



National Council on Family Relations
Linking family research, education, and practice

Student/New Professional Representative's Handbook
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National Council on Family Relations Mission Statement

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A Word from the Executive Director of the National Council on Family Relations

Student and new professional members in the National Council on Family Relations challenge the status quo, infuse new ideas and stimulate frank discussions about our relevance in society. To them NCFR owes its gratitude and our promise to provide opportunities to lead and develop careers that strengthen families through research, education, and public policy.

Thank you for choosing NCFR.

- Diane Cushman, Executive Director of NCFR

Description of NCFR Activities

The National Council on Family Relations:

- Provides a forum for family researchers, educators, and practitioners to share in the development and dissemination of knowledge about families and family relationships, establishes professional standards, and works to promote family well-being.
- Publishes three scholarly journals — *Journal of Marriage and Family*, *Family Relations*, and the *Journal of Family Theory and Review*— plus books, audio/video tapes, and learning tools. NCFR sponsors an Annual Conference of juried cutting-edge research papers, methods, and practices including research updates for practitioners' sessions, and awards for research and services conducted in the family field.
- Promotes family life education, sets criteria and guidelines for family life education curriculum, develops other family life education publications and products, and certifies family life educators.
- Fosters dialogue among family professionals through interaction at the annual Conference, state/regional Affiliate Councils, special interest Sections, and Focus Groups. NCFR members actively pursue networking and collaboration via the newsletter REPORT Internet, list serves, discussion forums, task forces and committees.

Statement from Past NCFR President On The Role of S/NPs

NCFR is particularly committed to its students and new professionals. They have an elected role in each section, and are represented on the Board of Directors and the Program Planning Committee for the annual meeting. Their voices are important to us and we value their involvement. A few years ago I asked some of my graduate students who had attended their first NCFR conference how they liked the annual meeting. They said that they learned a lot, but more than that everyone was so friendly to them. I think that many of us first joined NCFR as graduate students and new professionals, so now, in turn, we really try to be supportive of them. A new professional recently told me that she liked being a NCFR member and going to our meetings, because NCFR was an "organization with a heart."

When I encourage students and other interested persons to become members of NCFR, they often ask "Should I join a section, and why?" Although joining one or more sections is optional, it is a key to involvement in our organization. NCFR sections are particularly helpful to student and new professional members. Since sections more intimately address individual and group needs, members can give their unique voice to issues, solutions, and future endeavors. Sections also provide opportunities to develop a leadership path toward the future of their choice. All sections have a Student/New Professional Representative as an officer, so student interests and needs can be represented in that section. It should be noted that several sections also provide monetary support for S/NP's. Some sections offer travel funds to the national meeting for the S/NP representatives or provide travel awards for the best proposals/papers written and presented by S/NP's at NCFR's Annual Meeting, whereas other sections fund a policy internship or dissertation award. Since funding varies based on the number of section members and other sources of income, you may want to check with your section of interest to see what monetary support is available.

To illustrate the importance of sections for Student/New Professionals, I think it is best to share the reactions of a S/NP to his involvement with sections and what it has meant to him. Bill Rose, who is currently an Assistant Professor at Towson University, commented that he was completely overwhelmed when he first came to NCFR as a graduate student. The enormity of the conference made him feel disengaged and aimless. A few kind people, both S/NP's and more seasoned professionals, encouraged him to find a section that appealed to him and get involved. He became involved with three sections and "fell in love" with NCFR. He was doing meaningful projects, meeting prominent and informative scholars and leaders in the field, and most importantly found direction and purpose. He perceived that at the section level, there is so much that S/NP's can do and contribute. Joining sections was an effective way to gain name recognition and make contacts that could lead to future positions, further study, research experiences, training, and of course, the "fun" that NCFR can really offer.

Since NCFR promotes the professional development and socialization of researchers, educators, and practitioners, it has many opportunities for students and new professionals to communicate with colleagues who have similar interests. Being an active member in NCFR helps students to become involved in the profession; network with other students and professionals; and establish feelings of connectedness, commitment, and collegiality. We welcome all students and new professionals to NCFR. You are the "key" to our future.

Carol Anderson Darling, Ph.D., CFLE
NCFR President 2001-2003

NCFR Board Members and S/NPs

Board Members

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President – Maxine Hammonds-Smith, CFLE
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 Member-At-Large – Glen F. Palm, CFLE
 Association of Councils President-Elect – Chloe D. Merrill, CFLE
 Student/New Professional Representative – Soyoung Lee, CFLE
Ex officio –
 NCFR Executive Director – Diane Cushman
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2008-2009 S/NP Representatives – Sections, Program Committee, Association of Councils (AOC)

Education & Enrichment Section – David Schramm, CFLE
Ethnic Minorities Section – Kelly Campbell & Meeshay Williams-Wheeler
Family & Health Section – Jerica M. Berge, CFLE
Family Policy Section – Jodie Hertzog
Family Science Section – Michael R. Sturm
Family Therapy Section – J. Tekulve Martial-Vann, CFLE
Feminism & Family Studies Section – Brian Masciadrelli & Maria B. Walker
International Section – Bethany Willis Hepp
Religion & Family Life Section – Chris J. Gonzalez
Research & Theory Section – Paula Y. Goodwin
Program Committee – Claire Kamp Dush
AOC – Amanda Williams

Student/New Professional Representative to the Board	
Current S/NP Representative to the Board	Soyoung Lee, CFLE – University of New Mexico– Albuquerque, NM
Description of S/NP Representative’s Duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend all Board meetings on a monthly basis. • Chair the NCFR Student Award Committee: Convene Student Award committee to select award recipient, send notification to recipients and non-recipients, and present student award at annual conference. • Chair the Cindy Winter Scholarship Award committee: Convene Student Award committee to select award recipient, send notification to recipients and non-recipients, and present student award at annual conference. • Compile S/NP End-of-Year Report, collected from S/NPs (See page 20) • Work with S/NP Representatives within the Sections, Program Committee, and Association of Councils to address the needs of S/NPs in NCFR • Chair S/NP conference calls. • Convene S/NP Business Meeting at NCFR Annual Conference. • May serve as Board liaison to journal editor search committees. • May serve as Board liaison to Diversity Task Force.
Election Cycle	Two-year term; Term begins in even-numbered years (e.g., 2008, 2010, 2012) and nominations take place in odd-numbered years; One S/NP Representative to the Board is elected.
S/NP Awards, Scholarship, or Internships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCFR Student Award • Cindy Winter Scholarship Award See attached S/NP Awards Table for details.
Distinct Contributions of S/NP to NCFR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revise/monitor S/NP handbook. • S/NP committee leadership and liaison responsibilities. • Attend all Board meetings on a monthly basis, completing monitoring reports and serving on subcommittees. • Work with all S/NPs to communicate membership concerns to the Board of Directors.

Student/New Professional Representative to the Program Committee	
Current S/NP Representative to the Program Committee	Claire Kamp Dush – Ohio State University – Columbus, OH
Description of S/NP Representative's Duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend program committee planning meetings at the annual conference and in the Spring • Review proposals submitted for S/NP sessions and plan program • Solicit appropriate submissions for S/NP seminar • Submit S/NP program to Program Chair • Member of NCFR Student Award committee (read and score materials) • Member of Cindy Winter Scholarship Award committee (read and score materials) • Oversee sessions at conference and plan networking for S/NPs • Be available to consult with S/NPs at conference • Participate in S/NP conference calls • Attend the S/NP Business Meeting at the Annual Conference each year of their term
Election Cycle	Two-year term; Term begins in even-numbered years (e.g., 2008, 2010, 2012) and nominations take place in odd-numbered years.
S/NP Awards, Scholarship, or Internships	None
Distinct Contributions of S/NP to NCFR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solicit new membership for S/NPs. • Assist S/NPs attending the conference. • Assist in review of S/NP handbook. • Update S/NP Awards Table. • Create S/NP Newsletter for annual conference.
Personal Reflections of Previous S/NP Representatives	
Other (Please specify)	

Association of Councils	
Current Section Officers	<p>President: Richard Sale – Tarleton State University Stephenville, TX</p> <p>Program Chair: Ada Alden, CFLE – Eden Prairie Schools, MN</p> <p>Secretary/Affiliate Connection: Stephen Brown – Mansfield University, Mansfield, PA</p> <p>S/NP: Amanda Williams – Oklahoma State University, Tulsa, OK</p> <p>Section Liaison: Denise Donnelly, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA</p> <p>Past President: Marcie J. Brooke, CFLE – Working Family Resource Center, St. Paul, MN</p>
Description of S/NP Representative's Duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend all AOC Board meetings. • Serve as a liaison between the AOC and S/NPs. • AOC Student Award: Convene Student Award committee to select award recipient, send notification to recipients and non-recipients, and present student award at annual conference. • Work with other S/NP representatives as needed. • Attend the S/NP Business Meeting at the NCFR Annual Conference. • In addition to being at the Newcomers Reception to welcome conference attendees and individual section business meetings, a S/NP representative is expected to volunteer for at least one S/NP sponsored activity at the annual conference each year of their term as requested by the S/NP Program Representative. Activities may include presiding over a session, helping with the S/NP greeter table, and/or facilitating a networking session.
Election Cycle	Two-year term; Term begins in odd-numbered years (e.g., 2009, 2011, 2013) and nominations take place in odd-numbered years. One or two S/NP Representatives to the AOC are elected
S/NP Awards, Scholarship, or Internships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AOC Outstanding Student Paper Award (Graduate & Undergraduate) See attached S/NP Awards Table for details.
Distinct Contributions of S/NP or Section to the Profession	
Personal Reflections of Previous S/NP Representatives	
Other (Please specify)	

Education and Enrichment Section	
Current Section Officers	<p>Chair: Beth Van Horn, CFLE Chair-elect: Susan K. Walker Secretary/Treasurer: Jodi Dworkin Newsletter Editor: Jodi Dworkin S/NP: David Schramm, CFLE Past Chair: Don Bower, CFLE</p>
Description of S/NP Representative's Duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serve as a liaison between the section and S/NPs. • Attend section business meeting at the Annual Conference. • Review section proposals for the Annual Conference. • Attract new S/NP members to the section, and to help extend the mission and vision of E&E to other NCFR members. • Assist section officers. • Assist in the selection of the S/NP awards. • Attend the S/NP Business Meeting at the Annual Conference. • In addition to being at the Newcomers Reception to welcome conference attendees and individual section business meetings, a S/NP representative is expected to volunteer for at least one S/NP sponsored activity at the annual conference each year of their term as requested by the S/NP Program Representative. Activities may include presiding over a session, helping with the S/NP greeter table, and/or facilitating a networking session.
Election Cycle	Two-year term; Term begins in even-numbered years (e.g., 2008, 2010, 2012) and nominations take place in odd-numbered years
S/NP Awards, Scholarship, or Internships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S/NP Proposal Award (three awards given) See attached S/NP Awards Table for details.
Distinct Contributions of S/NP or Section to the Profession	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To develop conference programs that reflect the interdisciplinary interests. • To facilitate the development of young scholars and educators. • To sponsor preconference workshops to enhance teaching competencies.
Personal Reflections of Previous S/NP Representatives	
Other (Please specify)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus Groups: Certified Family Life Educator, Families and Grief, Marriage and Family Enrichment, Parent Education, Peace, and Sexuality

Ethnic Minorities Section	
Current Section Officers	<p>Chair: Curtis A. Fox, CFLE Chair-elect: Yvette V. Perry Secretary/Treasurer: Ani Yazedjian S/NP: Kelly Campbell S/NP: Meeshay Williams-Wheeler Past Chair: Katia Paz Goldfarb</p>
Description of S/NP Representative's Duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serve as a member of the Section Executive Committee. • Encourage student/new professional membership in the section. • Assist section officers. • Serve as a liaison between the section and S/NPs. • Attend the section business meeting during Annual Conference. • Review section proposals for the Annual Conference. • Arranging a hospitality reception. • Planning networking events for section members. • The two S/NP representatives shall co-chair the Hospitality Committee and will work with section officers to see that the needs and interests of student and new professional members are addressed by the section. • Attend the S/NP Business Meeting at the Annual Conference. • In addition to being at the Newcomers Reception to welcome conference attendees and individual section business meetings, a S/NP representative is expected to volunteer for at least one S/NP sponsored activity at the annual conference each year of their term as requested by the S/NP Program Representative. Activities may include presiding over a session, helping with the S/NP greeter table, and/or facilitating a networking session.
Election Cycle	Two-year term; The EM section elects two (2) S/NP representatives for each term. Term begins in even-numbered years (e.g., 2008, 2010, 2012) and nominations take place in odd-numbered years.
S/NP Awards, Scholarship, or Internships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Lewis McAdoo Dissertation Award See attached S/NP Awards Table for details
Distinct Contributions of S/NP or Section to the Profession	Ethnic Minorities Teaching Resource Manual, Volume I Ethnic Minorities Teaching Resource Manual, Volume II Ethnic Minorities Mentoring Program
Personal Reflections of Previous S/NP Representatives	Serving as a S/NP representative provides two things: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It allows us to offer support and insights to students and new professionals, and it allows us to bridge the gap between that often precarious time of being a student and a professional. • Serving in this position has taught us a lot and is an experience that will not soon be forgotten. It is an excellent way to become involved in NCFR as well as a great way to make a contribution to the organization.
Other (Please specify)	A unique characteristic of this section is that an oral history is told at the end of the section meeting at the annual conference. This is a time for members who have been with the section for a long time to remember the past and a time for new members to learn about the history of our section. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus Group: Asian American Family

Family and Health Section	
Current Section Officers	<p>Chair: Deborah P. Coehlo Chair-Elect: B. Jan McCulloch Secretary/Treasurer: M. Elise Radina, CFLE S/NP: Jerica M. Berge, CFLE Past Chair: Sharon A. Denham</p>
Description of S/NP Representative's Duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review section proposals for the Annual Conference. • Serve as a liaison between the section and S/NPs. • Complete an End-Year Report and submits report to the Board of Directors S/NP representative. • Assist section officers. • Attend the S/NP Business Meeting at the Annual Conference. <p>In addition to being at the Newcomers Reception to welcome conference attendees and individual section business meetings, a S/NP representative is expected to volunteer for at least one S/NP sponsored activity at the annual conference each year of their term as requested by the S/NP Program Representative. Activities may include presiding over a session, helping with the S/NP greeter table, and/or facilitating a networking session.</p>
Election Cycle	Two-year term; Term begins in even-numbered years (e.g., 2008, 2010, 2012) and nominations take place in odd-numbered years.
S/NP Awards, Scholarship, or Internships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outstanding S/NP Paper Award <p>See attached S/NP Awards Table for details</p>
Distinct Contributions of S/NP or Section to the Profession	S/NP contributions include Families in Mid and Later Life: Syllabi and Instructional Materials and Families and Violence: Syllabi and Instructional Materials
Personal Reflections of Previous S/NP Representatives	The Family Health Section is comprised of a group of professionals who have an interest in how families cope with health related issues (e.g., health vs. illness, mental/physical health, and well-being).
Focus Groups	<p>The Family and Health Section sponsors two focus groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Issues in Aging</i>: to focus on Family Science and Gerontology; to provide networking opportunities for specialists in aging; to encourage graduate students to pursue the study of aging, and to coordinate an annual symposium on the topic of family Gerontology. • <i>Chronic Illness and Disability</i>: to address research and practice issues related to families of children with developmental disabilities or special health care needs.
Other (Please specify)	

Family Policy Section	
Current Section Officers	<p>Chair: Thomas R. Chibucos Chair-elect: Wm. Michael Fleming, CFLE Secretary/Treasurer: Brenda J. Lohman S/NP: Jodie Hertzog Past Chair: Jacqueline Kirby Wilkins, CFLE</p>
Description of S/NP Representative's Duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend section business meeting during Annual Conference. • Informs S/NPs about the Family Policy Section and NCFR activities. • Assist section officers. • Serve as a liaison between the section and S/NPs. • Review section proposals for the Annual Conference. • Complete an End-Year Report and submit report to the Board of Directors S/NP representative. • Publicize the Family Policy Section Student Award and review award applications. • Attend the S/NP Business Meeting at the Annual Conference. • In addition to being at the Newcomers Reception to welcome conference attendees and individual section business meetings, a S/NP representative is expected to volunteer for at least one S/NP sponsored activity at the annual conference each year of their term as requested by the S/NP Program Representative. Activities may include presiding over a session, helping with the S/NP greeter table, and/or facilitating a networking session.
Election Cycle	Two-year term; Term begins in odd-numbered years (e.g., 2009, 2011, 2013) and nominations take place in odd-numbered years.
S/NP Awards, Scholarship, or Internships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internship Award • S/NP Travel Awards <p>See attached S/NP Awards Table for details</p>
Distinct Contributions of S/NP or Section to the Profession	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work closely with NCFR's Public Policy Committee. • Organize panels and workshops about content and skill building related to public policy formation. • Focus on family policy research questions. • Help convert research into policy papers that can inform policymakers. • Facilitate the development of young scholars interested in family policy.
Personal Reflections of Previous S/NP Representatives	The Family Policy section meeting provides an opportunity for dialogue on current issues facing children and families. Although NCFR does not promote policies, the section has discussed how to make current research available to policymakers, promoting policy through a family lens or from a family perspective, and collaborating with other professional organizations (e.g., AAFCS, COSSA) to present issues and alternatives to policymakers.
Other (Please specify)	Focus groups: Adoption, Rural Families and Communities, and Work and Family

Family Science Section	
Current Section Officers	Chair: Tammy S. Harpel Chair-Elect: Jason D. Hans Secretary/Treasurer: Karina M. Shreffler S/NP: Michael R. Sturm Past Chair: Sandra J. Bailey, CFLE
Description of S/NP Representative's Duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review section proposals for the Annual Conference. • Serve as liaison between the section and S/NPs. • Assist section officers. • Attend section business meeting at the Annual Conference. • Complete an End-Year Report and submit report to the Board of Directors S/NP representative. • Attend the S/NP Business Meeting at the Annual Conference. • In addition to being at the Newcomers Reception to welcome conference attendees and individual section business meetings, a S/NP representative is expected to volunteer for at least one S/NP sponsored activity at the annual conference each year of their term as requested by the S/NP Program Representative. Activities may include presiding over a session, helping with the S/NP greeter table, and/or facilitating a networking session.
Election Cycle	Two-year term; Term begins in even-numbered years (e.g., 2008, 2010, 2012) and nominations take place in odd-numbered years.
S/NP Awards, Scholarship, or Internships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wesley Burr Award See attached S/NP Awards Table for details
Distinct Contributions of S/NP or Section to the Profession	The purposes of the Family Science Section are to expand, strengthen, and enhance the Family Science discipline and profession. This section focuses on the disciplinary and professional concerns rather than the subject-based concerns that are the domain of the previously existing interdisciplinary sections.
Personal Reflections of Previous S/NP Representatives	
Other (Please specify)	

Family Therapy Section	
Current Section Officers	<p>Chair: Jeffrey H. Larson, CFLE Chair-elect: Thomas W. Blume Secretary/Treasurer: Shayne Anderson Member-at-Large: Jared R. Anderson S/NP: J. Tekulve Martial-Vann, CFLE Section Liaison: Cody Hollist Nominating Committee: Adrian Blow, Megan J. Murphy, & Brandon C. Silverman Past Chair: Colleen M. Peterson</p>
Description of S/NP Representative's Duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serve as member of the Best Paper Award committee. • Serve as a liaison between the section and S/NPs. • Review section proposals for the Annual Conference. • Assist section officers. • Attend section business meeting at the Annual Conference. • Represent any concerns of the students and new professional members of the Section. • Complete an End-Year Report and submit report to the Board of Directors S/NP representative. • Attend the S/NP Business Meeting at the Annual Conference. • In addition to being at the Newcomers Reception to welcome conference attendees and individual section business meetings, a S/NP representative is expected to volunteer for at least one S/NP sponsored activity at the annual conference each year of their term as requested by the S/NP Program Representative. Activities may include presiding over a session, helping with the S/NP greeter table, and/or facilitating a networking session.
Election Cycle	Two-year term; Term begins in even-numbered years (e.g., 2008, 2010, 2012) and nominations take place in odd-numbered years.
S/NP Awards, Scholarship, or Internships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best Poster Award • Best Paper Award <p>See attached S/NP Awards Table for details.</p>
Distinct Contributions of S/NP or Section to the Profession	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Represent both researchers and practitioners who want to be informed by research findings and theoretical developments. • Represent family therapy membership
Personal Reflections of Previous S/NP Representatives	
Other (Please specify)	

Feminism and Family Studies Section	
Current Section Officers	<p>Chair: Aine M. Humble, CFLE Chair-Elect: I. Joyce Chang Secretary/Treasurer: Elizabeth Sharp Newsletter Editor: Margaret Manoogian & Lisa Taylor S/NP: Brian Masciadrelli S/NP: Maria B. Walker Past Chair:</p>
Description of S/NP Representative's Duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend the S/NP Business Meeting at the Annual Conference. • Co-chair the Hospitality Committee of FFS Section and also serve as the historians for the section. • Serve as a liaison between the section and S/NPs. • Attend section business meeting at the Annual Conference. • Review section proposals for the Annual Conference. • Assist section officers. • Complete an End-Year Report and submit report to the Board of Directors S/NP representative. • In addition to being at the Newcomers Reception to welcome conference attendees and individual section business meetings, a S/NP representative is expected to volunteer for at least one S/NP sponsored activity at the annual conference each year of their term as requested by the S/NP Program Representative. Activities may include presiding over a session, helping with the S/NP greeter table, and/or facilitating a networking session.
Election Cycle	Two-year term; Term begins in odd-numbered years (e.g., 2009, 2011, 2013) and nominations take place in odd-numbered years.
S/NP Awards, Scholarship, or Internships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • J. Bernard Outstanding Research Proposal From a Feminist Perspective Award • J. Bernard Outstanding Contribution to Feminist Scholarship Paper Award See attached S/NP Awards Table for details.
Distinct Contributions of S/NP or Section to the Profession	The Feminism and Family Studies Section (FFSS) is devoted to including feminist perspectives into the academic and activist discourse of family studies.
Personal Reflections of Previous S/NP Representatives	S/NPs are strongly encouraged to be engaged in business meetings, committee work, and section activities.
Focus Groups and Committees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gay Bisexual Transgender Straight Alliance (FFS Focus Group): sponsors special sessions related to research, teaching, and advocacy. • FFS Section Ad Hoc Committee on Feminist Praxis – encourages the practice of feminism in our research, teaching, and service activity including policy and intervention. The Feminist Praxis Committee is devoted to the notion that an essential part of praxis is to be aware of who we are as people, and how our emotions and lived experiences are inextricably connected to our work. • Other Committees: Program Committee, Nominating Committee, Awards Committee, Endowment Committee
Other (Please specify)	Also Available From FFSS: Listserve, Newsletter, and Syllabus Packet

International Section	
Current Section Officers	<p>Chair: Catherine A. Solheim Chair-Elect: Paul Schvaneveldt, CFLE Secretary/Treasurer: Shi-Ruei Sherry Fang S/NP: Bethany Willis Hepp Past Chair:</p>
Description of S/NP Representative's Duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serve as member of the Jan Trost Award committee that selects the annual recipient of this award. • Assist section officers. • Serve as a liaison between the section and S/NPs. • Complete an End-Year Report and submit report to the Board of Directors S/NP representative. • Attend section business meeting at the Annual Conference. • Review section proposals for the Annual Conference. • Serve as the chair of the subcommittee on mentoring for international students. • Gain professional development experience by participating in Committees (e.g., Student Development, Awards, Fundraising). Such committee work provides the opportunity to collaborate with colleagues and learn more about the working processes of NCFR. • Attend the S/NP Business Meeting at the Annual Conference. • In addition to being at the Newcomers Reception to welcome conference attendees and individual section business meetings, a S/NP representative is expected to volunteer for at least one S/NP sponsored activity at the annual conference each year of their term as requested by the S/NP Program Representative. Activities may include presiding over a session, helping with the S/NP greeter table, and/or facilitating a networking session.
Election Cycle	Two-year term; Term begins in odd-numbered years (e.g., 2009, 2011, 2013) and nominations take place in odd-numbered years.
S/NP Awards, Scholarship, or Internships	None at this time.
Distinct Contributions of S/NP or Section to the Profession	Provide a forum for scholars to share comparative international and transnational family research and praxis.
Personal Reflections of Previous S/NP Representatives	S/NPs are strongly encouraged to be engaged in business meetings, committee work, and section activities.
Other (Please specify)	The S/NP may write brief articles on professional development that is distributed through the International Section listserv.

Religion and Family Life Section	
Current Section Officers	Chair: Linda S. Behrendt, CFLE Chair-elect: Joe D. Wilmoth Secretary/Treasurer: Joanne Roberts, CFLE S/NP: Chris J. Gonzalez Past Chair:
Description of S/NP Representative's Duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review section proposals for the Annual Conference. • Attend section business meeting at the Annual Conference. • Assist section officers. • Encourage student/new professional membership. • Serve as a liaison between the section and S/NPs. • Attend the S/NP Business Meeting at the Annual Conference. • Complete an End-Year Report and submit report to the Board of Directors S/NP representative. • In addition to being at the Newcomers Reception to welcome conference attendees and individual section business meetings, a S/NP representative is expected to volunteer for at least one S/NP sponsored activity at the annual conference each year of their term as requested by the S/NP Program Representative. Activities may include presiding over a session, helping with the S/NP greeter table, and/or facilitating a networking session.
Election Cycle	Two-year term; Term begins in odd-numbered years (e.g., 2009, 2011, 2013) and nominations take place in odd-numbered years.
S/NP Awards, Scholarship, or Internships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best Paper Award See attached S/NP Awards Table for details.
Distinct Contributions of S/NP or Section to the Profession	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare religious professionals for the responsibility of being a part of one of the only organizations that has the opportunity to assist individuals throughout the entire life cycle. • Share research information with professionals desiring to maintain or develop their expertise.
Personal Reflections of Previous S/NP Representatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offers contacts with other professionals. • Insight into a national organization is gained.
Other (Please specify)	

Research and Theory Section	
Current Section Officers	<p>Chair: Ronald M. Sabatelli, CFLE Chair-Elect: Shelley M. MacDermid, CFLE Secretary/Treasurer: Kevin M. Roy S/NP: Paula Y. Goodwin Nominating Committee: Lawrence Ganong & Jennifer Kerpelman, CFLE Past Chair:</p>
Description of S/NP Representative's Duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review section proposals for the Annual Conference. • Assist with judging Research and Theory posters at the NCFR conference. • Assist section officers. • Attend section business meeting at the Annual Conference. • Serve as a liaison between the section and S/NPs. • Complete an End-Year Report and submit report to the Board of Directors S/NP representative. • Attend the S/NP Business Meeting at the Annual Conference. • In addition to being at the Newcomers Reception to welcome conference attendees and individual section business meetings, a S/NP representative is expected to volunteer for at least one S/NP sponsored activity at the annual conference each year of their term as requested by the S/NP Program Representative. Activities may include presiding over a session, helping with the S/NP greeter table, and/or facilitating a networking session.
Election Cycle	Two-year term; Term begins in odd-numbered years (e.g., 2009, 2011, 2013) and nominations take place in odd-numbered years.
S/NP Awards, Scholarship, or Internships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best Abstract by a S/NP Award See attached S/NP Awards Table for details.
Distinct Contributions of S/NP or Section to the Profession	The Research and Theory Section facilitates research and theory activities in all content areas related to marriage and family.
Personal Reflections of Previous S/NP Representatives	The Research and Theory Section socializes S/NPs to learn about reviewing scholarly material for the annual NCFR conference. S/NPs are also encouraged to assist with Section projects as needed.
Focus Groups and Committees	Focus groups: Qualitative Family Research Network, Men in Families Focus Group, and Families and Technology Focus Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other Committees – Program Committee, Publications Committee, Awards Committee, Nominating Committee, Committee to Develop Standard Tables for NCFR Journals (2002)
Other (Please specify)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCFR Research and Theory Listserve • NCFR Research and Theory Web Site (http://www.ncfr.org/about_us/r_t_research_and_theory.htm) • Web Site on <i>Standard Tables for NCFR Journals</i> (http://www.hhs.oregonstate.edu/hdfs/acock/tables/) • Qualitative Family Research Network Newsletter • Sponsor the Theory Construction Methodology Workshop (TCMW) at the Annual Conference.

YEAR-END REPORT FORM

Section/Committee _____

S/NP Rep(s) _____

I. MAJOR ACTIVITIES

II. COMMITTEE MEMBERS/OFFICERS, ETC.

III. CONCERNS

Reporting Date: Two Weeks Prior to the Annual Conference)



NCFR Student Award

Criteria for selection:

- A student currently enrolled in a Graduate Program whose work shows promise of significant contribution to family studies. Research projects or other work need not be completed at the time of nomination.
- Membership in NCFR for at least 1 full year.

Qualified Students who are nominated by their professor(s) will need to supply the following supporting credentials:

- Three additional letters of support;
- Brief statement defining an important problem they see in the family studies field and outlining possible steps toward solutions;
- Brief summary of a personal program, research project, publication representing the quality of their work and area of interest.

The winner receives a check for \$1,000 and a plaque.

Committee Chair: April L. Few, S/NP Representative to the Board



NCFR Awards for Students/New Professionals (S/NPs)*
For more information, contact the section S/NP representative.

SPONSOR	AWARD	CRITERIA	PROCESS
NCFR Board	<i>Cindy Winter Scholarship Award</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1,000 cash award • Free conference registration • Plaque 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student or new professional • NCFR member at least 1 full year • Demonstrate outstanding leadership or service in a family-related field 	Applicants can self-nominate or be nominated & must provide supporting materials. Awarded in the odd years. (April deadline)
	<i>NCFR Student Award</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1,000 cash award • \$750 travel allowance to conference • A plaque 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduate student • NCFR member at least 1 year • Work shows promise of significant contribution to family studies 	Applicants must be nominated by their professor(s) & provide supporting materials. (April deadline)
	<i>Ruth Hathaway Jewson Award</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$2,500 for dissertation support • A plaque 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctoral candidate • NCFR member at least 6 months • Best family studies dissertation proposal 	Applicants must submit proposal & supporting materials. (April deadline)
Association of Councils	<i>Outstanding Student Paper (Graduate)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$500 cash award • A plaque 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduate student • Member of an affiliate council • Expected to present paper at NCFR 	Graduate & undergraduate applicants are nominated by active affiliates. (April deadline)
	<i>Outstanding Student Paper (Undergrad)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$100 cash award • Certificate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undergraduate student • Member of an affiliate council 	
Education & Enrichment Section	<i>Student Proposal Award</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three - \$200 travel awards • Certificates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduate or undergraduate student • Top 3 proposals submitted to section 	
Ethnic Minorities Section	<i>John L. McAdoo Dissertation Award</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1,000 for dissertation completion • A plaque • Must present at next NCFR 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dissertation must focus on issues related to ethnic minority families 	Applicants must submit packet of supporting materials. (April deadline)
Family & Health Section	<i>Outstanding S/NP Paper Award</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$200 cash award • Certificate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student or new professional • Active NCFR & section member • Paper submitted to & accepted by section 	Applicants must submit paper & supporting materials. (October deadline)
Family Policy Section	Harold & Margaret Feldman <i>Internship Award</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$500 award • Certificate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student or new professional • NCFR & section member • Involved in policy-oriented intern/research • Preference given to those who have secured a policy-oriented internship that lasts for at least one academic semester 	Applicants must submit a letter of interest & supporting materials. (September deadline)

	<i>S/NP Travel Award</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$500 award • Certificate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student or new professional • NCFR & section member • Have poster/paper accepted by section • Preference given to those nearing the completion of their graduate program & displaying a genuine research interest in family policy 	These awards are available only if there are no qualified applicants for the internship award. Applicants must submit a letter of interest & supporting materials. (September deadline)
	Harold & Margaret Feldman Award <i>Outstanding Research Proposal for Research in Family Policy</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$500 Award • A plaque 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	
Family Science Section	<i>Wesley Burr Student Paper Award</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$250 Cash award • A plaque 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student • First author on paper/poster submitted to section • Paper submitted to and accepted by section 	Upon acceptance of paper/poster for presentation, students will be invited to submit a completed paper and supporting document which will undergo a blind judging process. (October deadline)
Family Therapy Section	<i>Best Poster Award</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One \$125 cash award – Student • One \$125 cash award – NP • Certificates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student • NCFR member • First author on poster submitted to section • Must present poster at the conference 	Upon acceptance of poster for presentation, students will be reviewed onsite at the conference by the selection committee.
	<i>Best Paper Award</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One \$500 cash award – Student • One \$500 cash award – NP • Certificates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student • NCFR member when proposal is submitted • First author on paper submitted to section • Must present paper at the conference • NP within two years of graduation 	Upon acceptance of paper for presentation, students will be contacted by a section rep & invited to submit full papers for award consideration. (September deadline)
Feminism & Family Studies Section	<i>Jessie Bernard Outstanding Research Proposal from a Feminist Perspective Award</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$750 to fund feminist research • \$350 travel funds • A plaque • Summary published in newsletter • Asked to present at next NCFR 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduate student or new professional • Proposal must contribute to feminist scholarship about families & use feminist frameworks & methods 	Applicants must submit proposal & other supporting materials. Proposals undergo a blind peer-review process. (April deadline)
	<i>Jessie Bernard Outstanding Contribution to Feminist Scholarship Paper Award</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$250 cash award • Complimentary books • \$350 travel funds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduate student or new professional • Must be sole or first author • Paper must contribute to feminist scholarship about families & the use of feminist frameworks & methods 	Applicants must submit paper & abstract. Papers undergo a peer-review process. (April deadline)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A plaque • Summary published in newsletter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Published & unpublished papers are considered, but papers should be at near-submission status 	
International Section	None at this time.		
Religion & Family Life Section	<i>Best Paper Award</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$250 cash award • A plaque 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact the Section for details. 	
	<i>Student/New Professional Award</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$250 cash award • A plaque 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact the Section for details. 	
Research & Theory Section	<i>Best Abstract by a S/NP Award</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$200 cash award • A plaque 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student or new professional • Highest rated proposal submitted to section 	

*NCFR defines *students* as individuals enrolled full-time in an institution of higher learning and *new professionals* as individuals who are no more than five years beyond their most recent degree.

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