

CONGRATULATIONS TO***DR. JOAN JURICH*****2015 *FAMILY SCIENCE REVIEW*
OUTSTANDING REVIEWER**

The Executive Board of the Family Science Association began a new tradition in 2015 when they asked the editor of *Family Science Review* to select an outstanding reviewer for the year. Dr. Joan Jurich, Associate Professor of Child and Family Studies at Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, has been selected as the first recipient. As it is with most other academic journals, *Family Science Review* reviewers are un-paid, take time away from their own academic responsibilities, and their efforts often receive very little weight in merit consideration by their own universities and departments. Reviewers are, however, the backbone of an academic peer reviewed journal. They help maintain the rigor and integrity of a discipline, help a discipline grow, and provide a valuable resource to authors who strive to improve their writing skills.

Dr. Jurich's in-depth reviews, often four or five pages in length, provide authors with constructive criticism of their manuscripts and suggestions for improving their revisions. Her reviews thoroughly address every section of a manuscript with each having its own heading. Her comments are continuously numbered which makes it easy for the authors to follow and for them to provide precise revision feedback to the editor. Dr. Jurich is skilled in research design and statistical analysis, as well as having a broad range of knowledge in the family science discipline. While writing a review takes time away from other responsibilities, it is easy to determine that Dr. Jurich is conscientious about serving her profession in her role as a manuscript reviewer.

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