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WINTER 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.

Winter Reflections

2025 is off to an exciting start for FSA! We have newly elected Board members joining soon, major advances for the Family Science Review, and plans underway for our next Teaching Family Science Conference in Costa Rica in June (remember to submit your proposal by January 20!). I am grateful to our Board members for their continued dedication and hard work – we have an amazing team who care deeply for FSA, our field, and our members. I am looking forward to all that will emerge in the new year!

– Laura Evans, President

Welcome to Elected Board Members!

Student/New Professional (elected, 3-year term)

Elizabeth (Ellie) Wroten, M.S. (University of Delaware) was elected to this role and will begin her term in the spring/summer.

Secretary (elected, 3-year term)

Ashlie Lester, Ph.D. (University of Missouri) was elected to the role and will begin her term in the summer.

Become Part of the FSA Team:

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 this position or would like to learn more about it, please reach to lme20@psu.edu.

EXCITING NEWS FROM THE FAMILY SCIENCE REVIEW:

The Family Science Review is now indexed in ERIC!

This allows for more widespread access to articles published in FSR which is advantageous to our authors and the journal. It is also a step to being indexed with other databases as well. Please note that articles from 2022 and forward will be indexed at this point. It is possible that older issues will be added at a later date.

This major advancement would not have happened without the tireless dedication of Jenn Greiving and Catherine Dutton. FSA is forever indebted to them for their countless hours of work, vision for the organization and the journal, and belief that what we do as a community deserves recognition from a wider audience. Thank you – Jenn and Catherine. We all benefit from the work you have done for us, and our wholehearted gratitude is immense.

2025 TEACHING FAMILY SCIENCE CONFERENCE:
Conference Theme – Breaking Boundaries in Teaching: A World of Perspectives



[University for Peace Campus,]

The 2025 TFS Conference will be held at the University for Peace campus in San Jose, Costa Rica on June 12-13 (Thursday-Friday). The conference will be chaired by Mamta Saxena and Hilal Kuscul.

Details about proposal submission and hotel accommodations in San Jose can be found on the conference web page here.

The last date for proposal submission will be Jan 20, 2025
Check Passport Application Information and Visa and Other Information Here.

Questions and Concerns Contact Program Chairs at mamta.saxena@oswego.edu and hilal.kuscul@uconn.edu

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).

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: Ashlie Lester, Ph.D.



Position: Associate Teaching Professor in the Department of Human Development and Family Science at the University of Missouri.

How long have you been a member of FSA? I have been a FSA member since 2019.

What do you enjoy most about being a member of FSA? I really appreciate the community of this organization. It's large enough that I meet new people and learn about new approaches each year, but it's small enough that I get to know fellow members. I come back from conferences so energized about new ideas for my courses. It reaffirms the importance of and my commitment to teaching this content.

What is one thing you are looking forward to doing this winter or spring? I always look forward to spring gardening. Seeing tiny things grow into something large and beautiful for years to come is so fun to me. Professionally, I look forward to seeing the graduate students I advise completing their capstones and graduating from the program. They will be bringing their knowledge and skills about human services to their home communities, and it's really exciting to see the impact of that on people's lives.

What is one fun fact about you that will help people get to know you better? Here's two: I love hiking, and I think peanut butter makes everything better.

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

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