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Message from the Chair

Dear Family Section Members:

I hope you are enjoying the early days of summer. 'Tis the season when it's respectable to be lazy. And if you're not barefoot, you're overdressed.

Summer also means that the annual ASA meeting in Denver is around the corner. The Family Section has five paper sessions scheduled on Sunday the 19th and Monday the 20th. The topics are "Family Structure and Children's Well-Being," "Families and the Great Recession," "Sexual and Romantic Relationships in Early Adulthood," "Relationship Dissolution," and "New Demographic Data and Research Approaches to Studying Families." (The Population Section is jointly sponsoring the last session.) A complete list of the papers and times appears in this newsletter. I thank Philip Cohen, Wendy Manning, Sharon Sassler, Bradford Wilcox, and Nicholas Wolfinger for organizing the paper sessions. We also have a full set of roundtable presentations scheduled on Sunday the 19th. Thanks to Marybeth Mattingly and Allison Pugh for organizing these. It takes a great deal of time to put good sessions together, and all of the organizers responded to my request with enthusiasm and good cheer.

We found an intriguing venue for the Family Section reception this year: the Chambers Grant Salon,

located in the Denver Performing Arts Complex. The reception will be held between 6:30-8:30 on Sunday, August 19. The Salon is a short walk from the conference hotels, and I hope that everyone can attend this special event. The reception provides opportunities to mingle with colleagues and to congratulate this year's award winners. Remember that section members are entitled to two free beverages (wine, beer, or soft drinks) along with a selection of appetizers provided by the Kevin Taylor Restaurant Group. Thanks to Paula Fomby and Kimberly Fox for helping to locate a great spot for our Denver event.

Did I mention award winners? A list of all 2012 award winners appears in this newsletter. Congratulations and a big hug to each of you. I also extend a special thanks to the award committee members—also listed in the newsletter—whose efforts made these awards possible.

The Family Section Business meeting will be held immediately after the roundtable sessions. The business meeting is not the most exciting event at the conference, let's face it. But attending the meeting is a great way for members to become involved in Section activities. In particular, the business meeting provides an opportunity to volunteer to serve on a variety of committees for the following year. If you need to build up the service



portion of your vita, or if you are basically altruistic by nature, this is the time to act! And of course, I will be there (with Annette Lareau, the incoming section chair) to hear your suggestions and observations about the Family Section and life in general.

The results of the 2012 Family Section election are now available. Karen Hansen (Brandeis) is the new chair-elect, Liana Sayer (Ohio State) is the incoming secretary-treasurer, Kristen Harknett (University Pennsylvania) and Christine Schwartz (University Wisconsin) are the two new council members, and Valerie Bonner (Temple University) is the incoming student rep. Congratulations to our new section officers. You also may recall that section members voted on amendments to the by-laws. These amendments were largely cosmetic and brought the earlier by-laws up to date with current practices. These changes were approved by a large majority of voters. Thanks to everyone who voted in the election. Democracy in action!

2012 Family Section Award Winners

2012 Distinguished Career Award

For over thirty years, Sandra Hofferth has been producing exceptional scholarship on family issues relevant to public policy. She has authored or edited five books, published more than 100 articles and book chapters, and she was the founding director of the Child Development Supplement to the Panel Study of Income Dynamics—an invaluable resource to our field. Hers is most certainly a distinguished career.

Professor Hofferth received her Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of North Carolina in 1976. From 1983 to 1988, she served as Health Scientist Administrator in the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. From 1977 to 1983 and from 1988 to 1994 she was Research Associate and then Senior Research Associate at the Urban Institute in Washington, DC, where she directed the National Child Care Survey in 1990. From 1994 to 2001 she was Senior Research Scientist at the Institute for Social Research of the University of Michigan where she co-directed the Michigan Panel Study of Income Dynamics and directed its Child Development Supplement. In 2001, she joined the University of Maryland as Professor in the Department of Family Science, and she directs the Maryland Population Research Center.



Her research currently focuses on American children's use of time and later health outcomes, work and family, fathers and fathering, and family policy. In 2011, the *Journal of Marriage and Family* (JMF) released a virtual issue with the 20 most cited papers published in the journal during the 2001-2010 decade. Professor Hofferth was an author of no fewer than three of these most cited articles!

In earlier work, Professor Hofferth investigated the consequences of teenage childbearing, producing some of the most methodologically sophisticated work on the topic. In the 1990s, she turned her attention to collecting much needed data on childcare, resulting in a number of published papers on child care cost and quality. She then moved to Michigan where she secured funding for the Child Development Supplement to the Panel Study of Income Dynamics. That investment led to the valuable expansion of what was until that point primarily an economic study to include cognitive testing of children, interviews with primary caregivers, children's time diaries, and an array of child outcome measures.

A hallmark of Professor Hofferth's scholarship is its clear significance for child and family policy, providing evidence regarding healthy activities for children and dispelling myths regarding the effect of welfare reform policies on non-marital childbearing or the effects of food programs on overweight among poor children. In fact, for her research's significance, she was honored with the 1991-92 Jensen Lectureship, jointly sponsored by the American Sociological Association and Duke University.

In addition to Professor Hofferth's contributions through research, she has served on many committees, panels, councils, and boards. She was Vice President of the Population Association of America in 2009-10 and Chair of the ASA Sociology of Children Section in 1998-99.

In recognition of her many contributions and achievements, it is our privilege to honor Sandra Hofferth with the 2012 ASA Section on Sociology of Family Distinguished Career Award.

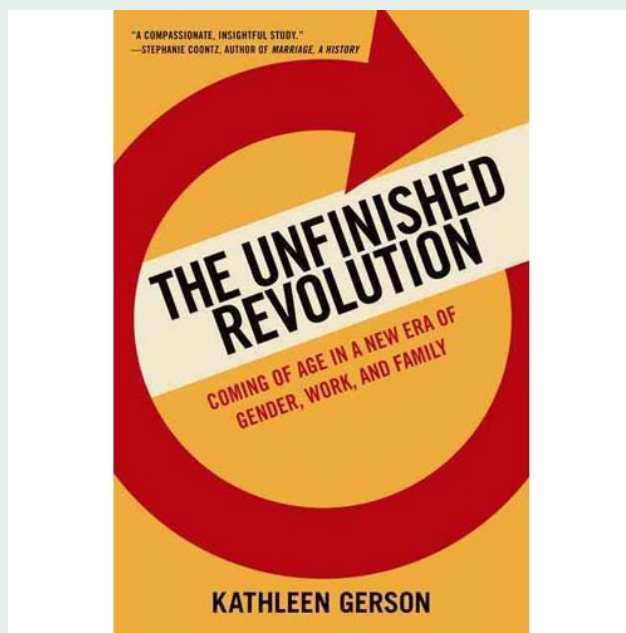
By Lisa Pearce

2012 Family Section Award Winners (cont.)

2012 William J. Goode Book Award

I am pleased to announce that this year's winner of the William J. Goode Book Award is Kathleen Gerson, Professor of Sociology at New York University. In her book, *The Unfinished Revolution: Coming of Age in a New Era of Gender, Work, and Family*, Professor Gerson addresses a critical question concerning modern families. In particular, whether the new generation of families balances work and family in ways that differ from previous generations. Using rich qualitative data, Professor Gerson shows us that family dynamics in the new generation is less a function of preferences or norms and more a function of the economic realities they face. That is, the new family types and structures that often worry policy makers and academics alike are not a function of a decline in family values. In her book, Professor Gerson seamlessly weaves together literatures and theories taken from subfields such as gender, family, and the life course to show us the way in which the new generation of families struggles to realize their sometimes nebulous family preferences in a stormy social and economic environment. It's a rich and rewarding read, and I encourage you to pick it up and learn a bit more about the way new families are making their way in America.

By Jay Teachman



2012 Article of the Year Award

This year's winners of the Section on Family's Article of the Year Award are Michelle Budig and Melissa Hodges of the University of Massachusetts for their paper "Differences in Disadvantage: Variation in the Motherhood Penalty across White Women's Earnings Distribution," published in the *American Sociological Review* in 2010 (Vol. 75, No. 5, Pp. 705-728). This paper contributes to the study of family and work in several important ways. Although we already know that



there is a wage penalty for motherhood in the U.S. (and other nations as well), we know less about whether it affects all mothers similarly or whether the motherhood wage penalty varies across income groups. As the authors argue, previous literature examines averages in the motherhood wage penalty which may mask substantial differences between groups of women. This study sets out to examine whether such differences exist between earnings groups of white women. The paper adds important knowledge to our understanding of how the motherhood wage penalty varies for low, middle and high earning mothers and the way that different mechanisms are involved in producing the wage penalty depending on earnings level. The paper makes an important contribution by using first-rate, sophisticated methods that can detect differences between groups (answering an important sociological question), and because the questions and findings have obvious policy relevance. The findings reveal that those most affected by the motherhood wage penalty are those who can least afford it. Thus, this is an issue deserving of serious attention not only to promote gender equity, but also to promote the well-being of the most vulnerable women

and their families. What is more it also demonstrates that a "one size fits all" strategy to reduce the motherhood penalty would be inadequate as different mechanisms are at work to produce the wage penalty for mothers at different earnings levels.

By Ted Greenstein

2012 Family Section Award Winners (cont.)

2012 Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award

Two graduate students will share the Best Graduate Student Paper Award for 2012. Both papers were outstanding and received tied scores from our judges. The two papers (and abstracts) are listed below.

Abi Ocobock (University of Chicago), “The Power and Limits of Marriage: Married Gay Men’s Family Relationships.”

Same-sex marriage has received much public and scholarly attention since it was first legalized in the U.S. Yet surprisingly little effort has been made to learn about what marriage means for same-sex couples and how it is experienced by them. I start to fill this gap by presenting findings from in-depth interviews with 32 married gay men in Iowa. I find that marriage has a unique transformative power for gay men’s relationships with families of origin, but not always in the way they or scholars expected. As expected, marriage has the power to help gay men gain greater recognition, legitimacy, support and inclusion from family members. Yet, marriage frequently also has unexpected negative consequences, including new experiences of rejection and exclusion. These findings complicate ideas about marriage by illuminating both the power and limits of marriage to confer status and legitimacy on highly stigmatized social groups, such as gay men.

Neha Gondal (Rutgers University), “Who ‘Fills in’ for Siblings and How? A Multilevel Analysis of Personal Network Composition and its Relationship to Sibling Size.”

In the midst of widespread fertility decline, I examine the effects of sibling number on support network composition using multilevel regression on data from twenty-five countries. A

fundamental structural effect of having fewer siblings is that individuals have a smaller pool of available close-kin alters with whom to construct support networks. Consequently, networks of people with fewer siblings should be composed of different sorts of relations. Results confirm that such compositional adjustment occurs in systematic ways. Compared to those with three or more siblings, adults with 0-2 siblings (as separate categories) are more likely to expect support from parents, extended-kin, and close friends but not more likely to do so from spouses/partners and children. Single-children are also more likely to include neighbors and have smaller-sized and/or impersonal networks. These findings contradict the primacy of familial ties in social support networks. Moreover, adjustment of support networks towards non-sibling ties occurs in culturally expected ways. Those with fewer siblings are generally only more likely to turn to ties for the types of support typically associated with those relations – parents for instrumental and financial support and friends for emotional support. Single-children, however, also violate institutionalized expectations of social support by turning to ties for a wider range of social support. The results suggest that continuing declines in fertility could bring about both a reinforcement and rearticulation of the sociocultural framing of close personal relationships. Moreover, consistent with recent research, the results show that personal networks are influenced more by individual-level than country-level factors.

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Chair (cont.)

Before concluding, I want to thank Jeremiah (Jay) Wills (Queens University of Charlotte) for taking over as editor of our newsletter during the last year. As you can see, he has been doing an outstanding job. I also want to thank John Girdwood (Michigan State University) for taking over as webmaster during the last year. If you have visited our website lately, you will see that John has invested a lot of time in keeping our website up-to-date and increasing its visual appeal (<http://www2.asanet.org/sectionfamily/>). Thanks Jay and John!

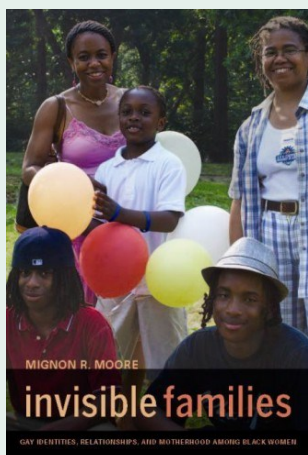
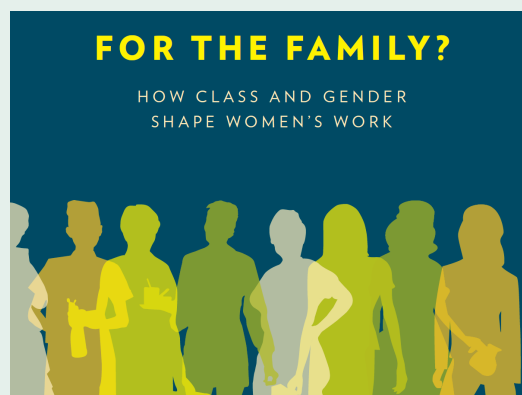
I’m looking forward to seeing everyone in Denver!

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Pennsylvania State University

Members' New Books

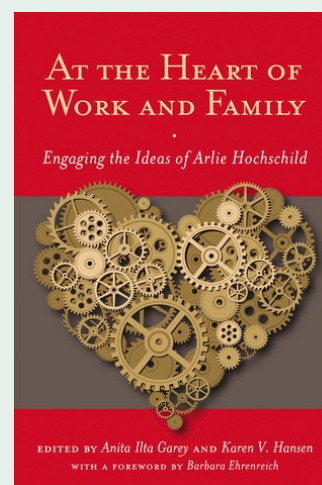
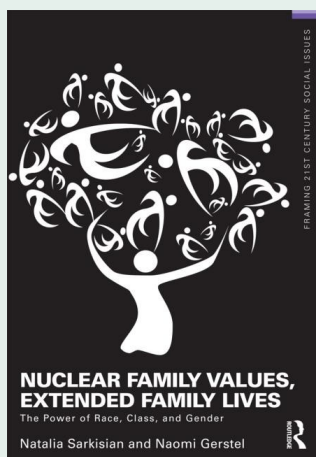
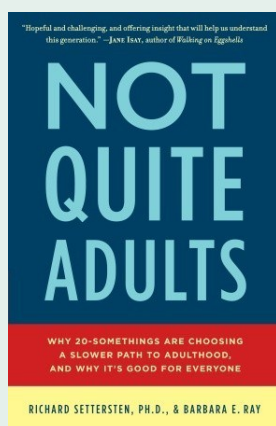
New from Oxford University Press: *For the Family? How Class and Gender Shape Women's Work* by Sarah Damaske, Assistant Professor of Labor Studies & Employment Relations, and Sociology at The Pennsylvania State University.

In the contentious debate about women and work, conventional wisdom holds that middle-class women can decide if they work, while working-class women need to work. Yet, even after the recent economic crisis, middle-class women are more likely to work than working-class women. Sarah Damaske deflates the myth that financial needs dictate if women work, revealing that financial resources make it easier for women to remain at work and not easier to leave it. Departing from mainstream research, Damaske finds three main employment patterns: steady, pulled back, and interrupted. She discovers that middle-class women are more likely to remain steadily at work and working-class women more likely to experience multiple bouts of unemployment. She argues that the public debate is wrongly centered on need because women respond to pressure to be selfless mothers and emphasize family need as the reason for their work choices. Whether the decision is to stay home or go to work, women from all classes say work decisions are made for their families. In *For the Family?*, Sarah Damaske at last provides a more nuanced and richer picture of women, work, and class than the one commonly drawn.



New from University of California Press: *Invisible Families: Gay Identities, Relationships, and Motherhood among Black Women* by Mignon R. Moore, Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Mignon R. Moore brings to light the family life of a group that has been largely invisible--gay women of color--in a book that challenges long-standing ideas about racial identity, family formation, and motherhood. Drawing from interviews and surveys of one hundred black gay women in New York City, *Invisible Families* explores the ways that race and class have influenced how these women understand their sexual orientation, find partners, and form families. In particular, the study looks at the ways in which the past experiences of women who came of age in the 1960s and 1970s shape their thinking, and have structured their lives in communities that are not always accepting of their openly gay status. Overturning generalizations about lesbian families derived largely from research focused on white, middle-class feminists, *Invisible Families* reveals experiences within black American and Caribbean communities as it asks how people with multiple stigmatized identities imagine and construct an individual and collective sense of self.



See more new books by section members online at <http://www2.asanet.org/sectionfamily/resources/books.html>.

ASA Annual Meeting 2012: Family Section Session Details

Family Structure and Children's Well-Being **Sun, Aug 19 - 8:30am - 10:10am**

Session Organizer: W. Bradford Wilcox (University of Virginia)

Presider: W. Bradford Wilcox (University of Virginia)

Changes in American Families and the Growth in the Gender Gap in Behavioral Skills
Jayanti Johanna Owens (Princeton University)

Family Instability and Pathways to Adulthood in Cape Town, South Africa
Rachel E. Goldberg (Brown University)

Family Trajectories and School Readiness in the United States and the United Kingdom
Paula W. Fomby (University of Colorado-Denver), Shannon Cavanagh (University of Texas-Austin), Joshua Goode (University of Colorado-Denver)

Maternal Repartnering and Trajectories in Children's Cognitive and Behavioral Development
Sharon Bzostek (State University of New Jersey-Rutgers), Lawrence Berger (University of Wisconsin-Madison)

Discussant: Daniel Schneider (University of California-Irvine)

Families and the Great Recession **Sun, Aug 19 - 10:30am - 12:10pm**

Session Organizer: Philip N. Cohen (University of Maryland-College Park)

Presider: Philip N. Cohen (University of Maryland-College Park)

Family Structure and Income Trajectories Before and During the Great Recession
Lingxin Hao (Johns Hopkins University)

Gender, Class, and Time Use During the Great Recession
Liana C. Sayer (Ohio State University), Sanjiv Gupta (University of Massachusetts), Kristin Smith (University of New Hampshire-Carsey Institute)

Marital Homogamy and Economic Vulnerability During the Great Recession
Liana Christin Landivar (U.S. Census Bureau)

Linked lives in the "Great Recession": Personal and Family Economic Stress and Older Adult Health
Jennifer A. Ailshire (University of Southern California)

Discussant: Philip N. Cohen (University of Maryland-College Park)

New Demographic Data and Research Approaches to Studying Families (co-sponsored with the Section on Population) **Sun, Aug 19 - 4:30pm - 6:10pm**

Session Organizer: Wendy Diane Manning (Bowling Green State University)

Presider: Jessica A Cohen (St. Mary's University)

Gendered Work Characteristics and Mothers' and Fathers' Time Spent in Child Care
Carrie L. Alexandrowicz Shandra (Hofstra University)

Measuring Maternal Multipartnered Fertility with the NLSY79
Cassandra J. Dorius (University of Michigan-Ann Arbor)

Similarity of Siblings' Family Formation
Jani Erola (University of Turku), Anette Eva Fasang (Humboldt University-Berlin), Alexi Karhula (University of Turku), Marcel Raab

The Educational 'Penalty' of Teen Childbearing: Comparisons across OLS, Instrumental Variables, and Propensity Score Matching Models
Jennifer Buher Kane (University of North Carolina), Kathleen Mullan Harris (University of North Carolina), S. Philip Morgan (Duke University), David Guilkey (University of North Carolina)

Discussant: Sarah M. Kendig (University of Texas-Austin)

Sexual and Romantic Relationships in Early Adulthood **Mon, Aug 20 - 8:30am - 10:10am**

Session Organizer: Sharon L. Sassler (Cornell University)

Presider: Sharon L. Sassler (Cornell University)

Family Structure History, Family Process, and Teenage Cohabitation
Rena Cornell Zito (North Carolina State University)

Interracial Relationship and Sexual Behavior among U.S. Adolescents
Yang Jiang (University of Michigan)

Monogamy Lite: College, Women and Cheating
Amy C. Wilkins (University of Colorado-Boulder), Cristen Dalessandro (University of Colorado-Boulder)

Family Sessions (cont.)

Negotiating Male-Directed Courtship Scripts: Women's Strategic Approaches
Ellen Claire Lamont (New York University)

Discussant: Paula W. Fomby (University of Colorado-Denver)

Relationship Dissolution

Mon, Aug 20 - 10:30am - 12:10pm

Session Organizer: Nicholas H. Wolfinger (University of Utah)

President: Nicholas H. Wolfinger (University of Utah)

Couple Longevity and Formal Unions in the Era of Same-Sex Marriage in the United States

Michael J. Rosenfeld (Stanford University)

Incidence, Predictors, and Resolution of Marital Separations

Dmitry Tumin (Ohio State University), Zhenchao Qian (Ohio State University)

Religious Homogamy and Relationship Stability: Does the Relationship Vary by Race/Ethnicity and Union Type?

Richard J. Petts (Ball State University)

Stability of Remarriage across the Life Course

Kathryn M Coursolle (Minnesota Population Center University of Minnesota)

Discussant: Megan M. Sweeney (University of California-Los Angeles)

ASA Roundtable Session

Organizers: Marybeth Mattingly and Allison Pugh

Time: Sun, Aug 19 - 2:30pm - 3:30pm

Table 01. Work, Motherhood and Institutions

Table 02. Who Marries Whom? Race, Ethnicity, and Union Formation Over Time

Table 03. Waging Culture: Representing Families

Table 04. Families: Global and Comparative Views

Table 05. Fathers and Fathering

Table 06. Poverty, Families, and the Safety Net in the Great Recession

Table 07. Work, Family and Time

Table 08. Cohabitation: Some Comparisons That Yield Surprises

Table 09. Young Adult Romance and Kin/Community Ties

Table 10. Relationships and Sex Among Young Adults

Table 11. Gender Achievement and Marriage

Table 12. Families and Children's Learning

Table 13. The State Shaping Families

Table 14. Marriage Values and the Value of Marriage

Table 15. Gender, Housework, Power

Table 16. LGBTQ Parenting

Table 17. Children's Lives, Children's Contexts

Table 18. Who is in the Household? Who is in the Family?

Table 19. Women, Men, and Money: How Earning Matters

Table 20. Childcare: Private and Public Efforts



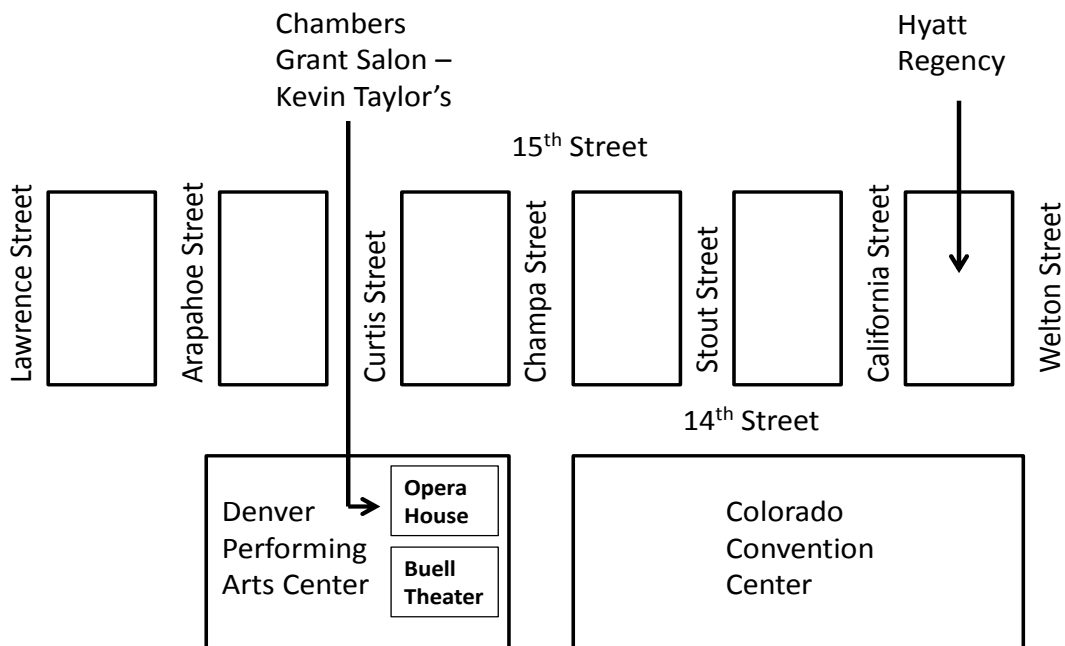
Family Section Reception

The Family and Population Sections will have a combined reception on Sunday, August 19, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The venue is the Chamber's Grant Salon, located at the Denver Performing Arts Center. The address is 1106 Fourteenth Avenue, and the map below shows the location with respect to the Hyatt Regency and the Colorado Convention Center. Follow the signs to Kevin Taylor's at the Opera House, which is located in the Chamber's Grant Salon. The venue features upholstered chairs and low tables for conversation, a large space to mingle in, and original artwork by Denver artist Vance Kirkland. Section members will receive coupons for two beverages (wine, beer, or soft drinks) and an assortment of hors d'oeuvres (vegetable crudité's with dips, assorted cheeses, artichoke hearts, tapenade, roasted red peppers, olives, hummus, pita, grilled breads, and brie en croute).

The website for the reception venue can be found at <http://artscomplex.com/Venues/ChambersGrantSalon/tabid/73/Default.aspx>.

Special thanks to the Population Research Institute at Penn State and the Department of Sociology at Vanderbilt University for sponsoring the Family/Population Sections reception in 2012.

**Map to Chambers Grant Salon at the Ellie Caulkins Opera House,
Family & Population Sections Reception, August 19, 2012, 6:30-8:30 pm**



Upcoming Conferences

National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference: “Families and Health”

Location: Hyatt Hotel, Phoenix, Arizona

Date: October 31, 2012 - November 03, 2012

More Information: <http://www.ncfr.org/ncfr-2012>

Penn State’s Annual Symposium on Family Issues: “Emerging Methods in Family Research”

Location: Nittany Lion Inn Ballroom, University Park, PA

Date: October 8, 2012 - October 9, 2012

More Information: <http://www.pop.psu.edu/events/national-symposium-on-family-issues>

Thanks for your service!

Nominations Committee

Annette Lareau, University of Pennsylvania (chair)

Jenifer Bratter, Rice University

Sarah Meadows, RAND Corporation

Sarah Damaske, Penn State

Lynne Casper, University of Southern California

Judith Levine, Temple University

William J. Goode Book Award

Jay Teachman, Western Washington University (chair)

Jacob Cheadle, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Marcy Carlson, University of Wisconsin

Natalia Sarkisian, Boston College

Kevin Shafer, Brigham Young University

Brian Powell, Indiana University

Distinguished Career Award

Lisa Pearce, University of North Carolina-CH (chair)

S. Philip Morgan, Duke University

Linda Burton, Duke University

Debra Carr, Rutgers University

Valarie Morgan (graduate student member)

Best Graduate Student Paper Award

Paul Amato, Penn State University (chair)

Jennifer Bulanda, Miami University, Ohio

Tracey LaPierre, University of Kansas

Best Article Award Committee

Ted Greenstein, North Carolina State University (chair)

Christine Percheski, Northwestern

Julia McQuillan, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Teresa Schwartz, University of Minnesota

Consider Submitting to TRAILS

The ASA’s TRAILS (Teaching Resources and Innovations library for Sociology) is soliciting teaching materials for the subject area of family. We seek all types of resources related to teaching in the family. We currently have many resources in the areas of intimate partner violence, work and the family, motherhood, women and the family, and social policy and the state. However,



er, we are looking for additional teaching resources related to the history of the family, demography of the family, theoretical perspectives, courtship and dating, pregnancy, reproduction, marriage, divorce, step-parent families, cohabitation, grandparents and aging families, extended families, fatherhood, race, social class, religion, families of choice, LGBT families, military families, and disabled families. We welcome all submissions, but we are particularly looking for powerpoints, syllabi for graduate classes, bibliographies, or essays. We welcome submissions from graduate student instructors and junior faculty. Publi-

cations in TRAILS are peer-reviewed. Guidelines and instructions for submitting teaching materials are available on the ASA TRAILS website: <http://trails.asanet.org>. Questions about TRAILS or the submission or subscription process should contact trails@asanet.org.