

Civil Rights and Intersecting Identities: Social Movements for Equality and Justice



GROVES CONFERENCE on Marriage and Family

Renaissance New York Harlem Hotel
233 West 125th Street
New York, NY 10027

Society has a tumultuous history with regard to human rights and civil rights. Despite progress, the contemporary revisiting of previously held rights is placing intense pressure on families, individuals, and communities. As family scientists, it is imperative that we respond by learning, engaging, and acting with intentionality. The appropriate response is not to rescue, but to amplify voices and experiences, moving beyond mere allyship. The 2024 conference program will serve to center the primary mission of Groves Conference on Marriage and Family within the current landscape of social justice movements.

The primary mission of Groves is to foster critical thinking about issues in the area of family science and to promote social action and social justice. A variety of session formats are used (e.g., workshops, roundtable discussions, immersion experiences, field trips, plenaries, seminars, posters, etc.) designed to generate reconceptualizations of family-related issues. They are ultimately intended to hone a social tapestry that will improve the quality of life within and among families of the world.

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Wednesday June 12th

7:00pm-9:00pm

Opening Reception

Remarks

Sharon Ballard, East Carolina University

Thursday June 13th

- 7:00am-8:00am Registration/Breakfast on your own
- 8:00am-8:10am Welcome
- 8:10am-9:40am **Session 1: Social Justice Pedagogy (Roundtable)**
- Creating accountable learning spaces: Teaching and holding discussions about racism, race, and anti-racism through a liberatory consciousness lens - **Tawanda Hubbard**, *Montclair State University*
 - Teaching family diversity as social justice - **Kari Adamson**, *University of Connecticut*
 - Social justice for all: Using children's literature to teach and empower children - **Sandy Lookabaugh**, *East Carolina University*; **Lisa Godwin**, *East Carolina University*; **Emma Breakey**, *East Carolina University*
 - Trauma-informed training in service-learning courses – **Karen Lee Doneker**, *Towson University*; **Emily Margolis**, *Towson University*; **Linda Oravec**, *Towson University*
- 9:40am-10:50am **Session 2: Black Community Voices (Paper Session)**
- Do many hammers make lighter work? The role of family science and practice in countering systemic forces of grind culture and John Henryism in Black communities – **Denzel Jones**, *Antioch University New England*; **Pia Alexander**, *Antioch University New England*; **Danielle Samuel**, *California State University*
 - Community across the tracks – **Carrie Bergeson**, *East Carolina University*
 - Black families during COVID - Relationship satisfaction and mental load – **Shannon Weaver**, *University of Connecticut*
 - Black queer motherhood: A Black feminist-informed thematic analysis and photovoice examining experiences of motherwork and navigating informal support – **Steph Cooke**, *East Carolina University*
 - Black transgender women's college experience: A philanthropic praxis project – **Yanira Amadeo**, *Montclair State University*; **Estefanie Ceballo**, *Montclair State University*
- 10:50am-11:50am **Panel Discussion 1**
- The case for Black girls: Sustaining scholarship and community partnerships from an asset perspective – **Nadine Verna**, *Montclair State University*; **Andrea Smith-Morgan**, *Mindful Awareness Academy for Children*; **Nneka Nwaifejoku**, *Grantmakers for Girls*
- 11:50am-12:00pm Break/transition

Thursday June 13th continued

- 12:00pm-12:30pm **Session 3: Identity and Familial Experiences (*Interactive Poster Session*)**
- Love as defiance: Reconceptualizing attachment and intimacy in Black couples as seeds of systemic change – **Paula Smith**, *Antioch University New England*
 - How do adolescents define trauma? A qualitative study with a primarily Hispanic sample – **Mary Cate Komoski**, *East Carolina University*
 - Mana na Kababaihan: Exploring the inherited intersecting identities of Filipina/x American women – **Krista Parker**, *Antioch University New England*; **Abbey Ronquillo**, *private practice*

12:30pm-12:40pm Break/transition

12:40pm-2:00pm **Lunch and *Keynote Plenary*: Interrogating Power Dynamics in Research: Why Black Voices Matter**

Jason Williams, *Montclair State University*



This presentation will unpack various epistemological frameworks to argue for more intentional research methodologies that best address white supremacy and racial-ethnic marginalization. It will critique mainstream frameworks and suggest new ones for moving forward.

2:00pm-2:15pm Break/transition

- 2:15pm-2:45pm **Session 4: The Case for Equity in Practice (*Interactive Poster Session*)**
- Voices at the intersection of race, disability & trauma: Centering Black neurodiversity in couple and family therapy models – **Pia Alexander**, *Antioch University New England*; **Judy Collin**, *Antioch University New England University*; **Karen Neri**, *Antioch University New England*; **Rose Amaker**, *Antioch University New England*
 - Pink penalties in the ivory tower: Sexism experiences of older female academics – **Elizabeth Wroten**, *University of Delaware*
 - Equity in higher ed: Breaking down barriers for student parent retention – **Sharon Ballard**, *East Carolina University*; **Eboni Baugh**, *East Carolina University*

3:00pm-3:30pm ***Presidential Address***
Sharon Ballard, *East Carolina University*

3:30pm-5:30pm **Groves Board Meeting**

Thursday June 13th continued

6:30pm

Day 1 Excursion: Dinner at Sylvia's Queen of Soul Food Restaurant

Meet in the hotel lobby by 6:00pm

<https://sylviasrestaurant.com/>
6-minute walk from the hotel



Friday June 14

7:30am-8:30am

Registration/Breakfast on your own

8:30am-8:40am

Opening remarks

8:40am-9:40am

Plenary Session 2: Striving for Thriving: One Administrator's Reflection on Using Institutional Power and Privilege to Create Change

Ramona Faith Oswald, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign



Friday June 14th continued

9:40am-10:40am

Session 3: Justice in Clinical Practice (*Paper Session*)

- The role of the activist-therapist in an anti-transgender political climate – **Coltan Schoenike**, *Antioch University New England*
- Race and LMFT licensure exam – **Kevin Lyness**, *Antioch University New England*; **Diane Gehart**, *California State University Northridge*; **Brian Hannigan**, *private practice*; **Barrie Birge**, *private practice*; **Sheiketha Ross**, *Antioch University New England*
- Culturally inclusive supervision: Nurturing authentic voices in couples and family therapy – **Alyssa Young**, *Antioch University New England*; **Shanika Torres**, *Antioch University New England*
- Is the field of mental health paying attention? Inadequate and harmful clinical supervision with marginalized supervisees – **Danielle Gomez**, *Antioch University New England*; **Krista Parker**, *Antioch University New England*; **Alyssa Young**, *Antioch University New England*; **Ari Bonagofski**, *Antioch University New England*

10:40am-10:50am

Break/transition

10:50am-11:50am

Panel Discussion 2: Ellen Swallow Richards: Lessons for contemporary feminist leadership and activism in HDFS

Anisa Zvonkovic, *University of Georgia*; **Dana Weiser**, *Texas Tech University*; **Elizabeth Sharp**, *Texas Tech University*

11:50am-12:50pm

Lunch & Networking

Presentation of the Goebel-Macklin Student Award

12:50pm-1:00pm

Break/transition

1:00pm-2:30pm

Closing Session: Where do we go from here? Activism in Action

Veronica Barrios, *Miami University*; **Jessica Fish**, *University of Maryland*; **Janis Henderson**, *private practice, NCFR*; **Tawanda Hubbard**, *Montclair State University*; **Shalonda Curtis-Hackett**, *Neighborhood Defender Service*

4:00pm (Group 1)

Meet in the hotel lobby by 3:20pm

Day 2 Excursion: Pride Walking Tours

<https://pridetoursnyc.com/pride-walking-tour/>

5:00pm (Group 2)

Meet in the hotel lobby by 4:20pm



Additional Conference Information

Session Formats

- **Roundtable:** Each presenter will host a table for two 35-minute rounds. Participants can attend TWO roundtables during this session. Once the first round is complete, participants will then move to another table for the second round. A group discussion will occur after the second round is complete.
- **Interactive Poster:** This session will have 3-5 posters that focus on a central theme. Each presenter will have 3–5 minutes to introduce their poster. After all posters have been introduced, participants can move around the room and engage with posters.
- **Paper Session:** This session will have 3-5 papers that focus on a central theme. Each presenter will have 10-12 minutes to present (e.g., PowerPoint, Canva, etc.). A group discussion will occur after all presentations are complete.
- **Panel Discussion:** A panel of experts will discuss a topic with time dedicated for Q&A.

Things To Do In Harlem

Evenings at The Renaissance Hotel <https://renaissance-hotels.marriott.com/events/>

Local Attractions <https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/nychl-renaissance-new-york-harlem-hotel/experiences/>

Apollo Theater

<https://www.apollotheater.org/>

1-minute walk from hotel



Tours of Harlem

(e.g., Jazz Tour, Civil Rights Tour, Gospel Series)

<https://welcometoharlem.com/>

Broadway & Off-Broadway Tickets

<https://www.broadway.com/>

Metropolitan Museum of Art - The Harlem Renaissance and Transatlantic Modernism

<https://www.metmuseum.org/exhibitions/the-harlem-renaissance-and-transatlantic-modernism>

