



**2017 Family Science Association  
Teaching Family Science Conference  
Paradise Island, Bahamas • June 12-13, 2017  
The Scholarship of Teaching and Learning in Family Science**

**Call for Proposals:** Have you ever wondered about the effectiveness of your favorite classroom activities, assignments, or experiential learning projects? It's time to intentionally study your teaching practices and student learning outcomes! Examine some of your favorite learning strategies and share your results with a group of family science scholars eager to be better teachers themselves. For this conference, we'd like faculty to not only share innovative teaching strategies, but to also research their effectiveness in meeting desired learning outcomes. What skills, knowledge or beliefs were developed as a result of the practice? How are our students better prepared to become family science professionals as a result of the activity? Submit a 2-page summary of your presentation proposal by **January 15, 2017** to Dr. Erin Boyd-Soisson at [eboyd@messiah.edu](mailto:eboyd@messiah.edu).

**Student Proposals:** Graduate and undergraduate students are encouraged to submit proposals for poster presentations on their favorite or most meaningful classroom experiences. Student proposals should be certain to include factors which made the activity/assignment effective.

**Accommodations:** The conference will be held at Comfort Suites, Paradise Island, Bahamas. The newly renovated junior suites include a parlor lounge with a pullout sofa bed and a main sleeping area (either king bed or two double beds). Enjoy free Wi-Fi, free parking, a complimentary full hot American buffet breakfast, as well as a beautiful outdoor pool. Located adjacent to the Atlantis Resort, all guests also receive complimentary access to Atlantis Resort facilities, including private beaches, 11 pools, 9 water slides, a mile-long tubing river (with waves and rapids), rock climbing, and waterfalls. (Daily admission to Atlantis Resort Water Park typically costs around \$125 and is included in your Comfort Suites hotel charge.) Our conference rate applies for extended dates between June 9 and June 15, 2017. The daily rate per room is \$170 for single/double occupancy, \$210 for triples, and \$250 for quadruples. Bahamian hotels charge additional room fees, including 10.75% resort levy tax; \$5 per person per day, housekeeping gratuity; \$15.95 per person/day energy surcharge; 7.5% government VAT; \$1.60 per person/day pool/beach surcharge. Using the room reservation form on FSA website, it is highly recommended that you reserve your room **NO LATER THAN FEB. 1, 2017**.

**Conference Cost:** Early registration (before March 1, 2017) is \$190 (US) for members, \$250 for non-members. Registration includes two lunches and one dinner.

**Travel:** The nearest airport is Nassau International Airport (NAS), located 30 minutes from Comfort Suites. You will need to arrange your own personal transportation to the hotel by taxi.



If you have questions, please see the Family Association website (<http://www.familyscienceassociation.org/>) or contact: Dr. Raeann Hamon, CFLE [rahamon@messiah.edu](mailto:rahamon@messiah.edu)

