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SUMMER NEWSLETTER

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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.

NEW PRESIDENT'S WELCOME!

While the closing of the Teaching Family Science Conference in June marked the end of Dr. Jennifer Reinke's term as President, it marked the beginning of my own. I am deeply appreciative of the continuity of leadership and knowledge shared among the Executive Board, and am looking forward to a productive two-year term serving this incredible, fast-growing organization! – *Bethany Willis Hepp*

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: Bethany Willis Hepp, PhD, CFLE



Position: I am an Assistant Professor in the Department of Family Studies and Community Development at Towson University outside of Baltimore, Maryland.

How long have you been a member of FSA? I have been a member since June, 2007 when I presented at my first Teaching Family Science conference in Stanley Bridge, Prince Edward Island, Canada. I was a graduate student at the time, and was immediately hooked by the inspirational faculty and professionals that I met, all driven to enhance their skills as teachers and researchers and focused on promoting student learning. Since that time, I have served the FSA as Secretary, Vice President, and now President!

What do you enjoy most about being a member of FSA? I am always energized by the enthusiasm for teaching and learning that permeates the Teaching Family Science conferences held annually. I have enjoyed all 8 that I have participated in since 2007, and especially appreciate that I learn something new that I can incorporate into my teaching pedagogy and interactions with students the very next semester. The opportunity to connect and collaborate with family scholars at our smaller, intimate teaching conference has helped me better connect at NCFR's much larger annual conference, as well as other conferences attended by FSA membership. I find friendly familiar faces everywhere, and am continually inspired by the work our membership is doing to enhance the profession.

What is one thing you are looking forward to doing this summer? I love to travel, and try to spend my summers seeing new places, meeting new people, expanding my horizons, and pushing my comfort zone further and further. In addition to attending the conference in Kauai, I also spent 10 days in Israel, Palestine, and Jordan learning more about conflict, peace-making, and peace-keeping on a geo-political tour with an interdisciplinary group of professors. I will be collecting data in up-state New York in July, relaxing and writing on Cape Cod in August, and gearing up for fall shortly thereafter. Yes – the start of a new academic year is something I look forward to every summer!

CONFERENCE WRAP-UP: From Lihue, Kauai 2019 to Asheville, NC 2020

The 2019 Teaching Family Science conference was a great success, and included more than 30 paper and 25 poster presentations, including undergraduate and graduate student submissions. Conference Co-Chairs Deb Berke and Chloe Merrill hosted a fantastic event, which drew one of the largest groups of conference attendees in several years. We look forward to seeing everyone at the next Teaching Family Science Conference on June 1st and 2nd in Asheville, North Carolina! Look for more information about the next conference posted on the FSA website in the coming months.

MEET YOUR NEW EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS:

Nominations were collected for open Executive Board positions before and at the Teaching Family Science Conference business meeting. Congratulations to the following new Executive Board members!

- Vice-President (2019 – 2021): Nikki DiGregorio, PhD – Georgia Southern University
- Secretary (2019 – 2022): Adam Clark, PhD – University of Arizona
- Treasurer (2019 – 2022): Mark Adams, PhD – Weber State University
- Student/New Professional Representative (2019 – 2022): Pooja Brar – University of Minnesota

Additionally, Nicole Graves and Erin Lavender Stott will be service as Program Chairs-Elect for the 2021 Conference. We hope that those of you who ran for positions this year will consider running for open positions again in the future.

Family Science Review – Editor's Corner

Family Science Review has recently published a new issue (Volume 232, Issue 1)! Please visit: <http://familyscienceassociation.org/family-science-review> to view our latest publications.

For those members who presented work at the Teaching Family Science conference in Hawaii this June, if you are considering turning your presentation into a publication, we are informally collecting manuscripts for an issue on *Intercultural Competence*. If we receive enough publishable manuscripts, this will be the focus of a special issue.

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.

-Silvia K. Bartolic, *Family Science Review* Editor

SEE YOU IN NOVEMBER!

The Conference Program for NCFR 2019 in Fort Worth, Texas has posted online. Please join us for our next Family Science Association meeting on Thursday, November 21st from 7:00am-8:15am (location TBD). Agenda items will be described in the Fall newsletter.

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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