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Election Platforms Presented

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

Photos are included where candidates have submitted them.

Biographical data:

- 1) Candidate's present professional position.
- 2) Candidate's immediate past professional position.
- 3) Past and present participation in NCFR.

- 4) Past and present related activities.
- 5) Platform.

Ballots will be sent by April 1, 1998, to all NCFR members with active membership status at that time. If you are not an ACTIVE member, you are not eligible to vote. If you have questions about your membership status, please call Kathy toll free at 888-781-9331, ext. 21.

All ballots must be returned to NCFR headquarters with postmarks no later than May 1, 1998.

Members are also reminded that nominations for the 1999 election will be open beginning in June. Information on the positions open for election and a nominations form will be printed in the June issue of REPORT. Nominations will be taken until September 1998, for the 1999 election.

President-elect

Stephen Jorgensen, Ph.D.

1) Associate Dean, College of Human Sciences and Professor, Dept. Human Development and Family Studies, TX Tech University. 2) Associate Professor, Division of Child Development and Family Relations, University of AZ. 3) Member, Research Council; NCFR Board of Directors, Vice President for Publications; Reuben Hill Award Committee; CFLE: Committee on Standards for Certification, Review Committee, Review Committee, Task Force; Publications Committee; Chair, Family Relations Editor Search Committee; Nominating Committee; Chair, JMF



Jorgensen

Editor Search Committee. 4) American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences; American Sociological Association; Population Association of America; Southern Regional Demography Group; Groves Conference on Marriage and the Family. 5) With strong leadership, NCFR will continue to be an organization that *makes a difference*—for families, for society, and for its members! To do so: (1) NCFR must become a stronger presence in the public policy arena; (2) Research-based knowledge about families must gain greater public recognition; (3) Efforts must be expanded to market the CFLE program and to make the CFLE credential even more meaningful for the applied professional; (4) Member services, including affiliate relationships, must be expanded and marketed to assure a stronger membership base into the 21st century; (5) NCFR's high quality publication program must continue to expand for financial stability. These goals will be accomplished with leadership that fosters a long-term vision of what we want to become or represent, hard work and commitment by the Board of Directors working as a team, a perceived stake in the organization by members, and an effective marketing and public relations program. I have been a member of NCFR for 25 years, and have served in many leadership roles on committees, task forces, and as a member of the Board. We are a member-supported and member-driven

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Int'l Family Trauma Expert on Plenary Podium

“War is not healthy for children and other living things.”

Sure, it's a slogan on posters, buttons, and bumper stickers, but it is also true, especially today. The majority of modern wars are border disputes, civil wars, and ethnic clashes, and the United Nations has estimated that 80 percent of the casualties in these military contests are women and children.

While most of these statistics focus on deaths, there are many other impacts on children and families in war zones, including injury, loss of social structures, displacement and loss of home, starvation, post-traumatic stress syndrome, and learning to cope with hating and hatred.

Atle Dyregrov, one of the featured plenary speakers for the 1998 NCFR annual conference, “Families in Global Context: Media, Environment, and Peace,” has been there.

He has examined and taught about children's and families' experiences of crisis, trauma, and catastrophe for almost 20 years. His studies have taken him from his home in Norway to Uganda, Mozambique, Rwanda, Kenya, Iraq, Jordan, Egypt, Palestine, Lebanon, the various countries of the former Yugoslavia, and a number of European countries.

He has consulted under the auspices of UNICEF, UNHCR, Swedish Save the Children, Norwegian Refugee Council, Finnish Red Cross, Norwegian Red Cross, and a number of other organizations.

How did Dr. Dyregrov end up with all of those experiences? He has advanced education in ethnology, psychology, pedagogy, and sociology. He also has a postdoctoral degree from a faculty of medicine and a specialty in clinical psychology along with training in hypnosis, pain and pain control, death and dying, stress and stress management, consulting, and research methods and statistics. That training seems related to the stress of war and its impact on children.

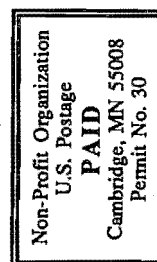
Dyregrov has done clinical and research work at the Children's Hospital in Bergen, and has been in an academic position at the University of Bergen. His professional experiences began with work on the impact on families of life-threatening diseases, and then he focused on families experiencing the death of a child during the first year of life, usually due to Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.

He began consulting with UNICEF and to do clinical work with victims,

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President's Report



Varied Activities on Board Agenda

Greetings! I am ready for spring after this long winter of days darkened by too many storms, scandals too sleazy to discuss, and the potential for yet another American war in this century. Winter can also be a time of withdrawal and reflection, and I hope you've had a chance for both over the past few months. I've had a great time talking to a lot of people about NCFR matters over the past few months.

For many NCFR members, Milwaukee is fresh on your minds. With a late January due date, the proposals and abstracts you prepared for presentations of various sorts at the annual conference next November are now being processed at headquarters. NCFR Section chairs are moving into high gear, along with a large army of NCFR members who serve as

reviewers, to begin reading, assessing, selecting, and shaping the annual program.

Under the leadership of Program Vice-president Judy Myers-Walls and Conference Coordinator Cindy Winter's quiet eye, the Program Committee will meet for two days at the April Board meeting to put their stamp on the Milwaukee conference. The preliminary roster of speakers and special sessions look great; now we need YOU to be a part of it, so make your plans now to be in Milwaukee in November.

The Executive Committee has been meeting by phone on a monthly basis and by e-mail as well. Just to keep you posted, some of what we've discussed includes: different options for managing the journals (contact Tim Brubaker and Rich Gelles); the possibility/advisability

of a third NCFR journal targeted at CFLEs (contact Carol Darling); organizing the search for a new NCFR executive director (contact Gay Kitson); different approaches to evaluating the executive director's work (contact Joan Comeau); ways to reshape the Board's operating style to fit with the Long Range Planning Committee's recommendations of becoming a more entrepreneurial organization (Bill Doherty is the point person on this.); and always - NCFR's mission and future!

Your advice and counsel are most welcome, whether you're a relative newcomer or a more seasoned member.

Is it my imagination or has the CFLE designation appeared more and more often in position opening announcements? Whether on the Family Science Network, the Web, or on hard copy letters that cross my desk, I see "CFLE certification preferred" or "CFLE desired" more often now than I ever have.

One of the initiatives this year that is so exciting and very important to NCFR's future is the ad hoc committee addressing the CFLE program area. They have been asked to advise the Board about jumpstarting, that is, growing this program exponentially. The time is NOW! Those of us who have recently achieved CFLE

certification for our academic programs know firsthand the enthusiasm and interest that undergraduates have, not just in the CFLE certification itself, but also in NCFR as a professional affiliation.

NCFR's emphasis on research foundations for their skill-based training important to them, not the turn-off we have feared it might be. Certainly there appears to be a large potential market out there for the CFLE certification. We need to think well and quickly about how NCFR and NCFR members can best serve these potential new CFLEs. Contact Dawn Cassidy at NCFR or any of the three committee members: Dudley Chancey, Margaret Arcus, or Lane Morris with your thoughts and your experiences.

Finally, we all have to be cheered by the attention given in the recent State of the Union address to needs of families for assistance with child care, educational resources, and opportunities for employment in jobs sufficiently waged to sustain family life, and by the strong support for behavioral research that was evident as well. These are matters of professional interest to all NCFR members; it is noteworthy that they have been placed so forcefully on the public agenda. Let's make sure they stay there!

Greer Litton Fox
NCFR 1997-98 President

Seeking 1998 Fellowship Nominees Using Revised Procedures

Because of a limited response last year to NCFR's newest honorary program, the *Fellowship Review Committee* met in November and revised the nominations process to simplify it for prospective candidates. Nominations are now open for 1998.

NCFR FELLOW is an honorary title awarded to NCFR members who have made outstanding and enduring contributions to the field of family studies through teaching, scholarship, outreach or professional services including service to NCFR. "Outstanding" is interpreted as those contributions which have broad impact on the field and endure over time. Examples include but are not limited to such contributions as:

- Published scholarship that has shaped or reshaped the field of family relations.
- A history of innovations or influential workshop presentations in family studies beyond the local level.
- Development and implementation of innovative, novel or significant interventions or programs designed to promote healthy family relations.
- Development and implementation of innovative, curricula for training

professionals in family sciences.

- Development of innovative social policy solutions relevant to families.
- A consistent record of superior contributions to NCFR over time and current 5 years active membership.

Revised Nomination Process

To nominate someone whom you know deserves this honor, here is what you can do before the deadline date of August 1, 1998:

1. **NOMINATE YOUR CANDIDATE** using the general nomination form shown on Page 11 in this issue. Send it to the NCFR office by the April 15, 1998 deadline. NCFR staff will verify the eligibility of the nominee (membership for a minimum of 5 years, etc.) and send you a nomination packet.
2. Identify two other persons besides yourself, one of which must also be an active NCFR member, who will be willing to write an endorsement letter for your nominee.
3. You will have until August 1, 1998 to collect the vita and letter of acknowledgment from the nominee and the letters of endorsement.

This is your chance to recognize someone for whom you have greatest respect or from whom you and your colleagues in the family field have benefited greatly by way of ideas, research, programs, and resources over the years. It will cost you only a few hours of time, but will be an outstanding way to say "thank you" to someone who has influenced you in your professional career. You need not do this alone, a group can work on this - former students, colleagues who all agree on the worth of this honor for your chosen outstanding candidate.

Alan Acock is the current chair of the committee. He is on study leave at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro until May 1. If you would like to contact him, he is still using his Oregon e-mail address: Acock@ccmail.orst.edu.

Mary Jo Czaplewski

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

What do these places have in common?

- ◆ Irvine, California - next door to Disneyland.
- ◆ Arlington, VA - just outside Washington, DC.
- ◆ Orlando, Florida - vacation "central" for all ages.
- ◆ Phoenix, Arizona - sun, sun, sun.
- ◆ NCFR - entering its 60th "Diamond" Year in 1998.

Here's a clue:

They're all tied to NCFR's member-reach-a-member recruitment campaign, *Reflect and Reach: New Members for a New Millennium*.

Still wondering how to relate those five locations?

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New Members for a New Millennium



CFLE Directions



Task Force to Examine CFLE Program

In the December Report, NCFR President Greer Litton Fox reported that she has appointed an ad hoc committee to look at the CFLE program. **Margaret Arcus, CFLE; Lane Morris, CFLE, and Dudley Chancey** will work together to critically examine the CFLE program and look at ways that NCFR can make it profitable while ensuring high quality. Dr. Fox has made it clear that she is supportive of the CFLE program and recognizes it as one of NCFR's competitive strengths. She also acknowledges that the CFLE program has had no formal representation on the NCFR Board, which may have had some influence on the program not progressing as quickly as expected.

We have seen a definite increase in support of the CFLE program by NCFR members since the introduction of the Academic Program Review. CFLEs who

have let their designations expire have called to inquire about reinstatement and many who have been intending to apply for years have finally submitted their applications! The success of the Academic Program Review has led to over 20 schools applying in less than 18 months. Approved programs are resulting in an increase in the number of applicants which in turn will strengthen the program by increasing its visibility. Greater ownership of the CFLE program within NCFR is critical for its success.

The CFLE program has evolved along with the field of family life education which is a relatively new field. According to the National Organization for Competency Assurance (NOCA), most certification programs evolve slowly, often taking ten or more years to become established. While it is not realistic or prudent to develop or offer a certification program as a way to make money for an

organization, it is realistic to expect it to cover the expenses created directly through revenue or at least through indirect benefits back to the organization. Some of the things the CFLE Task Force will be looking at are ways to increase income, reduce expense, and recognize indirect benefit to the organization. They will also be considering ways in which the NCFR affiliated councils can work together with the CFLE program to increase national recognition of the designation.

Dr. Mary Jo Czaplewski and I will be meeting with Dudley Chancey in February to begin the work of this Task Force. I am sure he and the other task force members would welcome your comments and suggestions.

Academic Program Review

Application Packets for the Academic Program Review are selling at a brisk pace and are matched by a high number of phone calls from schools working on their applications. In addition, several applications are currently under review and several schools have submitted additional information in response to requests by the Academic Program Review Committee. Close to thirty applications have been approved using the Abbreviated Application Process and that number should jump dramatically after many students graduate in May.

CFLE Submission Deadline

March 3rd was the deadline for the May CFLE review. We are still working out the kinks on the revised review criteria but hope to have the new guidelines in place soon. As I've mentioned in a past article, the new review process will provide more specific guidance as to the requirements. The next submission deadline will be September 3rd, 1998.

CFLE Exam Development

Work has begun on the development of a CFLE exam which will eventually replace the existing review process. There has been a strong push to get the CFLE designation recognized by state licensing agencies so that CFLE can better compete for family life education positions within government agencies. However, in order for the CFLE designation to be recognized, it needs to have a more objective review criteria such as is provided by an exam.

The intent is to create ten subcommittees that would act under the supervision of an Executive Committee. This Executive Committee will be led by Dr. Carol Darling, CFLE, who has been actively involved in the CFLE program and was on the original committee that developed the standards and criteria. Each committee will be responsible for the identification of written study materials and test questions for one of the ten substance areas. If you are interested in serving on one of these committees, contact me at Cassidyd@ncfr.com or (612) 781-9331, ext. 12.

NCFR Website

The NCFR Website is currently being redesigned. Our plans for the CFLE portion include providing a current listing of CFLE-approved workshops, conferences and on-line courses. It will also provide members and nonmembers with a current list of CFLE approved programs. Eventually, we might even include a password protected listing of CFLEs which would increase networking opportunities! The staff at NCFR is learning lots about the tremendous potential available through the Internet!

Dawn Cassidy
Director of Certification

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families, and helpers who had experienced extreme events and traumas such as accidents, rape, armed robbery, sudden death, torture, murder, and disasters. In the mid-1980s, he began to work with larger disasters such as airline crashes, an avalanche, an earthquake, and different war situations. From 1986-1988, he was coordinator for a Bergen, Norway, group of psychologists providing psychotherapy for torture victims. In 1988, he became the first director of the Center for Crisis Psychology.

Dr. Dyregrov's teaching deals mostly with crisis and disaster psychology in general, but he also teaches and leads seminars specifically about burnout among health professionals, supporting disaster workers, children and grief, and the topic on which we have asked him to speak--children and war. His related writings include such titles as "Factor Analysis of the Impact of Event Scale on Children in War," "Impact of the Gulf Crisis on Children in Iraq," "Children in War: A Silent Majority Under Stress," and "Pressure of the Present Preparedness for the Future: How War Affects Children--How to Reach Children in War."

Many of us in the U.S. are not familiar with Dr. Dyregrov's work, but others are very aware of what he has done.

In the U.S., he has collaborated with Dr. Jeffrey T. Mitchell at the University of MD and with Dr. Roger Solomon who has been instrumental in developing critical incident stress management procedures for police, the FBI, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms.

In London, he has collaborated for several years with William Yule at the Institute of Psychiatry to develop measures to use in screening children of war who are in need of further help. Dyregrov is an associate member of the American Psychological Association and

a board member of the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation, among other professional memberships.

Not long ago Dr. Patricia Tomlinson, one of NCFR's board members, had the opportunity to work with Dr. Dyregrov in Norway. She found that others were in awe when she mentioned her opportunity. As I review his credentials, I, too, am in awe. This is a truly remarkable man we will be meeting in Milwaukee.

Don't miss this opportunity. Come to Milwaukee in November and meet the world, including Dr. Atle Dyregrov who is of Bergen, Norway, but is truly a global citizen.

Judith Myers-Walls
1998 NCFR Program Vice-president

Family Life Education Life Span Framework Poster

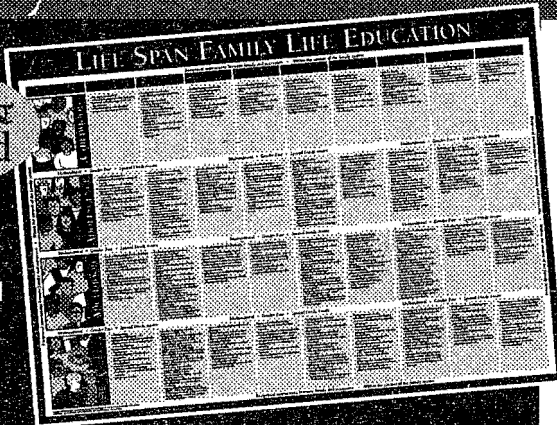
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Executive Review



Leveraging Technology to Service Members

The most revolutionary event by far in the last 100 years has been the intersection of the personal computer and the Internet. The impact on associations such as NCFR is just beginning to be measured. The American Society of Association Executives (ASAE) is leading the way with the results of an extensive survey of 6,700 organizations for technology trends conducted in 1997. NCFR was involved in the survey.

The major impact of this intersection on associations has been threefold:

- What were once clearly defined professions are now in the midst of radical change and restructuring.
- A global economy now defines new methods of communication and commerce.
- The constant turbulence of change is also creating entrepreneurial opportunities making the future roles of the association a wide open playing field.

Technology is becoming NCFR's ally in the goal to succeed in serving our members well, now and in the future. But it is imperative to develop a technology business plan and budget that realistically interfaces with strategic long-range planning goals of the Board of Directors. That means delineating between NCFR's internal technology needs – those which enable staff and administration to operate efficiently and effectively – and NCFR external technology needs – serving your needs as professional members. What follows is an attempt to paint a broad brush view of our efforts to do that while at the same time placing NCFR in the context of the greater association world as surveyed by ASAE.

Internally, NCFR was among the first 15% of professional associations to adopt membership management information systems in 1986 before the advent of PCs. However, costs and the explosive upgrading of computer software and hardware have rendered our current Paradox system obsolete. The same is true for the MAS-90 accounting system which NCFR mounted in 1991. Externally, NCFR was among the 11% of national associations to launch a website in 1995-96. In 1997, over 67% of the 6700 associations surveyed have websites, and NCFR's is being reconstructed to better fit the exponential explosion of members now using it.

Staff have planned that 1998 will be a year of major technological change for NCFR. Consequently, high capital expenditures for upgrading both internal and external systems to better serve our members will result. Much of the expenditure will be reflected in the 1999 fiscal year, however.

The following is a bird's-eye view of what is currently involving much additional staff time.

INTERNALLY:

- A complete change of NCFR's accounting software from the

antiquated MAS 90 to Great Plains Dynamics allows integration of inventory into the system, and improves reporting for NCFR's complex governance structure (board, sections, focus groups, affiliates, programs). Cost: \$14,206.00. This conversion was completed in February, 1998.

- Upgrades of the hard drives, motherboards, servers, of all staff PCs and LAN server now handle the increased gigs of information. Cost: \$3,704.00. Completed in January, 1998.
- Installation of Microsoft Word and Office 97 for Windows 95 to replace Word Perfect as the primary word processing system has enabled staff to do more sophisticated functions. Completed in January, 1998.
- Selection and conversion of new integrated database software for membership, conference, publications, CFLE, and management systems will link programs to eliminate duplication of keying. Costs will depend on the system chosen. Staff are investigating six different systems with the goal that a choice will be made by mid summer and a conversion completed by January, 1999.

EXTERNALLY:

- NCFR joined 49% of the associations having an 800 number to communicate electronically with its members in 1996.
- NCFR began electronic e-mail communications as one of 26% of associations offering the service in 1996. In 1997, NCFR was part of the 80% who communicated by e-mail with its members.
- NCFR's home page was developed by staff in 1996-97, when fewer than 30% of national associations had websites. In 1998, NCFR will join the 60% of all associations surveyed who are redesigning their websites to better serve their members. Cost: \$8,500. Completion date is set for April, 1998.
- During 1998, NCFR will begin to investigate the production of a member listserve.

The frequency of integrating technology changes also impacts on staff of NCFR, which has been cut to 10.75 serving 4200 members. The responsibilities of selection, implementation, and maintenance of technology is superimposed upon current job responsibilities. This comes at a cost to NCFR for additional training. As new systems have been installed, those who

work on them must be properly trained. For example, the new Great Plains accounting package requires attendance at several classes for each staff person. Though costly and time consuming, they are crucial to best serving NCFR. Staff transitions also require additional training not only in the culture of NCFR, but the use of the equipment – a phenomenon unheard of less than 15 years ago.

In conclusion, NCFR's technology plan will play a vital role in

redefining the way it communicates and serves you, our members. It will be a key factor in determining the future of the organization. This creates an exciting opportunity for redefining not only how NCFR does its business, but satisfaction of its customers – members of NCFR. The Board of Directors is discussing the larger picture as described in President Greer Fox's column.

Mary Jo Czaplewski Ph.D. CFLE
Executive Director

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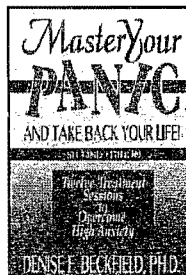
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Membership Memo



How to Get the Most Out of Membership

The Orientation session held at the last conference in November provided a means of introducing those unfamiliar with NCFR to its sections and activities. Our goals in offering the session were to show members and potential members the attractive features of the organization and to encourage them to become involved in it. Recognizing that not everyone who might like to know how NCFR works could attend that session, I offer some insights and tips about getting the most out of NCFR membership.

Three activities seem central to understanding the focus and goals of NCFR and feeling like a part of the organizational "family":

- read the journals
- read the newsletter
- attend the annual meeting

Time and again, surveys of members show that publications and conferences are among the most valued benefits of NCFR membership. The warm, friendly, welcoming atmosphere of a group not overwhelmingly large and the extensive opportunities for networking prove rewarding to conference attendees. Besides learning about the latest in research, teaching, practice, and policy matters related to families, they can hear first-hand reports at the various business meetings about section activities and the organization's functioning.

Becoming closely involved in NCFR increases occasions for personal development and professional leadership. Opportunities abound! Here are some suggestions:

- check out the NCFR web site at www.ncfr.com (A completely re-designed site will be unveiled in April!)
- join one or more sections related to your particular interests
- join a Local, State, Regional, or Student Council in your area and participate in their activities
- attend section business meetings at the annual conference--and invite an acquaintance from another discipline or line of work to go with you
- then, attend the business meetings of other sections to learn about their efforts and concerns
- offer to help develop or contribute to a section newsletter
- offer your services to section chairs as a reviewer of abstracts submitted for presentation at the annual meeting and as a session chair, discussant, or recorder
- volunteer to serve on a section or task force

- committee
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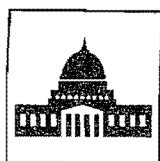
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Family Policy Monitor



Census, Drug Use Research Discussed

A new year has begun and after a long Christmas break Congress is back at work, with only a few extra weeks vacation! There are many issues calling for their attention, and for ours.

Census

The Census staff held a farewell reception in February for Director Dr. Martha Richie who has resigned. No new Director has yet been appointed. We have discussed the sampling controversy, which is still not settled, and are all aware of the importance of the Census. But a new aspect, transportation, was highlighted in a recent congressional program sponsored by the Population Council. The census long form is crucial for transportation planners at all governmental levels to identify the need and patterns of how people get to work. Commuting is no longer from the suburbs to center city but from suburb to suburb. The new forms of employment out in the suburbs and the fact that women have gone to work in large numbers have changed needs for transportation. Also, for welfare reform to work it is necessary to have data about child care, job training and job sites so transportation routes can be revised or provided for those required to find work.

Good News for Researchers

I hope you have heard that the President is calling for a big increase in National Science Foundation and National Institute for Health budgets for research, perhaps as much as a 10% increase. For information about how this money is to be distributed and about sources for research, you may contact the Consortium of Social Science Associates (COSSA) of which NCFR is a member. You can reach COSSA at 202-842-3525 or by Fax at 202-842-2788. Their address is 1522 K St. NW, Suite 6, Washington, DC 20005.

Drug use

As with so many of our national problems, research about drug use has important lessons for diminishing the drug problem in America. The problem is that those making the laws do not take advantage of what research shows, which often is contrary to common beliefs. We need more basic research about how to help people (lawmakers) take scientific evidence as the basis for laws rather than relying on commonly held prejudices.

Despite the difficulty of getting research into the policy process, it still is worthwhile to build the body of knowledge. Anyone interested in studying drug use or in teaching about it, could contact Jack Riley, Director of the Arrestee Drug Abuse Monitoring system (ADAM) at the National Institute of Justice, (e-mail: rileyj@ojp.usdoj.gov.) ADAM is a new data collection system designed to better understand the national drug problem and the relationship between drug use and crime.

A recent meeting of the National Research Council Board on Children, Youth and Families held a workshop on Adolescent Decision Making in the areas of, among others, drug use and sexual behavior. A report of the procedures will be available by this summer on the NAS website: <http://www.nas.edu>

The January **Journal of Substance Abuse** carries an analysis of NIAAA-sponsored National Longitudinal Alcohol Epidemiologic Survey (NLAES) which indicates that, "... (T)he younger the age that an individual begins to drink, the greater the possibility that individual will at some point in life develop a clinically defined alcohol disorder". The NLAES is a national probability sample of nearly 43,000 interviews with field work conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau in 1992.

The Budget as Social Policy

The budget and the social policies which will be affected by it are major areas of concern for congress this session, as is always the case. Many of the most controversial decisions are related to families and children. As with all other policy decisions today, there seem to be at least two and often more conflicting ideologies with advocates hard at work to promote their view of correct action.

Child Care Money

The President has proposed additional money for child care and child benefits. Two alternative ways to benefit families with children are by direct expenditures through programs or by the manipulations of tax policies. At a February Urban Institute Seminar, Gene Steuerle, an expert on family tax policy, discussed the reality of proposed tax and tax expenditure policies.

Mr. Steuerle tried to introduce reality into the debate. He pointed out that if the money was divided among the children of all ages, the amount of new money would be less than \$70 per year per child, "about the amount needed to buy each of them one ice cream cone a week." He discussed the different views of what is to be accomplished, and the goals of the advocates of one position or another. For example, he says some advocates seek money any way they can get it. Others want child care money to subsidize welfare mothers forced to go out to work by new welfare rules. He points out these people oppose any allowances for middle class workers. Some advocate for child allowances through a universal child payment which would compensate for the loss of potential income for the stay-at-home mom and for child care for the working mom.

Three short papers by Dr. Steuerle were distributed. The first summarizes the arguments as being those around the issues of "progressivity, encouragement of work, fairness between male and female care providers, measurement of net income from work,

and neutrality in the choice of child care providers." He advocates examining "more systematically how government child care dollars might best be spent, if at all." In the second paper Dr. Steuerle further develops the ideas about principles, and in a third he discusses application of the principles. For welfare recipients, he advocates "structured choice" which would take into account the resources and needs of individuals to maximize the work opportunity and skill development.

Mr. Steuerle's three papers are available in the weekly Tax Notes Magazine for January 26th, February 2nd and February 9th 1998.

Marriage Penalty in the Tax System

At the same Urban Institute Seminar, Dr. Robertson Williams of the Tax Analysis Division of the Congressional Budget Office spoke on the marriage penalty. I am unable to give you a summary of this very complicated subject but those interested could obtain a complete and very useful discussion in the CBO publication, "For Better or for Worse; Marriage and the Federal Income Tax," June 1997. Contact CBO's publication office at 202-226-2809 or via Internet at www.cbo.gov.

Social Security

In addition to running out of money, the social security system is seen as not fair to different groups. One issue is that of generations. A second issue is that of women vs. men, and a third is that between social classes, best exemplified in racial differences.

A major issue is the suggestion to privatize the social security as a way to make the system fair for Generation X. The projections for the system to be bankrupt have been in all the papers. People of Generation X fear that it will be difficult, if not impossible, for the system to pay them a fair return for what they will have paid in if the present system is not fixed. Many think privatization is the answer since international models have shown success. People of all income levels are being required to manage their own social security contributions and the claims are that all social classes are potentially better off. The Cato Institute is one of the strongest advocates of privatization. At a recent conference focusing on women's retirement, sponsored by Cato Institute, AAUW, Girls Incorporated, and Financial Women International, Cato Institute materials were discussed and distributed. The Cato documents describing privatization may be obtained at www.socialsecurity.org. People against privatization cite the fact that the current system gives a higher percentage of last income to the lowest income people and also provides insurance for working people in case of death or injury to the breadwinner. There are other solutions being proposed, and the issue needs careful study.

The current social security system is unfair to women because their

work life is usually shorter than men's due to child bearing and elder care. Therefore, their social security payment is smaller than men's. A higher percentage of women than men have to rely entirely on social security in retirement.

The present system is also unfair to black workers. Black men and women are less likely to get advanced education so begin work at an early age. Also, black longevity is shorter than for whites for both men and women. Social security benefits only count the last 35 years of working. So with age 67 as the new age to start benefits in 2027, and black male life expectancy for those born in 1990 to be 67, it means that black male workers are less likely to be able to retire with social security income even after 35 years of employment. Because of the high life expectancy of white women (78.8), there is a massive transfer of funds from black male workers to white women. The effect is not so dramatic for black women whose life expectancy is 75.2 and their work lives may be shorter than black men. But of course their lack of higher education will mean lower benefits.

Women's Legal Defense Fund

WLDF, which has been a major advocate for progressive family policies such as child care and the Medical and Family Leave Program, is to become the **National Partnership for Women and Families**, with the mission of improving the lives of women and families through education and advocacy.

Finally

There have been many distractions for Congress this year and these will continue even as we also build up to the fall election. I wonder if your congressman/woman was available to you during any of the many recesses they have had. During these District times they are supposed to find out what the voters think. We need to keep them aware of the needs of families and children.

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Meeting

April 15, 1998: **One More River to Cross: African American Families in the 21st Century** presented by the Family Studies Department of the University of MD and the Consortium of Universities of the Washington Metropolitan Area; a forum to celebrate the diversity and strengths of African American families and to honor Dr. Andrew Billingsley, author of **Black Families in White America**. Contact: Forum Registration, Dept. of Family Studies, 1204 Marie Mount Hall, University of MD, College Park, MD 20742; 301-405-3672.

Meeting

March 25-28, 1998: **"Celebrating 25 Years of Standing for America's Children,"** Children's Defense Fund national annual conference, Los Angeles, CA. Contact: 301-353-1807.



S/NP Snippets



Apply Now for Student, Jewson Awards

Nominations are due by April 15 for the NCFR Student Award acknowledging a student member who has shown to be outstanding in the field of family science and exhibits promise toward making a significant contribution to the field as a professional. The annual award carries a cash value of \$1,000. Nominations must be submitted by a faculty member. Once nominated, qualified students are asked to submit the following materials:

1. Three letters of recommendation. One recommendation may be submitted by the nominator, if desired.

2. Problem Statement. A brief statement defining an important problem you see in the field of family science and the steps outlining how you believe the problem could be resolved.

3. Summary of Representative Work. A brief description or summary of a program, research project, publication, etc., which you feel is representative of the quality of your work and of your area of interest.

Both the Problem Statement and the Summary of Representative Work should be double placed in 10 or 12 point

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Do not be concerned with providing sections for your essays (i.e., do not use valuable space to list references). Citations in the text of the essays will be assumed to be authentic for the purposes of this exercise.

Prerequisites: All nominees must have been members of NCFR for at least two years. Your professor implicitly vouches for your student status by nominating you. Nominations should be sent to NCFR headquarters marked "student award committee."

Jewson Award

Another award open to students is the Ruth Hathaway Jewson Award given in honor of NCFR's second executive director (1956-1984). The purpose of the award is to support doctoral dissertation research, with the goal of funding the best dissertation proposal submitted by a doctoral candidate in the field of family studies.

The award will be presented at the 1998 annual conference in Milwaukee. The winner will receive up to \$2,500 to pay for research expenses plus a travel stipend of \$750 to defray expenses for attending the conference. Proposals are due by April 15.

Here's what to submit:

1. Title page: Candidate's name, signature and university affiliation; advisor's name, signature, and university affiliation.

2. Vita: Academic program major; progress towards and performance in completing the doctoral degree requirements; experience relevant to the dissertation proposal; publications and/or presentations given at professional meetings; membership and activities in NCFR.

3. Letter of support from advisor: Neither the vita, letter of support, nor the title page are included in the 10-page limit for the proposal described below.

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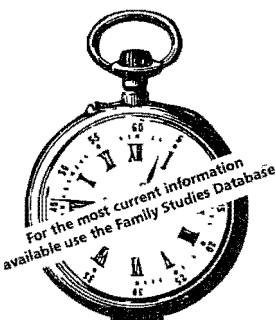
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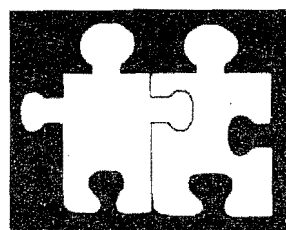
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Committee Chair: **Joan Aldous**, Dept. of Sociology, 431 Decio Faculty Hall, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN 46556. Phone: 219-631-5281; Fax: 219-631-8209; E-mail: joan.alldous.1@nd.edu

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Committee Chair: **Alan Booth**, Dept. of Sociology, Penn State Univ., University Park, PA 16802. Phone: 814-863-1141; Fax: 814-863-7216; E-mail: ax624@psu.edu

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Marie Peters Award (1998)...

Recognizes distinguished scholars, researchers, and practitioners who have made a significant contribution in the area of Ethnic Minority families. The award is presented in memory of Marie F. Peters, a former Board member of NCFR and the Ethnic Minorities Section. The winner will present the Marie Peters Lecture during the 1999 Conference. A check for \$1,000 and a plaque are awarded to the winner.

Committee Co-chairs: **Edith Lewis**, 1811 Coronada, Ann Arbor, MI 48103-5066. Phone: 313-763-6257. E-mail: edithl@umich.edu and **Gladys J. Hildreth**, CFLE, Dept of Family Sciences, Texas Woman's Univ., PO Box 425769, Denton, TX 76205-1029. Phone: 817-898-2694. Fax: 817-898-2676. Fax: e_hildreth@twu.edu

Jessie Bernard Awards...

Outstanding Research Proposal from a Feminist Perspective (1998)

Recognizes a graduate student/new

professional who has demonstrated excellence in research for potential contribution to feminist scholarship. A plaque and check for \$750 is presented to the winner. The award recipient will present a report of the project and findings at the 1999 NCFR annual conference in Irvine, CA.

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

Outstanding Contribution to Feminist Scholarship (1998)

Recognizes a graduate student/new professional who has demonstrated excellence for feminist scholarship. A plaque and check for \$250 are awarded annually. Proposals are evaluated for potential contribution to feminist scholarship and use of feminist frameworks. A summary of the recipient's research results will be published in the Section newsletter.

Both awards are open to all graduate students/new professionals (with up to 5 years post-doctoral work).

Please submit 6 copies of the application and supporting documents for these awards **BY APRIL 30, 1998**, to **Shelley M. MacDermid**, Family Research Inst., 1267 CDFS Bldg., Rm. 105, Purdue Univ., West Lafayette, IN 47907-1267. Phone: 765-494-6026; Fax: 765-496-1144; E-mail: shelley@vm.cc.purdue.edu

NCFR Student Award (1998)...

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

Criteria for selection: 1) A student currently enrolled in a Graduate Program whose work shows promise of significant contribution to family studies. Research projects or other work need not be completed at the time of nomination; 2) Membership in NCFR for at least 2 years. Qualified students who are nominated will need to supply other supporting credentials: a) Three additional letters of support; b) brief statement defining an important problem they see in the family studies field and outlining possible steps towards solution; c) brief summary of a personal program, research project, publication representing the quality of their work and area of interest.

Committee Chair: **Pamela Choice**, Dept. of Child Dev. & Fam. Stud., 1269 Fowler House, Purdue Univ., West Lafayette, IN 47906-1269. Phone: 765-494-9861; Fax: 765-494-0503; E-mail: choicep@cfs.purdue.edu.

NCFR/Sage Student/New Professionals Book Award (1998)...

Awarded to an NCFR graduate student/new professional with a manuscript in progress which has not previously been published. This award is given for a scholarly manuscript judged to be worthy of publication as a monograph. Manuscripts are judged on the basis of their potential contribution to knowledge about marriage and family life. The winning manuscript is published in the Sage Publications Series *Understanding Families*. A \$500 check from Sage Publications is also presented. The award is sponsored by **Sage Publications, Inc., and NCFR**.

Applicants should send 2 copies of their manuscript, 1 copy of their curriculum vita, a cover letter indicating ideas being considered for improving the manuscript, certifying that eligibility requirements are met, and the name and address of a current (or former) academic advisor to **Margaret N. Zusky**, Senior Editor, Sage Publications, 31 St. James Ave., Suite 510, Boston MA 02116. Phone: 617-753-7505; Fax: 617-753-7510; E-mail: mzusky@aol.com. **Deadline for submission is March 1, 1998.**

NEW AWARD!!

Anselm Strauss Award for Qualitative Family Research (1998)...

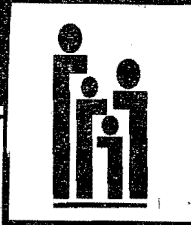
Recognizes outstanding qualitative family research. The award is sponsored by the Qualitative Family Research Network, a focus group within the Research and Theory Section of NCFR. The award is named for Anselm Strauss, whose life work was to develop and practice qualitative methodologies.

Nominations for this award should be qualitative family journal articles and book chapters published during the 1997 calendar year. The focus must be on qualitative family research, although the work can be data-based and/or methodologic, and/or theoretical in purpose. High-quality submissions of all types of qualitative work are welcome, with no one method having advantage over others.

Guidelines used to assess submissions include: ♦ completion of its purpose ♦ richness and grab of the ideas ♦ originality ♦ organization ♦ clarity. Each submission will be appraised in terms of what it purports to be, including, but not limited to, an ethnographic, feminist, grounded theory or phenomenologic work. If submissions are research, also assessed will be the rigor of the research process, the clarity of the findings, the representation of the informants' views and (if appropriate) representation of the researcher's views.

Nominations by self or another must

See Awards on Page 11



Section News



Sections Plan for 1998 Conference



You may have noticed an astounding statistic in the December 1997 issue of **REPORT**: Rosemary Blieszner, NCFR membership vice-president, summarized information about the number of members, by Section, in 1996 and 1997. The **Education and Enrichment Section** is now the largest NCFR Section, having increased from 533 members in 1996 to 621 in 1997 (September comparisons)!

We are not in competition with other Sections for members, of course. Many of us belong to multiple Sections, a reflection of our diverse, and often complex, professional commitments. Nevertheless, it is noteworthy that our Section has surged ahead in membership, underscoring the numbers of family life educators and practitioners seeking professional connections.

The large membership increases Section activity. For example, last year our Section received 115 proposals for the annual conference. Howard Barnes, our chair-elect, mailed the proposals to 56 members for blind review. Both Howard and I read the proposals, then considered the mean scores and reviewers' comments as we put together the Section program. Because program space is allocated according to the numbers of proposals submitted, our Section was able to sponsor a number of sessions throughout the conference.

Education and Enrichment also sponsors more Focus Groups than any other Section. Although there rarely seems to be enough time for Focus Group members to conduct all the business at hand, they are scheduled to meet at the conference. Our active groups and respective chairs are: CFLE, Lynette Olson; Families and Grief, Laura Smart; Marriage and Family Enrichment, Victoria Laskowski; Parent Education, Kevin Allemagne, Bryan Korth, and Marty Rossmann; Peace, Jackie Haessly; and Sexuality, Guy Cunningham and Joe Hoedel.

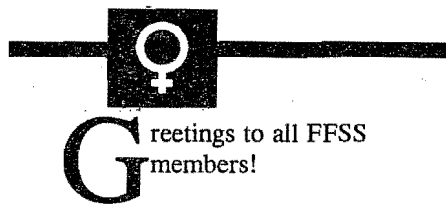
Our Mid-life Families Focus Group decided that its mission had been accomplished, and that it should disband. Continuing interest in Single Parent Families is uncertain, and that group may disband as well. Look for a spotlight on Focus Groups in our next Section newsletter.

Our Section has actively supported the CFLE program by speaking to the need for certification and through financial contributions. I encourage members to consider the value of the CFLE program to the certified educator, to individuals, and to families with whom she or he works, to NCFR, and to society (including social policy). How might we enhance the value of certification to each? Our NCFR President Greer Litton Fox has appointed an ad hoc committee to study how the CFLE program can be profitable to

NCFR while ensuring high programmatic quality. This is a critical task with many implications for our Section.

We have a strong, active membership and a fine group of officers. A number of excellent candidates have stepped forward to provide future leadership for our organization. I encourage you to consider thoughtfully those nominated for NCFR and for Education and Enrichment offices. Then, **VOTE!**

Sally Martin Ph.D. CFLE
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Greetings to all FFSS members!

The 1997 NCFR conference was filled with highlights for the **Feminism and Family Studies Section**. One that I'd like to note here is the reception for Dr. Linda Thompson following our section business meeting. Linda was actively involved in the founding of the Feminism and Family Studies Section, and has been a leader in integrating feminist scholarship into the family studies discipline. As she explores new paths, we wish her the best of luck.

Our Spring FFSS Newsletter includes the tribute to Linda that was given by Alexis Walker at the reception, as well as summaries of some of the papers sponsored by our section. Stephen Marks has lots of great ideas for the newsletter, and he's given me a preview of the coming attractions. I know we'll all enjoy reading it.

I want to congratulate our newly elected Section officers: Shelley MacDermid, Vice-Chair; Mark Fine, Secretary-Treasurer; Stephen Marks, Newsletter Editor; Beth Callett and Kaitilin O'Shea, Student/New Professional Representatives. This is a great group of people, and I've very much enjoyed working with them.

Congratulations to our 1997 Feminism and Family Studies Section Paper and Proposal award winners! The winning paper was by Leslie King and Madonna Harrington Meyer, titled "The politics of reproductive benefits: U.S. insurance coverage of contraceptive and infertility treatments." The winning proposal was by Terri Karis, titled "White racial identity construction: Experiences of white women in heterosexual black/white interracial relationships." Please note the call for applications for the 1998 awards on Page 11. If you would like to serve on the Awards Committee, please get in touch with Shelley MacDermid (shelley@vm.cc.purdue.edu).

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Beth Norell and the members of the Awards Committee for their diligent

work in reviewing the papers and proposals that were submitted. Reviewers included: Heather Helms-Erikson, Shelley MacDermid, Jane Gilgun, Cathy Solheim, and Kate Conway-Turner (proposals); Karen Seccombe, Alexis Walker, Connie Shehan, Suzanne Smith, and Linda Wark (papers).

I would also like to encourage you to submit materials to Joan Jurich for the teaching resources packet. She is particularly interested in receiving names, e-mail and school addresses, and titles of courses for the syllabi to be submitted. Also, if you would like to volunteer to be on the Teaching Committee, get in touch with Joan (jurichj@cfs.purdue.edu). We are proposing to use the money we make from the teaching packet for our endowment fund. Let me take this opportunity to thank Joan and Lee Ann DeReus for their exemplary work on putting together the proposal for this packet.

Many of you will have already been hard at work for the section by the time you read this newsletter, through your participation in the abstract review process. Each proposal submitted to the Feminism and Family Studies Section is evaluated by three reviewers and the chair. A standard set of six criteria provided by NCFR will be used by all Sections to evaluate proposals. In addition, our Section uses a seventh criterion pertaining to feminist orientation/contribution. Feedback from reviewers to authors will be provided; the final selection of papers will be determined on the basis on the summary score averages. Authors will be notified of the decisions on their papers in May.

Thanks to all of you who reviewed abstracts. I will be contacting people about serving as session discussants, presiders, or recorders for our conference sessions. If you weren't at our business meeting, but would like to serve in some capacity at the conference in Milwaukee, please get in touch with me soon --dsollie@humsci.auburn.edu. So many members of our section are actively involved in diverse ways, and I want you to know how much I value your ideas and enthusiasm about what we can do.

Finally, I'd like to thank Leigh Leslie for her able service to our section as mentoring committee chair, awards chair, vice-chair, and most recently, section chair. She's done an outstanding job, and played a vital role in sustaining the supportive atmosphere that is a vital part of the section, forging connections with other sections, and emphasizing the critical importance of the scholarly contributions that feminist perspectives can bring to our understanding of relationships and

The Feminist Teaching Committee is seeking materials from family studies courses that are taught from a feminist perspective. These materials, including syllabi, class projects, or bibliographies will be included in a packet of teaching materials that will be available for purchase by NCFR members.

If you have taught a course or a portion of a course from feminist perspectives and would like to submit them to the packet, please send them to me by April 1. Include your name, address, e-mail, and a description of type of material.

If you need additional information or if you have questions, please contact me.

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families.

I look forward to seeing every one in Milwaukee!
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By the time you read this will be reviewing the proposals for the annual conference. My understanding is that the submissions to the **International Section** are up due to the international theme of the conference. I look forward to our Section playing a major role in Milwaukee.

In a few months, we will be sending out a Section newsletter, and we will like to include items from the membership. If any of you have an update about yourself or an announcement or anything that you would be of interest to Section members, please send it to Racann Hamon, Behavioral Science Dept., Messiah College, Grantham, PA 17027; rhamon@messiah.edu.

For instance, this May I will be taking Ricks College students on a trip to Ecuador. They will stay with families who belong to Partners of the Americas, a large NGO dedicated to exchanging service projects with Latin American students who spend some time working in an orphanage. Are others of you involved in similar programs which offer cultural experiences for your students?
Bron Ingoldsby
Section Chair
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Focus Groups



From the preliminary telephone calls I have received from Family Policy Section

members, I expect many strong proposals for presentation at the 1998 conference. All proposals will be reviewed by three persons. We have over 30 reviewers who have agreed to help: Thanks to all of you!

I will be inviting Section members to serve as session presiders, discussants, and recorders for our Section-sponsored paper sessions. The 1998 conference promises to be a particularly interesting one for our Section members. Please let me know if there are ways you would like to participate in the conference if you haven't already volunteered.

Prior to the 1998 conference, the Public Policy Advocacy Skills Workshop will be held November 13 from 1 to 8 p.m. The opening session, "Informing Policymaking Through Wisconsin Family Impact Seminars," will be presented by Karen Bogenschneider Ph.D. and Jonathan Olson. Their presentation will be followed by a series of one-hour workshops focused on such topics as teaching family policy, the challenges of family policy research developing effective advocacy skills, conducting needs assessments in communities, reflecting on national family organizations as they relate to family policy, and discussing international family policy. The conference will conclude with dinner and a presentation by Clara Pratt Ph.D. on evaluating family policy. It will be a well-rounded, thorough pre-conference: Please plan to attend!

The NCFR Board of Director's spring meeting is April 23-27 in Minneapolis. At that meeting, I will submit for approval our Section's conference program plans. If there are issues or concerns you would like me to raise, please let me know as soon as possible.

Again, thanks to everyone who has written or called since the 1997 conference. It is encouraging to know there are so many people involved in programming and research related to family policy. I am especially encouraged by the interest and commitment exhibited by the graduate students in our Section. Congratulations to them and to all of their professional mentors! Stay tuned for the June issue of REPORT which will include more information on the 1998 Family Policy Pre-conference, notes about the Section conference program, and plans for fundraising for our intern award.

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Meeting

March 29-31, 1998: "Bridging the Gaps Between Research, Education and Practice," Family Firm Institute and Anderson School, UCLA, Bel-Air Summit Hotel, Los Angeles, CA. Contact: 617-738-1591; FAX 617-738-4883.

The Adoption Focus Group of NCFR's Family Policy Section welcomes new members with an interest in any aspect of adoption.

If you are interested in joining, send your name and address to Gordon E. Finley, Dept. of Psychology, FL International University, Miami, FL 33199; FAX 305-348-3879; finley@fiu.edu.

Please also join the Family Policy Section if you are not already a member. Section membership is required before you may join the Focus Group.

We're looking forward to the 1998 NCFR annual conference. Patti Herman is organizing an exciting session on international adoption as part of our meeting. We look forward to seeing you there.

Karen Baier
Gordon Finley
Focus Group Co-chairs

The Rural Families and Communities Focus Group of NCFR's Family Policy Section held its meeting November 8 as part of NCFR's 59th annual conference.

Rick Peterson, Focus Group chair, called the meeting to order. Fifteen persons attended. Three papers were presented addressing various aspects of parental legacy and change relevant to farm families.

Ramona Marotz-Baden discussed the mediation effects of economic resources, perceptions, and coping strategies on stress in intergenerational farm families. Paul Rosenblatt and Althea Dixon discussed family issues in sustainable agriculture, and Rick Peterson discussed the graying phenomenon of American farmers.

Charles Griffin addressed the information presented in light of the critical issues and public policy implications facing farm families and rural communities.

A brief business meeting followed. Ellen Abell and Irmgard Koscielniak were selected as the new co-chairs. Plans for 1998 are to focus on practical issues and policy implications involved in planning, implementing, or sustaining family life, youth development, or early childhood programming for rural families, especially to families in poverty.
Ellen Abell
Focus Group Co-chair
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eabell@humsci.auburn.edu

Meeting

April 19-21, 1998: **Parenthood in America**, Monona Terrace Convention Center, Madison, WI, sponsored by the University of WI-Madison. Contact: Division of Continuing Studies, Professional Development and Applied Studies, 313 Lowell Hall, 610 Langdon St., Madison, WI 53703-1195.

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be submitted by **April 1, 1998**. Submissions must be accompanied by a letter outlining the reasons for the nomination. **Six** copies of the submission and letter should be mailed.

Award chair: **Elizabeth Church**, Associate Professor, Counselling Centre, Memorial University, St. John's NF, Canada A1C 5S7. E-mail: echurch@morgan.ucs.mun.ca.

NOMINATION FORM 1998/1999 National Council on Family Relations Awards

**DEADLINE FOR
NOMINATIONS: April 15,
1998**
(exceptions are noted in the
descriptions).

Instructions: Use one form for each person/organization you wish to nominate. **Attach all documentation including letters of recommendation and other supporting materials with this application form.** Send to NCFR Awards, 3989 Central Ave. NE, #550, Minneapolis, MN 55421 by **April 15, 1998**. Duplicate this form if you wish to nominate more than one person. Contact NCFR toll-free: 888-781-9331; phone: 612-781-9331; fax: 612-781-9348; e-mail: ncfr3989@ncfr.com; website: www.ncfr.com with questions.

Check the Award for which you are nominating a candidate:

- ☐ Ruth Jewson Award (1998)
- ☐ Ernest Burgess Award (1998)
- ☐ Distinguished Service to Families Award (1999)
- ☐ Marie Peters Award (1998)
- ☐ NCFR Student Award (1998)
- ☐ Anselm Strauss Award (1998)

Name of Nominee _____

Employer _____

(if student, indicate program and institution)

Address _____

Phone (____) _____

E-mail: _____

Names of 3 additional persons to document nominee's qualifications (include documentation with this form):

Name _____

Address _____

Phone (____) _____

E-mail: _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone (____) _____

E-mail: _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone (____) _____

E-mail: _____

Your Name (please print) _____

Your phone (____) _____

E-mail: _____

Family Business Theme of Special Issue

Papers on the thematic issue of Family Businesses are encouraged for the **Journal of Family and Economic Issues**. Manuscripts are due by May 15, 1999.

Each manuscript will be blind reviewed by at least two persons. Manuscripts should be 20-25 pages in length, including all references, tables, or figures and should adhere to the standards of the fourth edition of the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association. Please submit four copies to either of the two guest co-editors: Sharon M. Danes, sdanes@che2.che.umn.edu, or Paul Rosenblatt, rosen007@tc.umn.edu; University of MN, Family Social Science Dept., 290 McNeal Hall, St. Paul, MN 55108; 612-625-1900.



Conference Comments



The Human Touch in Technological Age

One of the most effective ways of professional learning is through face to face contact with colleagues in your field!

In the college experience and in the professional world, some of the most important learning takes place as colleagues work together on projects. Each person brings a unique perspective, and adults tend to learn from each other. New technology provides many opportunities for life-long and continuing education: distance learning, virtual classrooms, teleconferencing, and participating interactively in a course on the Internet. Sometimes these are available at a lower cost than other traditional ways of learning.

A few years ago nonprofit associations and the conference industry were concerned that with new technology, traditional professional conferences may become a thing of the past. Their fears have not materialized. Recent conference journal articles reiterate one overall premise: *"One thing that experts agree on is that the face-to-face meeting can never be completely replaced--no matter how good audio- and videoconferencing technologies become."*

A typical conference is three-dimensional in nature, whereas a conference call is only two-dimensional. Bob Talley of the Talley Management Group, recently stated, *"In a conference call or on the Internet you can't read eyes and body language. You might even alienate certain people because you can't read them (over the phone). It is also difficult to draw out introverted or shy people, and you have to be careful that no one person dominates the conversation."*

R. Davidson Pariott, vice-president of marketing, International Conference Resorts, Inc. has stated that even though much of the future learning will take place with technology, *"Today's more independent, horizontal organizations need the face-to-face nurturing, support, and reassurance that occur at a meeting to grow and remain focused in a highly competitive global market."*

Personally attending the NCFR conference provides five benefits:

- ① Keeping up with the latest research and developments in the family field to offer fresh approaches to your work. The NCFR conference offers more than 400 presentations in varied formats.

- ② Advancing your career by presenting in sessions after your presentations have been peer-reviewed.

- ③ Becoming more actively involved in NCFR's activities. You can participate in the annual NCFR Business Meeting, and in the various Section Membership Meetings.

- ④ Meeting new people and renewing acquaintances. Human interaction is often as valuable as the presentation. Sharing

your work and interests with your colleagues while gleaned ideas from them is invaluable.

- ⑤ Checking out new publications at the Exhibits. You can meet authors of many of the books in person.

In addition to the regular sessions, here are some of the special face-to-face networking opportunities at the Conference:

- ◆ A special session on "How to Become More Involved in NCFR."

- ◆ Newcomers Reception for those attending NCFR Conferences for the first

or second time.

- ◆ Mentoring Session for those who are interested in being mentors or being mentored by someone who has been in NCFR for a longer period of time.

- ◆ Welcoming Reception, open to all attendees.

- ◆ Section membership meetings.

- ◆ Receptions sponsored by universities and affiliated councils.

- ◆ Dance and party sponsored by NCFR Students/New Professionals, Sections, and Sage Publications.

- ◆ Poster sessions and round tables

- ◆ No-host "go out to dinners."

- ◆ Employment Matching Service.

- ◆ Meeting with presenters.

NCFR Conferences are changing to keep up with technological advances. Technology enhances presentations. You will be able to register online, etc., but the overall purpose of these conferences is to *"create the perfect environment to 'reconnect' an organization and to facilitate useful dialogue fostering new ideas and solutions to problems as they arise."* (R. Davidson Pariott, "The Impact of Communication Technology on Today's Meetings," *RCMA Highlights*, Jan. 30, 1998).

I encourage you to start saving time and resources now and plan to attend this year's conference in Milwaukee. Two of the plenary speakers are from overseas, you will gain a new perspective about families throughout the world! You will find that the NCFR Conference is a terrific way to increase your knowledge and meet new people!

Cindy Winter, CMP
Conference Coordinator

JAI Press Has New Series

"Through the Eyes of the Child: Re-Visioning Children as Active Agents of Family Life," is the theme of the first volume of a new series, **Contemporary Perspectives on Family Research**, published by JAI Press. The editor is Felix M. Berardo.

Completed papers may be submitted by June 30 to Constance L. Shehan, guest editor, Dept. of Sociology, University of FL, P.O. Box 112030 (109 Rolfs Hall), Gainesville, FL 32611-2030; 352-846-1574; shehan@soc.ufl.edu.

New Directory

Minnesota's Internet Disability Directory is now available.

DirectAbility is a comprehensive new website directory devoted strictly to disability-related products, services, resources, and information in Minnesota.

To access the site, go to www.directability.com. For more information or to be listed, contact Mike Patrick at 612-827-4110 or mike@patcom.com.

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November 14-17, 1998

Pre-Conference
Workshops: Nov. 12-13

Post-Conference
Workshops: Nov. 17-18

Plenary Speakers

Atle Dyregrov, Ctr. for Crisis Psychology, Bergen, Norway. Terrorism/crisis consultant, Dr. Dyregrov will explore the impact of war and terrorism on children and families.

Charlotte Cole, Vice President for International Research, Children's Television Workshop, New York, NY - and - **Anna Guenina**, Director of Research and Content, Children's Television Workshop, Moscow, Russia. Drs. Cole and Guenina will discuss the selection of public television programs for children in the U.S. and Russia.

Julie Thompson, Office of Public Information, United Nations, New York. (originally from New Zealand). She is responsible for encouraging global efforts to achieve environmentally sustainable development as presented at the Rio environmental conference. She will use her expertise to propose ways families can participate in this process.

Special Panel

Eyes on the World: The Relationship Between Governments and Families of Color

Plus

- Pre-conference workshops on Public Policy and Family Life Education
- Research Updates for Practitioners ■ Symposia/Workshops ■ Panels ■ Papers
- Posters ■ Round tables ■ Exhibits ■ Networking ■ and much more



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STUDENTS, ASSIST AT THE NCFR CONFERENCE AND HAVE YOUR REGISTRATION FEE REFUNDED!

Students have a unique opportunity to gain hands-on experience running the NCFR Annual Conference. Those who work eight hours will qualify for a refund of their registration fee. (Refund checks will be mailed two weeks after the Conference). **PRIORITY IS GIVEN TO NCFR STUDENT MEMBERS.** Jobs will be assigned on a first-come, first-placed basis. Accommodations for physical limitations will be made whenever possible. The number of positions is limited.

You will receive notification as to the status, position, and scheduled times you are to work by **October 1, 1998**. You must return the acknowledgment form to **Bill Jeynes** by **October 10**. If you fail to return the acknowledgment form to Bill Jeynes, your name will be removed from the list, and the assignment will be given to another student.

What are the responsibilities of a Student Assistant?

- Check in at the Student Assistance desk approximately 20 minutes before your assigned work time.
- Be at your assigned work station 15 minutes early for orientation and

- instructions.
- Be willing to do any tasks necessary for the smooth operation of your assigned project and the conference as a whole. (Note: Some positions may include moving boxes and audio-visual equipment.)
- Acquaint yourself with the conference program **BEFORE** coming to the conference so that you are able to answer questions.
- Turn in your signed work form to the Student Assistance desk by Tuesday, Nov. 17, 4:00 pm, to receive your refund. Those who do not turn in forms will not receive the refund check.

STUDENT ASSISTANT FORM DEADLINE: SEP. 8, 1998

Name _____
 School _____
 Address _____
 City _____
 State/Province _____
 Zip/Postal Code _____
 Phone: Day (____) _____
 Night (____) _____

1. Please rank the areas in which you are willing to work (1 is top priority):
 _____ Registration
 _____ Employment matching service

- _____ Special events set-up
- _____ Exhibits
- _____ Local information
- _____ Workshop registration
- _____ Liaison for emergencies, AV set-up, door monitors (need access to a car)
- _____ No preference

2. Have you submitted a proposal?
☐ Yes ☐ NO
3. Please rank your preferred TIMES (1 is top priority). Place an **X** by the times when you are UNABLE to work because of other commitments.

A total of 8 hours is required; you must work a minimum of 4 hours at a time. We will attempt to place you in your preferred times, but it may be necessary to place you at other times.

Thur.	Nov. 12	_____ afternoon
Fri.	Nov. 13	_____ morning
		_____ afternoon
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Sat.	Nov. 14	_____ morning
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		_____ evening
Sun.	Nov. 15	_____ morning
		_____ afternoon
		_____ evening
Mon.	Nov. 16	_____ morning
		_____ afternoon
		_____ evening
Tue.	Nov. 17	_____ morning
		_____ afternoon

Return the completed form by **September 8, 1998** to: **Bill Jeynes**, 1805 W. Golf Rd. #107, Mt. Prospect, IL 60056.
 Phone: 847-640-7259; E-mail: whjeynes@midway.uchicago.edu

FFS Section Announces Awards

NCFR's Feminism and Family Studies Section is seeking applicants for two awards to be presented at the 1998 annual conference in Milwaukee. Applicants need not be NCFR members.

The Outstanding Research Proposal from a Feminist Perspective is given in honor of 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 about families and the use of feminist frameworks and methodologies.

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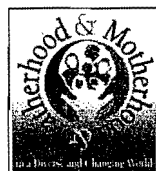
Papers should demonstrate contribution to feminist scholarship about families and the use of feminist frameworks and methodologies, and should be accompanied by an abstract of no more than 150 words. Applicants should be the sole author or first author of the paper; both published and unpublished papers will be considered, although the paper should be at near-submission status.

A summary of the paper will be published in the Feminism and Family Studies newsletter, and the award will be presented at the 1998 NCFR annual conference. Recipients will receive \$350 towards their travel to the conference.

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organization, and goals can only be reached by the Board and membership working in concert. As President, I will apply my working knowledge of NCFR's internal operations and resources, my contacts with leaders both within and outside of the organization, and a team management approach as the most viable means for accomplishing our goals and top priorities.

Shirley L. Zimmerman, Ph.D.

1) Professor, Family Social Science
2) Assistant Director, Continuing Education in Social Work, University of MN. 3) Vice-President, Program; Chair, Family Policy Section; Vice-chair, International Section; Member, Public Policy Committee; Chair, Annual Conference, MCFR, Families: Public Issues/Private Dilemmas; Chair, Legislative Committee, MCFR. 4) National Association of Social Work; Groves Conference on Families; Policy Studies Organization; Council on Social Work Education; American Political Science Association. 5) I would like to see NCFR become a lead organization in public discussions and debates about families and policy issues related to families, drawing on the expertise and professional experience of its members. In addition, I would like to see NCFR collaborate with other organizations in bringing important issues related to families to public attention through, for example, forums to which the public at large might be invited. Beyond this, I think NCFR should continue to build on the foundation laid by its founders and shaped by those who have followed. This includes its excellent publications and journals and annual conferences to which its members generously contribute, and its organizational structure as well. Its sections, focus groups, committees, and state affiliated councils should continue to be used to recruit, retain and firmly integrate members into the organization. This goal could be advanced by the development of affiliated councils in other countries to give international members a stronger voice in the organization - and also by ensuring a smooth transition in the executive director's position.



Zimmerman

Program Vice-President-elect

Elaine A. Anderson, Ph.D.

1) Associate Professor of Family Studies, University of MD. 2) Assistant Professor of Family Studies, University of MD. 3) NCFR: Board of Directors; Vice President for Public Policy; Chair, Public Policy Committee; Executive Director Transition Committee; Distinguished Service to Family Awards Committee; Nominating Committee; Editorial Board, *Family Relations*; NCFR Sections: Chair, Public Policy Section; Vice-Chair, Public Policy Section; Affiliated Councils: Treasurer, DCFR Council. 4) American Psychological Association; The Society for the Psychological Study of Social



Anderson

Issues. 5) Thank you for nominating me as Program Vice-President-elect. The NCFR Conference I would chair will introduce us into the new millennium. I would attempt to follow in the tradition of previous programs by setting goals for the conference that will: bring us a sense of history, challenge our platitudes, create new paradigms, and further develop inclusiveness for participants. I would work closely with Section chairs and the Association of Councils to identify the issues from education, research, programmatic development, policy and evaluation that will enable family professionals and scientists to be of service to families of the 21st Century.

Gladys J. Hildreth, Ph.D., CFLE

1) Professor of Family Studies, TX Woman's University. 2) Professor of Family, Child & Consumer Sciences, LA State University. 3) Secretary, Board of Directors; Long-range Planning Committee; local arrangement chair; Osborne Award Committee Chair; Marie Peters Award recipient; associate editor *Family Relations*; Distinguished Service Award Southeastern Council; Student award committee; Secretary of LA and TX Councils on Family Relations. 4) Southwest Society on Aging; Gerontological Society of America; American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences; Omicron Nu; Phi Upsilon Omicron. 5) Building on past work, and utilizing resources in the family and related disciplines, I would as Program Vice-President: 1) focus on programs that emphasize the necessity of building partnerships and collaboration with other agencies that would improve the quality of life for children and families; 2) enhance and promote public policies affecting families; 3) work to increase quality research on current issues and topics, and encourage young professionals to continue to play active roles in the activities of NCFR. Society confronts a broad range of complex challenges in which NCFR expects to continue to address. I would strive to include programs that exemplify research and applications for meeting the challenges.



Hildreth

Publications Vice-President

Timothy H. Brubaker, Ph.D., CFLE

1) Professor, Family Studies and Social Work; Director of the Family and Child Studies Center, Miami University, Oxford, OH. 2) -- 3) Member, Publications Committee; Chair, CFLE Certification Review Committee; Editor *Family Relations*; Editor, *Vision 2010: Family and Aging*; Chair, Nominations Committee; Co-chair, Task Force on the Future of the Journals; Member, Ad hoc Committee to Review Status of *Journal of Family History*; Member, Committee on Diversity; Distinguished Service to Families Award Committee; member, NCFR Board of Directors; Chair and Vice Chair, Family Policy Section; member, Annual Program Committee; Editorial Boards: *Family Relations*, *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, and *Journal of Family Issues*; Presider, Co-Presider, panel member or discussant

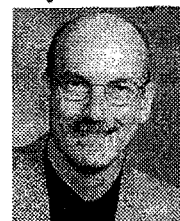


Brubaker

for numerous sessions at annual conference since 1990; Co-founder and member of Focus Group on Aging; Guest Co-Editor, *Family Coordinator*, special issue on "Aging and the Family"; presented numerous papers/poster, roundtables at the NCFR annual conference; President, Past President, Vice President, OH Council on Family Relations. 4) Editorial board member, *Abstracts in Social Gerontology*; Member and Fellow, Gerontological Society of America; Member, Groves Conference on Marriage and the Family. 5) Based upon my experience in the publications area (journal editor, committee member, author, reviewer) and belief in the centrality of publications to the viability of NCFR, I am committed to the criteria of control (coordination), and quality, and profitability of publications recently articulated within the Publications Committee. **Coordination** requires publications to be relevant to NCFR's members (family life educators, researchers, students, theorists, policy, practitioners, and prospective members of NCFR). **Quality** results in rigorous standards for content and production. **Profitability** mandates greater income than expenditure. Goals, if elected, to: 1) increase relevancy of publications to members (education, research, practice, students); 2) creatively market publications to non-member audiences; and 3) vigorously develop advertising revenue from publications.

Jay A. Mancini, Ph.D.

1) Professor of Family and Child Development, and Human Development Extension Specialist, VA Tech. 2) Department Head of Family and Child Development, VA Tech. 3) Senior Editor, *Families in Focus*; Editorial Board; *Journal of Marriage and the Family*; Editorial Board, *Family Relations*; Publications Committee; Research and Theory Section Nominations Committee Chair; Student/Young Professional Representative to the Board; 4) American Evaluation Association; 5) Much of the reputation that NCFR has as an organization is because of the outstanding quality of its publications. As Publications Vice-president, I will work with my colleagues on the Publications Committee, editors of our journals, and office staff to insure that our scholarly contributions to theory, research and practice continue at the forefront of family science. This particular role is about providing support to those who have more direct responsibilities for our publications, to be responsive to the needs of NCFR members and the family science field as it relates to our official publications, and to explore with others the most timely, efficient, and contemporary vehicles for increasing information, knowledge, and wisdom about families.



Mancini

Meeting

September 8-11, 1998: **World Conference on Family Violence**, "Sharing Solutions. Changing the World." New Delhi, India; Contact: 800-720-6115; www.wcfv.org; Dwight D. Eisenhower Building, 110 S. Ferrall St., Spokane, WA 99202-4800.

Membership Vice-President

Cheryl Buehler, Ph.D.

1) Professor of Child and Family Studies, University of TN. 2) -- 3) NCFR: Board of Directors; Vice-Chair and Chair of Research and Theory Section; Chair of Burgess Award Committee; *Journal of Marriage and the Family* editorial Board; *Family Relations* editorial board. 4) Society For Research on Child Development; Society for Research on Adolescence; American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. 5) In the September REPORT, Rosemary Blieszner reported the May membership figures showed an increase of 171 members (4.3%) over May, 1996. We need to continue this trend and work hard to retain members. Part of good retention centers around having interesting and relevant journals. The same goes for our annual conference. The strong interest in the fatherhood topic last year provides evidence of the importance of the central theme. The new Reflect and Reach campaign can only reach its goal of 2,000 new members by the year 2000 with strong foundational and outreach organizational components. Recruitment of our undergraduate students could yield many benefits for our membership and for the profession. The CFLE program just approved the curricula of five more undergraduate programs. Faculty and graduate students in these and the other approved programs should be encouraging their majors to join NCFR. This would promote students' awareness and use of the journals and would help promote their identity as developing professionals in family studies. Last year's reception honoring our members of 25 years and more showed how much we value continued involvement. Those in this esteemed group of members may want to consider becoming benefactors of our organization.



Buehler

Bernita Quoss, Ph.D., CFLE

1) Associate Professor, Child and Family Studies, University of WY. 2) Assistant Professor, Child and Family Studies, University of WY, (previous positions in community development and in early child development and care). 3) Board member and Chair, Family Science Section; Local Arrangements Co-Chair, Denver Annual Conference. 4) Board Member, Rocky Mountain Council on Family Relations; Family Science Association; Family Resource Coalition; Children's Defense Fund; Bertha Caplan Society for Progressive Social Work; Chair-elect, University of Wyoming Faculty Senate. 5) Developing a continuing dialogue with the Associated Councils, to represent their needs to the NCFR Board, should be a major priority of the NCFR Membership Chair. In addition, state and regional associations have successes to share with NCFR, concerning the important topic of member retention. Retention also should be addressed by surveying the needs and interests of B.S. degree members gained through the new CFLE academic program approvals. Finally, I would work to expand awareness of and interest in NCFR among African-American, Latino, and Asian-American family scholars and practitioners, by making

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personal contacts with professional organizations which represent the interest of these groups (overcoming the chill factor).

Public Policy Vice-President

Patricia A. Langley

1) Independent consultant specializing in family policy and health system reform. 2) Vice President for Government Relations, Family Service America. 3) NCFR Annual Conference presenter; active in the Washington, DC based public policy committee. 4) Groves Conference; Women in Government Relations; National Association of Family Based Services; International Association of Facilitators; Virginia Association of Female Executives. 5) To work with NCFR in the identification of national public policy priorities having an importance for families. To facilitate an understanding of those issues through work with NCFR's Public Policy Committee in Washington and through recommendations to NCFR's board and planning committees. To promote a focus on key issues at the NCFR Annual Conference.



Langley

Karen Bogenschneider, Ph.D.

1) Associate Professor, Child and Family Studies, University of WI-Madison and Family Policy Specialist, Cooperative Extension; Director, WI Family Impact Seminars. 2) Wisconsin Youth-At-Risk Coordinator, University of WI-Cooperative Extension; Director, WI Youth Futures. 3) Member of Family Policy Section; Invited Address, 1998 NCFR Policy Pre-conference, "Informing Policymaking Through Wisconsin Family Impact Seminars"; Hospitality Committee, NCFR Conference; Editorial Board, *Journal of Marriage and the Family*; Invited Address, NCFR Policy Pre-conference; Symposia Chair, NCFR Conference; workshop presenter; Editorial Committee, "Teaching Family Policy: A Handbook of course Syllabi, Teaching Strategies, and Resources"; Board member and Family FAX coordinator, WI Council on Family Relations; Regular manuscript reviewer for *Family Relations*; Reviewer of conference submissions. 4) Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management; National Network on Family Resiliency; Society for Research on Adolescence; Society for Research on Child Development. 5) To inform the development of family policy, I propose that NCFR issue press releases when new issues of our journals are released featuring articles with policy implications. I propose developing an "expert list" of members willing to testify at congressional hearings. I will work to build linkages with policy organizations with similar interests but unique perspectives, such as The Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, which brings together economists, political scientists, and social workers. As coordinator of the family policy website of the National Network for Family Resiliency, I will acquaint



Bogenschneider

NCFR members with local, state, national, and international policy resources accessible via the Internet.

Student/New Professional Representative-elect

James David Lambert

1) Research Assistant, Child and Family Studies and Institute on Aging, University of WI-Madison. 2) Lecturer, Child and Family Studies, University of WI-Madison. 3) Student/New Professional Representative, Association of Councils; Member Research and Theory Section; Co-winner Research and Theory Section Paper Award for Outstanding Student Originated Contribution to Family Research and Theory; member Men in Families Focus Group, Newsletter Editor; Founder and past-President, UW-Madison Student Council on Family Relations; Annual conference presenter. 4) American Psychological Association; American Sociology Association. 5) As the Student/New Professional Representative I would initiate my efforts by focusing on the following issues: a) create an on-line resource that would serve as an information exchange and mentoring connection for students and new professionals; b) emphasize the recruitment and retention of student members, who represent our fastest growing population. While students represent the future of the NCFR, retention is very low; c) establish funding for separate undergraduate and masters level Research Awards, similar to the current Student Award which is received annually by a doctoral student; and d) maintain continuity in S/NP goals by adopting the efforts of the current S/NP representatives.



Lambert

Hilary A. Rose, Ph.D.

1) Assistant Professor of Human Development, WA State University. 2) Graduate Assistant, Child and Family Development, University of GA. 3) Family Science Section S/NP representative; member: Feminism and Family Studies, Research and Theory. Affiliated Councils: British Columbia Council for Families, Northwest Council on Family Relations. 4) Southwest Society for Research in Human Development; Society for Research in Child Development; American Psychological Association. 5) I have a proven track record as an S/NP representative with NCFR and the Southwest Society for Research in Human Development. In DC, I presented a roundtable on developing teaching portfolios; Dr. Suzanne Smith and I are now conducting a study about the quality of job applications in the family area - to develop guidelines for future applicants. My primary goal as S/NP rep is to provide S/NPs with information/mentoring about getting a job, new teaching tools (e.g., distance learning, teaching portfolios), and surviving and thriving as a S/NP.

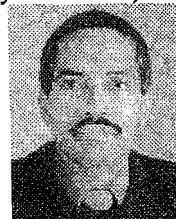


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Nominating Committee

William D. Allen, Ph.D.

1) Director-EXODUS Family Therapy Clinic, Minneapolis, MN; Adjunct Lecturer, Family Social Science Department, University of MN. 2) Bush Leadership Fellow (completing doctoral degree in Family Social Science at University of MN). 3) Reviewer, *Journal of Marriage and the Family*; Co-Chair, MN Council on Family Relations Men in Families Section, and Member, Ethnic Diversity Section. 4) Minnesota Association of Marriage and Family Therapy, Association of Black Psychologists (MN Chapter), Minnesota Early Learning Development, Minnesota Consortium on Teen Pregnancy. 5) As we enter the new millennium, changes in national demographics and individual family structures pose new challenges and present new opportunities for our membership. Although NCFR is uniquely positioned to 1) foster family scholarship and practice, and 2) shape the national debate on families, we must provide more leadership in integrating the contributions of new and emerging constituencies into current family literature and practice. As a member of the Nominating Committee, I hope to find candidates who share this vision of NCFR's future, and who are optimistic about the organization's ability to make it a reality.



Allen

David C. Dollahite, Ph.D.

1) Associate Professor of Family Sciences and Adjunct Professor of Religious Education, Brigham Young University. 2) Assistant Professor of Family Studies; University of NC-Greensboro. 3) President-elect, UT Council on Family Relations; Co-chair, Men in Families Focus Group; Secretary-Treasurer, Research and Theory Section; Member, Ethical Guidelines Writing Committee, Family Science Section; Theory Construction and Research Methodology Workshop. 4) Clinical member, American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, Groves Conference, Family Science Association. 5) To invite committed, capable, and dedicated members to run for office; to involve members from a variety of perspectives to serve NCFR; to continue to involve our student and new professionals in leadership and service in NCFR.



Dollahite

Stephen F. Duncan, Ph.D.

1) Associate Professor/Extension Family and Human Development Specialist, MT State University. 2) Assistant Professor/Extension Family and Human Development Specialist, Auburn University. 3) NCFR: Editorial Board, *Family Relations*; Education and Enrichment Section member and abstract reviewer; Affiliated Councils: Past President of Alabama Council. 4) Gerontological Society of America. 5) As a member of the committee that prepares slates of qualified candidates for NCFR offices, I



Duncan

will have two goals. First, I will work actively to ensure that the candidates selected show the promise of providing "leadership with vision" as we enter the 21st Century. Among other things, leaders with vision see the big picture, take appropriate risks, and are future-oriented. Second, since NCFR is an organization comprised of researchers, educators, and practitioners, I will seek to ensure that candidates for any NCFR office are sought from this diverse professional pool, so that even the President could be a practitioner.

Deborah B. Gentry, Ed.D., CFLE

1) Professor, Family and Consumer Science, IL State University, Normal, IL. 2) Family and divorce mediator, McLean County, IL. 3) Coordinator of NCFR annual media awards competition; Family Science Section and Education and Enrichment Section member, Peace Focus Group chair; IL Council on Family Relations past president and secretary. 4) Family Science Association, past president and newsletter editor; American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences; Academy of Family Mediators; Conflict Resolution Education Network; Coalition for Marriage, Family, and Couples Education. 5) As a member of this committee, I would ensure the candidates nominated for major leadership positions within NCFR adequately represent the organization's broad membership and mission. To maintain such diversity, I would encourage slates of nominees that exhibit a balance of candidates with primary interests in theory, research, and practice; membership in various Section and Focus groups; and demographic characteristics (ethnicity, gender, age, state in professional career, and geography). While establishing diverse representation, another goal would be to seek prospective leaders who have demonstrated an energetic, committed, and visionary approach to their professional roles, particularly those involving NCFR.



Gentry

Laurie Kramer, Ph.D.

1) Associate Professor of Applied Family Studies, University of IL at Urbana-Champaign. 2) Psychology Resident, Institute of Psychiatry, Northwestern University Medical School, and the Family Institute/Center for Family Studies, Chicago. 3) Editorial Board Member, *Family Relations*. 4) American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy; Society for Research in Child Development; International Network on Personal Relationships; Family Science Association; American Psychological Association. 5) One of NCFR's key resources is its members. Where else can one find scientists, educators, and practitioners who work with compassion and integrity to understand and master the challenges that families face? In addition to the cadre of loyal participants, NCFR is now making significant progress in attracting new members. This is exciting - new people will bring new energy to NCFR. It is now critical to harness this energy and encourage members to assume positions of leadership. I view the work of the



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Nominating Committee to be instrumental in this regard and would like to channel my energy toward meeting this goal.

Harriette P. McAdoo, Ph.D.

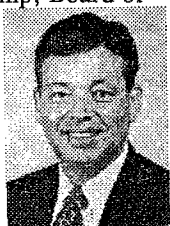
1) University Distinguished Professor, Department of Family and Child Ecology, College of Human Ecology, MI State University. 2) Professor, Acting Dean, School of Social Work, Howard University. 3) President; Program Vice President; Board of Directors; Chair, Long Range Planning Committee; Marie Peters Award; Chair, Ethnic Minorities Section; Nominating Committee. 4) Groves Conference on Marriage and The Family; American Sociological Association; National Association of Black Psychology; American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences; Society for Research in Child Development. 5) The Nominating Committee is one of the most important NCFR entities, because it is responsible for screening and recommending those who will provide leadership and guidance for NCFR over the next few years. Committee members will need to be familiar with the organization and issues that are of concern to NCFR and to have wide networks within the different groups of NCFR. It is important that candidates are selected for offices who reflect the wide diversity found in members, Sections and Affiliated councils. They will need to draw upon the researchers, practitioners, and educators who compose the NCFR membership.



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William H. Meredith, CFLE

1) Associate Dean, College of Human Resources and Family Sciences, University of NE. 2) Professor, Family and Consumer Sciences; Chair, Human Development and the Family. 3) Vice-President for Membership; Board of Directors; Chair, CFLE Certification Review Committee; CFLE Academic Program Review Committee; Chair, Family Science Section; Family Life Education Task Force; Education and Enrichment Section. 4) American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences; American Association of Higher Education; National Association of Social Workers. 5) As a member of the Nominating Committee, I would work towards providing diversity in the candidates presented for election. Diversity relative to NCFR positions should include ethnic, gender, and occupational (academics and practitioners) themes. I would encourage the committee to actively solicit nominations for positions from the general membership.



Meredith

Meeting

July 9-12, 1998: **Children and Families in an Era of Rapid Change**, Head Start's 4th National Research Conference, Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill, Washington, DC. Contact: Head Start's 4th National Research Conference, Fair Oaks Commerce Center, 11320 Random Hills Rd., Suite 105, Fairfax, VA 22030; Attn: Lynne Erler; 212-304-5251; flp1@columbia.edu.

Ronald M. Sabatelli

1) Professor of Family Studies, University of CT. 2) Associate Professor of Family Studies, University of CT. 3) Secretary/Treasurer, Research and Theory Section; Editorial Boards of **Journal of Marriage and the Family** and **Family Relations**; Reuben Hill Award Committee. 4) International Network on Personal Relations; American Psychological Association; Groves Conference on Marriage and the Family. 5) I would like to see the annual conference and the publications sponsored by NCFR used to foster a stronger alliance among theorists, researchers and practitioners within the "NCFR Family". I also believe it is possible for NCFR as a professional organization to grow and for its position of centrality as a representative of family scholarship to be enhanced if the annual conference and sponsored publications were more strategically used to foster alliances within family researchers, theorists and practitioners from outside the "NCFR Family".



Sabatelli

Catherine Surra, Ph.D.

No photo available. 1) Associate Professor, Child Development and Family Relations, University of TX at Austin. 2) Assistant Professor, University of AZ. 3) Research and Theory Section Member and Chair; Board of Directors; Reuben Hill Award Committee; Feminism and Family Studies Section Member; Student Award Committee; Mentoring Committee. 4) International Society for the Study of Personal Relationships; American Psychological Association. 5) As a member of NCFR's Nominating Committee, I would work to promote a) diversity in the slate offered to members with respect to gender, race, ethnicity, field of study, and profession; and b) excellence with respect to candidates' background, experience, and contributions to the profession.

Education and Enrichment Section

Chair-elect

Patricia Tanner Nelson, Ed. D., CFLE

1) Family and Child Development Specialist, Cooperative Extension, University of DE. 2) Lecturer, Child Development and Family Relations, Douglass College, Rutgers University. 3) Certified Family Life Educator Committee on Continuing Education; Reviewer for Education and Enrichment program proposals for annual conferences; Education and Enrichment Section Secretary and Vice Chair; Nominating Committee; Program Presenter. 4) Groves Conference on Marriage and the Family; American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences; Eastern Evaluation Association. 5) If elected, I will do my best to uphold the standards established by our section's recent chairs. We have 1) an active, growing membership, 2) a strong foundation for the Certified Family Life Educator program, and 3) quality program



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offerings at our annual conferences. Our work has been enriched by the presence and active participation of our "enrichment" colleagues. These are exciting times for our field; there are many challenges ahead. If elected, I will pledge to do my best to provide the leadership to help us work together to move our field forward.

Lucy Jackson Bayles

1) Consultant in the areas of parenting, families, early childhood and diversity; Adjunct faculty member Department of Educational Foundations at Clemson University, Clemson, SC; writes a column for Family Information Systems. 2) Associate Professor and Extension Family Life Specialist at WV University; Former faculty member at the University of MO and Clemson University; SC and WV, served as the state family life specialist with the Cooperative Extension Service. 3) Past President of SC Council of Family Relations; Member of Education and Enrichment and International Sections; presenter at NCFR conferences; participated in NCFR Conference on the International Year of the Family; attended the NGO Conference on Women in Beijing, China. 4) Phi Delta Kappa; National Association of Educators of Young Children; Society of Human Ecology; American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences; National Storytelling Association. 5) I have enjoyed my affiliation with the Education and Enrichment Section for many years. If elected to serve, I would like to see the continuation of a tradition of flexibility in the types of workshops selected and offered during NCFR conferences. I believe that the Education and Enrichment Section offers a forum for the interplay of both personal and professional enrichment that I find important. New ideas, formats, and interchanges need to be fostered by the E & E Section in ways that *encourage the spirit as well as the intellect* during the conferences and throughout the year. This can be done in a variety of ways: certainly through continued openness in the selection of workshops, to exploring new avenues for interactions, such as, establishing an electronic "chat" room for the exchange of ideas to empower practitioners, researchers, and graduate students in their quests to serve a diversity of families, while at the same time striving to maintain a sense of balance with their personal world of family. I have learned so much over the years through my membership in NCFR in both scholarly pursuits and in social interactions with a tremendous group of individuals! I would be thrilled to have the opportunity to "give back" (isn't that Erickson's generativity in action?) to the organization by serving as chair of the Education and Enrichment Section!



Jackson Bayles

Meeting

July 8-12, 1998: **American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children**, 6th annual colloquium with pre-conference Institute on Child Maltreatment in Communities of Color, Hyatt Regency on the Riverwalk, Chicago, IL. Contact: APSAC, 407 S. Dearborn, Suite 1300, Chicago, IL 60605; 312-554-0166; FAX 312-554-0919; APSACEduc@aol.com.

Secretary/Treasurer

Glen F. Palm

1) Professor, Child & Family Studies, St. Cloud State University. 2) Project Director, Linkage Project, Greater Minneapolis Day Care Association. 3) Personnel Committee; Local Conference Planning Committee. MCFR: Board Member; President; Editor of Views; Chair, Males in Families Section; Family Education Section, Ethics Committee; Ruth Hathaway Jewson Distinguished Service to Families Award. 4) National Association for the Education of Young Children; Society for Research in Child Development; Family Resource Coalition of America; National Parenting Education Network; National Practitioners Network for Fathers and Families. 5) As a long time member of NCFR, I am interested in working with the Education and Enrichment Section to attract and include parent and family educators into NCFR. NCFR is in a good position to serve the needs of a variety of professionals who provide parent and family education and support services. This growing group of family professionals (estimated at 50,000 people who work as parent educators) would benefit from affiliation with NCFR and the Education and Enrichment Section. Likewise, NCFR would be able to grow in some new directions by working more closely with this group to identify and meet some of their needs for professional development.



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Jo Ann Engelbrecht, Ph.D.

1) Associate Professor of Family Sciences, TX Woman's University, Denton. 2) Instructor, Child Development, University of North TX, Denton. 3) Regularly present at TX Council on Family Relations and NCFR; Reviewer for **Family Relations**; review proposals for Education and Enrichment Section; served on TCFR Board of Directors; Certified Family Life Educator. 4) American Association for Family Consumer Sciences; National Association for the Education of Young Children; Phi Upsilon Omicron; Society for Research in Child Development. 5) Diversity and an applied focus are two of the section's strengths which I strongly support. It is important to continue to look for ways to grow the CFLE program and make it financially viable. Forging connections with the Parent Educator's Network is a critical arena of work as well as supporting the focus groups that serve the Section's membership. As secretary/treasurer, I would work to maintain strong financial records, make prudent decisions, and maintain open communication. I would serve as a conscientious member of the Executive Committee in conducting its current work and in planning new directions for the 21st Century.



Engelbrecht

Meeting

July 6-10, 1998: **1st World Congress of Health and Urban Environment**, Madrid, Spain. Contact: Tílesa O.P.C., c/Londres, 17, 28028 Madrid, Spain; tilesa@wpa.es.

Student/New Professional

Marie Elise Radina, BA

No photo available. 1) Masters candidate, Miami University, Family and Child Studies, Family Life Education Option; Research Assistant, Institute for Educational Renewal, Miami University. 2) Bachelor of Arts, International Women's Studies, Allegheny College; Abuse Prevention Educator/Crisis Counselor, Women's Services, Inc., Meadville, PA. 3) Presenter at Conference; Recorder for Education and Enrichment Section focus group concerning Lifespan and Midlife Families; student volunteer; Miami University's Student Council on Family Relations. 5) If elected, I plan to place much needed emphasis on the student/new professional experience within NCFR and the Education and Enrichment Section. There are four ways in which this will be accomplished: 1) providing greater and more diverse opportunities for students/new professionals to become active section members; 2) increasing communication with students/new professionals concerning ways to become involved and the benefits of section membership; 3) generating increased intra-section networking and resource exchange; and 4) effectively representing the needs and concerns of student/new professional section members.

Alan C. Taylor, M.S., CFLE

1) Doctoral Candidate, Department of Family and Child Development, VA Tech; Research Assistant, Center for Gerontology, VA Tech; Graduate Instructor, Dept. of Communications Studies, VA Tech. 2) Graduate Instructor, Dept. of Family and Child Development, VA Tech. 3) Education and Enrichment Pre-Conference Workshop Committee; Abstract Reviewer for NCFR Annual Conference, Education and Enrichment Section; Section Memberships: Education and Enrichment, Research and Theory, Family Science. 4) Association for Gerontology in Higher Education; Beta Sigma Chapter - Sigma Phi Omega, VA Polytechnic Institute and State University; Kappa Omicron Nu. 5) S/NP members arrive to NCFR with new and innovative ideas to contribute to family research and education while, at the same time, they are striving to learn through mentorship and contacts from the current international leaders of the family field. I view S/NP involvement as vital to the continued growth of the E & E Section and will try to encourage S/NP to take an active part in the Section. As a CFLE, I am committed to this certification and will encourage other S/NPs to also grasp its importance and to obtain their CFLE certificates as well. I will encourage networking and mentoring among established professionals and student/new professionals by supporting formal and informal means of association. This can only be helpful to both parties involved in that it helps to build a stronger current E & E Section as well as to strengthen the future of NCFR.



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May 15 is International Families Day

Ethnic Minorities Section Chair-elect

Estella A. Martinez, Ph.D.

1) Assistant Professor of Family Studies, College of Education, University of NM. 2) Assistant Professor, Department of Family and Consumer Studies, University of UT at Salt Lake City. 3) Chair, Action for Diversity Committee; Secretary-Treasurer, Ethnic Minorities Section; member, Membership Committee; Editorial Board, **Family Relations**; Paper Reviewer, Ethnic Minorities, Family Science and Feminism and Family Studies Sections. 4) National Association for Chicano Studies; National Association for the Education of Young Children; American Home Economics Association; National Association for Ethnic Studies. 5) If I am elected to chair the Ethnic Minorities Section, I will strive to maintain the progress that has been made in this vital part of NCFR since I joined in 1984. I see the growth of the section in numbers and in diversity as resources for strengthening the section and making NCFR a better, more inclusive professional organization. I would also serve the section by being responsive to member's suggestions and by representing the section well on the NCFR Board.



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Farrell J. Webb, Ph.D.

1) Assistant Professor, School of Family Studies and Human Services, KS State University. 2) -- 3) NCFR Ethnic Minorities Section Secretary/Treasurer; NCFR Osborne Award Committee; Member Ethnic Minorities, Education and Enrichment, Family Sciences, and Family and Health Sections; Local Planning Committee for NCFR Conference; Student Employment Chair. 4) American Sociological Association; Kansas Sociological Association; KS Council for Family Relations; IL Council on Family Relations; and MN Council on Family Relations. 5) I would continue to work toward making sure that NCFR sees both integration and inclusion as organizational goals and not just as mission statements of the Ethnic Minorities Section. My intent is to work toward answering the challenges raised by Harriette McAadoo in her presidential address, thereby continuing the process championed by previous section chairs.



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Walter T. Kawamoto, Ph.D.

1) Assistant Professor, CFS Department, Syracuse University. 2) Home-based Therapist III, Child and Family Services, Hawaii. 3) Action for Diversity Committee; Conference Local Arrangements Committee; Task Force on the Future of NCFR Conferences; Ethnic Minorities Student/New Professional Representative. 4) Center for Native American Applied Family Research; Oregon Association for the Education of Young Children; National Association for



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Chicano Studies. 5) Aside from continuing the good work of past Secretary/Treasurers, I have two primary interests. First, I am interested in finding creative ways to make more money for the Section. Second, I want to develop our listserve and WEB page further so that we can communicate with each other and others more effectively.

Robert Reyes, Ph.D., CFLE

1) Assistant Professor of Family Studies and Director of the Latino Partnership Program, Messiah College, Grantham, PA. 2) Coordinator of Mental Health Services Family Preservation Program, Foothill Mental Health Center, Glendora, CA; Adjunct Professor in the Undergraduate Psychology and Marriage and Therapy Department at Azusa Pacific University, CA. 3) Student/New Professional Representative on Task Force for NCFR Fellowships; Member of the CFLE Continuing Education Committee; Member, Ethnic Minorities and Religion and Family Life Sections. 4) Clinical member, American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy. 5) In addition to supporting the section in recording any information that may be needed, I am committed to reach out to students and new professionals that may be interested in joining the section or who perhaps are members of our section, but feel disconnected. As I reflect on what has impacted me the most in my involvement at NCFR, it has been those times in which other members have gone out of their way to introduce me to other members and to make me feel at home. Finally, I also believe that it is important to address issues of diversity, not only within the scope of the Ethnic Minorities Section, but through other sections as well.



Reyes

Student/New Professional Representative

Trellis L. Smith, M.S.

1) Doctoral Student, University of GA, Project Manager of Research. 2) Lecturer, Berry College. 3) Recorder for symposium, registration assistant, Ethnic Minorities and Family Policy Sections. 4) Society for Research in Child Development; National Association for the Education of Young Children. 5) As Student/New Professional representative of the Ethnic Minorities Section, I plan to engage in the recruitment and retention of students and professionals into the organization and section, dissemination of information and opportunities across sections that will help to promote professional development and support among colleagues and pioneers, and establishment of student/new professional forums in which all students and new professionals will have a voice. Such goals I plan to accomplish with the help and support of leadership within the organization and the strength of unity that I plan to foster from the collaboration of outstanding professionals with diverse interests and skills.



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M. Dewana Thompson

No photo available. 1) Program Evaluator, Department of Psychiatry, LA State University Medical Center. 2) Research Assistant and NICHD Pre-Doctoral Fellow, Department of Family and Child Ecology, MI State University. 3) Member of Ethnic Minorities Section. 4) Society for Research on Child Development; Honor Society - Kappa Omicron Nu, Alpha Kappa Delta. 5) If elected as the Ethnic Minorities Section Student/New Professional Representative, my goal will be to encourage the participation of both undergraduate and graduate students, and new professionals in the field. I strongly believe that positive networking experiences, collaboration and mentoring are essential components of any student's or new professional's experience. As an elected representative I would like to foster these relationships within the Ethnic Minorities Section, while generating new ways in which the section can meet the professional needs of its members.

Curtis A. Fox, Ph.D., CFLE

1) Assistant Professor of Human Ecology, University of TN at Chattanooga. 2) Graduate Student, University of TN, Knoxville. 3) Student/New Professional Representative for Religion and Families Section. 4) American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy and Society for Research on Adolescence. 5) Besides your nomination, I am running for the office of Student/New Professional Representative for the Ethnic Minorities Section for the following reasons: 1) This section is vital since it serves to keep diversity alive and well in the organization. 2) There is growing participation among minorities in the field who must be harnessed for NCFR. 3) Students and new professionals need active representation which I will love to give. 4) My energy and skills in leadership will make some difference for the next term of office. If elected, I will give my best to this work. I ask kindly for your support.



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Family and Health Section Chair

Darryl Ross Goetz, Ph.D.

1) Assistant Professor, Division of General Pediatrics and Adolescent Health, University of MN Medical School; Director, STAR Center for Family System Health. 2) Director of Human Ecology (Institutional Advocate for Collaborative, Family-Centered Health Care), Minneapolis Children's Medical Center. 3) Secretary/Treasurer, Family and Health Section; member of Family and Health, Family Therapy, and Family Science Sections; Single Parent Family Focus Group; Reviewer for annual conference; organizer/presider at two day NCFR conference symposia on Collaborative Family-Centered Health Care. 4) Association of the Care of Children's Health; American Counseling Association; International Association of Marriage and Family Counselors. 5) Families and professionals from all



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Vivian Gedaley-Duff, DNSc, RN

1) Associate Professor of Division of Child and Family Nursing, and Training Coordinator of Nursing of Oregon Institute on Disability and Development, OR Health Sciences University, Portland. 2) Assistant Professor of Nursing, University of Portland, Portland, OR. 3) Member, Family and Health Section; Member, Reuben Hill Award Committee; Co-Chair, Local Arrangements Planning Committee. 4) Governor of Research, Western Institute of Nursing; Member of American Nurses Association and International Association for the Study of Pain. 5) I am dedicated to facilitating research, theory, and practice in the areas related to families and health, to uniting the diverse members of NCFR who are interested in families and health, to promoting dialogue between clinicians and researchers in the field of family and health, and enhancing the field of family-oriented health care. One way of doing this would be the sponsorship at the Annual Conference presentations of high quality, multidisciplinary research that reports the issues relevant to families and health. In addition, I would promote the exchange of ideas between this Section and other national and state organizations related to the field of families and health.



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Secretary/Treasurer

Deborah B. Gentry, Ed.D., CFLE

See Photo under National Nominating Committee. 1) Professor, Family and Consumer Science, IL State University, Normal, IL. 2) Family and divorce mediator, McLean County, IL. 3) Coordinator of NCFR annual media awards competition; Family Science and Education and Enrichment Sections, member; Peace Focus Group Chair; IL Council on Family Relations past president and secretary. 4) Family Science Association, past president and newsletter editor; American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences; Academy of Family Mediators; Conflict Resolution Education Network; Coalition for Marriage, Family and Couples Education. 5) As secretary, I would maintain accurate and adequately detailed minutes of Section meetings. As treasurer, I would ensure that the sections' resources are well accounted for and used appropriately. Reports would be completed and submitted in a timely manner. Together with other section leaders, I would work to further the mission and goals of the section as envisioned by the members of the section.

Maureen S. Blankemeyer, Ph.D., CFLE

1) Assistant Professor, Family and Consumer Studies, Kent State University. 2) Graduate Assistant, OK State University. 3) Currently the Student/New Professional Representative for the Family Science Section; Family Science Section reviewer; member, Family Science and International Sections; presenter. 4) OK Council on Family Relations; Kappa Omicron Nu. 5) It is important for members to be informed of the Section's current issues, activities, and financial status. If elected to the secretary/treasurer position, I will maintain accurate minutes and financial records that will enable me to accurately communicate the status of the Section to members. I will also encourage member involvement in Section issues and budgetary matters. Furthermore, I will provide support to the other Section officers and will continue my current efforts to recruit new members,



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especially students and new professionals, to the Family Science Section.

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Laura A. Cobb, M.S.

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5) As the Student/New Professional representative for the Family Science Section of NCFR, I plan to strengthen the profession of Family Science by relaying the Family Science Section mission to individuals who have not been exposed to what it has to offer. I hope this will result in the growth of the section as well as reinforcement of the importance of the section to current members. I also plan to help current members become more active by promoting a keen understanding of the benefits of the Family Science Section to the national organization.

Carol Mulligan, BS

1) Family Life Educator, Peoria Public High School, Peoria, IL. 2) Health Educator, Hult Health Education Center, Peoria, IL. 3) New member of NCFR, Family Science and Education and Enrichment Sections. Affiliated Councils: IL Council on Family Relations. 4) American School Health Association. 5) If elected Family Science Section Student/New Professional, I will strive to: increase membership (not only in NCFR, but in the Family Science Section); explore ways that NCFR can entice more participation by Family Life Education teachers at the high school and middle school level; and explore how NCFR might include teaching roundtables geared toward the sharing of ideas and lesson plans at these levels.

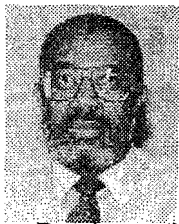


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Family Therapy Section Chair

David A. Baptiste, Ph.D.

1) Psychologist, NM Dept. of Corrections/MFT Private Practice. 2) Associate Director Southwest Counseling Center, Las Cruces, NM. 3) Membership Committee; Presidential Taskforce on focus groups; Vice-chair, Family Therapy Section; NCFR Board of Directors; Chair, Ethnic Minorities Section; Affiliated Councils, Nominating Committee; Regional Representative, Region VI; President NMCFR; Editorial Board, **Family Relations**; presenter at numerous annual conferences. 4) American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, American Psychological Association, American Counseling Association, Groves Conference on Marriage and the Family. 5) NCFR's Family Therapy Section emphasizes MFT research. However, a continuing



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question is how to adequately meet the needs of both the clinicians and the researchers among us. As a long time Section member, I recognize and support the need for balance between the needs of the Section's clinicians and researchers. Accordingly, if elected, I will balance the number of research and clinical presentations at the annual conference. I also will: 1) increase year-round networking of all section members, 2) promote parity for researchers and clinicians in the section's activities, 3) promote greater cross-fertilization with other sections, and 4) at the annual conference provide for section members, a premier presentation that emphasizes the intersection of MFT research and clinical practice.

James M. Harper, Ph.D.

1) Professor and Chair, Dept. of Family Sciences, Brigham Young University. 2) Associate Dean, College of Family, Home and Social Science, Brigham Young University. 3) Nominating Committee, Family Therapy Section. 4) AAMFT Chair, Elections Council; Judicial Committee, clinical member, approved supervisor, fellow. 5) The Family Therapy Section of NCFR is a place where new professionals can be mentored and encouraged. I would like the section to become the premier group for fostering conversation among therapists/researchers about the therapy process and outcome. The diversity of membership in the section that includes researchers, teachers, and practitioners is one of the strengths brought to such a conversation. I really have two goals: to encourage broader participation by section members and to help the section develop a reputation as the forum for scholarship on therapy process and outcome.



Harper

Volker Thomas, Ph.D.

1) Assistant Professor of Marriage and Family Therapy, Dept. of Child Development and Family Studies, Purdue University. 2) Assistant Professor of Marriage and Family Therapy, Division of Counselor Education, School of Education, University of IA. 3) Member, presenter, discussant, and abstract reviewer in NCFR, Family Therapy and Family and Health Sections. 4) American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy: Clinical Member and Approved Supervisor, Presenter and Abstract reviewer for Annual Conference, COAMFTE Site visitor, Membership Committee of Research Consortium, Editor of MFT News (newsletter of IN chapter of AAMFT); American Family Therapy Academy: Member of Research Committee, Co-Leader of Men in Families Focus Group; American Counseling Association. 5) As chair of the Family Therapy section, I will pursue the following goals: 1) strengthen the position of the Section within NCFR by improving its visibility and increasing the number of presentations at the annual conference; 2) increase the focus on process and outcome research of membership by coordinating efforts across universities and clinical agencies; 3) coordinate family therapy research efforts between the Section and other professional organizations such as AAMFT (e.g.,



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Research Consortium) and AFTA (e.g. Research Committee); and 4) improve direct communication among Section membership and increase their involvement in NCFR through better use of Internet.

Vice-Chair

Mudita Rastogi, Ph.D., LMFT

1) Assistant Professor, IL School of Professional Psychology, Chicago, and Affiliate Therapist and Adjunct Faculty, The Family Institute at Northwestern University. 2) Counselor, Women's Counseling and Resource Center, Austin, TX, and Doctoral Candidate, Marriage and Family Therapy, TX Tech University.



Rastogi

3) a) Sections: Family Therapy and International; b) Currently helping coordinate Family Therapy Section events (speaker, paper session) for the 1998 Conference; c) Reviewer for NCFR conference submissions, Family Therapy Section; d) Reviewer for **Journal of Marriage and the Family** and **Family Relations**. 4) American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Clinical Member and Approved Supervisor; IL Association for Marriage and Family Therapy; Indian Association for Family Therapy (New Delhi), Founder Member. 5) Ours is the third largest Section of NCFR but our proposal submission rates are low. I will utilize the listserve (being set up) to facilitate members' research and academic exchanges and invite more proposals to our Section. I plan to increase collaboration between the AAMFT supported Family Therapy Research Consortium and our Section to allow professionals and students to share ideas and resources. I will work towards increased collaboration between the FT Section and other Sections on conference issues like multidisciplinary paper sessions. People who are active in multiple sections will be invited to act as coordinators.

Richard S. Wampler, Ph.D.

1) Associate Professor, Marriage and Family Therapy Program, Human Development and Family Studies, College of Human Sciences, TX Tech University. 2) Executive Director, Family Counseling Service, Athens, GA. 3) Member, Family Therapy and Research and Theory Sections. 4) American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy; American Psychological Association; Eastern Psychological Association; Society for Research in Child Development. 5) I am committed to improving the status of the Family Therapy Section in NCFR. Although we are the third largest section, members of the Family Therapy Section are consistently under-represented in papers and workshops at the annual NCFR conference and in the NCFR journals. I would work with the Section officers and members to make family therapy research an important element of NCFR.



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**The next deadline for
REPORT is
Friday, May 15, 1998.**

Kathleen Briggs

1) Associate Professor, OK State University. 2) Clinical Director for the East Valley, Center Against Sexual Abuse. 3) Family Therapy Section and Research and Theory Sections, member; conference abstract reviewer; conference sessions presider; Family Therapy Section Student Awards Committee; presenter at NCFR. Affiliated Councils: OCFR board member, secretary, presenter. 4) AAMFT clinical member and approved supervisor; current president OAMFT; Secretary, OAMFT; conference coordinator, OAMFT. 5) Section member involvement is critical in keeping the section vibrant and energized. An essential part of this process is well-organized and productive section meetings at the national conference. If elected, I will follow through with the momentum and efforts predecessors have made to facilitate section member involvement. Another aspect of keeping the section going is the active submission of conference abstracts by section members. I will continue to foster abstract submissions, conference participation, and affiliation with other sections in sponsoring special conference events. As secretary, I am committed to taking accurate minutes and accounting for section funds.



Briggs

Member-at-Large

Stephen A. Anderson, Ph.D.

1) Professor, Marriage and Family Therapy, University of CT. 2) Dean, School of Family Studies. 3) At Large Member, Family Therapy Section; Member, Editorial Board, **Family Relations** 4) American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, International Network on Personal Relationships, American Counseling Association, Connecticut Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, Connecticut Association of Prevention Professionals. 5) I support the following goals: 1) increasing the number of conference presentations on family therapy, training and supervision, 2) expanding the number of applied articles published in **Family Relations**, and 3) remaining responsive to changes in the profession. This includes dealing with managed care, interfacing with other mental health organizations, and developing new career tracks for family therapists. As the traditional practice of seeing clients in a private practice office dwindles, newer initiatives directed toward communities and other systems (schools, courts, business, medicine), early intervention, and prevention are beginning to emerge. We must actively explore these new connections and provide information to those who will need such knowledge to succeed in the future.



Anderson

Charles C. Hendrix

1) Associate Professor and Director, Marriage and Family Therapy Specialization, OK State University 3) OK Council on Family Relations: President. 4) American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy: Clinical member and Approved Supervisor, COAMFTE Site Visitor and OAMFT: President, Board Member, Newsletter Editor. 5) Family therapy is at a critical juncture due to greater competition and demands of managed careers. To meet future challenges, family therapists must have an increasing body of research demonstrating the effectiveness of family therapy and its viability in a managed care environment. The Family Therapy Section of NCFR should provide leadership in this endeavor, and this is my goal.



Hendrix

Liaison

Scott R. Woolley, Ph.D.

1) MFT Program Director and Assistant Professor, U.S. International University, San Diego, CA. 2) Assistant Professor, U.S. International University. 3) a) Family Therapy Section Student/New Professional Representative, b) reviewer for NCFR conference submissions, c) presented at the NCFR annual conference and d) Family Therapy Section member. 4) a) American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Clinical member and Approved Supervisor; b) CAL-AAMFT member; c) CAMFT member, d) TAMFT member, and e) TTSAMFT past president. 5) I will work to increase collaboration between the Family Therapy Section and other family therapy organizations, particularly AAMFT and the Family Therapy Research Consortium (FTRC). This research consortium will create a large, national database for family therapy research which members of our section could possibly contribute to and use. In last year's Family Therapy Section business meeting, people were enthusiastic about involving our section in the FTRC. I am a member of the FTRC technology committee, and I will work to involve the Family Therapy Section in this exciting national family therapy research project.



Woolley

Mark B. White, Ph.D.

1) Assistant Professor of Human Development and Family Studies, Auburn University. 2) Doctoral Candidate, KS State University and Marriage and Family Therapist, Professional Counseling Services of Junction City, KS. 3) Member of Family Therapy and Research and Theory Sections; Student/New Professional Representative for Family Therapy Section; Ad hoc reviewer for **Family Relations**; Reviewed conference abstracts for Family Therapy Section. 4) Clinical Member and Approved Supervisor, American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy; Secretary/Treasurer of Alabama Division of AAMFT;



White

International Network on Personal Relationships; Interim Advisory Board member, Research Consortium for Family Therapy. 5) As one of the largest NCFR sections, The Family Therapy Section represents the interests of a diverse group of academicians, researchers, practitioners, and students. The ability of the Section to do so will be enhanced if strong associations can be forged with groups such as AAMFT, other NCFR sections, and the Research Consortium for Family Therapy. If elected as liaison, I would work with representatives of groups like these to ensure that the conference program meets the needs of section members. In addition, I will explore options for collaborations that will provide resources to section members through the year.

Student/New Professional Representative

Shannon B. Dermer

1) Intern at KS State University for Family Preservation and Instructor for Center for Aging. 2) Trainer for Title IV-E Grant. Presented workshops on strengths-based approaches and on Family Assessment. 3) Member of the Family Therapy and Feminism and Family Studies Sections. Presented a paper and poster in Family Therapy Section and poster in Feminist Section. Family Therapy Section student award winner for research. 4) Student member: American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy; American Psychological Association; President of KSU Graduate Student Association; President of Student Association Organization; President of Student Psychology Association. 5) As someone who has worked to represent student interests in several organizations, I have a good grasp of the needs of students/new professionals. It would be an honor to represent student/new professionals in an organization that has worked hard to give a strong voice to its members. My goal is to continue to help make the voices of student/new professionals heard, and to help make the transition from student to new professional easier by offering important topics for NCFR Student/New Professional Section meetings.



Dermer

Briana S. Nelson, M.S.

1) Doctoral student in marriage and family therapy, TX Tech University; Doctoral intern, Friends University. 2) Therapist, Pikes Peak Mental Health Center, Colorado Springs, CO. 3) Member, Family Therapy Section; Proposal reviewer for annual conference. 4) American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy; TX Association for Marriage and Family Therapy; TX Tech Student Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, President and Student Representative. 5) As a graduate student, I have benefited from NCFR Annual Conference sessions oriented toward student/new professional issues. As the S/NP representative, my top priority is to provide an increase in workshops devoted to promote the professional development of students/new professionals, particularly related to the MFT field. I would expand the focus by



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providing S/NP information via the listserve that was discussed during the 1997 section meeting. This would allow more students and new professionals access to information that would benefit their professional development and would provide students with a national and international professional network.

David Van Dyke, M.S.

1) Graduate student in Child and Family Development, University of GA. 2) Marriage and Family Therapist, Family Services, Inc., Lafayette, IN. 3) Member, Education and Enrichment and Family Therapy Sections. 4) American Association of Marital and Family Therapy; Society for Research on Adolescence; American Association of Family and Consumer Science. 5) I desire to represent the graduate students and new professionals in the Family Therapy Section. My goals are to foster an environment for outcome research in family therapy, and to provide a forum for clinicians to explore ways of delivering services. As the future of our field, we must have a strong voice in the direction of NCFR. In the competitive market of providing service to families, we need sound research to support the efficacy and efficiency of our field. Finally, I want to promote greater involvement of graduate students in our section. Thank you for considering me for this position.



Van Dyke

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The theme suggests the generational legacies of families as well as family science professionals. Proposals will be accepted until April 1. Theme topics or general topics related to the field of family science will be accepted. All proposals should have some application to teaching.

Proposals should be about two pages long with a cover page for blind review, and indicate preferred presentation format along with audiovisual needs. Send the proposals to Dr. David Pollock, program chair, Berry College, 495001 Mount Berry Station, Mount Berry, GA 30149-5011; 706-290-2640; pollock@berry.edu.

The conference has a tradition of collegial, interactive sessions with much opportunity for idea exchange and networking. Also included is a workshop on geneological research with hands-on computer lab time for personal family research in the Family History Center and the Geneological Resources at LDS Church. Optional activities include a Sunday morning performance of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, dinner at the Lion House (historic home of Brigham

Young), and a tour of the pioneer history museum.

Conference reservations are due by April 15 and should be made with Dr. Terry Olson, local arrangements chair, 1074 SWKT, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT 84602-5525.

Registration is \$110 and includes three lunches and one dinner. Hot breakfasts are included in the hotel fee. Make hotel reservations with Shiloh Inn (800-222-2244) and ask for one of the reserved rooms for the Teaching Family Science Conference. Rates are \$96 double (2 beds, daily breakfast buffet), or \$106 for four.

The area also offers a historic mining town, Park City, 45 minutes east of Salt Lake City. This will be the site of the 2002 Olympic Winter Games. The Grand Tetons and Yellowstone National Park are a day's drive north.

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AC Leaders Discuss Regional Networks

(Editor's note: The following "panel on paper" discusses an idea by James Ponzetti to organize ten regional representatives to attend AC leadership training sessions and the AC business meeting during NCFR's annual conference each year.)

Overview by James Ponzetti, 1997-98 Association of Councils President:

Over the past year, I have listened to many discussions related to the report of the Association of Councils (AC) Task Force. Former presidents Libby Blume and Anne Stanberry, and myself have worked at getting feedback concerning the report as the AC responds to the Task Force recommendations.



Ponzetti

It is time to move forward on the list, and perhaps most significant is the creation of **regional networks** within NCFR for the purpose of increasing communication and cooperation among existing councils and areas where no affiliated council currently exists.

Each region will be required to select a representative to the AC business meeting during the NCFR annual conference. You may recall that the Task Force suggested five regions.

A lively discussion about this recommendation took place on the Family Science network in July, 1997. David Klein proposed a seven-region structure. In addition, there was some discussion at the 1997 annual conference about how affiliates should respond to the recommendation.

I want to thank David and others who offered comments and helpful discussion about how to proceed. I have tried to integrate many of the ideas I heard during these interactions.

Ponzetti's proposal/ideas:

What I would like to propose is this: **The AC be restructured into ten regions.**

As proposed by the Task Force, each region would elect a representative to the AC leadership training session and business meeting during NCFR's annual conference. I want to make it clear that anyone involved with or interested in AC work will be welcome to participate in both the training session and the business meeting. However, we want to ensure that each region has at least one representative at the conference.

I plan to request an increase in the AC budget to encourage and partially

support the regional representatives' attendance at AC conference activities. This support was offered in prior years, but was discontinued due to financial constraints that eventually led to the AC budget becoming part of NCFR's general budgeting rather than remaining autonomous.

As one might suspect, attendance at the AC events waned as support declined. It is time to reinstate partial support. This is the only time during the year that affiliate officers have the opportunity to meet.

Here are the 10 regions I propose:

Northwest: AB, AK, BC, ID, MT, OR, SK, WA, WY.

Southwest: AZ, CA, CO, HI, NM, NV, UT.

Upper Midwest: IA, IL, MB, MN, NE, ND, SD, WI.

Lower Midwest: AR, KS, MO, LA, OK, TX.

North Central: IN, KY, MI, OH, WV.

Northeast: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, ON, NY, PA, PQ, RI, VT, Maritime Provinces.

Southeast: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA.

Student/University Councils

Military Council

International: Inclusive of those not represented in another region.

Now I realize that change is something we would rather not deal with, but if the AC is to function effectively within NCFR, then there must be a more coherent governance structure created.

This proposal would not eliminate existing state councils: It would specify the need to have at least one representative from each of the ten regions in attendance at NCFR's annual conference.

As the Task Force proposed "each region would be free to decide its own arrangement for dispersing or sharing the NCFR rebates."

Discussions regarding the AC structure have been ongoing for as long as I can remember. The Task Force studied the issue and proposed a feasible direction to move in addressing many of the recurring concerns. It think it would be a mistake to ignore the hard work of the Task Force and do nothing. Accordingly, my response is before you.

As always, your feedback is welcome.

Response by Anne Stanberry, 1996-97 Association of Councils' President:

I applaud you for following up on the Task Force Report. My confusion comes in several ideas you presented. Are you saying that the current state presidents will have no say in the AC?

Ponzetti: No, the state presidents can still participate fully. However, I think we would not be successful getting enough money to support all of them in their travel expenses to attend the annual conference for the leadership session and business meeting. In fact, the notion of requesting support for even the ten representatives is questionable, and may not be approved, but it is certainly more likely than supporting all 29 (at the present) affiliate presidents.

Stanberry: It seems to me that AC presidents feel alone, and our training session and business meeting during the NCFR conference make them feel someone is listening to them. The presidents are, in my opinion, just beginning to feel a part of the AC organization, and I worry that if we introduce someone "above them," that the state affiliates may disintegrate.

Ponzetti: I agree, and they would still be welcome. Unfortunately, the AC budget cannot support them in any way, and I would like to support at least some. Thus, the representatives would act like liaisons; namely, their role would simply be the "ears" for that region. More importantly, the AC would be able to pay for at least one representative from each region to attend. This could be one of the affiliate presidents from the region, or maybe two officers could split the money, or it could be someone appointed to attend. I thought it best to leave the decision-making up to the regions as to how they wish to appoint/elect a representative. The AC would pay for just one representative--others could attend at their own expense. I was looking for a way to ensure representation from each of the regions.

Stanberry: How will the regions select a representative? "Required" is troublesome to me. In our region, I have had very little contact with the leaders of the region, although I admire them greatly for what they are doing. In our state, we are functioning by a thread. We are on the verge of collapsing. If you tell me (at the state level) that I am required to do more, I will say that I can't, and that if one more thing is required, I will have to resign.

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Section Liaison Program Started

In order to increase communication between NCFR Sections and state, regional, and local Affiliates, the Association of Councils Executive Committee has started a Section liaison program.

Aaron Larson, a member of the Education and Enrichment Section, is just beginning his liaison work. He volunteered during the Section business meeting at the 1997 annual conference.

Larson is the connector between Section members presenting at annual conferences and affiliates that may need a similar presentation for an affiliate meeting. Larson can check the Section presenters at the most recent NCFR conference and help an affiliate arrange a presentation in their state or region.

Larson also will provide assistance to student/new professionals in helping with presentations at affiliate meetings as training or preparation for presenting at the national conference. Larson will help the S/NP make connections with Education and Enrichment Section members who may be able to offer presentation suggestions or guide the S/NP through the presentation as it is being put together.

Larson will attend his Section's business meeting as the Association of Councils' business meeting to enhance the mutual interests between the groups.

Affiliate presidents will soon receive a letter from Larson about the process. The Association of Councils is proud of Larson's willingness to blaze this trail. We hope other Sections will follow.

This is a win-win situation. Let's take advantage of it.

**Anne Stanberry Ph.D. CFLE
Former President
Association of Councils**

Texas

The Texas Council on Family Relations will hold its 52nd annual conference April 16-17 at the Sheraton Houston Brookhollow Hotel. The theme is "Preventing Family Violence and Abuse."

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Ponzetti: *The AC does not require much, and I do not think asking the affiliates to appoint/elect/designate one representative to come to the annual conference (with financial support provided by the AC) would be perceived as too much. Our attendance has not been as high as I would like it to be, and the financial help would hopefully make it easier for people to come. I feel that if they want to be an affiliate, we should see them at least once a year.*

Stanberry: I think we can work this out. How about e-mail correspondence among state affiliate presidents to see if they have ideas about the regional proposal, the tasks/responsibilities involved, etc.? It seems that we will have to “sell” the affiliates on the idea if we want their cooperation.

Ponzetti: *This is part of the problem, as you know, Anne. The communication is so poor that not much of anything happens except at the conference. Everyone is left on their own in between.*

Stanberry: Can you clarify “if AC is to function effectively within NCFR, then there must be a more coherent governance structure created”? What governance structure are you proposing? That each regional representative is responsible for what? What will be the role of the Affiliate presidents?-

Ponzetti: *Each representative is elected/designated to simply attend the annual conference AC sessions so that someone is there who can report back to the region. The representative could be a president, more than one president, or could work with presidents who would attend the conference anyway. We do not need to leave anyone out. We simply want at least one person to attend. The rest of the structure would stay as is.*

Stanberry: I also worry about saying something about the rebates.

Ponzetti: *Mentioning the rebates may alarm some, but I thought that if I didn't mention them, people would ask. We are NOT changing this system. I was saying something to stop folks from going into orbit.*

Stanberry: The ten regions look good to me. It may be that a “region” with some structure is what we need for the International group to feel included.

Response by Norma Bond Burgess
1997-97 AC President-elect:

There seems to be a missing piece: What is the role and responsibility of the regional representatives?

What is the structure and nature of the responsibility of the representatives to their region?

Beyond restructuring with a representative, will there be an additional governance structure? Who/what coordinates the selection of the representative?

We need to state more strongly what the positive outcomes of such a measure might be when/if it is adopted.

Ponzetti: *These are great questions, Norma. I think it is time that the AC do something to create a more manageable*

structure, and I thought that we would be more likely to get ten representatives from the existing affiliates. I think we also are more likely to get funding for 10 than for all 29 of the presidents. It would also promote the state councils to talk to one another in selecting a representative. This person would only function as a representative to the national conference: All local governance would otherwise stay intact unless a region opted for change. The representatives would be the official “voices,” but other people from the state councils or the regions could, of course, still attend the training session and business meeting. We are still respecting the autonomy of the state councils.

Burgess: I understand your argument. At the same time, I think that you would still like to have the support of the affiliates as the AC leadership assumes the responsibility for change—even though a different approach might slow the progress. I would much rather see us going slowly with the group than spending the same amount of time resolving perceptions of “top down” and explaining why the decision was made without the input from the state councils’ leaders. What do you think?

Ponzetti: *In theory I agree with you, but it has been my experience that nothing will happen if the leadership doesn't move it along. The Task Force report is the premise upon which these ideas were made, and I realize that there are some in the AC ranks who may not be excited about any change. I think it may be time to try something new. I can remember talking with Wes Burr (UT) about this same issue over 15 years ago. My idea would not alter the present structure. It would simply ask the state affiliates to work together in designating someone to be at the annual conference. That's it.*

Response by Connie Steele,
1998 AC Program Chair:

Perhaps the following confirms some of the thoughts on this:
Ask AC Presidents in each of the ten regions the following:

1. Does this grouping of affiliates in your area bring together persons with similar needs/concerns regarding families and children?
2. If so, nominate a representative for your region to come to NCFR's conference in November.
3. Send your representative nomination to Jim Ponzetti together with other affiliate presidents who plan to come to the conference.
4. Each regional representative and affiliate president (this might be the one president from that region who wants to attend the annual conference) will receive an honorary stipend (amount depends on the budget).
5. Each representative and president (if both can be included) will carry out certain delegate opportunities:
 - a. Attend AC board meeting and training
 - b. Provide feedback through the Affiliate Connection about the quality of AC-sponsored presentations, training session, and proposals needed for the next year's program.

- c. Consider accepting AC officer positions for the next election, if nominated by the AC Nominating Committee.

Response by Maxine Hammonds-Smith, 1997-98 AC
Secretary/Treasurer:

Jim, I applaud your boldness and the futuristic approach you have taken to address what we know is apparent in order to maintain the stability with affiliated councils as well as what is happening to participation of members at the state/local level.

I agree with what Norma Burgess and Anne Stanberry have said. My comments and concerns go a bit further. I believe that it is better to be proactive than to react to a situation much later when state affiliates have folded, and members are no longer involved and have gone to other organizations.

Many of us know how difficult it is at the state level to spark involvement and to get members to actively participate. I feel that the regional approach will spark more participation both among members and by sharing resources.

Change is “different,” and some people take issue with it because the change might not be as clear to some, and for some it takes us out of our comfort zones.

I believe a well thought-out plan that will outline how the regions and states could benefit would be most helpful in marketing and promoting the idea. For example, states that are having smaller turnouts for their own annual meetings and conferences could benefit from having regional conferences. At the same time, each state could have its own annual meeting, but could come together for conferences.

A regional representative could take leadership for regional functions (whatever they may be) and at the annual conference. Maybe a special session could be presented during the 1998 AC business meeting to address some of the specifics. A strategic plan will be needed and someone to present it in a session that specifically deals with “Changing for the Future.”

Summarizing thoughts by Ponzetti:

The question is now in front of you: What should we do? I look forward to hearing from the affiliates. In fact, all of us would! Please let us know what you think about the future course of the AC:

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Taking the
Conference
Home

If you weren't able to attend NCFR's annual conference in November 1997, you missed an opportunity to participate in many excellent sessions.

This article continues the session summaries that were made by Association of Councils members.

“Lesbian Mothers, Gay Fathers and Their Children,” Charlotte J. Patterson. Research Update for Practitioners session 216. 97-V6. Videotape available from NCFR, \$39.95 members; \$49.95 non-members.

Dr. Charlotte Patterson, professor of psychology at the University of VA, offered an engaging and extremely informative presentation on gay and lesbian parenting. Dr. Patterson used controversy surrounding books like **Heather Has Two Mommies** and **Daddy's Roommate** to set the stage for an examination of social responses to gay and lesbian parenting, including legal challenges which have confronted such parents. Her review of the literature suggested that children of lesbian and gay parents seem to develop normally.

Throughout her presentation, Dr. Patterson highlighted contemporary social and legal contexts in which questions about gay and lesbian parenting are occurring. For instance, Bottoms vs. Bottoms was a very public and controversial court battle in Virginia in 1993. Sharon Bottoms was challenged by her own mother for custody of her young son, Tyler. In this case, the Circuit Court judge gave custody of Tyler to her grandmother, calling Sharon an unfit mother because she is lesbian.

Patterson suggested that cases like this one have served as an important impetus for generating research in the area. Apparent judicial concerns about children of lesbian and gay parents include questions surrounding: a) sexual identity (Will children raised by lesbian or gay parents be confused about gender identity? Will they behave like the opposite sex? Will they grow up to be lesbian or gay?); b) other aspects of personal development (Will they be socially maladjusted? Will they have behavior problems?); c) social development (Will they be stigmatized by peers? Will they be disadvantaged by having no male or female role models? Will they be sexually abused?).

Dr. Patterson reported that the research suggests no evidence of problems for children in gay and lesbian families in each of these areas. Anecdotal reports from children in such families fail to offer any reason for alarm; some stories are positive: “You have two moms? How cool! I wish I had 2 moms!” Some are matter of fact: “Who is that other man?” “He's my father's husband.”; and some are more negative: “I don't know what the other kids would do if they knew.”

New data from Tasker and Golombok (**Growing Up in a Lesbian Family**, 1997) and the Bay Area Families See *RUP* on Page 24

Approach Media Interview as Business Meeting

These days even the smallest organizations can find themselves face to face with the news media. Some organizations in pursuit of publicity initiate the interaction. Others find themselves unwilling subjects of the media spotlight. In either case, knowing how to conduct yourself with reporters can have a powerful impact on your organization's image.

The best approach is to view the media interview as a business meeting and prepare for it accordingly.

With this framework in mind, the most common errors that plague interview subjects are:

1. Not Preparing for the Interview

Frequently, an individual's ego gets in the way of a solid interview presentation - This is not the time to "wing it". Facts, figures, other information gathering and a dry run interview with a co-worker or employee should be routine procedure before encounters with the press. Be prepared to support the claims you're making. Keep in mind that it's not the role of the press to simply publish or televise your statements verbatim.

Even if a reporter working on a deadline calls you, ask if you can call back shortly and use that time to collect your thoughts and decide on the thrust of your comments.

2. Wandering off the Subject

During the interview, summarize one to three brief, positive, and complete thoughts. Resist the urge to wander off into other areas. You help the reporter and yourself immeasurably by not volunteering unnecessary and irrelevant information. If you provide the reporter with a few pieces of concise information

that reflect the image you wish to portray, the interview is much less likely to be edited down to meet the reporter's assumptions of the key topics in the conversation.

3. Not Listening to the Questions Asked

You may be so intent on making specific points during an interview that the subject of interest to the reporter becomes lost, more often than not to your detriment.

Listen carefully to the questions asked. If you have some doubt about a question or don't feel comfortable with it, rephrase it to make sure that you understand the question before you answer. Rephrasing the question also gives you time to consider the best possible answer.

In those cases where you have initiated the interview, tailor your message to the reporter's publication. For instance, if you are talking about a conference to national media, highlight those speakers or key ideas that appeal to a national audience. If you are talking to a community reporter, you might discuss how your project impacts the economic growth of the community.

4. Using Technical Jargon

Speak in simple, understandable language. If a technical question is asked, open your response by explaining that the question is technical and will require a somewhat complicated answer. This prepares the reporter and the audience. A well-timed answer with appropriate explanations for technical terms gives you credibility. And always remember to paraphrase technical concepts and jargon with simple, direct language.

5. Creating a Story Where None Existed

Often the reporter asks a routine question, and the response is so involved that the newsperson suddenly begins to think that there is a major, perhaps even adverse, story lurking somewhere in the answer. The most important lesson about dealing with reporters, particularly by phone, and especially those you don't know, is to answer only the question that has been asked. Then decide if you want to provide more information.

If you are unable to answer the question, check to see when the reporter must have the information and arrange to call back.

Gear your answers to the situation. If a reporter's question can be answered quickly and accurately over the

phone, do so. If the answer is complicated, or will require additional briefing of the reporter, suggest that a personal visit be made.

One of the most difficult lessons to learn is that not every question requires a response - sometimes, it's better to tell the reporter that you would simply rather not comment or react.

6. Saying too Much

For most, there is seldom a more stressful situation between two human beings than silence. A good reporter will use silence to elicit information he or she might not get any other way. Learn to be comfortable with silence. Once you have responded to a question, it's time to be quiet.

When you find yourself stumped by a question, reject the knee-jerk impulse to come up with an answer. Instead, admit that you don't know the answer and offer to get back to the reporter once you have the chance to check your records.

7. Going "Off the Record"

The most successful method for not seeing confidential information published is to not give it to anyone. In most news markets, reporters have well established links that enable them to independently verify most information making confidential discussions with reporters almost totally impractical.

8. Controlling a News Story

It certainly is possible and proper to contact a newspaper or broadcast news station in an attempt to clarify a story, particularly if pertinent information has surfaced since the news interview took place. But more often than not, attempts to dramatically change a news story, or even to kill one, result in worse news than the original story itself.

If the material you cover with a reporter is complicated, it's appropriate to offer to go over the story with the reporter once it has been developed to check for accuracy and clarity. However, the time to offer assistance is while the reporter is still with you or is on the telephone. Whether the reporter actually gets back to you to check for accuracy lies totally within reportorial discretion.

9. Shading the Truth

Never, repeat, never lie to a reporter. Books have been written about the messes caused by principals who dodged answers to questions by shading the truth or outright lying. It never pays. The simplest of intentional errors, when

discovered, require incredible amounts of work to repair. Credibility can never fully be restored once this kind of situation has occurred.

Again, if you believe that you can't answer a question for legal or personal reasons, say so. This is always far better than fabricating a response.

10. Interview Follow-up

At the conclusion of the interview, offer the reporter the opportunity to follow up at a later date.

Then try to maintain a dialogue with the reporter by sending along reports and articles you think may be of interest to him or her. Ideally, this material should be about your industry in general, not just your company. Demonstrating that you want to serve as a source of information, rather than merely to satisfy your own self interests, is the best way to build a long-term relationship.

If you would like additional media tips, contact me toll free at 888-781-9331 extension 18.

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The topic for the June issue will be Trade Show Exhibits.

Purdue

Purdue University Council on Family Relations is an official NCFR student affiliate. It is housed within the Purdue University Child Development and Family Studies department.

The organization focuses on fulfilling aspects of NCFR's mission, such as providing service to families, while meeting the professional developmental needs of our undergraduates.

As part of the program, PUCFR recently designed a web page to promote ideas and increase interest. Please visit the site and share your suggestions about the information or the format.

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Study and the Contemporary Families Study were also reviewed, highlighting the fact that such research demonstrates that children of gay and lesbian parents demonstrate no important handicaps. Patterson offers numerous directions/suggestions for future research. She hopes that continuing research might actually begin to explore possible strengths of these family arrangements. In addition, she calls for more longitudinal studies, more population-based sampling, the use of a broader range of measures, and greater attention to the impact of different contexts.

Patterson's RUP presentation was beautifully organized and packed with lots of information. I encourage those interested in the topic to purchase the tape or video and listen to the talk themselves.

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