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SPRING 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.

Is it June yet?

I hope your spring semester is wrapping up nicely as we rapidly approach the 2022 Teaching Family Science conference in fabulous Colorado Springs. It is hard to believe that an entire year has passed since I began my term as President, as I am still learning so much. I remain incredibly grateful to the Executive Board and Family Science Association (FSA) members, who continue to drive this organization and our community of family science teachers and scholars forward.

– Nikki DiGregorio

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: Open Executive Board Positions

For many, the FSA is a service gateway to leadership in our field. Please consider what kind of work you'd like to see come from this organization in the future and how you may be able to contribute as part of our evolving Executive Board.

Treasurer

The Treasurer of the FSA is responsible for the following:

- Oversee all financial matters of the organization
- Pay organization expenses
- Track funds
- Collect manuscript fees
- Collect dues from members
- Collect fees from conference attendees prior to conference and during conference (settle all related financial matters to association events [i.e., reimbursements])
- Oversee refunds related to organization expenses (in conjunction with the President granting permission for any refund)
- Track membership in conjunction with the Secretary (especially dues payments)
- Oversee primary accounts (currently Key bank and PayPal)
- Report to the FSA Executive Board on disposition of funds
- Maintain financial records

Secretary

The Secretary of the FSA is responsible for the following:

- Record minutes at FSA Executive Board meetings
- Manage correspondence with FSA members via FSA email address
- Disseminate FSA newsletter to active members
- Track membership in conjunction with the Treasurer (especially for dues payments)

Please consider nominating yourself or someone you believe would be a good fit for either position on our Executive Board. Email your nominations to ndigregorio@georgiasouthern.edu

2022 TEACHING FAMILY SCIENCE CONFERENCE IS ALMOST HERE!

Conference Theme – Supporting the Holistic Student



("Garden of the Gods," 2021, via gardenofgods.com)

Thank you to all that submitted proposals for the 2022 Teaching Family Science Conference! Conference Co-Chairs, Silvia Bartolic, PhD, and Jennifer Reinke, PhD, are excited to host presentations centered around how educators can effectively support students' holistic lives in and out of the classroom and how principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion can be used to inform best practices in this area. We hope to see you in Colorado Springs, CO, June 13-14. More information about the 2022 TFS Conference, registration cost, and accommodations can be found [here](#).

NOT ABLE TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE? PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

Your membership dues help us continue to increase access and dissemination of the great work of our organization! Your membership dues are needed to continue to expand access and disseminate more broadly the work of our organization as we grow the journal and strengthen our online presence. Please visit [FSA's new website](#) to renew your membership; we offer special rates for students and professionals. Membership comes with discounts on the annual conference registration fees, members-only access to previous conference presentations (including sample syllabi, evidence-based teaching strategies, and rubrics), voting rights within the Association, opportunities for professional advancement, and connection and community-building around teaching Family Science!

FSA WEBSITE UPDATE: Greetings from the Website Team

The website team has been hard at work adding both visible content and behind-the-scenes improvements to make the website a welcoming and useful resource. We are continuing to catalog and upload past issues of the Family Science Review and materials from previous TFS conferences – as you can imagine, it's a big project. As you navigate the website, if you find any issues such as broken links or incorrect files, please send us a note at webmaster@familyscienceassociation.org. We appreciate your help!

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: Timothy Ottusch, PhD

Position: Associate Professor of Practice in Family Studies and Human Development, University of Arizona

How long have you been a member of FSA? I have been a member of the Family Science Association for two years.

What do you enjoy most about being a member of FSA? I really appreciate the community feel. I have always had the sense we are out to support each other and foster better teaching and education in our field.

What is one thing you are looking forward to doing this Summer?

I'm really looking forward to traveling, hopefully spending more time in Michigan (where I'm originally from) and seeing family and friends we haven't seen since before the Pandemic. Our family also loves going to soccer games so hopefully going to see the Portland Thorns and Timbers in Oregon when we travel there, or FC Tucson here in Arizona.



CALL FOR REVIEWERS: Family Science Review

Family Science Review is seeking reviewers to help evaluate and review manuscripts submitted for publication consideration. This is a wonderful opportunity to provide service to the organization, further the discipline of family science, and support innovative original research and the scholarship of teaching and learning within family science. For more information, please contact our Editor-in-Chief, Karen Lee Doneker (kdonekermancini@towson.edu) or Nikki DiGregorio (ndigregorio@georgiasouthern.edu).

Family Science Review – Editors' Corner

I continue to work and adapt our processes with the publication of the journal. While I could focus on the challenges and barriers we have faced throughout the last year since I took over as editor-in-chief, a temptation that could easily lead me down a rabbit hole of challenges due to covid 19, changing expectations of faculty workload, new technology and platforms, and a desire to build the status and impact of the *Family Science Review*, I would like to utilize the editor's corner over the next few months to highlight the progress toward the goals presented at the NCFR meeting.

We are in the final stage of addressing the manuscripts that were stalled during the transition and the pandemic. This process has allowed analysis of factors that cause delays and will inform more changes in the submission of manuscripts and the decision and editing process. While there were delays, the integrity of the review process has been maintained. In addition, the online first publication process has been established and several ideas for a swifter turnaround from review to publication are being tested.

The online first publication process is going to maximize the expertise of our wonderful webmasters and will provide a process for long term maintenance of the documentation of the copy right and sustainability of the archives. Jenn and Catherine, our newly re-elected webmasters, have explored new possibilities of cross referencing the journal, so with the new processes and a goal of shorter time to publication, we hope to meet the threshold of publications for expansion into new databases and greater readership.

The next special issue, "[Family Science Careers through the Eyes of Theory](#)," will be devoted to theoretical and practice papers which reveal how family science professionals apply family theories in an array of professional contexts; if you are still considering submitting, there is still time! Research in Family Science is critical and I hope you will consider the *Family Science Review* for publication of your research in the future.

Best Regards,
Karen Lee Doneker, Editor-in-Chief

Special Issue Published: Pedagogy in the Wake of a Pandemic

Thank you to those who contributed to the recently published special issue of [Family Science Review, "Pedagogy in the Wake of a Pandemic,"](#) and a very special thank you to those who served as reviewers.

Sincerely,
Nikki DiGregorio, PhD, Guest 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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