

Council on Contemporary Families  
18<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

# Families As They Really Are: Demographics, Disparities, and Debates

March 4-5, 2016

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Day 1: Friday March 4, 2016

11:30am – 5:30pm

### On Site Registration

10:30 am – 5:00 pm

### Opening Remarks

11:30 am – 11:45 am

Speaker: Luis Zayas, Dean of the School of Social Work,  
University of Texas at Austin

### Lunch Served

11:45 am – 12:00 pm

### Keynote Address: Same Sex Couples and Family Well-Being

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Keynote Speaker: **Wendy Manning**, Distinguished  
Professor of Sociology at Bowling Green State  
University

Presider: Stephen Russell, University of Texas at Austin

### Break

1:00 pm – 1:15 pm

### Panel: Demographic Portraits of Contemporary Families

1:15 pm – 2:30 pm

Presider: Shannon Cavanagh, University of Texas Austin

- ◆ Marcia Carlson, University of Wisconsin Madison - Recent Patterns and Implications of Nonmarital Childbearing
- ◆ Kelly Raley, University of Texas Austin - Declines in Marriage: The Importance of Socioeconomic Inequality
- ◆ Zhenchao Qian, Brown University - Marital Assimilation or Not? Marriage Markets, Ethnoracial Diversity, and Marital Endogamy Among U.S. Hispanics
- ◆ Carla Pfeffer, University of South Carolina - Learning from Transgender Partnerships and Families: Major Themes and Future Directions

### Break

2:30 pm – 2:45 pm

### Panel: Disparities in Family Contexts & Processes

2:45 pm – 4:00 pm

Presider: Frank Furstenberg

- ◆ Sharon Sassler, Cornell University – Cohabitation Nation? Social Class Differences in Cohabitors' Relationship Processes
- ◆ Liana Sayer, University of Maryland - Gendered Family Structure Disparities in Leisure Time
- ◆ Daniel Carlson, Georgia State University - The Shifting Consequences of the Division of Household Labor
- ◆ Fenaba Addo, University of Wisconsin Madison- Debt, Assets, and Relationship Formation in Young Adulthood

### Break

4:00 pm – 4:15 pm

### Media Awards

4:15 pm – 4:45 pm

Presenter: Dr. Linda Young, Psychologist/Author

#### 2016 Award for Print Coverage of Family Issues:

**Ashley Cleek** for "Filthy Water and Shoddy Sewers Plague Poor Black Belt Counties," Al Jazeera America

#### The 2016 Award for Radio Coverage of Family Issues:

**Dan Carsen** for his four-part radio series, "Bilingual Education in the South," produced for Public Radio International's NPR affiliate station, WBHM.

### Wine and Cheese Reception: Celebration of Families as They Really Are, Book Exhibit & Raffle

4:45pm – 5:30 pm

Barbara Risman, University of Illinois Chicago



Day 2: Saturday, March 5, 2016

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

**On Site Registration** 8:00 am – 12:00 pm  
**Breakfast** 8:00 am – 8:45 am

**Opening Remarks** 9:00 am – 9:15 am  
Speaker: Debra Umberson, Director of the Population Research Center, University of Texas at Austin

**Keynote Address**  
9:15 am – 10:15 am  
Keynote Speaker: **Dolores Acevedo-Garcia**, Samuel F. and Rose B. Gingold Professor of Human Development and Social Policy; Director, Institute for Child Youth and Family Policy  
Presider: Pamela Quiroz, University of Houston

**Break**  
10:15 am – 10:30 am

**Flash Session I: Parenting Across Social Context**  
10:30 am – 11:00 am  
Presider: Corinne Reczek, The Ohio State University

- ♦ Maria Johnson, University of Delaware
- ♦ Chelsea Smith, University of Texas, Austin
- ♦ Zhe Zhang, The Ohio State University
- ♦ Elizabeth Cozzolino, University of Texas, Austin
- ♦ Megan Carrol, University of Southern California

**Panel: Diversity and Disparities in Families Across the Life Course**  
11:15 am – 12:30 pm  
Presider: Shannon Cavanagh, University of Texas Austin

- ♦ Yolanda Padilla, University of Texas Austin & Mary Held, University of Tennessee - Remittances: The Invisible Story Behind Enduring Immigrant Ties
- ♦ Velma McBride Murry, Vanderbilt University - Implications of Family-Based Preventive Interventions for Reducing Disparities among African American Parents and Youth
- ♦ Jenifer Bratter, Rice University - The Ties That Bind Across Racial Lines: A Focus on Class, Family Structure and Kin Support in Mixed-Race and Monoracial Families
- ♦ Debra Umberson, University of Texas Austin - Legacy of Loss: Race Differences in Exposure to Death Over the Life Course

**Lunch and Flash Session II: Negotiating Marital and Couple Relationships**

12:30 pm – 1:15 pm  
Presider: Corinne Reczek, The Ohio State University

- ♦ Joanna Pepin, University of Maryland
- ♦ Paige Gabriel, University of Texas, Austin
- ♦ Ellyn Arevalo Steidl, University of Texas, Austin
- ♦ Rachel Donnelly, University of Texas, Austin
- ♦ Andrea L. Roach & Ashley E. Ermer, University of Missouri Columbia

**Break**  
1:15 pm – 1:30 pm

**Media Workshop: Translating Family Research to Engage and Inform the Public**  
1:30 pm – 2:45 pm  
Presider: Dr. Joshua Coleman, Psychologist/Author  
Panelists:

- ♦ Stephanie Coontz, CCF Director of Research & Public Education
- ♦ Pepper Schwartz, University of Washington

**Break**  
2:45 pm – 3:00 pm

**Panel: Contemporary Debates and Family Policy**  
3:00pm – 4:15pm  
Presider: Kristi Williams, The Ohio State University

- ♦ Shawn Fremstad, Center for American Progress - Partnered but Poor: Debates on Poverty & Family Policy
- ♦ Tama Leventhal, Tufts University & Robert Crosnoe, University of Texas Austin - Debating Early Childcare
- ♦ Joseph Potter, University of Texas Austin - Debates on Reproductive Health Policy (and how they intersect with family policy)

**Break**  
4:15 pm – 4:30 pm

**CCF Membership Meeting**  
4:30pm – 5:00pm

- ♦ Michelle Janning, CCF Board Chair
- ♦ Barbara Risman, CCF Board President

## Additional Details

### CCF Membership

Professionals who study or work with families or are engaged in public policy about family issues are eligible to become CCF members. We also welcome others to become Friends of CCF.

For more information, visit:

[www.contemporaryfamilies.org](http://www.contemporaryfamilies.org)

**CCF Membership** (annual membership fee), \$100

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**CCF Student** (annual membership fee), \$50

### Conference Program Co-Chairs (& proud UT-alumni)

**Kristi Williams**, CCF Board Secretary, Associate Professor of Sociology & Vice Chair, The Ohio State University; Editor, Journal of Marriage and Family

**Corinne Reczek**, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Department of Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies, The Ohio State University

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*The Council on Contemporary Families is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to providing the press and public with the latest research and best-practice findings about American families. Our members include demographers, economists, family therapists, historians, political scientists, psychologists, social workers, sociologists, as well as other family social scientists and practitioners.*

*Founded in 1996 and based at the University of Illinois at Chicago, the Council's mission is to enhance the national understanding of how and why contemporary families are changing, what needs and challenges they face, and how these needs can best be met. To fulfill that mission, the Council holds annual conferences, open to the public, and issues periodic briefing papers and fact sheets, which journalists can sign up to receive by writing to Stephanie Coontz, Director of Research and Public Education, at [coontzs@msn.com](mailto:coontzs@msn.com).*

## CCF Media Awards

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*The CCF Media Awards were established in 2002 as part of the Council's commitment to enhancing the public understanding of trends in American family life.*

*"All too often, changes in U.S. family patterns are painted in stark, better-or-worse terms that ignore the complex realities of family life today. The Awards Committee looked for work that put individual family issues in larger social context. This kind of coverage offers the public a balanced picture of the trade-offs, strengths and weaknesses in many different family arrangements and structures," explained Stephanie Coontz, CCF's Director of Research and Public Education.*

## 2016 Award for Print Coverage of Family Issues



**Ashley Cleek** for her piece, *"Filthy Water and Shoddy Sewers Plague Poor Black Belt Counties,"* which appeared on Al Jazeera America. Her reporting explores the intersections of race, socioeconomic status, and geographic location in terms of a local public health crisis that continues to threaten southern communities and families. Cleek highlights the serious structural challenges these communities face and how ongoing water contamination issues endanger children and families in the "Black Belt," a poverty-ridden region in Alabama that now faces the emergence of parasitic diseases in children in record numbers.

## 2016 Award for Radio Coverage of Family Issues



**Dan Carsen** for his four-part radio series, *"Bilingual Education in the South,"* produced for Public Radio International's NPR affiliate station, WBHM. This series highlights Georgia's state-wide efforts to increase academic success and language proficiency by using multi-lingual educational programs in K-12 curricula. Teachers, administrators, parents, and children are all given voice in this series, which blends scholastic research with the pragmatic realities faced by English-as-a-second-language children and families. Dan's reporting emphasizes the positive impacts these programs have on a range of outcomes, from knowledge mastery to future economic orientation, and draws attention to overlooked facets of the contemporary debates about immigration.