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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.

## Summer is upon us!

After a fantastic Teaching Family Science conference in Colorado Springs this past June, I am further inspired to continue my work with the Family Science Association (FSA). I am thrilled to announce that FSA has obtained 501(c)(3) status and I will have more information to share about this at our Fall business meeting. Please see below for important dates and information as there are many great things on the FSA horizon!

– Nikki DiGregorio

## MEET YOUR NEW EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS:

### Congratulations to the following new Executive Board members!

- Secretary (2022 – 2025): Adam Clark, PhD – University of Arizona
- Treasurer (2022 - 2025): Heather R. Kennedy, PhD, LPC, CFLE – University of Nebraska Kearney
- 2024 Conference Chair Elect – Bethany Willis Hepp, PhD, CFLE – Towson University

## CONFERENCE WRAP-UP: 2022 Teaching Family Science Conference

The 2022 Teaching Family Science Conference was a great success full of presentations, workshops, and posters. A sincere thank you to our 2022 Conference co-chairs Jennifer Reinke, PhD and Silvia Bartolic, PhD, who did a phenomenal job hosting a fantastic conference this past June!

## 2023 TEACHING FAMILY SCIENCE CONFERENCE CALL FOR PROPOSALS:

### Conference Theme – Preparing Practitioners: Bridging Theory to Application



[Bird Girl Statue in Bonaventure Cemetery – featured in the novel *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* (Berendt, 1994)]

The 2023 Teaching Family Science Conference Advisory Committee, Co-Chaired by Jenn Gonyea, PhD, and Meeshay Williams-Wheeler, PhD, welcomes proposals that reflect thoughtful and innovative approaches to teaching students how to connect content and theory to experience and practice. Faculty and students are invited to share how they prepare practitioners through posters, presentations, and roundtables. We hope to see you in Savannah, GA, June 12-13, 2023. More information about the 2023 TFS Conference, including the full call for proposals, registration cost, and accommodations can be found [here](#).

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE NEXT FSA BUSINESS MEETING!

### Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> 12:00pm – 1:00pm (EST) on Zoom

FSA membership recently voted to amend Article VI of our organization's bylaws in support of hosting our Fall FSA Business meeting virtually. This shift will make the FSA Business meeting in October more accessible for our broader membership and all are welcome! Our Fall FSA Business meeting will be held on Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, from 12:00pm – 1:00pm (EST) on Zoom utilizing this [link](https://georgiasouthern.zoom.us/j/83922753586), which will be disseminated again in our Fall FSA newsletter (<https://georgiasouthern.zoom.us/j/83922753586>).

## FSA WEBSITE UPDATE: Greetings from the Website Team

If you've ever found it difficult to find effective classroom activities, sample syllabi, and/or sample assignments for the family science classroom, we are excited to announce a brand new feature on the Family Science Association website: the [Resource Nexus](#)! The [Resource Nexus](#) is a members-only feature that will serve as a repository for past conference materials and curated teaching resources. You'll be able to search the nexus by category, keywords, and author. If you have materials in the Nexus, you'll be able to see how many times people have downloaded them - helpful information for merit or promotion. All of the materials in the Nexus use a [Creative Commons NC-BY](#) license - meaning that people can download and use your materials for non-commercial purposes, but must give you attribution/credit for them ([see a sample attribution here](#)).

We have added materials from the 2022 Teaching Family Science conference and are in the process of adding materials from past conferences. **Here's where you come in:** do you have an amazing classroom activity or assignment? Maybe you have a reading list (like Jenn does) of graphic novels with diverse family representation? A visual/graphic syllabus (like Catherine does) that invites students to actually **read** it? You can submit it to the Resource Nexus! We will be opening the Nexus to FSA member submissions on August 1. Our Nexus Nerds will review your submission and once accepted, post it in the Resource Nexus. You can then list it in your CV as a peer-reviewed resource publication. You'll be hearing more about the Resource Nexus in future newsletters as it continues to develop - there is more exciting news in store! If you have any questions, feedback on the website, or ideas for future tech features, let us know:

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## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: Heather R. Kennedy, PhD

**Position:** Associate Professor in the Family Science program at the University of Nebraska Kearney.

**How long have you been a member of FSA?** I've been a member of FSA since 2021. I have been involved as an author and reviewer with the *Family Science Review* journal since 2018.

**What do you enjoy most about being a member of FSA?** I really enjoy the collaborative feeling in sharing ideas, information, and research at the FSA annual conferences. I also appreciate the focus of the journal and annual conference on teaching and implementable changes to benefit students, teachers, and the broader profession.

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

I am looking forward to a trip to Glacier National Park for some backpacking and rafting!

**What is one fun fact about you that will help people get to know you better?**

I love to spend time with my adorable goldendoodle, Gabi, and I summited Half Dome at Yosemite last summer!



## 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](mailto:kdonekermancini@towson.edu)).

## *Family Science Review* – Editor's Corner

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*Family Science Review* is shifting to a new platform. MStracker is being phased out as we integrate Scholastica for the publication submission and review process. One significant benefit to the Scholastica platform is the ability to keep all communication within the platform and thus alleviate the use of private emails within the editorial staff. This is even more significant now that we have a team to facilitate the review, editing, formatting, copy editing and publication online in-house! We hope to be able to be able to maintain a consistent timeline to publication and broaden the scope of research included in the journal.

With the new editorial team we will be providing feedback and support to ensure compliance with APA 7. APA 7 makes it easier for authors to differentiate between peer reviewed publications, research reports, and other social media platforms and news outlets. Finally, as the editorial staff has differentiated a workflow that utilizes our strengths and helps us work smarter and more efficiently, that will allow for myself, as editor, to support authors in broader conversations and mentorship on research methodology. *Family Science Review* is entering a new era and I hope you will consider the journal for publication of your research in the future.

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

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## 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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