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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.

Those who know me well know that I am not a romantic – quite the opposite, in fact. But a friend recently introduced me to author Nora Roberts and her take on balancing work and family. She said, “...the key to juggling is to know that some balls you have in the air are made of plastic and some are made of glass.” The idea, in short, is that plastic balls bounce when they are dropped – no harm done – but glass balls will shatter. Inevitably, a ball will drop. Knowing how to prioritize the glass over the plastic may be a key to navigating challenging chapters of our lives. Here’s to the unprecedented juggling that many of us are doing in 2020! – Bethany Willis Hepp

We hope to see you virtually at NCFR 2020!

Check out the 2020 Conference Schedule

(<https://www.ncfr.org/ncfr-2020/schedule>) and note that our meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 4th, 10:00 – 11:15am CDT**. Note that that will be 11am for folks in the Eastern Time Zone, 9am in Mountain Time, and 8am in Pacific Time. We hope to have

current members and those interested in becoming members involved, so be sure to invite students and colleagues who have an interest in the scholarship and teaching of Family Science. As Cindy Winter explained to us, there will be a button to join the live stream on the conference platform (Whoova). That meeting link is not yet available, but know that we will send it to our membership as soon as we have it. We are all negotiating negative spaces this year, including our friends planning NCFR! We will update everyone with logistics and log-in information once it becomes available. Agenda items include: Executive Board member updates, discussion about the open 2022 Conference Program Chair-Elect Board position (see below) including nominations and voting, and the call for our upcoming 2021 Teaching Family Science Conference. Please e-mail Bethany Willis Hepp (bwillishepp@towson.edu) by Friday, October 30th if you would like to add items to the agenda.



Call for Nominations: 2022 Conference Program Chair-Elect

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 **the 2022 Conference Program Chair-Elect!** 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.

Hello from the website co-managers Catherine and Jenn:

We have been hard at work this summer and fall on making sure our new website (<https://www.familyscienceassociation.org/>) is informative and helpful. Our membership registration and renewal process has been streamlined and is ready for you to renew your membership! We are now working to build out pages for the Family Science Review. If you have feedback or questions about the process, please feel free to contact us at webmaster@familyscienceassociation.org.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: Pooja Brar, PhD, CFLE-P

Position: Hi folks, I'm Pooja Brar and I recently started in a new position as Assistant Professor in the Department of Family Studies and Community Development at Towson University. I completed my PhD in the Department of Family Social Science and a Postdoctoral Fellowship in the Department of Pediatrics both at the University of Minnesota. I have an interest in adolescent sexual health, mental health, and parent-child communication.



How long have you been a member of FSA? I have been a member of Family Science Association since Fall 2018. I happen to accidentally attend one of FSA's meetings at NCFR and was excited to learn of their focus on teaching family science. I was motivated to join the group because it satisfied my desire to grow as a teacher whereas all my other experiences had helped me hone my research skills.

What do you enjoy most about being a member of FSA? The most enjoyable part of being a member of FSA is meeting other people who are equally interested and invested in teaching. I am also excited about connecting with graduate students who are interested in cultivating their teaching skill sets as they move into the job market and beyond. Teaching family science courses in an engaging and effective manner requires knowledge and practice and I believe FSA can help support educators in achieving those goals.

What is one thing you are looking forward to doing this fall? In the near future I am looking forward to moving offline and teaching in person. While it's been fun to learn all the ways Zoom can be used to teach synchronously I look forward to getting back in the classroom with my students.

Fun Fact: A fun fact about me is that I love watching older British comedies like "Are you Being Served," "Last of the Summer Wine," and "Keeping up Appearances."

Family Science Review – Editor's Corner

COVID-19 has impacted everyone this year, including multiple authors and reviewers who needed additional time to accommodate family care-giving and other pandemic-related issues since spring. Happily, the editorial team for the *Family Science Review* is currently working on finalizing an issue and preparing an upcoming regular issue in advance of our most recent special call.

As a reminder, *Family Science Review* is seeking manuscripts for a special issue: *Pedagogy in the Wake of a Pandemic* due December 1, 2020. Please visit: <https://www.familyscienceassociation.org/journal/> for details. Questions and manuscripts can be directed to Guest Editors Debra L. Berke, Ph. D., CFLE at Debra.L.Berke@wilmu.edu or Nikki DiGregorio, Ph.D. at NDiGregorio@georgiasouthern.edu.

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 Karen Doneker – 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. I would like to extend my gratitude to Silvia Bartolic, whose assistance during my transition to this role has been tremendous. I look forward to working with everyone!

-Karen L. Doneker, Family Science Review Editor

LOOKING FOR MORE?

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

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