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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.

Happy New Year! I love the idea of 2020 vision for this new decade, and identifying a word-of-the-year to purposefully set intentions for the months to come. More than a resolution, your word can be a guidepost to help you on whatever journey you set for yourself. My word is BALANCE. What is yours? The FSA can be a great vehicle for you to achieve your 2020 goals. Interested in improving your teaching pedagogy, or sharing your great work with others? Join us for the 2020 conference in Asheville, North Carolina on June 1st and 2nd! Want to expand your service to the field? Consider joining the list of reviewers for the Family Science Review. Let the Family Science

Association help you achieve your 2020 goals. – *Bethany Willis Hepp*

Teaching Family Science Proposal Submission Extension!

Need extra time to finalize your proposal for the June 2020 conference in Asheville, NC? You aren't alone! In an effort to accommodate multiple requests for extra time during this busy back-to-campus time, the deadline has been pushed back to **Wednesday, January 22nd**. Please visit our webpage (www.familyscienceassociation.org/conference) for the full call for proposals. E-mail Meeshay Williams Wheeler (mwwheele@ncat.edu) for additional information and/or to submit your 2-page presentation proposal.



Family Science Association Business Meeting Re-Cap

The FSA meeting was held at the 2019 National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference in Fort Worth, Texas. The new Executive Board is continuing to transition financial, social media, and other information from previous to current leadership since elections were finalized over summer 2019. Family Science Review Editor Silvia Bartolic provided an update current and upcoming journal issues, and shared options for updating the journal cover. She also called for members with hard copies of early issues of the Family Science Review and the Teaching Family Science to contact her so those past issues can be scanned and uploaded online. The Website Committee, led by Jenn Greiving, provided a summary of different website options as the Association makes plans to update and modernize to increase functionality and accessibility. **Congratulations are in order!** We elected two new members of the Executive Board – Catharine Dutton and Jennifer Greiving – who will serve as Co-Web Managers. Look for website changes this spring 2020!

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: Raeann Hamon, PhD, CFLE

Position: Distinguished Professor of Family Science and Gerontology and Chair of Human Development and Family Science Department at Messiah College.

How long have you been a member of FSA? I've been a member since at least 1997. I was motivated to join because I love to teach well and I appreciate all of the fantastic, tangible strategies and assignments that we share at the Teaching Family Science Conference.



What do you enjoy most about being a member of FSA? Of course, the Teaching Family Science Conference is the **best**. I can always expect to take home multiple teaching ideas that I hope to employ after the conference. Being a smaller conference, I also value the relationships that I've developed with so many people who return year after year. Plus, I love the adventures that we usually connect to the conference and the fact that we can bring family members and appreciate the location before or after the conference. However, I am also grateful that the Family Science Association sponsors a journal on teaching in family science, as it fills a particular niche not available elsewhere.

What is one thing you are looking forward to doing this fall? Family time is the best! I bought train tickets to New York City for one of the weekends of spring break. My husband, daughter, one of her friends, another couple, and I will be seeing Lion King on Broadway. We also want to visit the Freedom Tower and other great sites in NYC.

Fun Fact: I enjoy antiquing, though I don't get to do it often. I like attending auctions and antique shops. I also enjoy Antiques Roadshow (a television program). We have a Victorian house that we restored, built in 1892, so I appreciate old things.

Family Science Review – Editor's Corner

Family Science Review published the third issue of 2019 in December. Please visit: <http://familyscienceassociation.org/family-science-review> to view this latest publications. The journal is currently seeking submissions for a special issue, *Transforming Family Contexts Through Education*, due February 15th, 2019. For this special issue of *Family Science Review*, scholarly papers on early childhood education, education of parents, parent involvement within the school, post-secondary education, education in different cultures, and education's related factors such as social mobility, financial security, and job security, will be reviewed. The issue will also serve as a platform to discuss current and future directions for child and family education policies. Please visit: <http://familyscienceassociation.org/family-science-review> for details; manuscripts can be sent to Silvia Bartolic, Ph.D. at fsrmanuscripts@gmail.com.

Thank you to Neha Sharma and Kirsten Tarasoff who are working on scanning older issues of the journal so they can be posted and assigned doi numbers. It is a big job, and one that will benefit everyone greatly! 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.

-Silvia K. Bartolic, Family Science Review Editor

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

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