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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.

Spring Reflections

Welcome, Family Science Association members and friends, to our spring newsletter! I hope that you are all able to enjoy some sunshine and warmth in your areas! Longer days and looking forward to the conclusion of the semester all bring a positive outlook to this time of year. One thing I hope we are all looking forward to is spending time together in **Wilmington, NC** for our **2026 Teaching Family Science Conference on June 15th-16th**. The registration deadline is May10th, so make sure you don't miss out! Read on for the latest updates and happenings in the Family Science Association. We look forward to hearing from you!

~ Kate Riera, President

FSA Board News

Opportunity to join Editorial Team (appointed, 3-year term)

Work with the team who keeps the Family Science Review and the FSA website running! Bring your editorial and/or web expertise to the team OR bring your desire to learn about both to the team. There is a lot to do and we need your help!

Teaching Family Science 2028 Conference Chair(s)

Are you interested in hosting the 2028 Teaching Family Science conference? Do you have a location you think would be a great fit for the conference? This is a great leadership opportunity for those who like event planning! We will officially begin soliciting the 2028 Conference Chair at our upcoming 2026 Conference.

If you are interested in these or any other positions or would like to learn more, please reach out to kriera@udel.edu. Keep an eye out in the future for additional opportunities!

2026 TEACHING FAMILY SCIENCE CONFERENCE: Register by May 10th!

Conference Theme – Teaching Family Science Amidst Growth and Change



[Wilmington, NC Waterfront]

Make sure you are registered for the 2026 TFS Conference to be held in Wilmington, North Carolina on June 15-16! Co-chairs Meeshay Williams-Wheeler and Teresa Brooks Taylor have been working hard planning an excellent conference for us. In addition to engaging conference sessions and professional networking, we will also enjoy a dinner river cruise on the Cape Fear River.

Details about registration and hotel accommodations in Wilmington are found on the conference webpage. **Conference registration closes 5/10 and conference hotel rates close 5/13.** Check it out!

Questions and Concerns, Contact Program Chairs
mwwheele@ncat.edu and taylort@mail.etsu.edu

Teaching Corner: Maximizing Summer

To Plan or Not to Plan?

Summer may look a bit different for each one of us between personal and work-related obligations, which may include teaching, research, reading, writing, or travel. We all face an important decision though as we prepare for summer. Two articles from *Inside Higher Ed* extol the virtues of two very different approaches, either having a plan and reading list going into summer by Making the Most of Summer Plans or conversely In Praise of Ditching the Summer To-Do List completely. So, which team are you on for summer, to plan or not to plan? Let us know on our social media accounts!

Journal News: Family Science Review

NEW ISSUE SPOTLIGHT

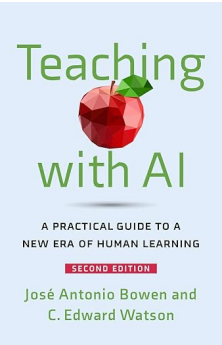
We are excited to highlight and share the newest 2026 issue of Family Science Review, Volume 30 Issue 1. This issue features research articles on varied topics such as using a simulation of homelessness as a pedagogical tool to an analysis of sleep training narratives in child development. Additionally, this issue features submissions in the Professional Development and Reflection Corner on being a sandwich generation mother working in academia and implementing socio-political consciousness in HDFS classrooms.

CALL FOR REVIEWERS

The 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).

FSA Book Club Updates

First meeting a success!



The FSA Book Club is digging into *Teaching with AI: A Practical Guide to a New Era of Human Learning* and engaged in spirited dialogues during their first zoom meeting. The next discussion will be soon in early May, with a final one anticipated for June. There is still time to join in the conversation! Contact our SNP representative Ellie Wroten (ewroten@mcneese.edu) if you are interested.

Looking for another good read?

If you are making that summer reading list (see our Teaching Corner above), many excellent suggestions and book recommendations related to Family Science and/or teaching and submitted by our members can be found here. We would love to have you continue to add to it! Thanks to our new SNP rep Ellie Wroten who compiled all of the suggestions into this shared list.

Call for Submissions: Teaching Human Development and Family Science: Active Learning for Engaged Students

FSA member Elissa Thomas Mitchell shares a call for submission to an edited volume on teaching family science. The deadline for submissions has been extended to June 7th, 2026. Faculty and instructors of HDFS are invited to contribute to this edited volume which is intended for new and experienced instructors alike and will bring together creative, research-informed, and ready-to-implement active learning strategies tailored to the unique needs of HDFS courses. Submissions may focus on either reflections on various topics related to teaching in HDFS or activities and assignments for instructors to use and adapt in their own teaching. See the call for submissions for full details!

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

Interested in learning the editorial process? The editorial team needs assistance and is looking for someone to join the team. The individual will participate in weekly team meetings and have the chance to explore and learn all the levels of the editorial process including formatting and webpage development. Editorial board experience is not required. This is a great opportunity to gain experience. Please email journal@familysciencereview.org if you are interested.

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

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Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/FamilyScienceAssociation

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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