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Twenty NCFR members and eight Hyatt Hotel (site of the 1996 NCFR conference) staff volunteered their time at a Kansas City Habitat for Humanity project in Kansas City during the annual conference. Pictured from left are Shelley Suehs, a Hyatt employee; John Conger, NCFR member from David Lipscomb University; and Maureen Lynch, NCFR member from OR State University.--Photo by Bob Keim.

NCFR Members Help Build Habitat House

The bruises have faded and the sore muscles no longer ache, but in Kansas City, some Habitat for Humanity houses are closer to completion because NCFR conference attendees missed a presentation or two in order to pound nails or paint bedrooms.

Across four half-day shifts on Friday and Saturday, 20 NCFR participants and 8 Hyatt Hotel staff shared their laughter and manual labor skills (or lack thereof) with local Habitat for Humanity volunteers and staff, as they "rehab'ed" existing structures with new paint, landscaped yards, or put up vinyl siding on newly constructed homes.

One shift of 10 volunteers spent a sunny afternoon cleaning the warehouse/shop and unloading delivery trucks carrying new solid oak doors and huge picture windows. NCFR member Bron Ingoldsby of Ricks College, says, "I loved the Habitat experience and thank you again for setting it up. It was an hilarious collection of incompetent Ph.D.s (and me the worst of the group) putting up vinyl siding, but so much fun. We probably set the project back a week!"

The idea originated with NCFR's Terri Heath, University of OR, last spring. "I've never worked on a Habitat for Humanity project before, but I was thinking one day about how 1,000 of us (NCFR members) descend on these various cities each year, spend our money on local services, but never participate in any volunteer projects. In my home community, I find it difficult to squeeze out much time to volunteer, but I thought if I could organize a group of colleagues to offer something to families in the communities we travel to, I'd feel like I had contributed to the well-being of families at a local, hands-on level in addition to my research and teaching on families. Kansas City's Habitat for Humanity organization was a flexible, organized group of people to work with, and they assured me that even if I was the only person to volunteer, they'd welcome my offer to help."

In the end, not only did 20 other NCFR colleagues volunteer to help Heath, but so did Hyatt staff. (NCFR's conference was

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National Slate Selected for Spring 1997 Election

NCFR's Nominating Committee has selected the slate of candidates for the Spring 1997 election. On the ballot will be:

President-elect

William Doherty, St. Paul, MN
Barbara Settles, Newark, NJ

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Katherine R. Allen, Blacksburg, VA
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Marilyn Bradbard, Auburn, AL
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Harold Grotevant, St. Paul, MN
Mary Laner, Tempe, AZ
Edith A. Lewis, Ann Arbor, MI
Patrick C. McKenry, Columbus, OH
Roger Rubin, College Park, MD

Sections holding elections in 1997 are Research and Theory, International, Religion and Family Life, Feminism and Family Studies, and Family Policy. Not all Section slates were available at press time.

Candidates' vitas and photos will be published in the March 1997 issue of REPORT.

Nominating Candidates Named for 1997

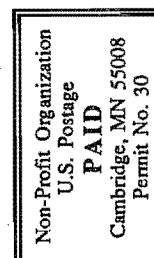
The slate of candidates for the 1997 Nominating Committee has been selected. The elected committee members will choose candidates for the 1998 election.

The candidates are: **Don Bower**, Athens, GA; **Marilyn Bradbard**, Auburn, AL; **Kerry Daly**, Guelph, ONT; **Barbara Elliott**, Duluth, MN; **Joan Jurich**, W. Lafayette, IN; **Colleen Murray**, Reno, NV; **Joe Pleck**, Urbana, IL; **Sandra Stith**, Falls Church, VA; **Aaron Thompson**, Columbia, MO; **William Turner**, Lexington, KY; and **Britton Wood**, Ft. Worth, TX.

Vitas and photos of the candidates will be printed in the March 1997 REPORT.

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President's Report

President Sets 1997 Goals

I am delighted and honored to be serving as NCFR's 58th president and am fortunate to have succeeded Michael Sporakowski who finished his term in November. I am looking forward to working for all of you members and with our current board and committees on the myriad issues facing NCFR as we enter the 21st century.

Over a year ago I submitted my platform and goals should I be elected to this position. Those goals as stated below basically have not changed. We have already begun our work on some of them. I invite all of you to help me in their accomplishment in the near future.

Goal I: To increase NCFR's visibility with other national family organizations.

During the conference Michael Sporakowski, Mary Jo Czaplewski and I met with American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Executive Director Michael Bower, and AAMFT President Tony Jurich to discuss ways in which NCFR and AAMFT might again join forces in various activities to strengthen the family profession. In addition, Mary Jo Czaplewski and Margaret Feldman attended the annual conference of the Consortium of Social Science Associations, November 18 in Washington DC. Mary Jo discussed strategies for strengthening relationships with several national organizations and met with John Hagen of Society for Research in Child Development; Don Freedheim of the American Psychological Association; Felice Levine from American Sociological Association; Anita Metzen of the American Council on Consumer Interests, and several heads of federal agencies, including Katherine Wallman, director of Statistics at OMB.

They also met with Ann Chadwick, the new executive director of the American Association for Family and Consumer Sciences, and discussed a joint project with the Marriott Hotels and the Work and Family Institute. Mary Jo will represent the NCFR Board of Directors at a meeting in Boston on December 20 where she will discuss the options for inviting the parenting education groups in the country to ally under NCFR's organizational umbrella.

Goal II: International recognition of NCFR as a center of professional and family studies research and information.

NCFR hosted the board of director's meeting of the International Family Policy Forum (IFPF) prior to our conference this year in Kansas City. The Director General, Eugene Rolfe, met with NCFR's Board and acknowledged that members of IFPF worldwide and the United Nations subprogramme on the family view NCFR as the leader in research and practice on family issues. He expressed his dismay and pleasure with the high quality of the conference. To that end, IFPF will hold their first international conference on family impact considerations immediately prior to NCFR's conference in Washington, DC November 4 through 6, 1997.

NCFR will also be linked to the IFPF homepage and to their members worldwide by next Spring.

Goal III: To make NCFR the central hub for family knowledge and information dissemination and assimilation.

The most effective way to do this is through the retention of all of you as members dedicated to NCFR's mission and goals, and to the **recruiting of new members**. I have asked all Board members to make recruiting their top priority this year. I ask you to join us in recruiting. Headquarters has prepared recruitment kits, but spreading that word entails knowing where NCFR intends to go in the future and how it will get there.

To that end Harriette McAdoo is chairing the **Long Range Planning Committee** comprised of Scot Allgood, Barbara Holder, Karen Myers-Bowman, Gay Kitson, Steve Bollman, Jim Ponzetti, and Greer Litton Fox. This committee will continue the work begun on strategic planning for NCFR by last year's Board of Directors. The Committee will collect and synthesize the research, reports, and recommendations of all the committees, subcommittees, and task forces currently working on NCFR special issues.

In addition, the Long Range Planning Committee is exploring a new organizational name, board structure, and terms of office. These will all be prioritized and summarized with recommendations forthcoming at the November board meeting in Washington, DC.

Goal IV: NCFR will provide the synthesis of information on families from diverse sources.

The Publications Committee and its various task forces have declared a moratorium for NCFR-published books for another year. However, in place, they have initiated mechanisms for NCFR to collect the published research and wisdom of members of NCFR who are publishing their own new books this coming year. (Watch for the ad in this newsletter).

A program is now in place for NCFR to sell these products on a consignment agreement with the publishers. The first experiment is currently featured in the new 1997 catalog sent to all of you recently. Let us know how you like this "one stop shopping" opportunity.

This year NCFR's homepage will be expanded, a list serve for members is being developed. Soon I will appoint a task force to work with Dr. Francisco Villarruel on the expansion of NCFR's media awards program. If any of you are interested, let me know.

As you can see, we are already off to a fast roll toward keeping NCFR in the forefront of national and international issues. All this takes teamwork from every sector of NCFR, and especially from each one of you. Remember, one person can make a difference! I look forward to hearing from you about your ideas, needs, and concerns. NCFR's communication network is excellent: You can use the toll free number, the E-mail, FAX or an old-fashioned letter. No matter the method, **we need and want to hear from you.**

Happy holidays!
Pauline Boss
1996-97 NCFR President

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held at the Hyatt Regency Crown Center in Kansas City, MO.) Helping with the arrangements was Winston Slider, executive director of Kansas City Habitat for Humanity.

Mark Dau, human resources, offered Hyatt staff for the volunteer shifts, so that NCFR attendees worked alongside Hyatt's chief of engineering, human resources department staff, front desk clerks, and bell captains.

When NCFR member **David Dollahite** of Brigham Young University, saw the invitation to volunteer, he not only offered to help, but to also donate the proceeds from BYU's annual conference Ice Cream Social to the same Habitat for Humanity chapter. Dollahite says, "It was a rare treat to work with NCFR colleagues and friends in a way that resulted in a small, but tangible, lasting legacy in Kansas City of NCFR's commitment to helping families."

Volunteers were also helped in their transportation and lodging. Hyatt and Habitat for Humanity vans were used to transport volunteers between the hotel and the worksite. A few volunteers chose to stay in inexpensive dorms offered by the Habitat for Humanity organization to lower their conference expenses. One such volunteer offered the following assessment of her experience, "I thought it was great. First of all, most of the students and professionals attending NCFR have been interested in what they can do to strengthen the 'family.' Well, what better way to accomplish that goal than to help with providing them tangible support like four walls and a roof? It was also an opportunity to meet some really nice folks who have similar values in supporting volunteer efforts."

Susanne Olsen of BYU had an opportunity to see a family's joyful response to her efforts, "Thank you [Heath] for organizing the group to work with Habitat for Humanity. My group was able to put the finishing touches on a home that a lady was moving into that very day! I learned some new skills (how to drill and hang shelving), but the real reward came from seeing the lady and her family's excitement about moving in. Thanks again for all your work!"

Some volunteers planned to include what they had learned into their



Armed with a paintbrush, Terri Heath, organizer of NCFR's participation in a Kansas City Habitat for Humanity project, donated her time during NCFR's recent conference.

classrooms. **Deanna Tate** of Lipscomb University painted a toddler's bedroom with one of her students, and said the volunteers were, "a great and lively group, esprit de corps, with no demands for perfectionism because only a few of us knew what we were doing. I was so impressed with the opportunity, I am going to see if I can work such an experience into one of the classes I teach. Thank you so much for coordinating the opportunity for us."

John Conger, also of Lipscomb University, offered the following, "Well, Terri, the gratitude is due to you! Thanks for organizing that experience with Habitat. I've been coming to NCFR for almost 15 years now, and have had many, many experiences that changed my thinking, my teaching, or my understanding of different aspects of the discipline, but I don't think I've ever done anything that was any more meaningful or moving than that experience. It has opened many exciting possibilities that I

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CFLE Directions

First Programs Approved by Review Committee

November is always a very busy month at NCFR headquarters. Preparation for the annual conference in Kansas City and attendance at the conference itself, is followed by unpacking, deciphering notes, and beginning efforts to implement some of the ideas and programs discussed at various meetings. All this hard work is worth it, however!

It is always great to meet with our members face to face and share concern and enthusiasm for the various aspects of family life in which each of us are involved.

It seems that the number of CFLE-related events increases each year. While it makes for a much busier schedule it speaks well of the progress of the program. In addition to the Certification Review Committee and the CFLE Continuing Education Committee meeting, a new group--the Academic Program Review Committee--met to discuss various aspects of the CFLE program.

The informational session on completing the CFLE application and the hands-on "Help Session" where potential applicants could meet with reviewers to discuss their application, were both well attended, as was the CFLE Focus Group meeting. I'll report more about one of the main topics at that meeting--getting family life education recognized in state and governmental job descriptions--in my column in the next issue of REPORT.

The CFLE Reception was well-



Receiving the 1996 CFLE Special Recognition Award was Maxine Hammonds-Smith CFLE, right. The presentation was made by Dawn Cassidy, program director. The award recognizes a CFLE "who has been especially active in promoting and supporting the Certified Family Life Educator Program."

attended. In addition to providing the opportunity to meet socially with others involved in family life education, the evening included the presentation of several awards.

Dr. Maxine Hammonds-Smith, CFLE was presented with the *1996 CFLE Special Recognition Award*. Each year this award is presented to a CFLE who has been especially active in promoting and supporting the Certified Family Life Educator Program. In addition to serving

on both the CFLE Continuing Education Committee and the Certification Review Committee, Maxine has actively promoted the CFLE designation through the Mentoring Undergraduate Students or M.U.G.S. project. Developed by the Texas Council on Family Relations, the M.U.G.S. project provides support to undergraduates in family life education and facilitates their attainment of the CFLE designation. The project is designed to guide students in courses and field placement experiences that will prepare them for eligibility for certification as a family life educator upon graduation.

Maxine has been a committed and enthusiastic supporter of CFLE and it was a pleasure to present her with the award!

We also recognized the first three schools with programs approved by the CFLE Academic Program Review Committee. As mentioned in my last column, the **University of Wyoming's Child and Family Studies - Family Services option** was the first application received and approved.

Kansas State University's - Family Studies and Human Services/Family Life and Community Services, and **Messiah College's Undergraduate Family Studies program** were also recognized. Representatives from each school were presented with approval certificates by **Dr. Carol Darling, CFLE**, Chair of the Academic Program Review Committee.

These schools represent what appears to be the beginning of a very successful program for NCFR. Additional applications have been received from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and South Dakota State University and are currently being reviewed by the Academic Program Review Committee.

Over 40 other schools have ordered the application materials needed to apply. Call me at the NCFR office if you would like more information about the Academic Program Review and how it can benefit you or your program.
Dawn Cassidy
Program Director

How Do You Measure Up?

Does Your Academic Family Studies Program Meet the Standards of the NCFR's Certified Family Life Educator Designation?

NCFR evaluates the contents of undergraduate and graduate family programs to determine fulfillment of the Standards and Criteria required for the Certified Family Life Educator (CFLE) designation.

Here's what the CFLE Academic Program Review Means:

- ◆ Universities and Colleges can promote their program as meeting the standards needed for NCFR's Certified Family Life Educator designation, the only nationally-recognized program to certify family life educators.
- ◆ Graduates can save time and money. Completion of coursework from an approved program means they can use a shortened application process and pay a lower application fee.
- ◆ Graduates can eliminate the need to complete additional coursework outside of their family degree program in order to be Certified.
- ◆ Certification increases credibility as a family life educator by recognizing education and expertise in the comprehensive range of issues which constitute family life education.

For more information about the

CFLE Academic Program Review



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The first three schools with programs approved by NCFR's CFLE Academic Program Review committee were honored at the annual conference. From left are their representatives: Bernita Quoss, University of WY Child and Family Studies-Family Services option; Olivia Collins, KS State University Family Studies and Human Services/Family Life and Community Services; and Raeann Hamon, Messiah College Undergraduate Family Studies Program.

NEXT CFLE REVIEW DEADLINES:

MARCH 3rd for May Review

SEPTEMBER 3rd for November Review





Executive Review

Budget, Motions Approved by Board

NCFR's focus during the summer and fall months included strategic planning; the beginning of a new fiscal year and the annual, official audit for 1996; preparations for the national Conference, now behind us; the editing and publishing of the new **Vision 2010: Families and Aging**; and developing NCFR's international involvements.

The successful culmination of the Conference in Kansas City, November 5-10, included two full Board of Director's meetings, the Annual Business Meeting and Membership Forum, and numerous Section, Committee, and Task Force meetings. In addition, the International Family Policy Forum Board of Directors met directly prior to NCFR.

The following summary of Board decisions is intended to keep NCFR members apprised of the decisions impacting the organization in the future.

The Board of Directors approved the Treasurer's report and the annual audit as shown in Figure 1. The Treasurer's report highlights are as follows:

1. A 2.3% increase in total revenues to \$1,181,370 with a 4.4% increase in total expenses for 1996 of \$1,105,865.
2. Market value of NCFR investments was \$1,124,728 with a total return within NCFR's equity portfolio (net of all fees) of 18.3%. Two-thirds of NCFR's portfolio is comprised of short-term fixed products (CD's, Treasury Bills, and Money Market), and the rest is in equities.
3. The increase in NCFR's liabilities was 23.9% due to the transfer of \$116,631 from operations into reserve funds to endow the awards.
4. NCFR's ending fund balance was \$799,562 reflecting an increase of 25.4%, a very favorable financial position.

Revisions of the 1997 operating budget, adopted by the board in April, were approved with projected income at \$1,090,986, projected expenses at \$1,075,060, and a net profit of \$15,927 for the operating year of 1997.

Motions passed by the Board were as follows:

1. Approval of the appointment of a Task Force to study and make recommendations on the Student/New Professional status within the organization.
2. Approved the establishment of interest bearing accounts for royalties donated to any Section.
3. Approved a hiatus of one year for the evaluation of the Executive Director to enable the Personnel Committee to develop a standardized review process more

in line with those used in other, similar organizations.

4. Approved a dental care insurance plan for NCFR staff that is paid for entirely by the employees.

Standing Committee reports were provided by the Vice-presidents of each committee and included:

1. The Publications Committee report on new guidelines for editor selection; completion of the NCFR homepage and the Technology Task Force work; continuation of ethical guidelines development for authors, editors, reviewers; the recommendation to extend the moratorium on publishing NCFR publications for another year; continuation of the work of the Task Force on the Future of the Journals.
2. The membership survey results were discussed with a call from the Board for more data on NCFR members.
3. The Public Policy Committee described the successes of the past year including a directory of conservative family organizations written by Catherine Chilman.
4. The Association of Councils President summarized the work of the Task force to define its relationship to NCFR, and the completion of a fund raiser to enhance the president's fund for state affiliates.
5. The Task Force on the Future of Annual Conference presented its recommendations to expand the Conference, to expand exhibits markets, begin working on details for a summer conference in 1998, and recommended future sites for 2001, either Pittsburgh or Rochester, New York, and 2002, St. Louis or Houston.

The Business Meeting and Membership Forum included reports from the Washington Policy Representative, Margaret Feldman, and the United Nations Representative, Marilyn Bensman. Both represented NCFR at the U.N. World Conference, Habitat II in Istanbul, Turkey. Margaret Feldman also worked with the Beijing Conference follow up in Washington, the Friends of NICHD, NIH, and COSSA, and the Voices for Violence headed by the National Mental Health Association. Marilyn Bensman continued to represent NCFR at the U.N. meetings in New York working with the Subprogramme on the Family, the Commission on the Status of Women, the working group on the Rights of the Child and others.

A memorial report by the Executive Director included: Russell Smart (deceased 1/13/96), Jerry D. Bates (5/14/96), Bryan Strong (8/10/96), Marie Osmond (9/5/96), Andrew Schwebel (9/96), Theodore Johannis (9/25/96),

Figure 1

NATIONAL COUNCIL ON FAMILY RELATIONS
STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION
MAY 31, 1996 AND 1995

	1996	1995
ASSETS		
Current Assets:		
Cash	\$ 45,470	\$ 23,988
Accounts Receivable - Less Allowance for Doubtful		
Accounts of \$1,947 in 1996 and \$2,594 in 1995	12,782	24,392
Notes Receivable	37,588	80,000
Interest Receivable	9,327	
Inventory	120,380	114,070
Prepaid Expenses	7,468	25,695
Total Current Assets	233,015	268,145
Furniture, Equipment and Leasehold Improvements - Net	76,607	82,617
Notes Receivable	66,048	
Investments	1,124,728	960,969
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,500,398	\$1,311,731
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current Liabilities:		
Current Maturities of Capital Lease Obligation		\$ 2,927
Accounts Payable	\$ 48,537	48,519
Other Payables	5,061	4,510
Payroll Taxes Accrued and Withheld	1,115	911
Accrued Salaries Payable	14,577	11,907
Accrued Vacation Payable	8,093	8,495
Deferred Revenue	398,411	394,282
Award Funds Held	121,111	116,592
Funds Held for Affiliates and Sections	93,262	76,469
Total Current Liabilities	690,174	664,612
Long-term Liabilities:		
Deferred Revenue	10,662	9,665
Total Liabilities	700,836	674,277
Net Assets - Unrestricted	799,562	637,454
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$1,500,398	\$1,311,731

Audited by the firm of
Carpenter, Evert & Associates, Ltd.
July 19, 1996

Jessie Bernard (10/6/96).

The transition of the Presidents took place at the end of the meeting with Mike Sporakowski presenting the gavel to Pauline Boss, the new President of NCFR.



New President

Pauline Boss was welcomed as the new NCFR president by former president Mike Sporakowski during the NCFR business meeting in Kansas City in November.

Meeting

June 21-25, 1997: American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences 88th annual meeting and exposition. "Invest in Families: Ensuring Resource Availability." Washington Sheraton, Washington, DC. Contact: AAFCS 703-706-4600.

NCFR's challenge in the coming year is to complete the work of many Task Forces and especially that of the Long Range Planning Committee, chaired by Harriette McAdoo, which will now have oversight of the strategic plan for NCFR. Mary Jo Czaplewski Ph.D. CFLE Executive Director



RUPS

Among the RUPS (Research Updates for Practitioners) speakers during the annual conference were Richard Gelles, above right, of the University of RI. He addressed "Intimate Interpersonal Violence: Politics, Policy, and Practice." Marily Martin Rossmann, above left, of the University of MN, spoke on "Effective, Enjoyable Parenting." Also presenting a RUP was Ann Collins of the National Center for Children in Poverty. Her topic was "Welfare Reform, Poverty, and Children."

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Membership Memo

Contact Membership Committee With Your Ideas

I am writing my first membership memo to you having just returned from a very stimulating NCFR conference in Kansas City. As usual, I attended some thought-provoking plenaries and interesting paper sessions, felt pride at student and former student accomplishments, and renewed warm NCFR friendships. But, in addition, I had a new experience in this 25th year of my NCFR membership--participation at the Board of Directors' meeting.

It was inspiring to see first-hand the concern for family-related issues and professional development displayed by the NCFR officers and dedicated staff who devoted many hours to the behind-the-scenes meetings necessary to keep our organization operating smoothly and responsively.

Prominent among the concerns at every level of NCFR--from Executive Director Mary Jo Czaplewski to President Pauline Boss to S/NP Representatives Karen Myers-Bowman and Pam Choice to Membership Manager Kathy Collins Royce--is interest in strengthening our organization's stability by enhancing retention of current members and continuing our ongoing recruitment of new members. In fact, these membership issues are not only my primary focus over the next two years, but also form an important plank of President Boss's platform and a crucial agenda item for the Long Range Planning committee. Together--and with your help--we will work diligently on these two goals.

The Membership Committee held a brain-storming session during the conference and many good ideas emerged. We need to capitalize on the friendly atmosphere of NCFR, letting those who haven't yet joined or those who haven't had a chance to attend a conference know that we are an approachable group. We need to find ways to let members--even long-term ones--know how to get involved in NCFR sections and committees as a means of making rewarding contacts, developing leadership skills, and learning more about their field. We need to reach out through a coordinated mentoring program to all our members (see related article on Page 12.) We need to foster significant interactions through our Affiliated Councils and their local or regional meetings. We need to examine long range trends in the membership data that NCFR has collected over the years.

What else do we need to do? Here is the Membership Committee roster. Please contact me or any committee member with your suggestions for retaining members and recruiting new members:

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Exclusive Domain!

NCFR now has its own website domain:

www.ncfr.com

You may access the NCFR homepage at the address. The address published in the June issue of REPORT was inoperable for several weeks due to hardware malfunctions at the host carrier site. NCFR apologizes for any inconvenience this may have caused members.

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Meet-a-Member

Midway through his sixth decade of life, NCFR member **C. Joseph Martin CFLE**, isn't planning his retirement: He's accepting his Doctor of Education degree in Counseling and Human Development from Andrews University in Michigan.

Martin joined NCFR in 1992 and earned his Certified Family Life Educator designation that November. He is an associate professor of psychology at Taylor University, Ft. Wayne, IN. He holds degrees from Bethel College in Mishawaka, IN, Goshen College Biblical Seminary in IN, St. Mary's College in Notre Dame, IN, and Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, VA.

"I have used some of my training as a Family Life Educator in my classes here at Taylor University and in some local churches dealing specifically with family communications and parenting. I also use a great deal of the information in premarital counseling with college students and community adults who use our services," he notes.

"My association with Family Life has been helpful to me in the past few years and has been built on the things I learned in other parts of my seminary and graduate school training. It is very helpful to be part of NCFR."

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will apply in my work with those who are studying families and society. Thanks again to you for providing this avenue."

One volunteer summed up the experience this way, "I'll never forget the look on all our faces when we were told how to put up vinyl siding, how hard it was for it to sink in. I took this memory back to a freshman seminar I facilitate, where students who have been out of school for 20 years are coming to college for the first time. We were talking about their progress in mastering computer skills, and I told them I had better insight into how difficult it is, with new vocabulary, lack of experience, etc. after helping with the siding project. I told them that I believed in the vision so much that I was willing to make a fool of myself and push my brain to new limits. I shared the contents of a PBS show IN THE PRIME which I watched in my hotel room while recovering from the Habitat experience. They talked about how our brain cells start dying when we are age 2 and our only hope is to grow new ganglia to attach to the ones we have left. We can only do this with mental challenges we have not faced before. I grew new ganglia that day, and I hope my students are inspired to do likewise. Thanks for the experience," Linda Haas.

Heath notes, "It felt like a modern-day equivalent to raising houses in pioneer times. Entire communities came together to erect structures in short periods of time, like 2-3 days. For us, it takes 10 days to erect a Habitat house, but then we are those 'incompetent Ph.D.s'."

NCFR Conference attendees who participated in the project were:

Terri Heath, University of OR, project coordinator; **Allan Bachand**, U.S. Air Force; **Shawn Christiansen**, University of DE; **John Conger**, David Lipscomb University; **David Dollahite**, Brigham Young University; **Linda Haas**, IN University-Indianapolis; **Sareta Head**, Emporia (KS) State University; **Bron Ingoldsby**, Ricks College, ID; **Heather Koball**, Brown University; **Maureen Lynch**, OR State University; **Kelly McCoy**, Brigham Young University; **Candice Merkle CFLE**, U.S. Air Force; **Susanne Frost Olsen**, Brigham Young University; **Dennis Orthner**, University of NC-Chapel Hill; **Karin Samii**, University of TX-Austin; **Kathleen Tisi**, U.S. Air Force; **Deanna Tate**, David Lipscomb University; **Jason Whiting**, Brigham Young University; **Donna Wynder**, David Lipscomb University; **Fuming Zheng**, University of NE.

Hyatt Force volunteers were: **Mark Dau**, **Shelley Suehs**, **Mendy Simpson**, **Phillip Eddins**, **Denise More**, **Lisa Sabin**, **Chris Wilson**, and **Howard Breeding**.

Heath plans to initiate a similar project during the conference next year with the Washington, DC, Habitat for Humanity, and Dollahite plans to donate the BYU proceeds again next year.

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Family Policy Monitor

Post Election Considerations

The Kansas City conference was very well attended and was remarkable for the enthusiasm and high participation of those who attended. The theme, "Families in Political Context," capitalized on the growing year-by-year interest in policy by our members. This interest has been encouraged through the excellent policy workshops for members, usually planned by the Association of Councils and the Public Policy Committee. With next year's conference coming to the Washington area with the topic, "Fatherhood and Motherhood in a Diverse and Changing World," we can look forward to another great year of interest in policy.

After the Election: Family Issues

The election is over and Washington in general, think tanks, media round tables and every other organization is trying to figure out what the results portend for their particular interest. It will be an interesting year and certainly one to monitor closely for issues that will impact families and our researchers and practitioners.

Depending on which newspaper you read, or which pollster or think tank representative you hear, the outcome of the election showed a turn to more conservatism or, on the other hand, to a strong, people-focused "vital center."

According to one analysis, the vital center, espoused by President Clinton, is where most people stand. This includes strong support for education and training (showing up in national polling as important issues for the first time), continuation of efforts toward a lower deficit, protection of Medicare and Medicaid, and protection of the environment. One writer called this focus Worker Liberalism, and said it went back to President Clinton's old refrain of rewards and adequate pay for those who work hard and play by the rules. Essentially, it is a working family agenda. One analysis showed that the group who voted most heavily for Clinton were non-college educated working people.

So how will this family focus play out? Since the election resulted in a continuation of the Republican Congress, we can look to some of last year's controversial issues being reintroduced. Parental Rights and Responsibilities are among these.

Parental Rights and Responsibilities

At a Pre-conference Policy Workshop in Kansas City, Dr. Denise Skinner, using information from the Internet, presented an important discussion of current policy developments regarding parental rights and responsibilities. Coalitions here in Washington I attend have been very concerned about both Senate and House efforts to spell out new definitions of rights and responsibilities, all part of the family values debate. I am here discussing both federal and state efforts, which have great similarities.

Most notorious was the Parental Rights Amendment to the Colorado State Constitution which actually came to a vote this year and was defeated. A coalition of advocacy groups worked for defeat. The most telling arguments were: first, that 70 percent of the funds came from out of state, primarily from the Virginia-based *Focus on the Family*, a conservative group, and second, that the bill would make it more difficult for the state to protect children from abuse.

The Colorado Amendment contains the main arguments found in state and federal bills: "The issue is: *Who decides what's in the best interest of children—parents or government?*" (italics in the amendment). The common-sense answer is found in the Parental Rights Amendment. "I am quoting extensively from this Amendment.

According to the Amendment, there will be three main accomplishments. (1) In regard to education, the Amendment will make public schools "more accountable to parents by giving them greater oversight of academic standards and by helping to ensure that values taught at school don't conflict with values taught at home."

(2) In regard to health, "parents will have better legal standing to require schools to get parental permission before their children are subjected to psychological 'surveys,' for example." This was the only example given of where the parents wanted better standing.

(3) In regard to "family autonomy: our traditional notions of the relationship between child to parent to family to state are facing unprecedented threats from proposals like mandated government 'licensing' of parents and the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child, which could give children a legal right to challenge parental decisions. By passing the Parental Rights Amendment, Colorado has the chance to make it clear that parents, not government, raise children." I know of no serious consideration of "licensing" of parents.

The amendment "would not in any way interfere with the state's role in protecting children from abuse and neglect. The Supreme Court as well as Colorado courts have recognized clear limits to parental rights."

Parental Rights at the Federal Level: Implications for Social Service Research

The statement on education in the Colorado Amendment mirrors H.R. 1271 which was introduced into the House of Representatives as part of the Contract with America as the Family Privacy Protection Act. Due mainly to work by the social science community in Washington, it died in committee.

H.R. 1271 would require prior written consent, as opposed to passive consent. Advocates argued that the present rules for human subjects provide adequate protection for children and that this bill would destroy the opportunity to obtain a

random sample since research has shown that parents of minority and high risk kids often do not return permission slips just because they do not think it important. By not allowing a complete sample of children, important information about health practices involving drugs, risk behavior, and sexuality would be impossible to obtain. This information is essential for good program planning. This bill may come up again in the new Congress.

Senator Grassley introduced the Parental Rights and Responsibilities Act of 1995 in the U.S. Senate. The bill was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary but was never acted upon but may come up again. The emphasis in this Act was on rights, with only passing mention of responsibility. "... (P)arents have the responsibility to see that their children are educated, for the purposes of literacy and self-sufficiency. ..."

Senator Grassley's Bill states that "parents face increasing intrusions into their legitimate decisions and prerogatives by government agencies in situations that do not involve traditional understandings of abuse or neglect but simply are a conflict of parenting philosophies."

The bill makes the burden of disproof for governmental usurpation of rights fall to the government at a level of "compelling interest."

Also, the bill includes the "parental right to discipline the child, including reasonable corporal discipline, except to harm the child by abuse or neglect."

Parental Responsibility

The other side of rights is responsibilities, which seems to be much more a concern of states. Two thirds of the states have passed laws or suggested bills that seek to place a part of the responsibility for juvenile crime on the parents. There seems to be growing dissatisfaction with attempts at rehabilitation so states are treating children of younger and younger ages as adults for crimes committed. Another response is the presumption that juvenile bad behavior is due to parental action or inaction and therefore the solution is to make the parents liable. Some states are requiring parents to attend training classes, or to pay the cost of care, support and maintenance of children for the placement and detention of a child by the county. Others are fining parents or requiring payment for physical/mental examinations. Parent educators may be called upon to provide training and also to testify as to the efficacy of these programs.

Some New Resources

U.S. Department of Education National Center for Education Statistics announces release of **Youth Indicators, 1996**, which is data on family structure, jobs, education and other elements that comprise the world of young people. Long term trend data is presented where possible. Information on the Internet: <http://www.ed.gov/NCES/pubs>.

Domestic Violence: A Workplace Issue is available from the U.S. Department of Labor, Women's Bureau, No. 96-3, October 1996, 1-800-827-5353 or www.dol.gov/dol/wb/.

Family and Medical Leave

The bi-partisan Family Leave Commission issued its final report: **A Workable Balance: Report to Congress on Family and Medical Leave Policies**, available from the Women's Bureau (see above). As the title suggests, the provisions have been a success. Findings and recommendations are summarized in a newsletter from the Women's Legal Defense Fund (202/986-2600, fax 202/986-2539). Based on the findings, the President has proposed expansion of FML and Senator Dodd and Rep. Patricia Schroeder introduced a bill similar to the President's: **The Family Medical and Parental Involvement Act (S. 1745; H.R. 3704)**. The bill adds 24 hours of unpaid leave a year to the FMLA and would drop the threshold for coverage to those employers who have 25 or more employees (down from 50). This bill will probably be reintroduced in the 105th Congress.

From National Institute of Mental Health: **Research Program Projects (RPPs) on the Mental Health of Minority Populations**. The program project mechanism is used to support broadly based, multi-disciplinary research projects that have a specific major objective or theme. Each project must have at least three sub-projects. Contact Peter Muehrer, Chief, Youth Mental Health Program, Prevention Research Branch, NIMH 301/433-4283 or pmuehrer@nih.
Margaret Feldman
NCFR Washington Representative

New Editor Begins Tenure

The January, 1997 issue of **Family Relations** is the first under the editorship of Jeffrey W. Dwyer. His term of editorship extends through the October 2000 issue.

Dwyer is director of the Institute of Gerontology at Wayne State University in Detroit, MI. He was selected by NCFR's Publications Committee and Board of Directors in November, 1995.

Dwyer can be contacted at dwyer@iog.wayne.edu or by calling 313-873-5032.

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S/NP Snippets

Students Welcome in Conference Planning

Thanks for a successful 1996 annual conference!

Thanks to all who participated in the success of the S/NP sessions and activities in Kansas City in November. The Skills Exchange and Development Forum were very well-attended and received high praise from participants.

Our morning networking sessions were very well-attended (especially at the beginning of the week) and were successful in helping students and new professionals meet others with similar interests.

The party on Saturday night was attended by many conference participants, and we received overwhelmingly positive comments about the atmosphere and spirit of fun. Thanks to all who attended these events!

Prepare NOW to Submit Proposals for Next Year's Conference!

Proposals for presentations at the 1997 annual conference are due by **February 1, 1997**. The date is fast approaching! Following are some reminders about submitting proposals for students and new professionals:

➡ The theme of the conference is "Fatherhood and Motherhood in a Diverse and Changing World." Proposals that address the theme are preferred, but not required. You may submit a proposal regarding any timely and current topic.

➡ REMEMBER, as indicated in the Call for Proposals (inserted in this newsletter), students and new professionals should submit proposals to the appropriate Section based on focus/content. Proposals should be submitted for student/new professional sessions **ONLY** if the topic concerns practical issues related to the **experiences** of S/NPs, such as successful survival strategies, professional writing and grantsmanship, teaching techniques and philosophy, faculty-student relations, the hiring process, etc. If you have questions about which Section is the most appropriate for your proposal, feel free to contact the Section chairs. Otherwise, your proposal will be routed for you.

➡ You may be the first author on only one accepted presentation. You may submit more than one proposal as first author, but if more than one is accepted, you will be required to change authorship order or to withdraw a presentation.

➡ Professionals and students are on equal footing for presenting at the conference. Proposals are reviewed without an indication of the author's professional/student status. Students and new professionals who submit quality proposals are just as likely to be accepted as seasoned professionals.

Housing Opportunities for the 1997 Annual Conference in Washington, DC

NCFR encourages student

participation in a number of ways. For example, each year a block of discounted rate rooms is available at the conference hotel for **fulltime** students. The arrangement is part of the negotiations that NCNR completes with the hotel. Therefore, the specific details change each year with each hotel.

Because of the overwhelming popularity and number of requests we had for rooms in Kansas City, Cindy Winter, conference coordinator, has made an extra effort to arrange for more rooms than ever before the 1997 conference.

The Hyatt Hotel in Crystal City (near Washington, DC), site of the 1997 conference, is offering 15 rooms at the student rate of \$90, and Cindy has made arrangements with the Hilton Hotel (a five-minute walk away) for an additional 50 rooms at the same rate.

These rooms will be available to **NCNR STUDENT MEMBERS ONLY**. They will be assigned on a first come, first served basis, with those applying first receiving the rooms at the Hyatt. The

COSSA Meeting Held

Over 60 organizations participated in the annual meeting of the COSSA held in Washington, D.C. on November 18, 1996. Representing NCNR were Mary Jo Czaplewski and Margaret Feldman.

COSSA is a consortium of research universities and professional organizations engaged in social science research, and dependent on Federal agency funding and data to accomplish this. NCNR has been a member of this large group since 1980.

COSSA staff engage in advocacy efforts regarding appropriations and authorization of funding to the many Federal agencies which support social science research. In an annual report by Howard Silver, Executive Director of COSSA, he reported that during the 104th Congress he had testified before the Senate and House appropriations subcommittees on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, for increased funding for social, behavioral and economic sciences research for NSF, NIH, CDC, USDA, NRI, ERI, AND NIJ. In addition, COSSA staff lobbied for adequate funding and data collection for the Census and Federal Statistics to educate and mobilize data users. COSSA also sponsored three highly successful seminars on Capitol Hill to bring the results of social, behavioral, and economic research to policy makers.

Several panelists at these events are NCNR members. For example, on March 1, 1996 Andrew Cherlin, Frank Furstenburg, and Susan Hanson discussed divorce, changing roles of fathers, etc. in a

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student rate will be reserved for those with three to four in a room, so that the largest number of students as possible can benefit from this opportunity.

All requests must be made between July 1 and September 1, 1997. This information also will be included in the registration form for next year's conference.

Please contact me with ideas and questions you may have.

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Student to Professor: Some Survival Techniques

(Editor's note: The following article is a summary of a round table presentation made at the annual conference in Kansas City.)

Student/New Professional Round Table

"Making the Change from Student to Professor: Getting Through Each Day"

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Recommendations:

- ◆ Be good to yourself. Develop time management skills. Eat lunch!
- ◆ Be your own 'cheerleader.' Be active and be sure that others know it.
- ◆ Determine a five-year plan. Be sure to include strategies for teaching, researching, and being a good colleague.
- ◆ Find a mentor. Be sure that this person is well-established and a 'credible' person.
- ◆ Find a second mentor. Be sure that this person is not tenured, but is on the path to tenure (two to four years at the university).
- ◆ Listen to your mentor about: number of committees to join, number of advisees, teaching resources, his/her experience with students at the institution.
- ◆ Find or maintain a mentor outside of your institution.
- ◆ Know that your department has a history within itself and with other departments. Determine your position in the on-going struggles, the flare-up of past tensions and the politics of the institution.
- ◆ Remember you are ultimately working for the Dean of your college (or comparable rank). Make sure you know his/her requirements and how they may differ from your department.
- ◆ Network. Create a group that meets to discuss issues, books, or anything.
- ◆ Create a 'tenure file' from day one. Be sure to keep all your records together.
- ◆ Seek evaluation from others (students,

faculty, your chairperson, and departmental colleagues).

- ◆ Read the faculty handbook and tenure guidelines early.
- ◆ Request a year end evaluation (if there is not a formal one in place).
- Other Recommendations (especially for women, minorities, and young individuals):
- ◆ Know that student evaluations of women and minorities are usually worse than others.
- ◆ Pick your battles carefully. Decide which ones are important and which ones are less important.
- ◆ Be aware of how other faculty members perceive you.
- ◆ Be aware of how students perceive you.
- ◆ Find out who is getting promoted and tenured.
- ◆ Remember: 'I love my work...and I know that the first few years are hard.'

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Family Relations has many articles in the volumes from the late 1980s to the present. These are especially focused on family science graduates and faculty members.

Multicultural Lessons from Ghana

As a co-learner, author, and external consultant on issues of empowerment within multicultural organizations, I have taken an active interest in learning more about how agencies and organizations, (especially those which have adopted diversity or multicultural agendas) operationalize their goals and objectives with regard to these complex issues. An initial goal is to identify the various strengths within and among these diverse groups. This stance is consistent with my professional goals of identifying strengths common to people of color in this and other nations, and thinking about ways these strengths might be incorporated in our personal, professional, and institutional lives in the United States.

These lessons are taken from the strengths of Ghanaian cultures, where I have had the recent opportunity of working twice during the last year: once as a Fulbright Awardee and later as a Faculty Associate in the Center for Social Policy Studies at the University of Ghana. Note the term "cultures" rather than "culture" used above, because Ghana is itself a multicultural country in West Africa. With a population of over 16 million people who speak a number of languages and represent a number of different ethnic, religious, sexual orientation, and class groupings, an acknowledgment of and management of diversity are necessary, as they are in the U.S. Interestingly, however, the Ghanaian context offered me some lessons in multicultural organizational practice and its impact on diversity within human service, advocacy and scholarly organizations.

LESSON 1: SPECIFIC ATTENTION TO DIFFERENCE

I was fortunate to be a part of two consortia during my stay in the country. One newly-formed group focuses on child welfare issues and the other united 45 of the women's development organizations in the Greater Accra (the capital city) area. In each meeting of these complex groupings, representing religious, gender, language differences, I had the experience of feeling startled every time one of the participants would say something like: "Wait. Let's address how many men are on this task force (or subcommittee)." "Did we think about what it means to schedule the meeting on Thursday night (the traditional evening for wake-keeping among the GA ethnic group in Accra)?" "What are the implications for our consortia of adopting the entire platform from the Beijing conference?"

In other words, in each meeting, there was a specific attention to the diversity of the group. Consensus rather than voting were used as the method of managing differences because those attending recognized that participant composition could change from meeting to meeting, and that it was important to recognize and incorporate all the voices of all stakeholders. I soon recognized that the reason I was so startled by these types of discussions in regular organizational business meetings is that they were so normalized rather than "special" for those contexts. Ghanaian participants had moved beyond being afraid of or

uncomfortable about their differences to actively embracing them.

What might happen at NCFR if we could stop relegating our difference and diversity discussions to small meetings of the membership and remember to think actively about our class, physical ability, gender, sexual orientation and race and ethnicity issues in our board, committee and task force meetings throughout the organization? What might happen if we used the direct approach to recognizing our diversity and embracing rather than fearing it?

LESSON 2: USING MULTIPLE LANGUAGES TO INSURE UNDERSTANDING

As mentioned earlier, Ghana is a very diverse country with many ethnic groups and languages. Ghanaians understand, however, that they need to communicate with one another, and, accordingly value oral language as one way of accomplishing this. Twi and English are the two most common languages spoken by almost all Ghanaians (although even within Twi there are variations, such as in English). The lesson in the Ghanaian experience is that people, from the cradle, are taught to speak at least three languages.

Now, this was very disconcerting to this writer, struggling to learn the basics of GA and Twi (the latter so that I could participate in the normal life of my adopted village). Even more disconcerting was the reality that the two year old son of my friend who had never learned to read and write, spoke three languages and could switch between them as smoothly as



Invited Speaker

John Rolland, M.D., of the University of Chicago, was the invited speaker at the special conference session, *Collaborative Health Care for Families: Can We Do It Together?* He addressed the topic, "Vision, Synthesis, New Visions." Two parents shared their experiences with the health care system, and circle participants included Barbara Holder, Joan M. Patterson, J. Phillip Stanberry CFLE, and Elaine A. Anderson. Darryl Ross Goetz was the moderator and chair. The event was sponsored by NCFR's Association of Councils and the Family and Health, Family Policy, and Education and Enrichment Sections.

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one could pour milk. Moreover, when I attended meetings to discuss the research findings from national studies, the findings were reported in at least three languages, as were sermons, even in the most remote rural village churches. The goal in each of these endeavors was to include everyone's voices in the discussions and understanding.

What might happen if we as NCFR members attempted to discover our different languages, represent, and/or interweave them? This might include the languages using words, but also those

incorporating music, different physical abilities, and those representing varied family/community of original styles. Our spoken and unspoken languages can then be incorporated consciously into direct dialogue with one another, leading to an authenticity in communication that has often eluded us in the organization, in my opinion.

I learned many more lessons than can be shared here from my first forays into Ghana. I am hopeful that these, however, might be considered for their applicability to our organizational life.
Edith Lewis Ph.D.

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panel, "Fostering Successful Families." On March 29, 1996, "Resiliency in Kids: Overcoming Adversity" was discussed by Emmy Werner, Suzanne Randolph, and Ann Masten, who described their research findings on how children overcome tremendous adversity in their lives to become productive citizens. On June 14, 1996 "Aging Well: Health, Wealth and Retirement" was discussed by Tom Justin, Olivia Mitchell, Beth Soldo, and Raynard Kingston whose research showed how the elderly and the public and private sectors are coping with changes in our aging society.

Speakers at the COSSA annual meeting focused on the 1996 election results and their implications for the research community. These included Ernest Moniz, Associate Director for

Science at the Office of Science and Technology, the White House; Norman Ornstein, American Enterprise Institute; David Goldston, Legislative Director for Representative Sherwood Boehlert (R-NY); Skip Stiles, Legislative Director, House Science Committee; Katherine Wallman, Chief Statistician of the U.S. Office of Management and Budget; and Jeremy Travis, Director of the National Institute of Justice.

For proceedings of this meeting or other information on funding for research, contact COSSA at 202/842-3525 or E-mail hjsilver@tmn.com.
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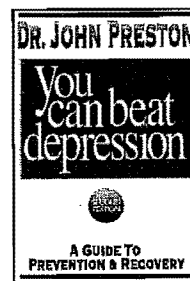
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Affiliates Share, Compare, Learn

Before leaving for Kansas City, I spoke with almost all of the Affiliate presidents; the problems they reported seemed almost overwhelming. The major questions:

- ❖How do you stay in touch with Affiliate members and meet everyone's needs?
- ❖How do you motivate people to join and get people interested in doing Affiliate work and participate in Affiliate activities?
- ❖What activities are you doing/planning or have you done in your Affiliate Council?
- ❖How do you collaborate with other family professionals in your Affiliate area?
- ❖What would an Affiliate Council web site cost us in terms of time and money?
- ❖And what strategies could we employ to address the need for a clearer identity for family professionals?

Some Affiliate presidents seemed to lack the energy to keep going. However, when Affiliate presidents met at the Association of Councils Leadership Training session and began to discuss solutions to the problems, energy grew, ideas that worked in one affiliate group seemed feasible solutions to problems in another affiliate group. The ideas and solutions are being collated and will be distributed to each Affiliate group.

In addition to discussing solutions to problems, attending Affiliate presidents,

Association of Councils officers and guests heard 1995-96 Association of Councils President Libby Blume's Presidential address. Libby drew on Walters' and Jewson's 1988 book, **NCFR: A Fifty Year History 1938-1987**, to put into perspective the history of the Association of Councils within the national organization. She reported on the Association of Councils Task Force and set the stage for NCFR President Mike Sporakowski's report on the NCFR strategic plan. Mike also encouraged us to improve our image with the media, to increase our political image, to diversify our membership, and to support the Affiliated Councils at the student, local, state, provincial, regional, and international levels.

NCFR Liaison, Kathy Collins Royce, gave us the latest edition of the Association of Councils Handbook and told us that more than half of all NCFR members belong to active Affiliate Councils.

Lane Powell, Alabama Council on Family Relations president, spoke about public policy. Some of the practical suggestions she had for us were:

1. Have a clear voice--a clear understanding of what you believe and why.
2. Have a good grasp of the opposition and try not to see the other side as the enemy. Suggesting that an issue is not a partisan issue but a humanitarian issue may help us.

3. Be research oriented; know how to document.
4. Realistically know what a program will cost, how it will be paid for, and its benefits. Link costs to benefits.
5. Help legislators see the **long-term**--long-term cost/benefits are important; talk about the consequences of the short term. Margaret Feldman, NCFR Washington Representative, suggested the metaphor of a "bond." We take out a long term bond for maximum return, we are investing in our future when we look at the long-term effects of legislation.

Carolyn Henry, Association of Councils Program Chair for 1996-97, discussed the call for abstracts for the 1997 NCFR Conference in Washington, DC. She encouraged Affiliate officers and members to plan and implement educational research, clinical and action oriented programs directed toward marital and family relationships at the student, local, state, regional, provincial, and international levels. Follow the instructions in the Call for Abstracts the was mailed with this newsletter. You may also contact Carolyn at frdcsh@okway.okstate.edu.

Jim Ponzetti, Association of Councils

President-elect, discussed the **Affiliate Connection**. He will begin a column that will highlight an Affiliate member who does an outstanding job of serving families at the grassroots level. Suggestions may be sent to him at Psychology Department, Western Illinois University, 1 University Circle, Macomb, IL 61455-1390, or E-mail: James_Ponzetti@ccmail.wiu.edu

The Association of Councils is an educational and professional organization whose purpose and function is to provide a forum and mechanism for elected student, local, state, regional, provincial, and international Councils on Family Relations to exchange ideas and experiences and find concrete methods to strengthen marriage and family relationships through our affiliation with the National Council on Family Relations.

Evaluation of the 1996 Association of Councils Leadership Training session indicated that we met our goal. Thanks to Phillip Stanberry, 1995-96 Association of Councils Program Chair, for the outstanding program. Thanks to the participants for your commitment to the Association of Councils, the National Council on Family Relations, and the families you serve.

Anne M. Stanberry, Ph.D., CFLE
President, Association of Councils



Student Award Winner

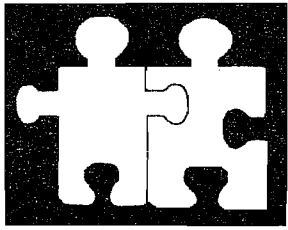
Elizabeth Thompson, University of WI-Madison, left, was the recipient of this year's Student Award. The presentation was made by Sharon Dwyer, 1995-96 NCFR S/NP representative.



Reactor Panel

A Special Reactor Panel met during NCFR's conference to discuss the 1996 election results. From left are Bernard Franklin, vice-president of the National Center for Fathering in Shawnee Mission, KS; Jim Caccamo, executive director of Partnership for Children, Kansas City; Melissa Ness, Kansas Children's Service League public policy department, Topeka, KS; and Tony Jurich, NCFR moderator.

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Conference Comments

It Takes a Village

The 1996 Annual Conference in Kansas City was exciting, exhilarating, challenging - and broke some records.

♦ The Hyatt Regency Crown Center was a beautiful hotel, located in the great Crown Center. The hotel staff beginning with Rick Adie, General Manager tried to meet the needs of the convention and its attendees. We are grateful for the generosity of the Hyatt who teamed up with Hallmark Corporation to sponsor a beautiful reception for the International Family Policy Forum Board. Hyatt staff also joined forces with NCFR attendees in working on a Habitat for Humanity project Friday and Saturday during the Conference. They also provided transportation to and from the Habitat site.

♦ The Conference Program was outstanding!

Hillary Rodham Clinton's book title says that *"It takes a Village to Raise a Child."* The same is true of an NCFR Conference - one person cannot do the job. It comes about as a result of the efforts of many people who spent numerous hours planning the program, and executing the many logistical details and seeing to the needs of all attendees. We want to thank the following for their contributions:

♦ Shirley Zimmerman, Program Vice President was responsible for the timely theme - *Families in Political Context*, "selected the excellent plenary speakers, and spearheaded the program. She worked with the staff coordinating details to make sure that the needs and desires of speakers from the major sessions were met.

♦ Section Chairs were in charge of

the well-organized, and innovative paper, symposia, poster and round table sessions.

♦ Olivia Collins, CFLE, Local Arrangements Chair, and her committees did a phenomenal job, going above and beyond the call of duty to see that attendees felt welcomed and were well-cared for.

♦ The NCFR Staff did its usual outstanding job, working tirelessly to ensure that everything ran smoothly. They also attended meetings, answered questions, provided information, and staffed the registration desk and NCFR Exhibit booth.

♦ Over 40 Student Aides assisted "behind the scenes" in areas such as registration, employment service, exhibits, and provided general assistance to the Conference Coordinator.

Other people who were important to the success of the conference:

...Coordinators of the Pre-Conference Workshops

...Carl Williams, our Audio-Visual Coordinator, who works many hours seeing to the needs of program speakers to ensure great presentations. He always amazes us with his technical expertise (and equipment) to bring the latest technology to sessions.

...Northland Productions, who efficiently recorded Audio and Video Tapes, and reproduced copies for sale onsite.

...Bob Keim, CFLE, our photographer, who made sure that the

important events were recorded for posterity.

...Terri Heath, who successfully planned and oversaw the entire Habitat for Humanity Project so that NCFR attendees could "give of themselves to help families in Kansas City."

...Program presenters, discussants, presiders, recorders.

...And attendees from around the world.

There are many others who also worked behind the scenes. As you can see, it requires a "Village" to orchestrate a conference, and each person and task is equally important. **Thank you one and all.**

Cindy Winter
Conference Coordinator

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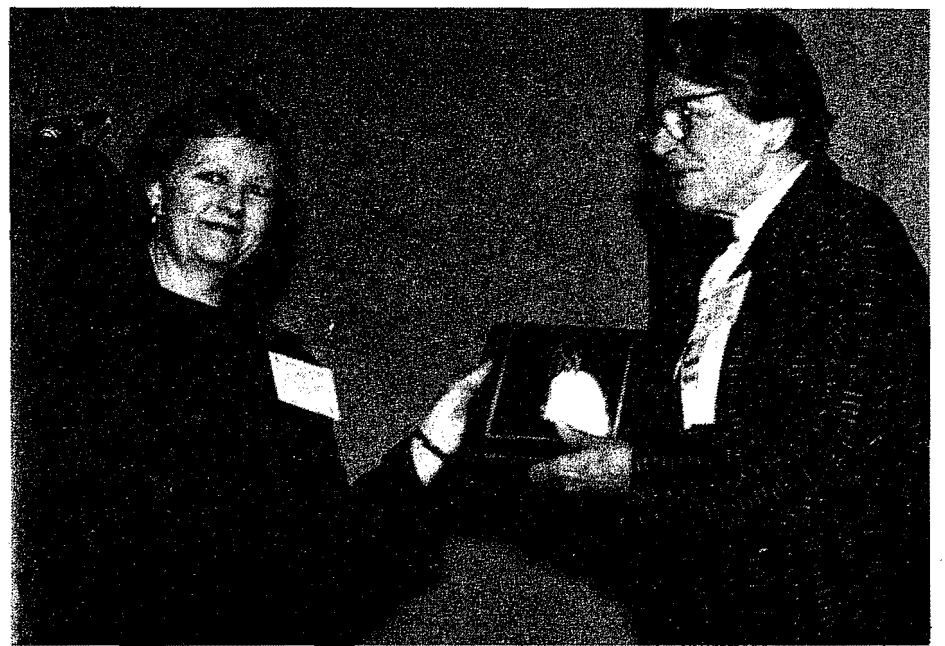


Newcomers' Reception

A record number of conference attendees gathered for this year's Newcomers' Reception sponsored by NCFR's Membership Committee. Persons attending their first or second conferences were led in "get acquainted" exercises by Marilyn Flick, NCFR's 1994-96 membership vice-president. Board members, Section chairs, and long time NCFR members also attended.

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The Ernest Burgess Award for a distinguished career in research was presented to Alice S. Rossi, right, emeritus professor, University of MA-Amherst during NCFR's annual conference. Making the presentation was Cheryl A. Buehler, award committee chair.

Alice Rossi Receives 1996 Burgess Award

The winner of the 1996 Ernest W. Burgess Award is Alice Rossi, professor emerita at the University of Massachusetts.

The Burgess Award is presented in recognition of a distinguished career of family research and scholarship. A gift of \$1,000 and a plaque are awarded.

been on sex and gender, social movements, family and kinship, adult development, and women in the professions and academe. She has served as president of Eastern Sociological Society and the American Sociological Association, and was the recipient of the Common Wealth Award in 1989 for distinguished work in sociology.

The topic of her Burgess Award address delivered during the NCFR conference in Kansas City in November focused on time allocation to family, kin, and community.

Rossi is Harriet Martineau Professor Emerita of Sociology at the University of MA in Amherst. She received her doctorate in sociology from Columbia University, and has been the recipient of six honorary degrees.

She held research appointments at Johns Hopkins University, Cornell University, the University of Chicago, and Harvard University before joining the University of MA faculty in 1974.

Her research and publications have

She also received the William J. Goode Book Award in 1991 for **Of Human Bonding: Parent-Child Relations Across the Life Course**, co-authored with her husband and colleague, Peter H. Rossi. She has been named the recipient of the 1996 career award for research on the family from the Family Section of the American Sociological Association.

Currently Rossi is a member of the MacArthur Foundation Research Network on Successful Midlife Development, and in connection, edited a volume of commissioned papers, **Sexuality Across the Life Course**.

She is drafting a book manuscript on the reproductive phase of women's lives.

NCFR Challenged to Educate New Congress

At the recent Consortium of Social Science Associations (COSSA) annual meeting, Norman Ornstein, of the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy and Research and CBS news election analyst, challenged professional organizations to take up the opportunity to educate the new post-cold war Congress.

The election brings to Washington 75 new Representatives, 15 new Senators, in addition to the 85 new freshman from the 1992 and 1994 elections. This makes 62% of the Congress new since the 1990's began--and since the fall of the Berlin Wall. According to Ornstein, these new people are not thinking about the world as a whole, but are rather local and national in their views. They are a different class of members, motivated not by anger but by

personal ambition and a desire to **balance the budget by the year 2002.**

Research communities have perfect opportunities, and have their work cut out for them making creditable research translated in understandable terms known to these policy makers and to assure that the new members are sensitive to priorities. State contacts with Congress persons will be crucial, since they are intent on pleasing their constituents. But, he warned, the states will also see a huge fall by the year 2000 when the economy of the U.S. stumbles. NCFR members need to be active in their states and keep their Congressional members well informed of research priorities, and of the implications of policy on the families this new Congress serves. **ARE YOU READY?**
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Mentoring Program Launched

Interest in becoming part of the NCFR mentoring program is growing. Forty responses were received by the membership committee prior to the 1996 conference. In addition, 28 more people indicated during the conference that they would like to form mentoring connections.

The Mentoring Open House offered members opportunities to learn about mentoring connections and to express their specific mentoring interests. It is clear that NCFR can play a vital role in promoting positive mentoring experiences across our membership.

The task during the upcoming year is to continue developing a mentoring network that will coordinate with current efforts already in place and serve to maximize opportunities for mentoring across the NCFR membership. It is the goal of the Membership Committee to maintain contacts with the NCFR Sections, the Student/New Professional Representatives, the Action for Diversity Committee, and the Association of Councils in order to publicize the types of mentoring occurring currently within NCFR, as well as to develop new avenues for mentoring. Specific objectives for the mentoring program are:

1. To form a mentoring network committee among groups involved in mentoring efforts so that coordination of these efforts is enhanced.
2. To consider the meaning of mentoring and the many forms that mentoring can take.

3. To develop a framework to serve as a general guide for organizing mentoring efforts within NCFR.
4. To provide those interested in 1:1 mentoring relationships with assistance in forming these connections.
5. To provide updated information on mentoring activities and opportunities.
6. To promote mentoring opportunities during the annual meeting via networking opportunities, informational meetings, and other mentoring related activities.

NCFR is a rich source of mentoring opportunities. If you have interests in mentoring connections, questions about mentoring, or ideas you would like to share with the Membership Committee, please contact Jennifer Kerpelman: JLKERPEL@ERICKSON.UNCG.EDU; 910-334-5307.

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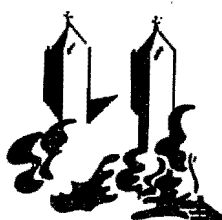
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Impressions of Habitat II Conference in Istanbul

by Marilyn Bensman, Ph.D.
NCFR's U.N. NGO Representative

Margaret Feldman and I left for the Habitat II conference in Istanbul on May 29, 1996. I had agreed to be responsible for overseeing the booth contracted for by the NGO Committee on the Family for the NGO Global Forum held at the Taskila University campus in Istanbul.

I arranged with Mary Jo Czaplewski for NCFR literature to be sent to display in the booth, together with flyers sent by Ms. Monica Tupsy, Secretary of the NGO Committee on the Family in Vienna, and the NGO Committee on the Family in New York. NCFR literature went briskly and had all but disappeared by the time we left (including books marked "Do Not Remove"). We can only speculate as to where in this wide world NCFR's publication edited by Janice Hogan, *Initiatives for Families*, is being utilized.

The booth was sandwiched between one belonging to a Right to Life organization and one run by the NGO Committee on Aging. The former featured graphic three dimensional diagrams of the human womb and fetus, aborted fetuses, and live infants. It attracted a great deal of attention, positive and negative, and I believe deflected attention from our booth. The booth run by members of the Committee on Aging was also well stocked and attractive and drew people to our area.

The institution of the family did not lack for advocates in any case. Our booth competed with several others devoted to the family; one right around the corner

from us featured loud speakers, tapes and live musicians extolling "family values" including a large family of musicians from Utah, a la the Trapp Family of Singers. Islamic countries had booths praising the traditional family, run by veiled women. Others were run by Turkish charities devoted to health, education, and children, and were attempting to raise money by selling hand crafted items. Still other booths featured housing materials, food or dealt with environmental issues.

Margaret Feldman and I held a session on "Family Needs and the Use of Space" in the name of NCFR at 7 p.m., an unpopular time. Attendance was poor but we had a lively dialogue with a bright architect from New York who was interested in innovative family housing. Other family related organizations held sessions, as the following incomplete list attests: The International Union of Family Organizations: "Youth and Family" (they also organized a Youth Caucus but we were unable to contact them); Women, Homes and Community Super Coalition: "Childcare"; Mediterranean Mother's Movement: "Mediterranean Traditions and Environment: The Families' Aims"; International Islamic Council for Women and Children: "The Role of Values in Promoting Human Civilization"; Autumn Group: "Grandma, We Need You"; United Families International: "Building Family Strengthens the Community"; Housing Our Families: "From the Ground Up: Ideas for Designs"; Concerned Women for America: "Who Owns the Family"; Brazilian Women's Federation for World Peace: "The Family and Children"; American Mothers, Inc., Arizona: "How Two Parent Families Can Benefit the Community"; Bahai's Family Task Force: "Hearts Must be Spacious, a Marriage Workshop."

A review of the Agendas of the other World Conferences sponsored by the United Nations shows a spotty record of attention to the family. The United Nations Conference on Environment and Development held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in 1992, barely mentions the family, though women are prominently featured. The final document of the World Conference on Human Rights held in Vienna, Austria in 1993, mentions the family sparingly, but does state: "... the child for the full and harmonious development of his or her personality, should grow up in a family environment which accordingly merits broader protection" (paragraph 21).

Other U.N. sponsored global conferences such as the World Summit for Children in 1990, held in New York; The International Conference on Population and Development, held in Cairo in 1994; The World Summit for Social Development held in Copenhagen in 1995; and the Fourth World Conference on Women held in Beijing in 1995 were more "family oriented" and state that "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..." It was therefore particularly dismaying to find that the paragraph in the initial Habitat II document was bracketed, and required considerable lobbying at the Preparatory meetings in New York in February, 1996 for it to be retained for consideration at the meetings in Istanbul. Bella Abzug's Woman's Education and Development Organization (WEDO) decided to drop it as it was too controversial an issue, though it does appear in the Beijing document. Some Islamic, Catholic and Mormon groups oppose the idea that "various forms of the family exist," as if there were no such thing as single headed households, polygamous or extended families. Some Islamics prefer the term "traditional family" meaning, the polygynous family. Advocates of polyandrous families seem to have lost their opportunity in Istanbul. A Mormon family organization representative stated he opposed the statement because it implicitly condoned marriages of homosexuals, which has become the bugaboo of many family advocates.


Paragraph 18, in section V of Chapter II, under "Goals and Principles" was retained in the final document that came out of the Istanbul Conference. The final edited official document has not been published as yet, and I am working with the advance unedited version of the Habitat Settlements (Habitat II). Paragraph 18 continues with "Marriage must be entered into with the free consent of the intending spouses, and husband and wife should be equal partners. 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 the design, development and management of such settlements. Society should facilitate, as appropriate, all necessary conditions for its integration, reunification, preservation, improvement, and protection within adequate shelter and with access to basic services and a sustainable livelihood."

In Chapter III, "Commitments," paragraph 25 *g bis* states: (We further commit ourselves to the objectives of): "Helping the family (in the context of paragraph 18) in its supporting, educating and nurturing roles in recognizing their important contribution to social integration, and encouraging social and economic policies that are designed to meet the housing needs of families and their individual members, especially the most disadvantaged and vulnerable members, with particular attention to the care of children." The next paragraph (h) spells out those considered most vulnerable and the needs to be addressed: "Promoting shelter and supporting basic services and facilities for education and health for the homeless, displaced persons, indigenous people, women and children who are survivors of family violence, persons with disabilities, older persons, victims of natural and man-made disasters, and to those belonging to vulnerable and disadvantaged groups, including temporary shelter and basic services for refugees..." Earlier, the "Preamble," paragraph 9 states "Everyone has the right to an adequate standard of living for themselves and their families, including adequate food, clothing, housing, water and sanitation, and to the continuous improvement of living conditions." Paragraph 9 *ter* spells out the needs and rights of children, particularly, to shelter. The paragraph concludes with "parents and other persons legally responsible for children have responsibilities, rights and duties, consistent with the Convention on the Rights of the Child to address these needs."

In the chapter on "Actions," paragraph 68 *bis* states "meeting the actual needs of individuals, families and communities cannot be achieved by looking at shelter in isolation. Provision of adequate social services and facilities, improving and rationalizing urban planning and shelter design to cope firmly with the actual needs of communities,..." In a section on the "Social development, eradication of poverty, creation of productive employment and social integration," paragraph 9 (1 *ter*) states: "Promote crime prevention through social development by finding ways to help communities deal with underlying factors that undermine community safety and resulting crime by addressing such critical problems as poverty, inequality, family stress, unemployment, absence of educational and vocational opportunities, and lack of health care, including mental health services."

As we can see, the family is not completely neglected in the Habitat II document though the Committee on the Family, and Margaret and I felt there were many places where it should have been included, but more influential caucuses obtained references to women and children far more often. A more compelling paragraph on the family was written into the document of the International Conference on Population and Development, thus paragraph 5.7 under "Basis for Action" reads in part: "Families are sensitive to strains induced by social and economic changes. It is essential to grant particular assistance to

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Reuben Hill Award Winners Honored

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The Reuben Hill Award annually recognizes the outstanding article combining theory and research. After screening hundreds of articles published in 1994 and 1995, the 32-member committee selected five finalist articles for each year.

Winners of the 1995 award were Benjamin R. Karney and Thomas N. Bradbury, and receiving the 1994 were Bonnie C. McLoyd, Toby Epstein Jayaratne, Rosario Cebella, and Julio Borquez.

Karney and Bradbury were selected for their article, "The Longitudinal Course of Marital Quality and Stability: A Review of Theory, Method, and Research," published in *Psychological Bulletin* (118, 3-34).

The article summary notes that "Although much has been learned from cross-sectional research on marriage, an understanding of how marriages develop, succeed, and fail is best achieved with longitudinal data. In view of growing interest in longitudinal research on marriage, the authors reviewed and evaluated the literature on how the quality and stability of marriages change over time. First, prevailing theoretical perspectives are examined for their ability to explain change in marital quality and stability. Second, the methods and findings of 115 longitudinal studies--representing over 45,000 marriages--are summarized and evaluated, yielding specific suggestions for improving this research. Finally, a model is outlined that integrates the strengths of previous theories of marriage, accounts for established findings, and indicates new directions for research on how marriages change."

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families in difficult life situations. Conditions have worsened for many families in recent years, owing to lack of gainful employment and measures taken by Governments seeking to balance their budget by reducing social expenditures. . . In many urban environments, millions of children and youths are left to their own devices as family ties break down. . .

In this same document, the chapter on "Objectives," paragraph 5.8 states: "The objective is to ensure that all social and economic development policies are fully responsive to the diverse and changing needs and to the rights of families and their individual members." And under "Actions," paragraphs 5.10 and 5.11 calls for the development of "innovative ways to provide more effective assistance to families" and "Governments should support and develop the appropriate mechanisms to assist families caring for children." Paragraph 12 directs governments in the case of poor children or refugees to "make every effort to keep their (family) members together, to reunite them in case of separation. . ." And paragraph 5.13 states that "Governments

The 1994 winners were selected for their article, "Unemployment and Work Interruption Among African American Single Mothers: Effects on Parenting and Adolescent Socioemotional Functioning," published in *Child Development* (65, 562-589).

The article's abstract notes, "Using interview data from a sample of 241 single African-American mothers and their seventh and eighth grade children, this study tests a model of how two economic stressors, maternal unemployment and work interruption, influence adolescent socioemotional functioning. In general, these economic stressors affected adolescent socioemotional functioning indirectly, rather than directly, through their impact on mothers' psychological functioning and, in turn, parenting behavior and mother-child relations.

"Current unemployment, but not past work interruption, had a direct effect on depressive symptomatology in mothers. As expected, depressive symptomatology in mothers predicted more frequent maternal punishment of adolescents, and this relation was fully mediated by mothers' negative perceptions of the maternal role. More frequent maternal punishment was associated with increased cognitive distress and depressive symptoms in adolescents, and consistent with predictions, these relations were partially mediated by adolescents' perceptions of the quality of relations with their mothers.

"Increased availability of instrumental support, as perceived by mothers, predicted fewer depressive symptoms in mothers, less punishment of adolescents, and less negativity about the maternal role. Both economic stressors were associated with higher levels of perceived financial strain in mothers, which in turn predicted adolescents' perceptions of economic hardship. Adolescents who perceived their families as experiencing more severe economic hardship reported higher anxiety, more cognitive distress, and lower self-esteem."

should assist single-parent families, and pay special attention to the needs of widows and orphans. . . to assist the building of family-like ties. . .

In view of the fact that most housing around the world, particularly in the developing world that Habitat II was concerned with, is family housing, and single individuals rarely live alone, one would think the Conference would be more concerned than it appeared to be with the family, and its needs. And since many of the most devastating problems of the developing world, its burgeoning cities and declining rural populations have to do with dislocation of family members seeking economic opportunities, which leads to dysfunctional families, women and children separated from the adult male members of the family, and is closely related to the spread of the AIDS epidemic, more attention in the document would be paid to family housing, creating economic and educational incentives for remaining in home communities and helping families to remain intact. I believe the family was, in this sense, done a great disservice at Habitat II.

Finalist articles for 1995 included:

Amato, Paul R., Laura Spencer Loomis, and Alan Booth (1995). Parental divorce, marital conflict, and offspring well-being during early adulthood. *Social Forces*, 73, 895-915.

Ge, Xiaojia, Rand Conger, Frederick Lorenz, Michael Shanahan, and Glen Elder. Mutual influences in parent and adolescent psychological distress. *Developmental Psychology*, 31, 406-419.

Greenhalgh, Susan and Liali Li (1995). Engendering reproductive policy and practice in peasant China: For a feminist demography of reproduction. *Signs: Journal of Women and Culture in Society*, 20, 601-641.

Reuter, Martha A. and Rand D. Conger (1995). Antecedents of parent-adolescent disagreements. *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, 57, 435-448.

Silverstein, Merrill (1995). Stability and change in temporal distance between the elderly and their children. *Demography*, 32, 29-45.

Meeting

March 14-18, 1997: **National Council on the Aging, 47th annual conference, "Vital Aging,"** Chicago Hilton and Towers, Chicago, IL. Contact: NCOA, 409 Third St. SW, Washington, DC 20024.

Finalist articles for 1994 were:

Duncan, Greg J., Jeanne Brooks-Gunn, and Pamela Kato Klebanov (1994). Economic deprivation and early childhood development. *Child Development*, 65, 296-318.

Esterberg, Kristin G., Phyllis Moen, and Donna Dempster-McCain (1994). Transition to divorce: A life-course approach to women's marital duration and dissolution. *Sociological Quarterly*, 35, 289-307.

Lennon, Mary Clare and Sarah Rosenfield (1994). Relative fairness and the division of housework. *American Journal of Sociology*, 100, 506-531.

Lichter, Daniel L., and David G. Eggebeen (1994). The effect of parental employment on child poverty. *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, 56, 633-645.

Yoshikawa, Hirokazu (1994). Prevention as cumulative protection: Effects of early family support and education on chronic delinquency and its risks. *Psychological Bulletin*, 115, 28-54.

Meeting

April 16, 1997: **Hospice Foundation of America fourth annual National Bereavement Teleconference, "Living With Grief: When Illness is Prolonged."** contact: 202-638-5419.

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- ◆ Author must be a member of NCFR.
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- ◆ Ph.D. dissertations will be considered.
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- ◆ review of the relevant literature
- ◆ the methodology
- ◆ a rationale for the research
- ◆ a budget and budget explanation
- ◆ a bibliography
- ◆ a short abstract of not more than 200 words.

The above should not exceed ten pages. The title page for the proposal should

include the candidate's name, signature and university affiliation along with the same information for the advisor. The candidate should also submit his/her vita and a letter of support from his/her advisor. The applicants' vitae should give some indication of their academic program, progress and performance; any experience relevant to their undertaking the dissertation research as well as any publications or presentations at meetings having to do with the field of the family. **Applicants must be members of NCFR.** Neither the vita, the letter of support nor the title page is to be included in the ten-page limit for the proposal. The winner/academic advisor must notify NCFR when the winner's doctoral degree has been completed. The winner will be encouraged to submit a paper based on some aspect of the research when it is completed for presentation at an appropriate forum at the next NCFR annual conference.

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Member News

NCFR member **Floyd M. Martinson**, a research professor of sociology at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, MN, has received the International Distinguished Scientific Achievement Award of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality. The presentation was made at the organization's 39th annual conference in Houston in November.

The award recognizes outstanding contributions to the field of sexology. Martinson has published books, book chapters, and articles in scholarly research journals in the U.S. and six other countries. His latest book, *The Sexual Life of Children*, was published in 1994.

Martinson earned his bachelor's degree at Concordia College in Moorhead, MN, and his master's and doctorate degrees at the University of MN. He also studied at Tulane University, Dakota Wesleyan University, and at the Institute for Sex Research of IN University.

He has also earned a Fulbright Research Scholarship, the Distinguished Sociologists Award from the Sociologists of MN, the Alfred C. Kinsey Award of the Midcontinent Region of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, and was named Visiting Scientist, Consultant on Infant and Child Sexuality with the National Institute of Mental Health in Washington, DC.

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4-H Youth Development Specialist-Curriculum. NE Cooperative Extension seeking tenure-leading, Assistant/Associate Professor to provide innovative leadership to 4-H curriculum development process. Requires Ph.D. or equivalent in education, curriculum design, or related field. Application letter; current resume; names, addresses and telephone numbers for three references postmarked by **2/10/97** (or until suitable candidate is found) to: Dr. Gary Heusel, State 4-H Program Leader, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 114 Agricultural Hall, Lincoln, NE 68583-0700. Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

Assistant Professor, Human Development and Family Studies: Addictions Focus. The Department of Human Development and Family Studies invites applications for a tenure-track position beginning Fall 1997. We are looking for applicants with a degree in Human Development, Family Studies, or Psychology whose research and teaching interests include addictions or related areas. Evidence of strong research and undergraduate/graduate teaching potential is essential. Deadline is **January 2, 1997**, or until position is filled. Send vita and three letters of recommendation to Dr. Jean Pearson Scott, Department of Human Development and Family Studies, College of Human Sciences, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX 79409-1162. E-mail: FSJPS@TTACS.TTU.EDU. TTU is an EEO/AA employer. Applications from women and minority candidates are strongly encouraged.

Assistant Professor of Family Studies, Purdue University. Entry-level, tenure-track, 10-month appointment. The Dept. of Child Development and Family Studies seeks individuals specializing in micro-analysis of family processes, and/or comparative analysis of effects of culture on family processes and outcomes. Especially interested in candidates with skills in qualitative analysis. Responsibilities include conducting and publishing research, teaching graduate and undergraduate courses related to family studies, and contributing to outreach and service. A Ph.D. in family studies or a closely related field is required. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. Send application materials (cover letter; curriculum vita; 3 letters of recommendation) and inquiries to: Dena B. Targ, Ph.D., 1269 Fowler House, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN 47907-1269. Application must be received by **February 15, 1997**, for full consideration in initial screening, but will be accepted until position is filled. Purdue University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

Chair, Department of Family and Child Sciences. College of Human Sciences, Florida State University. Nine month tenure track appointment with flexible summer administrative and teaching employment. Earned doctorate in one of the areas within the Department or related area; credentials for faculty appointment at the rank of full professor; record of significant accomplishments in research; demonstrated experience in grant, contract, or project activities; and successful experience in administrative and graduate education. Please submit nominations and applications to Dr. Emily Haymes, Chair, Search Committee, College of Human Sciences, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL 32306-2033.

Assistant Professor (MFT). The Marriage and Family Therapy Program at Texas Tech University invites applications for an Assistant Professor tenure-track position for Fall, 1997. The position requires an earned doctorate in MFT or closely related area, evidence of research skills/productivity, and teaching experience. AAMFT Clinical Membership and Approved Supervisor designation preferred. Applications will be accepted until **January 15, 1997**, or until the position is filled. Texas Tech is an Affirmative Action employer and encourages applications from minority candidates and women. Application materials, including vitae, graduate transcripts, three letters of reference, and a brief statement of teaching and research interests, should be sent to Karen S. Wampler, Ph.D., Chair, MFT Search Committee, Human Development and Family Studies, College of Human Sciences, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX 79409-1162. E-mail: KWAMPLER@TTU.EDU.

Assistant Professor of Family Therapy, Purdue University. Tenure-track, ten-month appointment. Tenure and promotion at Purdue emphasize excellence in teaching, research, and scholarly publications. Possible areas of teaching specialization include (but are not limited to) gender and ethnicity, qualitative and/or quantitative research methodology, family systems medicine, eating disorders, human sexuality, and family violence/abuse. Ph.D. is required. Starting date: August, 1997. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. Write for a job description and/or send cover letter, curriculum vita, three letters of recommendation, and representative publications to: Douglas H. Sprenkle, Ph.D., 1269 Fowler House, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN 47907-1269. All application materials must be received by **February 1, 1997**, to ensure full consideration in the initial screening. Applications accepted until position is filled. Purdue University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

Iowa State University. The Department of Sociology invites applications for two tenure-track positions at the rank of assistant professor. The tenure base for both positions is in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Duties and responsibilities of these positions include both teaching and research. One position involves social inequality (class, race/ethnicity, and gender); the other concerns the family, life course, and aging. Candidates must have demonstrated teaching/research expertise and strong commitment to undergraduate education. Candidates may share in the teaching of large introductory-level courses in general sociological topics. Required: a completed Ph.D. in sociology at the time of appointment. Preferred: teaching experience. Start date: August 16, 1997. Salary: competitive; commensurate with experience. Candidates should submit a cover letter indicating which position is sought and describing qualifications as well as teaching and research interests. A curriculum vita and three letters of reference also should be sent to Robert Schafer, Search Committee Chair, Department of Sociology, 107 East Hall, Iowa State University, Ames, IA 50011-1070. Application deadline: **November 15, 1996**, or until position is filled. Iowa State University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer and has a strong commitment to the principle of diversity. Women, minorities, and members of other protected groups are encouraged to apply.

Assistant Professor of Child Development--A tenure track position of assistant professor in Applied Child Development is available at Arizona State University. The position involves the teaching of undergraduate/graduate child development and undergraduate research methods courses; conducting of research in applied child development; seeking funding to support research, supervising graduate students; and service on governance committees. Candidates must have a Ph.D. in child development, family studies, developmental psychology, or closely related field. Evidence of scholarly and teaching potential is required. The successful candidate also must have a demonstrated interest in, and potential for, development and/or evaluation of interventions for high risk children (through middle school age) and their families. Preference will be given to candidates whose research focuses on young children (from infancy through kindergarten), who have experience in evaluation of interventions, and who have a background in quantitative methods. Salary dependent on qualifications. Send application letter, vita, official transcripts, and three letters of recommendation to: Dr. Mark W. Roosa, Search Committee Chair, Department of Family Resources and Human Development, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ 85287-2502. Applications must be postmarked by **January 15, 1997** or the first of each month thereafter until filled. Arizona State University is an Equal Employment Opportunity Affirmative Action Employer.

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College of Education and Human Services

The Department of Human Ecology is seeking applications for the following tenure track positions.

Assistant Professor (V-4). Teach curriculum/methodology courses in early childhood/elementary education and child development, supervise student teachers and advise students. Conduct research and participate in departmental and University activities. Assignment includes work in public schools through the University's Center of Pedagogy, the New Jersey Network for Educational Renewal and other outreach and off-campus assignments. Doctorate required and at least one degree in Home Economics/Human Ecology/Family or Consumer Sciences and one degree in education required. Recent teaching experience in a public or private elementary school and teaching certificate a must. Experience with an integrated curriculum and developmentally appropriate practices necessary. College teaching, evidence of research and publications and commitment to educational renewal preferred. Experience with diverse populations desirable.

Assistant Professor (V-6). Teach courses in Consumer Studies, Personal and Family Management, and Family/Consumer Law at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Advise students and supervise students in internships and co-operative education placements. Conduct research and participate in departmental and University activities. Successful candidate will have a doctorate in Consumer Studies or related area, knowledge of Consumer and Family Law, and at least one degree in Home Economics, Human Ecology, Family or Consumer Science. Demonstrated successful experience in college teaching and evidence of publications and research preferred.

The search will remain open until the position is filled.

Send separate letter and resume for each position to Leslie E. Jenkins, Assistant Dean, Montclair State University, Box C316, -V#__, Upper Montclair, NJ 07043. (Include V# and department).

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Jewson Award Open

The goal of the Ruth Jewson Award is to fund the best dissertation proposal submitted by a doctoral candidate in the field of family studies as broadly defined. Proposals are due by April 15, 1997. Send them to the Jewson Awards Committee, c/o National Council on Family Relations, 3989 Central Avenue NE, Suite 550, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55421.

Announcement of the winner will be made at the 1997 National Council on Family Relations annual conference. The award is for up to \$2,500 to pay for research expenses plus a travel stipend of \$750 to defray expenses of the winner attending the 1997 conference.

The proposal, which will be used to decide the winner of the Award, should include the following:

- a statement of the research problem
- review of the relevant literature
- the methodology
- a rationale for the research.

The latter should indicate how the study will contribute to some aspect of family studies or family practice. There should also be included a budget and budget explanation, a bibliography and a short abstract of not more than 200 words. The above should not exceed ten pages.

The title page for the proposal should include the candidate's name, signature and university affiliation along with the same information for the advisor. The candidate should also submit her/his vita as well as a letter of support from his or her advisor. The applicants' vitae should give some indication of their academic program, progress and performance; any experience they have had relevant to their undertaking the dissertation research as well as any publications or presentations at meetings having to do with the field of the family. Applicants must be members of the National Council on Family Relations. Neither the vita, the letter of support nor the title page is to be included in the ten-page limit for the proposal. The winner/academic advisor must notify NCFR when the winner's doctoral degree has been completed. The winner will be encouraged to submit a paper based on some aspect of the research when it is completed, for presentation at an appropriate forum of the next NCFR annual conference.

Members of the Ruth Jewson Committee: Joan Aldous, Chairperson; Dianne K. Kieren, Lisa A. Riley, Paul C. Rosenblatt, and Cynthia L. Sutton.
Joan Aldous



Sage-NCFR Book Award

This year's winner of the Sage-NCFR Book Award was Anna Dienhart, left, assistant professor at the University of Guelph in Guelph, Ontario. Making the presentation was Bert Adams, co-chair of the award committee.

Correction

A photograph on Page 17 of the June, 1996 issue of REPORT was incorrectly identified. Shirley Hanson, not Shirley Zimmerman, is pictured.

Meeting

June 19-22, 1997: **Summer Institute Family Research Consortium**, "Diversity and Families: Context and Process." La Mansion del Rio Hotel, San Antonio, TX. Co-chairs: Linda Burton and P. Lindsay Chase-Lansdale. Contact: 919-966-3318.

Attention Members!

If you have changed your address or telephone number, please notify headquarters. We want to keep your records as current as possible.

Job Openings

Department of Human Development, Washington State University, Vancouver. Tenure-track assistant professor position beginning August 16, 1997, with primary responsibility for teaching and research in human development. Teaching: Undergraduate and graduate courses in family studies and human development. Research: Family studies or related human development areas. Required qualifications: Prior to commencing employment, earned doctorate in family studies, family science and/or related area. Desired qualifications: Experience in providing high quality undergraduate and graduate instruction and conducting research in one or more of the following areas: 1. Work and family; 2. Research methods; 3. Family health; 4. Family crisis, well-being, and/or coping. Experience in undergraduate advising. Experience in designing and teaching distance education courses (i.e., telecommunications, correspondence, etc.). Send letter of application, vita, official graduate and undergraduate transcripts, and three current letters of recommendation to Karen L. Peterson, Search Committee Chair, Human Development, Washington State University Vancouver, 14204 N.E. Salmon Creek Avenue, Vancouver, WA 98686. Screening of complete applications to begin **January 28, 1997**. EEO/AA/ADA.

Adolescent Development. Seeking candidates for an Assistant Professor, tenure-track, 9-month position, with a 75 percent Cooperative Extension-25 percent Research appointment, available Spring 1997. Duties include: working with educators, public agencies, and family service professionals to develop education programs to address adolescent health issues; doing research on adolescent development/departments goals; disseminating research results. Requires Ph.D. in human development and family studies or related field; research, computer, and grant writing skills. Send vitae, graduate transcripts, sample publications, and three letters of reference postmarked by **January 17, 1997** (or until position is filled) to either: Dr. Elizabeth Davis (e-mail: FMCS009@unlvm.unl.edu) or Dr. Julia Torquati (e-mail: FMCS041@unlvm.unl.edu), University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 123 Home Ec Bldg., Lincoln, NE 68583-0801. UNL is committed to a pluralistic campus community through Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity, is responsive to the needs of dual career couples, and assures reasonable accommodation under the Americans With Disabilities Act. Contact either Dr. Davis or Dr. Torquati for more information at 402-472-2957.

Meeting

August 14-18, 1997: **Third World Congress of Eclectic Hypnotherapy in Psychology, Psychiatry, and Medicine and fourth international Congress on Integrative and Eclectic Psychotherapy**, Acapulco, Mexico. Contact: IAEP Administrative Office, Apdo. Postal 524, C.P. 87351, H. Matamoros, Tamaulipas, Mexico; FAX (88) 16-05-90.

Meeting

June 18-21, 1997: **Fifth national Colloquium of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children**, Fountainsbleau Hilton Resort and Towers, Miami Beach, FL. Contact APSAC, 407 S. Dearborn, Suite 1300, Chicago, IL 60605.



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Sections Report Conference Activities



Three NCFR conference participants each received a Student/New Professional Travel Award during the **Education and Enrichment Section** business meeting in Kansas City.

The award winners submitted conference proposals which received the highest scores in a blind peer review process. Each award includes a \$200 stipend which may be used to cover travel expenses to the conference.

Suzanne R. Smith, Ph.D., submitted a round table presentation, "Early Childhood Professionals' Knowledge and Attitudes About HIV/AIDS: Implications for Educators." The co-author was Dolores Stegelin. Suzanne received her Ph.D. in Child and Family Development from the University of GA last August and currently is teaching there. Her dissertation is "A Qualitative Investigation of How Men Come to Define Themselves as Fathers." Her major professor and department chair during her graduate work was Dr. Sharon Price.



Smith

Lisa Matthews was the sole author of the paper, "Causal and Responsibility Attributions in Adolescents: The Role of Family Interactional Quality and Parent Attributions." Lisa is a doctoral student at IA State University and currently is writing her dissertation on the development of attributional styles in adolescents within the context of family interactional processes. Her major professor is Dr. Rand Conger, and the department head is Dr. Willis Goudy.



Matthews

Dawn Goettler received her award for the paper, "Evidence and Effect of Family and School Based Sexuality Education." It was co-authored by Dr. Velma McBride Murry. Dawn currently is a third year doctoral student in the Department of Child and Family Studies at the University of GA. Her research interests include studying the transition to adulthood issues facing adolescents from a lifespan perspective and implications for the development of prevention programs for adolescents and their families. Dr. Lynda Walters is her major professor, and Dr. Patsy Skeen is the interim department head.



Goettler

Congratulations to the award winners! Our Section will again sponsor three awards for next year's conference in Washington DC. To qualify, you must submit a proposal to our Section, be a

student at the time of the submission, and the first author on the paper.

Carol Mertens CFLE
S/NP Representative



All of the newly elected officers of the **Family and Health Section** join me in thanking the membership for entrusting the leadership of the section to us for the next two years. We are looking forward to the opportunity to continue the direction of growth and development in the Section and for developing new programmatic directions to complement changes in NCFR.

As we start a new year planning for the next conference, it is a good time to reflect on the accomplishments of the Section and leadership of the year just ended and look to the opportunities ahead. On behalf of the new executive committee, I would like to thank the former officers and members for their work in developing and implementing a quality program of 28 separate presentations, highlighted by a special symposium, "Collaborative Family Health Care," co-sponsored with the Association of Councils and Education and Enrichment and Family Policy Sections.

The symposium amply demonstrated the importance of the family as a collaborator in health care management. The inclusion of family narratives of articulate family members who serve as case managers in especially challenging health care situations with their children moved the dialogue to an examination of the real problems facing families at a level not often achieved in our conferences.

John Rolland's contribution to the dialogue helped detail the practical applications of collaboration in clinical situations, but it was the courage and strength of the family members who provided participants at these sessions with the most powerful evidence of why professional health providers, family policy "works" and those of us who develop the science for family health need families as full collaborators to inform our work. As Section chair, I want to acknowledge our gratitude to the families for sharing their stories. Plans are being made for continuation of this focus in next year's conference.

On a less positive note, active membership participation remains a problem. However, many new and/or young professionals representing an interdisciplinary profile have joined our Section. This is good news in response to an important Section goal to increase interdisciplinary diversity and inclusion of students and new professionals. Let me take this opportunity to invite any of you who are in this group to contact me or any of the other Section officers with ideas or concerns.

We look forward to your active participation and will reinstate the

"Student-New Professional" column in the biennial newsletter produced by the Section. Please watch for that and other announcements particularly germane to establishing a connection with the Section. Also please make a note that as in the past, the Section has a student/new professional award for a paper or poster for each year's conference. The award is enough to help defray the costs of the conference for the lucky winner. More information will be available later.

In the same vein, we would like to encourage former members or inactive members to join us next year. Please let us know how you wish to participate.

For those unable to attend this year's conference in Kansas City, there are several issues before the Section related to the goals of the Section officers which mirror those of NCFR. One of these is the growing interest in international participation of NCFR and its membership. The first strategy of our Section will be to start an "International Corner" in the newsletter with invitations to members to submit brief reports of international collaboration, including research projects and teaching projects or family related health issues in countries represented by our international members. This is the first step in increasing networking on the international scene. NCFR is exploring other options. We will also make efforts in our programming for next year to increase diversity of perspective by including greater interdisciplinary participation and both practice and research viewpoints in the discussants for paper sessions.

Finally, we will try to respond to the information you provided in the survey you completed last fall with respect to the activities and issues you identified as important. First, we will try to respond creatively to needs many saw for greater opportunity to network within the Section.

As we look forward to next year's conference, the excitement is building. The conference theme is germane to the scholarship, practice and policy concerns of our Section. Please submit an abstract for a paper, symposia, round table, or poster. I know we can have an excellent program focusing on the special issues of fathers and mothers in the diverse and changing world of health care. Plans are being made to take advantage of our location near the capitol to enhance the visibility of the activities of the organization and the research it represents.

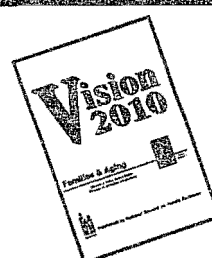
Patricia Tomlinson
Section Chair



November's NCFR conference was the biannual transition year for the **Family Science Section**. Outgoing chair, Bernita Quoss, presided over the first portion of the business meeting after which she introduced the new Section officers and turned the remainder of the meeting over to Beckie Adams, Ball State University, the new Section chair. Other new officers include Mary Ann Hollinger of Mount

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Vernon College, Washington, D.C., vice-chair; Stephan Wilson, University of Kentucky, secretary/treasurer; and Maureen Blankemeyer, a new professional at Kent State University representing the student/new professionals.

The purpose of our Section is to expand, strengthen, and enhance the family science discipline. As a consequence, our Section focuses on concerns of family science as a discipline and professional concerns of family scientists. During both a pre-business meeting gathering of current and past Section officers and during the Section meeting itself, ideas were brain stormed and methods were discussed that allowed the Section to actively address its function.

The consensus of the Section members was to focus on the following five areas. Plans for implementing many of the five were initiated at the conference.

First, at the request of both Section and non-Section members, we will bring the newly developed Ethical Principles and Guidelines to the NCFR Board of Directors for possible recommendation of their adoption by the entire membership. Section members requested that since our Section's role involves family science as a profession, we would like to maintain some control of the "living" document.

Second, the Section will be working with the International Section to co-sponsor a conference session relating to the needs of international students and faculty and what international students and faculty can offer others.

Third, we will continue to encourage family science administrators to share their experiences with each other and other interested professionals regarding issues within their own departments or schools via presentations at NCFR's conference. Section member Karen Schmid will work towards accomplishing this task.

Fourth, we will continue our dialogue with S/NP representatives and develop programs that focus on the needs of students and new professionals.


Our final goal is to develop a Section newsletter. Section vice-chair Mary Ann Hollinger has volunteered to undertake the leadership role in this area.

We continue to welcome proposals for next year's conference. As stated above, our Section deals with issues related to family science as a discipline, and we are interested in papers that deal with professional concerns rather than subject-based concerns. Proposals are due at NCFR headquarters by **February 1, 1997**.

For anyone interested in the teaching of family science and who wants to learn and share ideas in an informal environment, I recommend attending the Teaching Family Science Conference. It will be held May 16-18 at Techny Towers Conference Center in Techny, IL, approximately 19 miles north of downtown Chicago. The Teaching Family Science Association is closely affiliated with NCFR's Family Science Section, and many members are involved in both groups. For more information contact Deborah Gentry, 203J Turner/FCS Department, Illinois State University, Normal, IL 61790-5060. Proposals should

be sent to Mary Ann Hollinger, Mount Vernon College, 2100 Foxhall Road, Washington, D.C. 20007.

Rebecca A. Adams Ph.D.
Section Chair


Having just returned from the conference in Kansas City, it seems almost impossible that it is time to start planning for 1997, but it is. However, prior to turning our focus to Crystal City, I want to take this opportunity to thank many people who made the 1996 conference so successful.

First, a thanks goes to Ramona Marotz-Baden, Kate Conway-Turner, Kristine Baber, Jackie Fitzpatrick, Mark Fine, and Jacqueline Stanfield for serving as discussants at the **Feminism and Family Studies Section** six paper sessions.

Also a big thanks to Janie Long for her hard work in arranging the Harriet Lerner talk which was a huge success.

Finally, a big thanks to Beth Norrell and her committee who reviewed papers and proposals to select this year's winners of the awards for outstanding proposal and paper from a feminist perspective, given in honor to the late Jessie Bernard. Congratulations go to **Heather Helms-Erickson and Kim Updegraff** as winners of the Outstanding Proposal from a Feminist Perspective, and to **Beth Skilken-Catlett** as winner of the award for Outstanding Contribution to Feminist Scholarship.

Some important business was conducted at our Section meeting. First, given the low utilization of our mentoring program in recent years, we decided to roll our program into the NCFR mentoring program that is being established. We will do this for a two-year trial period and will then evaluate to decide if we want to remain part of the larger mentoring program or return to our "in-house" program. During this time, the chair of our Section Mentoring Committee will serve as a consultant to the NCFR Mentoring Committee to provide names of feminist scholars when a request is made for a mentor with a feminist perspective.

In conjunction with this shift, we decided to establish a "Technical Assistance" listserve for Section members in order to provide short-term, well-defined help to one another with questions that arise in our scholarly work. For example, if someone would like a paper reviewed prior to submission, or has a question about a particular type of analysis, others in the Section might be willing to offer that assistance. The advantage of this system is that it is quick, time limited, and recognizes that we all have different expertise to offer one another, regardless of our rank. If you are a Section member and are interested in being added to the listserve, contact Kate Conway-Turner at katect@bach.udel.edu.

Second, following the infusion of funds into the Jessie Bernard Endowment Fund from NCFR's sale of the **Journal of Family History**, we voted to increase the amounts of our awards. Beginning in 1997, the winner of the Outstanding Proposal from a Feminist Perspective will receive a \$750 award to help fund the research and \$400 for travel to the annual conference. The winner of the Outstanding Contribution to Feminist Scholarship will



receive a \$250 award and \$400 in travel funds. As we are able to increase our endowment through fund raising, we hope to be able to bring the awards up to parity with one another.

Finally, we made money for the Jessie Bernard Endowment Fund through the sale of greeting cards, but there are still at least 100 packets of cards to sell. This represents pure profit for the endowment fund--so please buy. Each packet contains five cards and costs \$10. The cards have original art work on the covers and meaningful quotes from well-known feminists on the inside front cover. The inside back cover is blank for your personal note. If you are interested in buying packets, please contact Shelley MacDermid at shelley@vm.cc.purdue.edu.

The theme of next year's annual conference, "Fatherhood and Motherhood in a Diverse and Changing World," offers a wonderful opportunity to highlight feminist scholarship. I am particularly interested in proposals which offer a non-traditional format to challenge our thinking and practice regarding fathering and mothering. Panels, debates, forums, or other innovative sessions are encouraged. I would also welcome suggestions or invited speakers who might offer diverse perspectives on fathers and mothers, both historically and in today's world.

If you have any questions about appropriate submissions for the conference, or have recommendations for speakers, or would just like to communicate with me about Section business, please contact me at LLL@umail.umd.edu or call 301-405-4011.
Leigh Leslie
Section Chair

Recipients of this year's awards from the Feminism and Family Studies Section were, above from left, **Kimberly Updegraff** and **Heather Helms-Erickson**, recipients of the Outstanding Proposal from a Feminist Perspective Award. At the left are **Beth Skilken-Catlett**, left, winner of the Outstanding Contribution to Feminist Scholarship Paper Award in honor of the late Jessie Bernard, and **Beth Norrell**, awards committee chair.



DSF Winner

This year's recipient of the Association of Councils' Distinguished Service to Families Award was **Margaret Feldman**, NCFR's volunteer representative in Washington, DC.



Meeting

May 7-10, 1997: Symposium, "Risky Behaviors of Adolescents, Integrating Research, Practice and Policy." Sponsor: College of Human Ecology, OH State University. Contact: Denis M. Medeiros, 614-292-5575.

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In Memoriam

Jessie Bernard, long time NCFR member, and well-known sociologist and author, died October 6, 1996, at the age of 93. She had Alzheimer's disease.

Bernard delivered a plenary address at the 1984 NCFR annual conference on the topic, "Willistyne Goodsell--What's Happened to Marriage and Family?"

She was born Jessie Ravitch in

Minneapolis, MN, and graduated from the University of MN. She received a doctorate in sociology from Washington University in St. Louis.

From 1936 to 1940, she was a statistical analyst at the Bureau of Labor Statistics in Washington.



Bernard

She was a professor of sociology at Lindenwood College in Missouri from 1940 to 1947, and then joined the faculty at PA State University where she remained until 1964.

She was the author of 23 books, including **The Female World, Academic Women, The Future of Marriage, The Sex Game, and The Future of Motherhood** (1974).

Her ideas and arguments helped shape some of the intellectual and philosophical underpinnings of the drive for equality between the sexes during the gathering of the women's rights movement in the 1960s and 1970s. As a scholar in residence for the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, she studied subtle forms of sex discrimination. She was a founding board member for the Center for Women in Policy Studies.

Bernard lived in the Washington area for the past 30 years. She had done work with the American Council on Education and held visiting professorships at Princeton University, Mills College, the University of CA and the University of DE.

She received an Outstanding Achievement Award from the American Association of University Women in 1976 and the Kurt Lewin Award from the Society for the Psychologic Study of Social Issues.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Luther Lee Bernard, in 1951.

She is survived by her children: Dorothy Jackson of Washington, DC; Claude Bernard of Laurel, WA; and David Bernard of San Francisco, CA; and two grandchildren.

Several NCFR members have died recently. These include:

Andrew Schwebel of OH State University in Columbus; **Marie Osmond** of Tallahassee, FL; and **Jerry D. Bates**.

Theodore B. Johannis Jr., of Springfield, OR, a long time NCFR member, died September 25, 1996, at the age of 81 of congestive heart failure.

He served on the NCFR Board of Directors and was a long time director of the E.C. Brown Center for Family Studies and the E.C. Brown Trust Foundation.

He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from WA State University in Pullman, and started teaching at the University of OR in 1953. He received a doctorate from FL State University in Tallahassee, in the interdivisional program on marriage and family in 1955. He published many articles in professional journals, including *Marriage and Family Living* (now *Journal of Marriage and the Family*) and *The Coordinator* (now *Family Relations*).

He is survived by a daughter, a son, a sister, and a grandson.

Memorial contributions may be made in his name to the Willamalane Senior Adult Activity Center, 215 W. C St., Springfield, OR 97477; KWAX radio at 2365 Bonnie View Dr., Eugene, OR; or to Pearl Buck Center Inc., 5100 Amazon Dr., Eugene, OR.

NCFR member **Bryan Strong** died at his home in Felton, CA, August 10, 1996, after a three-year fight with cancer. He was 53.

He wrote leading college textbooks on marriage, family, and human sexuality and numerous other articles, book chapters and educational books. He was a lecturer in psychology at the University of CA-Santa Cruz from 1981 until the time of his death.

He was born in Covina, CA, and earned his undergraduate degree in humanities from Claremont McKenna College. He earned his doctorate in American history from Stanford University in 1972. His dissertation topic was "Sex, Character, and Reform in America 1820-1920: A Psychological Interpretation."

Strong began writing the first edition of what was to become his life work, **The Marriage and Family Experience** (West) in 1979. In 1983, Christine DeVault became his co-author. The text is now in its sixth edition. A second text, **Human Sexuality** (Mayfield) is in its second edition.

He is survived by his wife, Christine DeVault; children, Gabe, Will, and Maria DeVault-Strong, all of Felton; and Kristin Alexander of San Francisco; his parents; a brother, John; a sister, Elizabeth of Santa Cruz; two nieces; and two nephews.

Contributions may be sent to the Santa Cruz Zen Center, 113 School St., Santa Cruz, CA 95060; or Hospice Caring Project of Santa Cruz County, P.O. Box 670, Aptos, CA 95001.

Former NCFR President **Gerald R. Leslie** died November 1, 1996, at his home in Gainesville, FL. He was 71.

He was professor emeritus and former chair of the University of Florida's department of sociology. During his decade as chair (1967-1977)

undergraduate majors and enrollments increased 400 percent, and the budget and graduate program doubled.

He presided over the department's first affirmative action programs and its recruitment of minority and female faculty. He designed a comprehensive and effective governance structure and subordinated his administrative power on major and minor issues to committees and plebiscites, including both student and faculty voices.

He was the author of four books, including **Social Problems** which was published in 11 editions. He was a former president of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy.

Leslie was born in Columbus, OH. He earned several degrees at OH State University.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth "Liz" McLaughlin Leslie of Gainesville; three daughters; three sons; a sister; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.



Leslie



Local Chair

Olivia Collins, left, local arrangements chair for the recent conference, is presented with an award of appreciation by Mary Jo Czaplewski, NCFR executive director.

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1997 FFS Awards Open

NCFR's **Feminism and Family Studies Section** is seeking applicants for two awards to be given at the November, 1997, annual conference in Crystal City, VA. Applicants need not be members of NCFR, but we welcome new members to the Section and organization.

The Outstanding Research Proposal from a Feminist Perspective is given in honor of the late Jessie Bernard. Graduate students and new professionals (with up to five years' post-doctoral work) are encouraged to apply for this award of \$750 to fund feminist research. Proposals will be reviewed for their potential contribution to feminist scholarship and the use of feminist frameworks and methods.

Applications should include: a) an abstract of 100 words or less; b) a five-page (maximum) proposal outlining the project's purpose, theoretical foundation, research methods, and potential contribution to feminist scholarship, and c) a half-page budget. A summary of the recipient's research results will be published in the Section newsletter, and the recipient will be asked to present a report of their project and findings at the 1998 NCFR annual conference. The award will be presented at the 1997 meeting; recipients will receive \$400 toward their travel to the 1997 annual conference.

The Outstanding Contribution to Feminist Scholarship Paper Award is accompanied by a gift of complimentary books from Westview Press and a \$250 cash award. Applications for this award are open to all graduate students and new professionals (with up to five years' post-doctoral work).

Papers should demonstrate contribution to feminist scholarship and the use of feminist frameworks and methods. Applicants should be the sole author or first author of the paper; both published and unpublished papers will be considered, although the paper should be at near-submission status. A summary of the paper will be published in the Section newsletter, and the award will be presented at the 1997 NCFR annual conference. Recipients will receive \$400 toward their travel to the conference.

Authors should identify themselves only in a cover letter so that all entries can be reviewed anonymously. Letters of support are not required. To apply, send SIX copies of the proposal or paper by April 10, 1997 to: J. Elizabeth Norrell Ph.D., FFS Awards Committee Chair, School of Family, Consumer, and Nutrition Studies, Northern IL University DeKalb, IL 60115; 815-753-6339; FAX 815-753-1321; jenorrell@niu.edu.

Meeting

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