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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 Reflections

Welcome to our summer newsletter! As we enjoy these last weeks of longer days and sunshine, we're thrilled to bring you the latest news, research, and opportunities from the world of family science. This season is a wonderful time to reflect on the innovative work happening in our field and to connect with fellow professionals dedicated to understanding and supporting families. We know many of you are already looking ahead and preparing for the upcoming academic year, and we share your **hope and excitement** for the impactful work that lies ahead in educating the next generation of family scientists. We're still buzzing from the success of our recent **Teaching Family Science Conference in beautiful Costa Rica**, a truly inspiring event that fostered rich discussions and valuable connections. Building on that momentum, we're excited to announce that planning is already well underway for our **2026 TFS Conference**, and we can't wait to share more details with you later this year. Dive in to discover engaging articles, upcoming events, and valuable resources designed to enrich your practice and expand your knowledge.

~ Kate Riera, FSA President

FSA Board News

Welcome new Board Members!

In June we officially welcomed our new board members and thanked our outgoing board members for their service! Incoming board members are Adam Clark who will now serve as Vice President (see his spotlight below!), Ashlie Lester as Secretary, and Ellie Wroten as Student/New Professional Rep. Our outgoing board members are Nikki DiGregorio who served as Immediate Past President, Tim Ottusch as Student/New Professional Rep, and Adam Clark completed his term as secretary. Thank you to all of them for their service to FSA and its members!

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!

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

CONFERENCE WRAP-UP: 2025 Teaching Family Science Conference

Our 2025 conference at University for Peace in Costa Rica was an incredible success! Fifty of us gathered to learn from each other and connect after another year. During the conference there were 19 presentations, two poster sessions, business meeting and executive board updates, and lots of trivia and interactive opportunities with prizes! There was also ample time for questions, conversation, and sharing ideas and resources with each other. Don’t forget the delicious Costa Rican cuisine and coffee, as well as the traditional dance and

dinner! Mamta Saxena, Ph.D. and Hilal Kuscal, Ph.D. were our incredible conference chairs and coordinators. They did amazing work finding us a unique venue and opportunity to engage with the culture and mission of Costa Rica and the University for Peace. They also provided us with information to make our travels and stay go smoothly and helped us learn about Costa Rica during our immersive experience there. Thank you, Mamta and Hilal, for the wonderful attention to detail and providing a conference experience that made us all feel refreshed and inspired in our work. Thank you, too, for all who attended and presented for sharing your expertise, ideas, and experiences. Presentations will be available on the Resource Nexus on the FSA website soon.

2026 TEACHING FAMILY SCIENCE CONFERENCE:

Conference Theme – Teaching Family Science Amidst Growth and Change



We are excited to announce that the 2026 TFS Conference will be held in Wilmington, North Carolina on June 15-16. The conference will be chaired by Meeshay Williams-Wheeler, Ph.D. and Teresa Brooks Taylor, M.A.

Details about proposal submission and hotel accommodations in Wilmington will be posted on the FSA webpage later this Fall.

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE NEXT FSA BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday, October 15th 12:00pm – 1:00pm (EST) on Zoom

All are welcome to attend our FSA Business meeting in October! We hope meeting on Zoom will make the meeting more accessible and allow more of us to attend. Please use this link to join (https://udel.zoom.us/j/92529046843 Passcode: 677458).

Journal News: Family Science Review

CALL FOR REVIEWERS

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).

RECENT EDITION- Hot off the presses!

Check out our most recently published issue of the Family Science Review, with several thought-provoking articles. Of particular interest is the Statement from the Editors, which was also shared at our June Business Meeting in Costa Rica.

We want your input!

General Interest Survey

A survey link was shared at our June conference to solicit member and attendee ideas on various FSA related topics of general interest from Social Media platforms to future conference themes and locations. Please share your thoughts with us using this link!

Student/New Professional Survey

Our new SNP Rep Ellie Wroten also shared a survey link and is asking all students and new professionals to weigh in! Keep an eye out for the first book club selection to be announced later this fall, which will be open to all who are interested.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: Adam Clark, Ph.D.



Position: I am an associate professor of practice in the Department of Human Development and Family Science at the University of Arizona.

How long have you been a member of FSA? I have been an FSA member since 2018

What do you enjoy most about being a member of FSA? I love being able to connect with other instructionally minded family science professors, especially at the Teaching Family Science Conference. It's a wonderfully supportive and engaged community!

What is one thing you are looking forward to doing this summer? I am looking forward to spending time with family and friends, playing games, and being outdoors.

What is one fun fact about you that will help people get to know you better? I'm a huge nerd! I love reading fantasy and science fiction novels, playing board games, and watching movie and TV adaptations of my favorite books and characters

***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

Don't forget to look for us to connect on our newest platforms!

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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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