Past President, Alabama Council on Family Relations. 4) National Network for Family Resiliency; Gerontological Society of America. 5) Providing practical, research-based family life education to students and to persons where they live and work is, I believe, one of the most exciting things one can do in life. This activity makes Education and Enrichment an exciting section of which to be a part. As Secretary/Treasurer, I intend to be an active, enthusiastic participant with Section leadership in helping Education and Enrichment realize its goals. My goal is to fulfill with excellence the tasks assigned to me, such as keeping accurate notes of proceedings, preparing agendas, following up on assignments made, safeguarding funds, and supporting the leadership in other tasks.

**Maxine Hammonds-Smith, Ph.D.,
CFLE**

1) Associate Professor of Human Services and Consumer Sciences, Texas Southern University. 2) Educational Specialist, University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston, TX. 3) Chair, Certification Review Committee; Secretary/Treasurer, Ethnic Minority Section; Membership Committee; Certification Committee on Continuing Education. Affiliated Councils: President-elect; Membership vice-president; Program vice-president; Board of Directors; Chair, Local Arrangements for Annual Conferences. 4) American Association for Family Consumer Sciences; Association for Gerontology in Higher Education; Association of Gerontology and Human Development in Historically Black Colleges and Universities. 5) Encourage annual conference participation at both the national and state levels. Offers support to the student membership and serves as mentor for new professionals. Encourage the use of the family life education framework at colleges and universities as one means of training students to become certified in family life education. Committed to maintaining accurate records for the Education and Enrichment Section and disseminate information to its membership in a timely manner.

**Education & Enrichment
S/NP Representative**



Fowler



Mertens

Lynda K. Fowler CFLE

1) Ohio State University Extension, Family and Consumer Sciences, Crawford County, OH. 2) Assistant Professor, Kent State University, School of Family and Consumer Studies. 3) Member NCFR, Education and Enrichment Section; Student Professional Paper Award, 1993, Education and Enrichment. 4) American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences; Ohio Research Council on Aging; National Association of Extension Home Economists; Kappa Omicron Nu. 5) The position of Representative to the Student/New Professional, Education and Enrichment Section is crucial to the recruitment, motivation and retention of new professionals in the field of Family Relations and Family Life Education. I believe strongly that mentorships, professional networking, benefactor funding and member-to-member conferencing would be helpful support that encourages student and new professional attendance at Annual Conference. Student volunteer support at the conference and special housing support should be continued. Opportunities for further contact through social events and matching are also important to support student participation and development.

Carol E. Mertens CFLE

1) Marriage and Family Therapist/Research Assistant, Adult Psychiatry Outpatient Clinic, University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics; Ph.D. candidate. 2) Graduate Assistant, Office of Rural Education, Policy and Planning, University of Iowa. 3) NCFR member, 1986-present; CFLE Focus Group Chair, 1991-1995; CFLE Review Committee, 1993-1994; Outstanding Service Award, CFLE Program, 1992. 4) National Rural Families Conference committee member; Pi Lambda Theta; Omicron Nu; Professional Women's Network. 5) My primary priority will be to serve as a liaison between NCFR students/new professionals and the Education and Enrichment section. I will strive to determine student needs/concerns and convey them to Education and Enrichment section members. I will actively encourage students/new professionals to join and network with the Education and Enrichment section. I will continue to advocate the CFLE program as particularly beneficial to students/new professionals. Since joining NCFR in 1986 and during my involvement in the CFLE program, I have gained a working knowledge of NCFR and developed networks which will be beneficial in meeting these goals. Given the opportunity, I am looking forward to continuing to serve NCFR in a new capacity.

**Watch for Your
Membership Survey!**

**Ethnic Minorities
Chair-elect**



Francisco A. Villarruel, Ph.D.

1) Assistant Professor of Family and Child Ecology, Michigan State University. 2) Research Associate, Institute for Children, Youth and Families; Michigan State University. 3) NCFR Action for Diversity Committee; Participation in NCFR; NCFR Media Awards Competition Director; Sections: Ethnic Minorities Section and Education & Enrichment Section. 4) Society for Research in Child Development; Society for Adolescent Research; American Association on Mental Retardation; Midwest Consortium for Latino Research. 5) As the premiere multi disciplinary organization for family practitioners and scholars, I would continue the advancement of NCFR's critically important commitment to diversity by seeking greater access to minority issues and to domestic and international scholars, particularly those in Latin America. Moreover, I would work toward the promotion of greater participation in NCFR by under represented groups in all divisions and positions of leadership. Finally, I would seek greater opportunities for the support and advancement of young scholars, graduate students, and practitioners through co-sponsorship sessions between the division and the SIGs . . . our most important colleagues in the future of NCFR.

**Ethnic Minorities
Secretary/Treasurer**



Luhman

Reid A. Luhman, Ph.D.

1) Professor of Sociology, Eastern Kentucky University. 2) Visiting Professor of Sociology, New Mexico Highlands University. 3) NCFR: Membership Committee, Ethnic Minorities Section; Reviewer, **Journal of Marriage and the Family**; Reviewer, **Family Relations**; Reviewer, NCFR conference papers, Ethnic Minorities Section. 4) Southern Sociological Society; Kentucky Academy of Science; Western Social Science Association. 5) --.

Farrell J. Webb

(No photo available.) 1) Assistant Professor, School of Family Studies and Human Services, Kansas State University. 2) -- 3) NCFR Osborne Award Committee; Member: Ethnic Minorities, Education and Enrichment, Family Science, and Family and Health Sections; Local Planning Committee, NCFR conference (1996), Student Employment Chair. 4) American Sociological Association; Society for the Scientific Study of Sex; Kansas Sociological Association; Kansas Council on Family Relations; Illinois Council on Family Relations; Minnesota Council on Family

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Section. 4) Kappa Omicron Nu; National Home Economics Honor Society; Phi Reta Delta, Honor Society for International Scholars; The Society for Applied Anthropology; American Educational Research Association. 5) I intend to stress the importance of our role in a society that is changing its economic, demographic, and social conditions, and the crucial need for visibility of S/NP from the Ethnic Minorities Section across the organization. This could be accomplished by strengthening our connections with other sections, and cross listing EM in future annual conferences. Another objective will be to use technology in creating a chain of support networks where senior students support junior students and new professionals are supported by senior members. Finally, I plan to work in creating avenues to increase the number of and diversity among S/NP.

Dina M. Wilderson

(No photo available.) 1) Graduate student. 2) -- 3) Ethnic Minorities Section; Annual Program Review Committee. 4) 5) If elected Ethnic Minorities Section Student/ New Professional Representative I will listen to the issues and concerns of students/new professionals and bring them to the larger board. I will also be an advocate for the inclusion of sessions of specific interest to student/new professionals in conference programming.

Family & Health Chair



Ganong

Lawrence Ganong, Ph.D.

1) Professor, School of Nursing and Department of Human Development and Family Studies, University of Missouri. 2) Associate Professor, School of Nursing, University of Missouri. 3) Vice-chair, Family and Health Section; Media Awards Committee; Co-chair, Stepfamily Focus Group; member Family and Health and Research and Theory Sections; Book Review Editor, **Journal of Marriage and the Family**; Editorial Boards: **Journal of Marriage and the Family** and **Family Relations**; Missouri Council on Family Relations Vice-chair. 4) National League for Nursing; Society for Research in Child Development; American Psychological Association; International Network for the Study of Personal Relationships; Groves Conference on Marriage and the Family. 5) This is one of the most exciting areas of family scholarship and practice, and I think there is potential for great membership growth in the Section. I would focus my efforts as Section Chair on two issues: (a) increasing the section membership by engaging in information-outreach efforts with related professional groups (e.g., nursing, family medicine, social work), and (b) increasing the opportunities for networking (a term I hate, but you know what I mean) within the section. In short, I think we need to let people know we exist and then provide opportunities to get to know each other better.

Dr. Patricia S. Tomlinson

(No photo available.) 1) Professor, School of Nursing, University of Minnesota; Adjunct Professor, Dept. Of Family Social Science, University of Minnesota; Visiting Professor, University of Bergen. 2) Associate Professor, Oregon Health Sciences University. 3) Member Family Health and Research and Theory Sections (1981-present); Abstract Reviewer, Family Health Section (1995); Local Planning Committee, 1994 annual conference; Secretary/Treasurer, Family Health Section (1992-94); Board of Directors, Oregon Council of Family Relations (1981-1985). 4) Commission on Women, Univ. Of Minnesota; Editorial Reviewer, **Western Journal of Nursing Research**, **Issues in Mental Health Nursing**, **Journal of Family Nursing**, **Child Development**; Sigma Theta Tau, Nursing Honor Society; Reviewer, Alberta Foundation for Nursing Research. 5) After 10 years of continuous membership growth, the Family Health Section is now challenged to move in several directions. We need to strengthen efforts to influence health policy formation as it affects families. We need to develop an agenda that includes an expanded international view. This includes active recruitment of family health scholars from abroad and concerning ourselves with family health issues that are of global significance. Internally, we need to take steps to assure strong interdisciplinary membership necessary to maintain exchange of information to assure a wholistic view of family health issues.

Family & Health Vice-chair



Perri J. Bomar, RN, Ph.D.

1) Professor, Parent-Child Nursing, School of Nursing, East Carolina University; Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, School of Nursing, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. 2) Professor, Family Nursing, School of Nursing, University of San Diego. 3) Past Chair, Family Nursing Focus Group; Past Secretary/Treasurer, Family Health; Member - Ethnic Minorities and Family and Health Sections; Member - Publications Committee. 4) American Nurses Association; Sigma Theta Tau, International Honor Society; Editorial Board, **Journal of Family Nursing**. 5) Since 1983, I have been a member of NCFR. The Family and Health Section is a vital section in NCFR that provides a forum for members who are teachers, practitioners and researchers on issues relevant to the health of families and family members. It has been very intellectually stimulating to participate in workshops, plan symposia, and to get to know colleagues from other disciplines. As former secretary, if elected to the office of Vice-chair, I look forward to working with section officers and members in planning conferences programs and selection of abstracts for presentation.

Meeting

April 15-16, 1996--A **Marriage Summit**, Concordia College, Ann Arbor, MI. Contact: Concordia Youth and Family Life Institute, Concordia College, 4090 Geddes, Ann Arbor, MI 48105.

Family & Health Secretary/Treasurer



Friedemann

Marie Friedemann

1) Assistant Dean and Associate Professor, College of Nursing, Wayne State University. 2) Assistant Professor, College of Nursing, Wayne State University. 3) Member NCFR since 1987, member of Family and Health Section. 4) Treasurer, Washtenaw County Nurses' Association; Member Ways and Means Committee, Washtenaw County Nurses' Association; Member Council of Administration and Education, Michigan Nurses' Association; Member Theory Development Committee, Society for Education Research in Psychiatric Nursing; Vice President Elect Sigma Theta Tau, Nursing Honor Society, Lambda Chapter. 5) Contemporary families are pressured by significant philosophical, social and economic shifts felt in all areas of family life. NCFR has the vital function of disseminating a thorough understanding of today's families and provide direction for social and political action. To accomplish its missions, NCFR needs inner strength through the commitment of members who use their expertise wholeheartedly. As Treasurer, I will contribute to the economic health of this organization by engaging in financial planning with the analytical foresight my administrative position has taught me and I will assure quality by attending promptly to necessary transactions and problems.

Darryl Ross Goetz

(No photo available.) 1) Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Division of General Pediatrics and Adolescent Health, University of Minnesota Medical School; and Director, STAR Clinic, Mental Health Services for Children, Youth, and Families. 2) Director of Human Ecology (Institutional Advocate for Collaborative and Interdisciplinary Health Care); Licensed Psychologist, and Family Therapist, Minneapolis Children's Medical Center. 3) Family and Health Section, Family Therapy Section for ten years; Family Science Section; Reviewer for Family and Health Section Annual Meeting last two years ('95 and '96); wrote Family and Health Section "Call for Papers" 1996 meeting; organizing two part symposia on Collaborative Family-Centered Health Care for 1996 meeting; Past presenter at TCRM workshops; Co-chair of a Family and Health Roundtable; meeting presider at Family and Health Sessions. 4) American Public Health Association; Association for the Care of Children's Health; American Counseling Association; International Association of Marriage and Family Counselors. 5) My primary interests areas include: the reciprocal relationship between family functioning and chronic illness; collaborative family-centered health care; family resilience when living with chronic illness; systems evaluations of family interactions by observational methods. Health promotion and maintenance takes place in the family and it is my belief that families and all health care professionals must form a collaborative, family-centered partnership to promote optimal health and well-being in families, children, and youth that are living with chronic, disabling, or severe medical conditions. It is my view that the family and patient should be at the

"center" of this process. I believe that the Family and Health Section of NCFR offers an existing and excellent organizational infrastructure for health care professionals and families to meet together and work on conceptual and operational models of collaboration for family health. As an officer in the section, it would be my priority to help recruit and promote the active involvement of families and individuals from the multiple health-related disciplines in activities of the section. I believe that collaborative Family and Health Section activities, evolving out of an organization (NCFR) that has long stood for partnership with families and respect for their context of living, can provide leadership for optimizing health care for families in the future.

Family & Health S/NP Representative



Hovey



Kaplan

Diane Hovey, M.S.

1) Ph.D. student in Family Social Science at the University of Minnesota. 2) Research and Rehabilitation Disability Fellow, Instructor; 2nd Research Assistant at the University of Minnesota. 3) NCFR section memberships: Family and Health; Education and Enrichment; Feminism and Family Studies; Research and Theory. 4) ARC; Brain Injury Association; American Association Housing Educators; Phi Upsilon Omicron; Kappa Omicron Nu. 5) Health and illness are concepts that need to be understood and addressed with the context of the individual and their family. As professionals we need to address and promote this understanding of the unique views and circumstances of families which contribute to their abilities to maintain healthy and vital families. As a student/new professional representative I hope to encourage participation I promoting the health and well being of families at all levels.

Lori E. Kaplan, Ph.D.

1) Post-doctoral Fellow, Population Research Center of NORC and the University of Chicago. 2) Research Assistant, Teaching Assistant, and Instructor, Department of Family Social Science, University of Minnesota. 3) NCFR: Student member and perennial conference attendee since 1989; Presenter at 3 conferences; Member, Family and Health Section. 4) Gerontological Society of America; American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. 5) NCFR membership has provided numerous benefits to me as both a graduate student and new professional. As Student/New Professional Representative, I would call upon these experiences, as well as relationships built with colleagues, to make the organization even more accessible to students/new professionals. NCFR members are a valuable resource for mentoring the next generation of family professionals, one which I aim to build upon by: (a) developing a mentoring network to introduce S/NPs to each other and to established members; (b) advocating for additional S/NP conference sessions on more varied topics; and scheduling professional and social networking events.

Family Science Chair



Adams



Gentry

Rebecca A. Adams, Ph.D.

1) Assistant Professor Family Studies, Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, Ball State University, Muncie, IN. 2) Doctoral student, Purdue University. 3) Presentations at NCFR for 9 years; Secretary-Treasurer of Association of Councils; Secretary-Treasurer of Family Science Section; Chairperson of Family Science Committee to Establish Ethical Guidelines for Family Scientists; Affiliated Councils: Former newsletter editor and president of Indiana Council; currently Indiana Council Representative to state COFO. 4) Indiana Council on Family Relations. 5) As current secretary/treasurer of the Family Sciences section, I offer experience regarding the workings of the section. As chairperson of the section's ethical principles and guidelines committee, I was instrumental in helping to achieve one of the section's major long term goals. As section chair I would work towards increasing student and young professional involvement in the section; I would attempt to expand the number of Family Science Section members participating in paper presentations at the conference; continue to support the Teaching Family Science Association's annual teaching conference; and support the ongoing effort of contacting practitioner members of NCFR to explore how the section could be of increased value to them.

Deborah B. Gentry, Ed.D., CFLE

1) Associate Professor of Family and Consumer Science, Illinois State University. 2) Assistant Professor of Family and Consumer Science, Illinois State University. 3) Member and proposal reviewer; Family Science and Education and Enrichment Sections; Director, Media Awards Competition; Chair, Peace Focus Group; Affiliate Councils: Secretary, President-Elect, President of Illinois Council. 4) Family Science Association; Groves Conference on Marriage and Family; American Association of Family and Consumer Science; Academy of Family Mediators, National Association of Mediation in Education. 5) Clarify our mission and establish its value for other NCFR entities; Facilitate collaborative efforts with other NCFR sections and the Family Science Association; Diversify and expand our membership; Facilitate futuristic visioning among section members; Further institutionalize the section's ethical guidelines; Work to revitalize and expand the distribution of *Family Science Review*; support recent efforts to inventory, describe, and analyze existing undergraduate programs in Family Science.

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Family Science Vice-chair



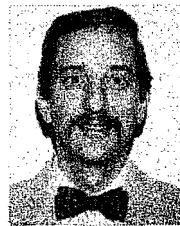
Mary Ann Hollinger, Ed.D.

1) Assistant Professor of Sociology, Executive Director, Center for Academic and Professional Development, Mount Vernon College, Washington, DC. 2) Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology, Indiana University, South Bend, IN. 3) NCFR Public Policy Committee; Local Arrangements Co-Chair, annual conference in Baltimore; Program Committee, Baltimore conference; Registration Co-Chair, New York conference; Program Presenter at annual conferences; Committee member, Long-Time Members Reunion Celebration. Current member and Proposal Reviewer for the following sections: International, Family Science, Family Policy, Religion and Family Life. Affiliated Councils: Indiana past member, Board of Directors, Program Committee for state conference, Registration Co-Chair for annual conference; DC Council member. 4) Family Science Association, Charter Member, Local Arrangements Chair for annual conference in Arlington, VA; American Sociological Association; District of Columbia Sociological Society, Program Chair; Association of Couples for Marriage Enrichment. 5) According to our section bylaws, one of the main responsibilities of the Vice-Chair is to serve as Chair of the Section Publications Committee. If elected, my first goal would be to establish a section newsletter focusing on professional and disciplinary concerns. A second goal would be to expand our membership base by initiating a professional mentorship program matching current members with interested students/new professionals. With the ethical guidelines project of our section now completed, my third goal would be to begin work on a document articulating the essential knowledge base required of a professional whose identity is that of a family scientist.

Family Science Secretary/Treasurer



McCallum



Wilson

Larry W. McCallum, Ph.D. & Licensed Clinical Psychologist

1) Professor of Psychology, Violet M. Jaeke Professor of Family Life, Augustana College, Rock Island, IL. 2) Chair, Department of Psychology, Augustana College. 3) Member Family Science, Board Illinois Council on Family Relations, Teaching Family Science. 4) Illinois Council on Family Relations; American Psychological Association; American Psychological Society; Council on Exceptional Children; Midwestern Psychological Association. 5) I would like to help the section facilitate discussion on issues we have identified as important at this juncture—for example: (1) we need to establish better visibility with NCFR and

at the national conference. A quarterly newsletter for the section might also increase membership. We should examine mechanisms to increase proposals for convention presentations, again to increase visibility and viability; (2) we should continue discussion regarding the publication of *Family Science Review*, and its relationship to NCFR; (3) we should explore whether our ethics committee may want to take a consultative role in the development of additional ethical guidelines for NCFR.

Stephen M. Wilson, Ph.D.

1) Associate Professor of Family Studies and Director of the Research Center for Families and Children, University of Kentucky. 2) Associate Professor of Family and Child Development, Virginia Tech. 3) Co-Chair of the Rural Families Focus Group; Editorial Board, *Family Relations*; Member of NCFR Presidential Task Force on Focus Groups; Secretary/Treasurer of Idaho/Montana Council on Family Relations, Section Chair for annual meetings; Member of Family Policy, Research and Theory, International, and Family Science Sections; Abstract Reviewer for annual conference submissions; Board Member of Tennessee Council on Family Relations; past program chair for Southeastern Council on Family Relations annual meeting. 4) Society for Research on Adolescence; Family Resource Coalition; American Association for Family and Consumer Sciences; American Association for the Advancement of Science. 5) I have enjoyed serving the NCFR in many capacities and would value taking on this new role. Several of my past roles have involved organization and maintenance of records; thus, the role of secretary/treasurer is a familiar and comfortable one for me. Moreover, I would be active in a leadership role for the Family Science Section. I would like to see our membership and participation further expanded through such means as an information packet to be included in the annual program, periodic reports via the Family Science (e-mail) Network, and a stronger linkage with the *Family Science Review*, as well as through the NCFR Report.

Family Science S/NP Representative



Angermeier



Blankemeyer

Lisa K. Angermeier, M.S.

1) Visiting Lecturer, Department of Applied Health Science, Indiana University; Ph.D. student. 2) Associate Instructor, Indiana University. 3) Member of Family Science Section, Family Health Section, and Qualitative Research Focus Group; Indiana Council on Family Relations (ICFR), 1996 Conference Planning Committee. 4) Association for the Advancement of Health Education; Eta Sigma Gamma; American Counseling Association; American Alliance for Health Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance; Indiana Council on Family Relations. 5) As the Family Science Section Student/New Professional Representative, I plan to provide a needed linkage between students/new

professionals and the established organizational structure. At the national conference in Missouri, I will attempt to identify and personally contact each of the new conference attendees who are members of the Family Science Section. I will make them feel welcomed and connected. I will attend the student/new professional morning coffee sessions to welcome new attendees and to share information about the Family Science Section with them. Throughout the year, I will contact the new members of our section and encourage them to share thoughts and suggestions regarding the section and the national conference.

Maureen Blankemeyer, M.S.

1) Doctoral candidate, Teaching Assistant, Research Assistant, Family Relations and Child Development, Oklahoma State University. 2) Research Assistant, Family Relations and Child Development, Oklahoma State University. 3) Member of NCFR since 1993; member, Family Science Section; member, Oklahoma Council on Family Relations; OCFR Student/New Professional of the Year, 1995. 4) Member, Society of Research and Child Development; American Psychological Association. 5) Cynthia Doxey, our present Family Science Student/New Professional Representative, assessed students' and new professionals' needs, and presented the information to the Board. I hope to continue her efforts of needs assessment. Furthermore, I propose that action be taken to fulfill the needs. Students reported a desire to visit informally with experienced family scientists. I would initiate efforts to involve experienced family scientists in the S/NP networking sessions. In conjunction, I would use the networking sessions to enhance students' and new professionals' awareness of the significance of mentoring relationships by sharing my mentoring research, and facilitating discussion of mentoring-related topics.

Family Therapy Chair



Baptiste



Hendrix



Long

David A. Baptiste, Ph.D.

1) Associate Director, Southwest Counseling Center, Las Cruces, NM. 2) Director of Clinical Services, Sun Valley Psychiatric Hospital, El Paso, TX. 3) Chair, Family Therapy Section (1979-81); NCFR Board of Directors (1979-81); Chairperson, Minority Caucus (1979-81); President New Mexico Council on Family Relations (1979-81); Nominating Committee for Affiliated Council (1980-82); Regional Rep., Region VI (1981-83); Membership Committee (1995-97); Presidential Taskforce on Focus Groups

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(1995-96); Editorial Board, **Family Relations** (1992-present); Presenter at numerous annual meetings. 4) AAMFT: Fellow; Approval Supervisor; Site Visitor; Co-founder/Chair Ethnic Minority Concerns Committee; Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education; Advisory Editor, **Journal of Marriage and Family Therapy**; Member: APA; Groves Conference on Marriage and the Family. 5) In recent years the Family Therapy Section has developed inertia. As a section, we have been lackluster in providing clinical stimulation for members. I want to change that. If elected I will explore additional ways to: increase/improve year-round communication with members, increase the involvement of ALL members in the functioning of the section, and at the annual conference institute a premier presentation for section members, (e.g., a case consultation with senior clinicians) and greater opportunities for networking. Section members desire more than the usual conference presentations. We have the resources, let's do it!

Charles Hendrix, Ph.D.

1) Associate Professor and Director, Marriage and Family Therapy Specialization, Oklahoma State University. 2) -- 3) President-elect, American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy; International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies. 5) There is an ongoing need for high quality research investigating family therapy processes and outcomes. The Family Therapy Section of NCFR is a natural environment for the encouragement of family therapy research and for the dissemination of results to family practitioners. I would set as my primary goal increasing the visibility of the Family Therapy Section as the premier source for high quality research on family therapy. My secondary goal is to foster an environment where the mentoring new family therapy researchers and practitioners can flourish.

Janie Long, Ph.D.

1) Assistant Professor of Child and Family Development, MFT Program, University of Georgia. 2) Visiting Assistant Professor, Marriage and Family Therapy Program, Department of Child Development and Family Relations, East Carolina University. 3) Vice-chair of the Family Therapy Section (1993-present); Editorial Board, **Family Relations**, (1989-present); Reviewer, Family Therapy Section 1992-95 conferences; Reviewer, Feminism and Family Studies Section 1992-94 conferences; Presenter 1987-95 conferences; Member: Family Therapy Section (1987-present), Feminism and Family Studies Section (1995-present); S/NP Mentor, Feminism and Family Studies Section (1995-present); Member: Southeastern Council on Family Relations (1986-present). 4) American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (1995-present); Georgia Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (1992-present); Virginia Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (1986-91); Northeast Georgia Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (1992-present). 5) My grandmother used to say, "You better behave yourself." When I grew old enough to think of a better response than "I will, grandma," I began to answer, "I Always behave grandma, but

you didn't ask me how I'm behaving." I feel that the behavior of the FT section has been sluggish with minimal participation. My vision: an informed and active membership, a revitalized presence at the annual conference, the retention of S/NP in the section, and section leadership that reflects the diversity of our membership. How to accomplish this vision: canvassing you to find out what you want, establishment of active committees to get more members involved and more goals accomplished, a regular newsletter to keep members informed, a mentoring program for S/NP, initiate discussion with under represented groups in the section to discuss ways to increase visibility and participation, networking with other sections, and establishing a listserv group to facilitate feedback and disseminate information.

Family Therapy Vice-chair



Openshaw



Rosen

D. Kim Openshaw, Ph.D.

1) Associate professor, Family and Human Development, and Marriage and Family Therapy, Department of Family and Human Development, Utah State University; Adjunct Associate Professor of Clinical Psychology, Department of Psychology, Utah State University; AAMFT approved supervisor, State of Utah supervisor; Private practice, Alternative Perspectives; Member, Department of Psychiatry, Logan Regional Hospital. 2) -- 3) Chair, Family Therapy Section (1986-88); Section Rep., Board of Directors; President, Utah Council on Family Relations. 4) Clinical member of American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy; American Society of Clinical Hypnosis; American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children; Southwestern Society for Research in Human Development. 5) It is my opinion that the association between NCFR and family therapists offers a unique opportunity to enhance the empirical and clinical understanding of families across the life cycle. As vice chair, my first responsibility would be to facilitate the focus and direction of the Section Chair. I would propose that the Section membership, and their identified needs, is the single most important aspect of a vital and prosperous Section. I have been continuously concerned about sustaining membership, and believe that this is best accomplished when the Section's foci are in harmony with the needs of Section members. One of the most important places for this to occur is during the annual conference. Program planning is of critical importance. I would advocate a focus on process and outcome research, "cutting edge" theoretical presentations, and addressing clinically relevant issues as identified by the Section constituency.

Meeting

April 24-28, 1996--**Children's Rights Council 10th national conference**, "Family values" means valuing families 10 Years of Kids and CRC, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Atlanta, GA. Contact: CRC, 222 I St., NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20002-4362; 202-547-6227; FAX 202-546-4272.

Karen Rosen

1) Assistant Professor, Family and Child Development, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; Northern Virginia Graduate Center. 2) -- 3) NCFR member since 1990; Member: Feminism and Family Studies and Family Therapy Sections; Secretary/Treasurer, Family Therapy Section (1994-96); Mentoring Committee, Feminism and Family Studies Section. 4) American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy; American Counseling Association. 5) As a member of NCFR since 1990, I have enjoyed many opportunities to learn to present my work and to network with professionals who share my interests. Being a member of the Family Therapy Section this past year has given me a chance to give something back to a section to which I feel especially connected and to the larger organization as well. I am committed to making the Family Therapy Section even stronger and more responsive to its diverse members. I would like to be able to do so as the section's vice-chair.

Family Therapy Secretary/Treasurer



Bartle



Soderquist

Dr. Suzanne E. Bartle

1) Assistant Professor, Family Therapy Program, Family Relations and Human Development, The Ohio State University. 2) Visiting Assistant Professor, Family and Child Development, Virginia Tech, Falls Church, VA. 3) Member, Family Therapy and Research and Theory sections. 4) Clinical member, American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy and Supervisor in Training. 5) As secretary/treasurer of the Family Therapy Section, I would help to establish more visibility of the section and its research to the general membership. I think that the researcher/clinician linkage would be best forged in NCFR. I would find ways to best support research in the field through innovative funding efforts. Finally, I would also support and help to refine the section's methods for retaining and increasing regular membership participation and student member participation in the section.

Jean Soderquist, Ph.D.

1) Associate Professor, Child Development and Family Studies, Marriage and Family Therapy, North Dakota State University. 2) Private clinical practice. 3) Past and present member of NCFR and Family Therapy Section. 4) American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy; UAMFT (Utah), former board member; American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors, and Therapists; American Society of Clinical Hypnosis. 5) A strong organization requires on-going interaction between the leadership and all members. Leadership decisions should reflect the interests of the members and all interested members should be involved in the process. As secretary of the Family Therapy Section of NCFR, I would consider it my responsibility to maintain such interactive communication by recording and appropriately sharing information that is timely and accurate. I also have

considerable experience with bookkeeping, budgeting, and creatively operating a quality organization within limited financial resources. I am committed to strengthening the Family Therapy Section to be of even greater benefit to the members.

Family Therapy At-large Member



Kirsner



Marek

Michael E. Kirsner, M.F.T., CFLE

1) Clinical Director and Founder, Family Therapy Institute; Adjunct Professor, Oklahoma City Community College, Gerontology Department. 2) Director, Family Therapy Team, Northcare Mental Health Center. 3) Certified Family Life Educator (1990-present). 4) AAMFT, clinical member and approved supervisor; LMFT, State of Oklahoma and approved supervisor; OAMFT, clinical member and newspaper editor (1988-present); American Association of Grief Counselors. 5) I believe in the power of the family, and as such, in the effectiveness of Family Therapy. Any organization that furthers the efforts of communities and families to become educated to the advantages of Family Therapy will find me to be an active participant.

Lydia Marek, Ph.D.

1) Research Associate, Department Family and Child Development, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. 2) Counselor, Family Services of the Roanoke Valley, Roanoke, VA. 3) Member of NCFR since 1987 and have presented annually at NCFR since that time. Reviewer of conference abstracts for both Family Therapy and Feminism and Family Studies sections. Presently on the Awards Review Committee of the Feminism and Family Studies Section. 4) Clinical member, American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy; Member, Virginia Association of Marriage and Family Therapists. 5) There are two very important issues for our section to address in the coming years. One is the issue of visibility. Although we are the largest section of NCFR, our yearly submitted abstract proposals do not reflect this. We need to encourage students and professionals in other organizations (AAMFT, Counseling, etc.), as well as our own, to become members of our section and take advantage of the opportunity to present current research. In addition, I would also like to take part in a more collaborative approach to particular topics or themes by connecting with other NCFR sections to co-sponsor speakers, panels, sessions, etc. By so doing, we can approach topics of interest to family therapists in a more integrated fashion.

Meeting

August 16-20, 1996--**91st annual meeting of the American Sociological Association**, New York Hilton and Towers and Sheraton New York Hotel at Towers. "Social Change: Opportunities and Constraints." Contact: Meeting Services, ASA, 1722 N St., NW, Washington, DC 20036; 202-833-3410 ext. 305; asa_meeting_services@mcimail.com

Family Therapy S/NP Representative



Covey



Harris

David Covey

1) Full-time graduate student, UW-Stout, Marriage and Family Therapy Program; Intern Therapist, Family Preservation Program, Eau Claire, WI; Intern Therapist, Latter-Day Saint Social Services, Brooklyn Center, MN; Graduate Assistant, Financial Aid Counselor, UW-Stout, Financial Aid Office. 2) Youth Care Specialist, Samaritan Behavioral Health Services, Howard Grey Education Center, Phoenix, AZ. 3) NCFR student member, Family Therapy Section. 4) Wisconsin Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, student member; American Association for marriage and Family Therapy, student member; Association of Mormon Counselors and Psychotherapists, student member; Phi Sigma, Family Science student organization, Brigham Young University; Hospital Shared Governance Council, Utah Valley Regional Medical Center. 5) As a student representative of the National Council on Family Relations' largest section, I will seek increased activity among Family Therapy Section members. To do this, it is my objective to identify each member of the section, and ask how we can develop greater cohesion while still maintaining our religious, minority, and feminist diversity. In seeking to promote further discussion, I will involve members in understanding what we want as a section, defining our purposes and interests, and strengthening the section as an integral part of the National Council on Family Relations. I will also encourage dialogue between the various groups in our section in their interface with education, enrichment, research, and therapy.

E. Talcott Harris, M.S.

1) Ph.D. student in Child and Family Development, University of Georgia. 2) M.S. student in Child and Family Studies, University of Wisconsin at Madison. 3) Member since 1992; attended annual conferences in 1993 and 1994; presented a paper in the Family Therapy Section at the 1995 annual conference; was a member of the Feminism and Family Studies Section; was a member of the Family Policy Section; a member of the Family Therapy Section since 1992. 4) NCFR; American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy; Speech Communication Association. 5) My primary goal is to facilitate more of a connection between research and practice. It often appears as if family researchers and family therapists are not collaborating in ways that are mutually beneficial. Instead of working together, there seems to be a fight for legitimacy that only serves to hide the fact that both parties have the same goal of helping families. We thus lose sight of our shared desire to improve peoples lives and that the differences between us lie in the focus of our work and not in our underlying ideologies.

Family Therapy Liaison



Briggs



Peterson

Kathleen Briggs, Ph.D.

1) Assistant Professor, Marriage and Family Therapy, Department of Family Relations and Child Development, Oklahoma State University. 2) Clinical Coordinator and Family Therapist at CASA mental health agency. 3) Family Therapy Section member and abstract reviewer; Oklahoma Council member and board member. 4) American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, clinical member and approved supervisor; Oklahoma Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, president-elect, past secretary, conference chair. 5) The Family Therapy Section is well-positioned to be a strong forum for dissemination of knowledge to family therapy practitioners and researchers. I believe that family therapists associated with NCFR need to work with therapists from other organizations to strengthen our viability in the field. I will provide a necessary link between the Family Therapy Section and other organizations to keep the section apprised to relevant issues and activities. Through this interface the section can be more proactive.

Colleen M. Peterson, Ph.D.

1) Executive Director, Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education, American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. 2) Graduate Research/Teaching Assistant, Kansas State University. 3) Member of NCFR since 1985; Member of Research and Theory and Family Therapy Sections; NCFR conference abstract reviewer (1994-95); ran for Student/New Professional Representative (1994). 4) Arizona Certified Marriage and Family Therapist; AAMFT clinical member and approved supervisor-in-training; Omicron Nu Honor Society. 5) At a time when our nation and families are facing tremendous change and upheaval, it is important that services are available to support individuals and families through anticipated and unanticipated challenges. A vital part of those services is marriage and family therapy. To justify these services, it is critical that there be a linkage between research/theory and application and that the effectiveness of marriage and family therapy be substantiated. This can only happen through the combined efforts of researchers and clinicians. As NCFR-AAMFT liaison, I would do all in my power to facilitate interchange and cooperation between these organizations toward these ends.

Meeting

May 9-11, 1996--"Prevention Works! Promoting Family Health." A conference focusing on primary prevention, University of British Columbia; presented by the BC Council for the Family. Contact BC Council, 204-2590 Granville St., Vancouver, BC Canada V6H 3H1; 604-660-0675; FAX 604-732-4813.

Research & Theory Reuben Hill Chair-elect



Nock



Teachman

Dr. Steven L. Nock

1) Professor of Sociology, University of Virginia. 2) Assistant Professor, Tulane University. 3) Member, Reuben Hill Award Committee; Associate Editor, *Journal of Marriage and the Family*; Associate Editor, *Journal of Family Issues*; Member, American Sociological Association Family Section W. J. Goode Book Award Committee. 4) American Sociological Association; Southern Sociological Society; Population Association of America. 5) The Reuben Hill Award recognizes outstanding contributions to our understanding of the family. This award is our way of acknowledging excellence in research and theory. It is also our way of highlighting and publicizing the best ideas and findings in our area. My goals would be to continue the long tradition of excellence established by prior chairs, and to seek wider awareness and publicity of the work of the finalists and winner of the Award in professional and media outlets.

Dr. Jay D. Teachman

1) Professor and Chair, Department of Human Development, Washington State University. 2) Professor of Sociology, University of Maryland. 3) Secretary/treasurer, Feminism and Family Studies Section; Deputy Editor, *Journal of Marriage and the Family*; Reuben Hill Award Committee; Fellowship Task Force. 4) American Sociological Association; Groves; Association for Family and Consumer Sciences; Population Association of America. 5) The Reuben Hill Award recognizes outstanding scholarship in the area of the family and is central to the goals of the Research and Theory Section. It is the responsibility of the committee chair to ensure that a thorough search of relevant journals is made, followed by a fair and complete evaluation of relevant articles. Relevancy must be defined broadly to encompass a wide range of topic areas and methodological approaches. The chair should work closely with the committee in order to receive and a diversity of views and opinions about the papers being evaluated.

Meetings

April 25-28, 1996: NOCA's 46th annual conference and expo, "Vital Aging: Vision, Policy, Practice," Washington, DC. Contact: National Council on the Aging, Inc., 409 Third St. SW, Washington, DC 20024; 202-479-6991.

May 8-11, 1996: Association of Family and Conciliation Courts annual conference, San Antonio, TX. "Best Interest: Special Issues for Children and Families." Contact: Association of Conciliation Courts, 329 W. Wilson St., Madison, WI 53703-3612.

Research & Theory Nominating Committee



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Thornton

Mark J. Benson, Ph.D.

1) Associate Professor, Department of Family and Child Development, Virginia Tech. 2) Child and Family Therapist, University Hospitals, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN. 3) Lifespan Development Focus Group Co-chair (1993-95); Individual/Family Conference Proposal Committee, Chair (1992-93); Parent Education Focus Group Co-Chair (1996-97); Articles in *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, *Journal of Family Issues*, and *Family Relations*; Editorial Board Member for *Family Relations*. 4) Society for Research in Child Development; Society for Research on Adolescence; American Psychological Association. 5) The diversity of NCFR across disciplines, professions, and individuals is our unique strength. We can cultivate this diversity through a nomination process that generates candidates from multiple perspectives, disciplines, and professions that reflect a range in age, gender, and race/ethnicity. Potential leaders interested in promoting participatory leadership and collective decision making can maintain the NCFR diversity and provide a voice for the variety of membership perspectives.

James E. Deal, Ph.D.

1) Chair, Department of Child Development and Family Science, North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND. 2) Assistant Professor, Division of Family Studies, University of Arizona. 3) Editorial board, *Journal of Marriage and the Family*; Reviewer, *Family Relations*, annual conference submissions; Founder, Focus Group on Individual Development in Family Context, co-chair first year. 4) Society for Research in Child Development. 5) NCFR has a vast array of talent, including individuals who have had the opportunity to participate in its leadership and individuals who have not. As a member of the nominating committee, my goal will be to find the best possible individuals to fill open positions, attempting to draw from both these pools.

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David H. Demo, Ph.D.

1) Associate Professor, Department of Human Development and Family Studies, University of Missouri-Columbia. 2) Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Virginia Tech. 3) Co-editor (with Anne-Marie Ambert), **Parents and Adolescents in Changing Families**, 1996, NCFR Families in Focus series; Editorial Board, **Journal of Marriage and the Family**, 1985-present; Editorial Board, **Family Relations**, 1994-present; Theory Construction and Research Methodology Executive Committee, 1995-present; Reuben Hill Award Committee, 1990-92; Member, Research and Theory and Feminism and Family Studies sections. 4) Associate Editor, Family Studies and Sociology, **Journal of Social and Personal Relationships**; American Sociological Association; Southern Sociological Society; Society for Research on Adolescence; International Network on Personal Relationships. 5) The Research and Theory Section serves a central mission within NCFR and it is important that the section continues to strengthen. I think the section needs to explore new avenues for discussing and debating linkages between research and theory on families, and it needs to actively encourage research using diverse methodological approaches and theoretical perspectives. The nominating committee needs to identify candidates with diverse backgrounds and expertise and needs to seek participation and involvement from the section membership so that the election process is open and the number of nominations is increased.

Dr. Leanne K. Lamke CFLE

1) Professor, Family and Child Development, Auburn University. 2) Associate Professor, Division of Family Studies, University of Arizona. 3) NCFR: Publications Committee; Chair, **Family Relations** Editor Search Committee; Jessie Bernard Award Recipient; Associate Editor, **Family Relations**; Certified Family Life Educator; member of Education and Enrichment, Feminism and Family Studies, and Research and Theory Sections. 4) American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, clinical member; American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences; American Psychological Association; International Network on Personal Relationships; International Society for the Study of Personal Relationships. 5) The multi-disciplinary nature of NCFR is reflected in the diversity of individuals actively involved in the development and dissemination of family science research. As a member of the Research and Theory Nominating Committee, I would actively work to identify a slate of candidates that would reflect the variety of research perspectives, questions, methodologies, and applications represented in this organization. By capitalizing on our diversity, NCFR can continue to promote high levels of scholarship and be responsive to the needs and interests of the entire NCFR membership.

Meeting

March 29-31, 1996--**Generations United seventh national conference**, Grand Hyatt Washington, DC. "Connecting Communities: Building on the Promise and Potential." Contact: GU at 202-326-5263.

Arland Thornton, Ph.D.

1) Professor of Sociology, Research Scientist at Institute for Social Research and Associate Director of the Population Studies Center of the University of Michigan. 2) -- 3) -- 4) American Sociological Association; Population Association of America; International Sociological Association. 5) As a member of the nominating committee, I would work with the other members of the committee to select and encourage to run for section offices candidates with distinguished records of research across a wide range of areas in family studies.

Lynn White, Ph.D.

(No photo available). 1) Professor of Sociology, University of Nebraska-Lincoln. 2) At Nebraska, 1974 to present. 3) NCFR: Member, Theory and Research; Book Review Editor (1986-91, Associate Editor (1991-present), **Journal of Marriage and the Family**; Member, Reuben Hill Committee (1993-96). 4) American Sociological Association; Population Association of America; Midwest Sociological Society. 5) To make the committees and officers of the Research and Theory Section representative of individuals who share the characteristics of strong scholarship, commitment to NCFR, and organizational skill.

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The Council's Distinguished Service to Families Award for lifetime achievements in serving families was presented to Dr. William Nichols. He is a professor at the University of Georgia, and also maintains a private practice.

Don Bower
President

UTAH

In December, 1995, officers of the **Utah Council on Family Relations** discussed the upcoming annual meeting. The goals are to capitalize on the strengths of previous meetings, capturing their openness and community involvement, and to envision a new theme that will generate excitement while furthering members' commitment to actively dealing with challenges facing families.

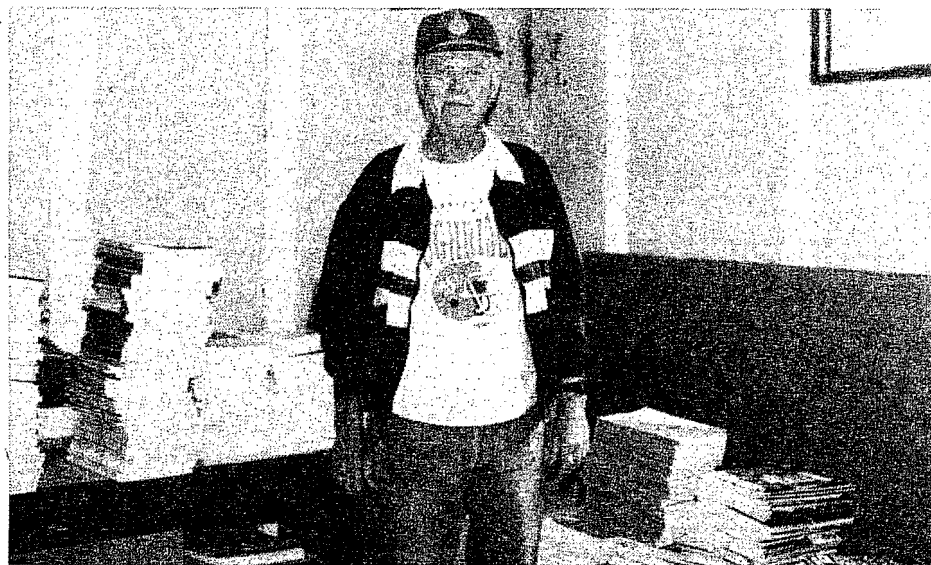
After discussing a range of family problems and policy issues impacting the well-being of parents and children, the officers reached consensus on the theme, "Creating Environments for Growth."

This theme captures a hopeful perspective in light of some disturbing realities. These realities are obvious: Many parents and children are increasingly embedded in contexts that inhibit, rather than foster, growth. Pressures of many kinds too often require that parents and children defend or protect themselves, rather than open themselves to new experiences and opportunities.

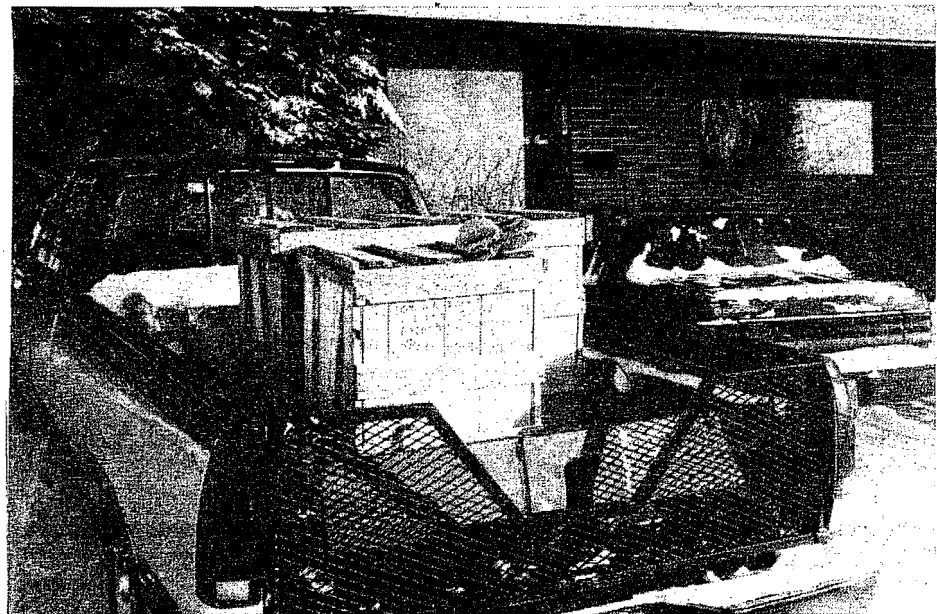
The hopeful perspective is no less obvious. It has been often been suggested that the essential quality of being human is the capacity for flexible growth over the life span. If conditions are appropriately supportive, more often than not, parents and children will embrace a challenge to grow.

The meeting is scheduled for May 10. The focus will be on a broad range of

A Member Makes a Difference



Retired social worker and NCFR member, Bob Erickson, North Battleford, SASK, Canada, is packing his books and journals for shipment to a school of social work in Hyderabad, Pakistan. Although the copies are not new, they are welcome at the institution which pays its professors only \$50 per month. Dr. A.A. Bughio, professor at the school, notes, "Many thanks for this act of kindness."



Corrugated boxes are lined with heavy plastic, and the crates are reinforced with long wood screws. The total shipment weighing 606 pounds, left North Battleford, Saskatchewan, Canada, on December 15. Canadian Lutheran World Relief shipped the books, and the Ericksons donated \$620 to the agency.



An Atomic Transportation truck carried the crates to Vancouver, and from there the transportation was arranged by the international office of Allied Van Line of Chicago, IL. Their next stop was Karachi, Pakistan, where Dr. Bughio will pick them up.

questions and issues emerging from the theme. What aspects of family and community environments facilitate growth? What causes children to abandon their essential tasks of exploration and play? Why do parents feel overwhelmed and detached from their communities? These questions, of course, are just a few

that are relevant. Through roundtable discussions, presentations from community agencies, and research symposia, more will surely be identified. **Kevin Rathunde**
President

Association of Councils of the National Council on Family Relations

Affiliate Connection



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From the President Affiliate Orientation Planned

I am extremely pleased to be writing my first President's column for the Affiliate Connection in 1996! Because of the hard work and dedication of last year's officers, especially our Past President John Toulitos, this coming year should be one of consolidation and renewal for the



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Association of Councils. At the November 1995 meeting of the NCFR Board of Directors, the recommendation of the Long-Range Planning Committee, chaired by Lynda Henley Walters, to bring the Association of Councils into direct support from NCFR's annual budget was approved! The Association of Councils budget for fiscal year 1997 will include plans for these exciting activities:

1996 Conference: Families in Political Context

On Wednesday, November 6, the Associations will sponsor an Orientation Luncheon and Leadership Training Workshop for officers of affiliated councils. Presidents or other board members are encouraged to attend. More details will follow as the conference plans are finalized later this spring. This session will be more than the usual sharing session: It will provide affiliated councils with much-needed survival strategies, fiscal requirements, and recommendations for planning at the state, local, and regional levels. Please plan to come to the conference in Kansas City by Wednesday!

Our Program Chair, Phillip Stanberry, is currently coordinating submissions for the AC-sponsored sessions at the Conference. We are also in the planning stages for co-sponsored sessions with both the Family and Health and Family Policy Sections. In addition, Philip hopes that many of you in the affiliates will submit posters, roundtables, paper or workshop sessions to the Association of Councils! The conference theme, "Families in Political Context," is a perfect opportunity for affiliated councils to report what is happening in your areas.

Association of Councils Support

There are many ways in which the AC will work on supporting our affiliated councils in the coming year. We will publish the video summaries from the 1995 conference to facilitate borrowing from NCFR's video collection for affiliated councils. We are also working on

the development of a support system for struggling or inactive affiliated councils and encouraging student chapters to network with their state or regional affiliated councils.

Especially important is the distribution of the revised application guidelines for the AC President's Fund, which will once again be available to give local, state, and regional councils a small financial boost for specific projects. The guidelines will be published in the next Affiliate Connection. However, a mechanism for ongoing funding of the President's Fund is needed in order to continue to support your affiliated councils. The Association of Councils is planning to sell NCFR bookbags at the 1996 NCFR annual conference in Kansas City with the profits to be placed in the AC President's Fund. Feedback from conference attendees in Portland on the idea of selling bookbags was very positive--especially outside the Exhibits area!

Association of Councils Long-Range Planning

NCFR President Mike Sporakowski has asked me to chair an NCFR committee to address the Association of Council's ongoing role in NCFR. As expressed so eloquently by President-elect Anne Stanberry in her column in this issue, we--the affiliated councils--are an important part of NCFR. Please contact me with your input as we take this opportunity to review our mission and goals.

As I reported to the officers at our last business meeting in Portland, we will also take this opportunity to review the AC by-laws. I will be working closely with Kathy Collins Royce, our liaison at NCFR headquarters, and with our AC Secretary/Treasurer Roger Rubin. We will examine our structure, terms of office, and responsibilities. If you have input or would be willing to serve on this soon-to-be-formed AC committee, please contact me. Keep in touch in 1996!

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From the Specialists Sharing Policy Expertise

(Note: This column is an attempt to provide a mechanism for promoting family policies at the grassroots level. Send your questions to the editor, Anne Stanberry, 2108 Clayton Place, Hattiesburg, MS 39402.)

Question: The Mississippi Council on Family Relations is a member of the Mississippi Coalition for Change: Quality of Life Issues along with the MS Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, MS Early Childhood Association, the MS Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, MS Business and Professional Women, MS Dietetics Association, MS American Federation of Teachers, and the MS Forum for Children and Families.

Students in my graduate level class, Trends and Theories in Child Development, have invited representatives from each Coalition organization to take part in a focus group to discuss policy and legislative issues that impact Mississippi families. Intended and unintended consequences of legislation, based on child and family theories, will be put together as short briefing papers for local legislators who will visit the class several weeks after the focus group session.

Do you have any advice for us as we plan this experience?

Answer: From Shirley Zimmerman, University of MN, and Karen Bogenschneider, University of WI:

- Read the newspapers carefully; The New York Times and the weekly edition of The Washington Post and local papers are excellent sources. Know the issues very well.
- Follow the leads you see in the papers.
- Bring critical issues as defined by professionals to the table.
- The least you will do is increase awareness of the issues.
- The Children's Defense Fund and the Child Welfare League of America have useful resources regarding children's services.
- Limiting the number of issues discussed will help to focus the discussion.
- Let the focus group decide what to do about the issues.
- The January 1995 issue of **Family Relations** has a special family policy collection.
- The Consortium of Family Organizations had excellent materials for reference.
- Family criteria, summarized in the Pratt article in the January 1995 issue of **Family Relations**, are excellent

principles to use in assessing legislation. Ooms and Preister (1988, A Strategy for Strengthening Families: Using Family Criteria in Policy Making and Program Evaluation. Washington, DC: The Family Impact Seminar) report a checklist of questions for each principle.

- Family Policy Alternatives Education Model (Bogenschneider article, January, 1995, **Family Relations**) is an objective way to present alternatives. For policy work with legislators over time, clarifying potential consequences of policy alternatives allows us to educate, rather than alienate, legislators.

Other sources:

- Bogenschneider, K. (in press). Promoting a Family Perspective in Policy Making with State Family Impact Seminars. **Conference Proceedings of an Expert Meeting on Family Impact** in Leuven, Belgium.
- The University of Wisconsin Extension Service offers Briefing Reports used in their state family impact seminars for a small fee.
- NCFR offers **Teaching Family Policy** for a nominal fee.

DSF Award Presented to Margaret Feldman

The 1996 recipient of NCFR's Distinguished Service to Families Award is **Margaret Feldman**, emeritus professor at Ithaca College, and NCFR's Washington policy representative.

The Award is sponsored by the Association of Councils and recognizes exceptional leadership and service in strengthening family life.

In addition to her academic contributions, Dr. Feldman has given countless volunteer hours as NCFR's representative in Washington, DC, disseminating information about families to legislators and officials. She also is the convener of the DC Council on Family Relations.

The Award will be presented during the NCFR annual conference in Kansas City in November.

Felix Berardo
Committee Chair

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Changing Your Stance

My husband is a baseball player. Well, a former baseball player. When I'm stewing about a problem, when I'm trying harder and harder and still not meeting my objective, he reminds me that I need to change my stance. Approach the problem from a different angle. Change my attitude. Step into someone else's shoes and see life from their perspective.



A. Stanberry

During my two-year presidency of the Mississippi Council on Family Relations, I worked to breathe life back into the organization. Knowing I did not have an inexhaustible supply of breath, I listened intently at the AC Business Meeting and Information Fair in Minneapolis for ideas other state organizations had used and shared them with our board; as I talked with people in my state, I listened for their interests and strengths and enlisted their participation in the state organization. We are using our talents and shaping your ideas to fit our needs and finding success.

At the AC Meeting in Portland, Judith Myers-Wall asked a tired group of AC presidents if they wanted to participate in a few activities. Their willingness to "keep on" led to the sharing of many ideas. While I am editor of the AC Newsletter, Affiliate presidents will share their news and ideas through their submitted articles; our AC president, Libby Blume, will share her words of wisdom; and Phillip Stanberry, AC Program Chair, will share ideas from the Business Meeting and from personal interviews with state members in an effort to help you feel new breath for your affiliate. Whether you are building, rebuilding, maintaining, or dynamically moving ahead, by sensitively listening to members and non-members who are interested in families, you may approach an issue from a different perspective; you may change your stance.

We, the Affiliate organizations, are an essential building block in the foundation of the National Council on Family Relations. As we build membership and interest, as we provide a forum for family researchers, educators, and practitioners to share in the development and dissemination of knowledge about families and family relationships, as we establish professional standards, and work to promote family well-being, the national organization will grow and profit from our strength.
Anne Stanberry, Ph.D., CFLE, CFCS
AC President-Elect

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Bring Conference Home to Your Council

I imagine many of you wonder what difference it makes to you what the national conference included and what is planned for next year. If you didn't attend last year's conference and aren't attending the next one, why should you care? The Association of Councils is in existence in order to provide that link. We want you to care, and we want you to know that NCFR cares about your council.



Myers-Walls

The annual NCFR conference has many riches for your council. One idea is to look to your own members who also belong to NCFR. Many of your homegrown colleagues may have presented at the conference. Contact headquarters in Minneapolis and request a list of speakers from last November's conference who are in your council's area. It is likely that few, if any, of your members attended all of the sessions given by your members. You could ask them to do a repeat performance at your meeting--something that would require little effort on their part, but would allow you to get some high-quality presentations without having to go through the review process yourself. In addition, because they did it once already, the presenters may have already worked the bugs out of their session!

Another idea is to 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 significant events in the family field. To help you know what was included in each session and which of the videotapes might be most effective for your council, we will include reviews of some of the videotaped session in this and the next few

newsletters. Thanks to those folks who helped me review the sessions: Anne and Philip Stanberry, Jim Van Horn, Don Bower, Jim White, and Sue Myers. Consider using these tapes at a council meeting. It's the next best thing to being there!

How to Obtain Videotapes of the Annual Conference Sessions

Video cassettes may be ordered at any time for the conference price of \$35 if ordered by a council affiliated with NCFR. Call Kathy at 612-781-9331 ext. 21 for more information.

Note: The opening plenary session delivered by Sonia Sanchez was a powerful combination of poetry, social commentary, and call to action. Many people were very moved by the session, while some others didn't quite understand the visceral reaction others were having. Unfortunately, Sonia was advised not to have the session taped because of concerns about copyright, and you will not have a chance to experience the session after the fact. Sorry!

Research Update for Practitioners

"Strengths and Resiliency of Black Families: Implications for Practitioners"

Velma McBride Murry (Session 224)

Major ideas:

- Despite the statistics, there are black families that are raising competent black children; the environment and transactions between the environment and family are very important to the child's development.

- The deficit model needs to be refined or ditched because it does not fit black families; a family may be structurally broken, but not functionally broken. It is the quality of family life, not the family structure that makes the difference in whether or not the children are raised to be competent individuals and members of society.
- Three domains of resilience are presented: overcoming the odds, coping, and social capital.
- The speaker provides suggestions from research for practitioners regarding designing programs for African American families.

The reviewers consider this a MUST for use by affiliated councils.

Recommended audiences:

- Researchers
- Academics
- Graduate students
- Undergraduate students
- Family advocates/policymakers
- Family practitioners

Suggestions for use by councils:

- Show the tape in a break-out session at your annual meeting.
- Show the tape as a plenary session at your annual meeting.
- Put it in a library for members to check out.
- Encourage interested members to purchase it for themselves.
- Show the tape in a film room at your annual meeting.
- Preview the tape to consider using the speaker.

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"Time Line" Recorded Activities

The walls of the meeting room were filled with butcher paper that evening in Portland. Our facilitator, Judith Myers-Walls, '94-95 AC Program Chair, gave operational instructions, and each Affiliate representative moved from panel to panel, recording what I feel to be very important data. **P. Stanberry**



One panel, entitled "Time Line", required each person to record on the line the date of entrance into their Affiliate and NCFR while above, significant world, national, and Council events were listed. The spread for those in attendance stretched from 1968 to 1994! Just think....this time included the Viet Nam War, the fall of the Berlin Wall, and the Gulf War among world events and in the Council, establishment of CFLE, change of "Family Coordinator" to "Family Relations", etc. It was also interesting to note that four logo changes for NCFR occurred during this time.

What is significant about this data? For one thing, the data represents a commitment of persons who are working for families through NCFR and Affiliate groups during times of unsteady change. Even now, recalling the names and faces of those in attendance, I sense that my colleagues are perhaps more comfortable with change and with diversity than others. For me, these are attributes of strength.

The strength of stability during change and increased diversity may be illustrated by the responses to a panel marked "Collaboration". When asked how their Affiliates cooperated with other organizations of their area, the respondents listed attempts to network, to meet with, to share information with diverse professional groups and to include them - if possible - within the circle of Affiliate work. "Restraints" to their efforts included the familiar data of competing professional meetings and resources, difficulty with promotional materials, and an inability to arrive at internal consensus with groups of heavy political agenda. My experience has been that when persons of

commitment struggle with restraints to their mission, creativity is often heightened. I believe we are in that era of Affiliate work.

Though certainly not a time-honored random sample, I just wonder if the data from our grouping is not somewhat representative of Affiliate membership; I believe it is and therefore, would invite your participation in a broader data gathering event.

What are your experiences in collaboration with groups of professional and political diversity? The AC would like to know in order to program events to meet your needs. Your response will be "heard" as program planning occurs for Kansas City. Send your ideas to me at 2108 Clayton Place, Hattiesburg, MS 39402-2805.

Future columns will discuss the remaining data from this significant event of the Association of Councils in Portland. Stay tuned.....

J. Phillip Stanberry, Ph.D., CFLE
'95-96 AC Program Chair

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Videos...

Other comments by reviewers:

"The presentation was sound in content and delivery and provided a comprehensive update from the Social Stress Model."

"It was great--so great I spent money to buy a copy for my own use."

"Celebrating the Strengths of Diversity: Meeting the Challenges of 20th Century Families"

Plenary Session

Constance Ahrons (Session 233)

(Note: This session replaced the one scheduled by Lillian Rubin who could not attend the conference due to health reasons.)

Major ideas:

- Five major myths affecting family development: nostalgia, melting pot, Ozzie and Harriet, monogamous society and marriage is a lifetime commitment; divorce is deviant and pathological.
- Social policy implications: We must advocate for **real** families.
- The social context changes the findings of many studies.

The reviewers consider this a MUST for use by affiliate councils.

Recommended audiences:

- Researchers
- Academics
- Graduate students
- Family advocates/policymakers

Suggestions for use by councils:

- Put it in a library for members to check out.
- Show the tape in a film room at your annual meeting.
- Show the tape in a break-out session at your annual meeting.
- Could be used for professional updates for applied professionals.

Research Update for Practitioners

"Families in Later Life: Dilemmas and the Decisions"

Vicki L. Schmall (Session 304)

Major ideas:

- Caregiving today is similar to the past, but is different because of more people being much older, caregivers are older, there are fewer siblings to share the caregiving, and the length and intensity of caregiving has increased.
- Families face major dilemmas/decisions including nursing homes, financial and legal concerns, end-of-life health care decisions, safe driving, and impact of demands on caregivers.
- Among the supports for families, information can help caregivers, but self-efficacy is a powerful predictor of success in caregiving.

The reviewers HIGHLY RECOMMEND this video for use by councils.

Recommended audiences:

- Academics
- Graduate students
- Undergraduate students
- Family advocates/policymakers
- Anyone working with elders, having elders in the family, or is growing older.
- Good for lay and professional audiences.

Suggestions for use by councils:

- Put it in a library for members to check out.
- Encourage interested members to purchase it for themselves.
- Show the tape in a film room at your annual meeting.
- Preview the tape to consider using the speaker.
- Show the tape in a break-out session at your annual meeting.
- Could be used for professional updates for applied professionals.

Other comments by reviewers:

"Vicki has great skill translating families, and practitioners. She cites enough research to verify the depth of the subject, but it does not distract from the 'so what' implications for real people. Supportive printed and program materials are available from Oregon State University at reasonable costs."

Presidential Address

"Couples Watching Television: Gender, Power, and the Remote Control"

Alexis Walker (Session 323)

Major ideas:

- Mundane, everyday family experiences (such as use of the remote control device--RCD) mirror societal-level gender role difference.
- Use of power in relationships is overt (conflict resolution) and covert (who changes channels).
- The reality of leisure for women is less and different than for men; men say the RCD is evenly shared, women say the men usually have it.
- RCD terms: "grazing" is flipping through channels, staying on one for no more than 5 seconds; "zapping" is changing the channel at specific times, such as commercials; "zipping" is fast-forwarding through commercials, etc.

The reviewers RECOMMEND this video for use by councils.

Recommended audiences:

- Researchers
- Academics
- Graduate students
- Couples themselves

Suggestions for use by councils:

- Preview the tape to consider using the speaker.
- Show the tape in a break-out session at your annual meeting.

Other comments by reviewers:

"The speaker is entertaining, enthusiastic, and links research with everyday behavior. There are interesting comparisons between heterosexual and homosexual couples."

Plenary Session

"The Intergenerational Perspective: A New Paradigm for Healthy Families"

James Gambone (Session 412)

Major ideas:

- Research with prison populations has asked about one thing that would have changed their paths: one caring adult.
- Alienation and separation characterize our society.
- Membership in most organizations is down, so that the importance of informal, social networks, especially intergenerational ones, are even more important.

The reviewers suggest this video MIGHT BE USEFUL for councils.

Recommended audiences:

- Academics
- Graduate students

Suggestions for use by councils:

- Preview the tape to consider using the speaker.
- Show the tape in a break-out session at your annual meeting.

Other comments by reviewers:

"The perspective is very interesting, but the presentation moves rather slowly."

Research Updates for Practitioners

"Family Life Education: What Works?"

Margaret Arcus (Session 423)

Major ideas:

- The speech covers marriage education, sexuality education, and program design.
- Some marriage education programs work well for some couples, but we do not know a lot about which ones work for whom.
- School sexuality programs may be effective in reaching traditional school goals, but it is unsure how effective they are in changing behavior.
- We need to find new ways to evaluate family life education, considering transmission, transaction, and transformation.

The reviewers report the video MIGHT BE USEFUL for affiliated councils.

Recommended audiences:

- Academics

Suggestions for use by councils:

- Put it in a library for members to check out.
- Preview the tape to consider using the speaker.

Other comments by reviewers:

"The presentation gave a grim picture of family life education."

Judy Myers-Walls

1995 Association of Councils Program Chair

ALABAMA

The **Alabama Council on Family Relations** joined with the Alabama Association of Family and Consumer Sciences to host a state meeting in Perdido Bay, AL on March 7-8.

For information, contact Lane Powell, ACFR President, at 205/870-2843, FAX 205/870-2068, or The Department of Family and Consumer Education, Samford University, Birmingham, AL 35229-2239. **Lane Powell, Ph.D, CFLE President**

BRITISH COLUMBIA

The **British Columbia Council for the Family**, a member of NCFR's Northwest Council on Family Relations, has released two new booklets, "Leaving an Abusive Relationship" and "Boomerang Kids...Making it Work!"

The first one contains information on separation feelings, temptations to reconcile, new relationships, help resources, and children's feelings. The goal of the booklet is to help persons in abusive relationships maintain their independence and parent effectively.

The second booklet explores the issues in having adult children return to live with their parents, including information on who does what, areas that are off limits to parents, rent or services, privacy, overnight guests, younger siblings, bringing baby home, crisis support, and addictions and abuse.

Copies of the booklets are 75 cents each or \$35 for bulk orders of 50 copies. Contact Carolyn Usher at BC Council for the Family, 204-2590 Granville St., Vancouver, BC Canada V6H 3H1; 604-660-0675; FAX 604-732-4813.

CALIFORNIA

Over the years, one of the great successes of the National Council on Family Relations has been to spawn many other organizations specific to the various fields within Family Science. This success has been both a blessing and a challenge. On one hand, it has given a forum to individuals and groups with specific interests. On the other, the result has been to overburden professionals with memberships in organizations that focus

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Meeting

July 1-4, 1998--**15th Biennial Meetings of the ISSBD 1998**, Berne, Switzerland. General chair: Prof. Dr. A. Flammer. Contact: Dr. P. Perrig-Chiello, Lowenbergstr. 40, CH-4059 Basel, Switzerland; +41 61 331-7519; ISSBD@psy.unibe.ch; <http://ubclu.unibe.ch/psy/kjp/ISSBD-98.html>

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on these distinct fields. Unfortunately, this has been clearly expressed and demonstrated within **California**; membership has declined as professionals join these specialized organizations.

As if declining membership has not been challenge enough, the lack of Ph.D. Family Science program in California has made it difficult to replace members as they leave NCFR to join these specific professional organizations. The Board has designed conferences that welcome undergraduate students, unfortunately, we have found that academics and professionals are interested in a more sophisticated audience. The Board scaled events down to smaller "symposium" retreat gatherings. These retreats were productive and fulfilling to those who attended. However, they were not the best benefit for the greatest number of members as an annual event.

The geographic expanse of our state is another challenge that has been difficult for us. This has impacted our ability to recruit Board members and plan conference events that would be convenient to members from all around the state. Members from San Diego, San Francisco, West L.A., and the Sacramento, San Fernando and Pomona Valley areas have expressed interest in joining the Board. The organization would greatly benefit by having a Board with such geographic representation. However, one can immediately see the challenge that this presents.

Most current Board members have been on the Board for nearly 20 years or more. They have seen **California Council on Family Relations** in its infancy and in its prime. Unfortunately, each of us has realized that the time has come to accept what we've tried to avoid. On January 13, 1996, the Board of Directors made the very painful decision to relinquish our charter as an Affiliate of NCFR. This is especially saddening since California will be hosting the NCFR annual conference in 1999. It is our fervent hope that renewed energy and fresh ideas will find a way into the membership-at-large in California so that CCFR may be reborn anew.

Wendy Weise
Former State President

INDIANA

"Forging Family Connections" was the theme of the February 16 annual conference of the **Indiana Council on Family Relations** held at Ball State University in Muncie.

Pamela Carter, attorney general of the state of Indiana, delivered the keynote address, "Forging Family Connections: An Attorney General's Perspective."

Break-out session included: "Helping Indiana Families Make a Commitment for College," Tawana Brown, Randall Dodge, and Philip Seabrook, Officer of 21st Century Scholars; "Healing Family Connections Severed by Domestic Violence," Margy Hendershot, coordinator of ADAPT program, Alternatives, Inc.; "Workplaces Reaching Out," Candy Lange, manager human resources (work and family, Eli Lilly Co.; "Images of

African American Families on Prime Time Situational Comedies: Are Our Roots There?," Maresa J. Murray, graduate research assistant, Michigan State University;

"Involving Parents and Family Members in Education: An Essential Partnership," David Birch, associate professor, applied health science, Indiana University; "The Mission of Religion as a Family Connection," Sister Nancy Crowder, director of Holy Family Shelter, Catholic Social Service; "Helping Families Through Crisis," Rep. Sheila Klinker, State Representative, district 27; and "Engaging the Community in Health Care," Phyllis Myer, executive director, Community Health Clinic.

There were luncheon roundtable discussions, and the closing plenary featured a panel discussion on "Future Directions to Continue Forging Connections."

On January 23 and 24, the Indiana Coalition of Family Organizations (ICOFO) held its annual Legislative Briefing and Breakfast. The Coalition is a collaborative effort of the Indiana Council on Family Relations, Indiana Association of Marriage and Family Therapists, Indiana Association of Family and Consumer Studies, and Family Services Indiana.

T.Q. Evans, distinguished and longtime member of NCFR and ICFR, initiated the discussions which led to the formation of ICOFO.

During the dinner on January 23, state legislators and COFO representatives educated attendees from the member organizations about bills coming through the Indiana legislature which are of concern to the coalition members. The next morning, a buffet breakfast was held in the rotunda of the statehouse, where ICOFO members and legislators discussed shared interests.

Plans are underway for next year's event, and ICFR is examining additional ways to educate legislators.

Dr. Shelley MacDermid
ICFR President

MISSISSIPPI



Among those attending the recent **Mississippi Council on Family Relations** annual conference were Mary Ann Simons, MCFR president, and Tom Coward, a presenter.

The **Mississippi Council on Family Relations** recently held its annual conference at Mississippi College in Jackson. The theme was "Influences Affecting Mississippi Families," with Dr.

Bettye Coward as keynoter.

During the conference, new officers were elected: Mary Ann Simons, president; Tammy White, vice-president; Chuck West, secretary; Felecia Young, treasurer; and Donna Suddith, newsletter editor.

The Mississippi Council is moving toward a more progressive tone. Along with the new officers, new chairs were elected for the Northern and Southern regions of the state. Jean Kizer will represent the Northern area, and Mary Ann Simons, the Southern.

Two regional workshops and seminars are planned for the year, addressing issues prominent to families in Mississippi.

Mary Ann Simons
President

NORTHWEST

The **Northwest Council on Family Relations** will hold its 1996 annual conference, "Families in the Information Age," June 27-29 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Bellevue, WA. The meeting is a co-sponsored event with the Teaching Family Science Conference.

The plenary speaker will be **Michael Sporakowski, Ph.D. CFLE, NCFR president**. He will address, "Families on the Information Superhighway: Managing the Potholes While Taking the SMART Road."

Conference registration fees are \$65 if received on or before April 1, \$70 if received on or before June 1, and \$75 at the conference. Contact Randy Day, Human Development, 301C Hulbert Hall; WA State University, Pullman, WA 99164; 509-335-3814; FAX 509-335-2808; (Day@mail.wsu.edu) to register or receive information on accommodations. Checks should be made payable to Family Science Association.

A special workshop will be hosted by Microsoft, focusing on the use of computers and software in teaching and research.

The deadline for abstracts for paper presentations is April 1. Please send them to Jim White, 2205 East Mall, Family Science, University of BC, Vancouver, Canada V6T 1Z4 or through e-mail: blanco@unixg.ubc.ca.

Homepage

The Northwest Council has its own Homepage! Visit it at:
<http://www.orst.edu/Dept/hdfs/nfcrnw.html>

Alan Acock constructed the page.

Nominations

The Northwest Council Nominating Committee for the next election of officers is: Kim Jenkins, 902 Deakin Ave., Moscow, ID 83843; Carol Matusicky, 204-2590 Granville St., Vancouver, BC, Canada V6H 3H1; and Jim Ponzetti, 1001 Brook Ln., Ellensburg, WA 98926 (e-mail: ponzetti@cwu.edu). Please forward your ideas about potential candidates for officers to these committee members.
Jim White
President

PENNSYLVANIA

With a new slate of officers and a recently expanded Board of Directors, **Pennsylvania/Delaware Council on Family Relations** is up and running. Goals for the new year include obtaining greater representation and participation from both states, increasing communication among the membership via the newsletter and Affiliate Connection, and offering a one-day conference to enhance the professional development of members and state residents.

In order to foster communication increase awareness of statewide events are seeking contributions to our newsletter: book and video reviews, information about family studies programs within the two states, noteworthy practice initiatives, overviews of current research of state residents, lists of upcoming conferences, network mail lists, "meet member" information, legislative update position announcements, and internship opportunities. Newsletter items are welcome and should be submitted to the editor, Steve Brown, Psychology Dept South Hall, Mansfield University, Mansfield, PA 16933.

It has been a number of years since the Council has sponsored its own conference, and members are eager to revive this activity. The Board of Directors is in the midst of planning a conference September 21 at Messiah College in Grantham. The theme will be "Relationships After 50."

I would like to extend a personal invitation to those interested in submitting ideas for roundtables, workshops or papers related to the theme to Raeann Hamon Behavioral Science Dept. Messiah College, Grantham, PA 17027 by May 22.

Raeann R. Hamon
President

SOUTHEASTERN

The **Southeastern Council on Family Relations'** program year was highlighted by the annual meeting February 23-24 in Atlanta, GA. The theme was "Common Ground for Families," attracted a variety of general sessions, workshops, and seminars.

Dr. Pam Monroe, Louisiana State University, moderated a point/counterpoint between two outspoken public policy advocates on the topic "Finding Common Ground: Families the Political Spectrum."

Dr. Jane Smith, executive director of The Atlanta Project, discussed the challenges and lessons learned about class, and income differences when empowering families. The Project is demonstration project in neighborhood empowerment begun by former President Jimmy Carter.

Dr. Michael Sporakowski, Virginia Tech and State University, and the president of NCFR, provided the closing general session on common ground research, education and practice.

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