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The Family Science Association (FSA) is an independent organization of family science professionals and students who have joined together to strengthen and enhance the Family Science profession.

The Family Science Association annual conference on the beautiful island of Kauai seems like a long time ago now! I hope that you have had an excellent fall semester thus far. How is excellence defined for you? Smooth? Productive? Hassle-free? Whatever your definition, I hope that you are enjoying it! Here we are, entering the Autumn months, where the trees are about to remind us how beautiful it is to let things go, to rest, to find balance in our work and in our lives. – *Bethany Willis Hepp*

Call for Nominations: Webmaster needed to complete the Board!

Are you interested in deepening your involvement with the Family Science Association and providing service to your field on a national level? Nominations (including self-nominations) are currently being accepted for **Webmaster!** Elections will take place at the FSA Business Meeting at NCFR. Note that nominees do not need to be present to be considered for the position. Please e-mail Bethany Willis Hepp (bwillishepp@towson.edu) for additional information.

Gearing up for NCFR – who's ready?!

Check out the 2019 Conference Schedule (<https://www.ncfr.org/ncfr-2019/conference-schedule>) for some great presentations specific to advance family science and teaching in our discipline. We hope to see as many of you as possible at our business meeting from 7:00am – 8:15am on Thursday, November 21st in the Sundance 3 room (Session #204). You can find us in the electronic program by searching “Meeting of the Family Science Association”. Agenda items include: Executive Board member updates; website committee report/recommendations; discussion about the open Webmaster position, including nominations and voting; and discussion about staggering Secretary and Treasurer roles. Please e-mail Bethany Willis Hepp (bwillishepp@towson.edu) by Friday, November 8th if you would like to add any items to the agenda.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: Deborah (Deb) Barnes Gentry, EdD, CFLE



Position: I am NCFR's Academic Program Review Liaison. However, I am also Associate Dean and Professor Emeritus, College of Applied Science and Technology, Illinois State University. After my many years at ISU, I became Director of Instructional Development (faculty development) at Heartland Community College, Normal, IL for a while.

How long have you been a member of FSA? If memory and notes serve me correctly, I believe I became a member of FSA in 1990. That year, I attended the annual conference, which was held in Bloomington, Indiana. I gave a presentation based on my dissertation. That experience prompted me to become a member. It was energizing to talk with fellow attendees and I was attracted to the mission of the organization.

What do you enjoy most about being a member of FSA? Helping fellow members fulfill the mission of the organization, particularly through the annual conference and journal. Each time I participate in a conference or read an article that appears in the journal, I find I am transformed in some positive way.

What is one thing you are looking forward to doing this fall? Continuing my participation in the International Institute for Teaching and Learning (IITL), a program that brings Chinese professors to Normal to learn about American culture and higher education. This commonly means my husband and I host an evening meal followed by conversation and games. It is rewarding to provide insight into American home and family life for these visitors.

Fun Fact: One of my passions is to travel. I have traveled to 49 of the 50 states in America (all but Alabama) and a dozen countries abroad. In our home, there is a large map mounted on foam core board and then framed. It is fun to place new map tacks in the board when new routes have been taken and new destinations have been reached. There is a color of tack for my travels, one for my husband's travels, and yet another color for travels we have accomplished together. Favorite destinations have been U.S. national parks and lodges.

Family Science Review – Editor's Corner

Family Science Review has recently published the special issue “*Intersections: Understanding Family Diversity and Social Justice in Family Science*” with Ruben P. Viramontez-Anguiano, Ph.D as co-editor. (Volume 23, Issue 2). Volume 23, Issue 3 is about to be published, we are wrapping up the last few details to get it online. Please visit: <http://familyscienceassociation.org/family-science-review> to view our latest publications.

The editorial team is currently working on manuscripts that have been accepted for the “*Re-thinking the Student Role in Teaching and Learning Experiences: A SoTL Approach*”. We have 8 excellent manuscripts in line for copyediting and formatting. We are working to get this issue out before the NCFR conference.

A reminder: *Family Science Review* is seeking manuscripts for a special issue: *Assessment Strategies for the HDFS Classroom* due November 1, 2019. Please visit: <http://familyscienceassociation.org/family-science-review> for details; manuscripts can be sent to Silvia Bartolic, Ph.D., at fsrmanuscripts@gmail.com.

In addition, we have a Professional Development and Reflection Corner (PDRC) which is geared toward reflective pieces. Please contact Debra L. Berke, Ph. D., CFLE at Debra.L.Berke@wilmu.edu; or Nikki DiGregorio, Ph.D. at NDiGregorio@georgiasouthern.edu if you have an idea for a manuscript of this nature you wish to discuss.

If you are interested in becoming a reviewer for *Family Science Review*, please email Silvia Bartolic – fsrmanuscripts@gmail.com. Please provide your CV and list of areas of expertise.

Finally, if you have ideas for a special issue or are hoping to see one in a given area, please let me know. We will be posting a new call at the end of November.

-Silvia K. Bartolic, Family Science Review Editor

LOOKING FOR MORE?

If there is something you would like to see in the Family Science Association quarterly newsletter, let us know!

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