

## Groves 2021 Virtual Conference

# *Family Advocacy and Family Policy: Caring for Families in the Exo- and Macro-Spheres*

Conference dates:

May 6 & 7 (Thursday & Friday);

May 26 & 27 (Wednesday and Thursday);

June 17 & 18 (Thursday & Friday)

Conference sessions will be held 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. EDT

**Proposals due February 25, 2021**

### ***A Virtual Conference on Family Advocacy and Family Policy: Caring for Families in the Exo- and Macro-Spheres***

Families and individuals are influenced every day by the policies of various forms of government. The policies themselves are shaped by the beliefs and attitudes the lawmakers hold regarding families, and individuals, and their needs and functioning. Those who advocate for families can be instrumental in influencing the way lawmakers think about families, as well as the way policies are written.

As family scholars, we need to be mindful of the impacts of policy proposals, and advocate for the policies that will have the most beneficial effect on families in general.

The Groves Conference on Marriage and Family 2021 is focusing on both family policy and family advocacy. Papers submitted to be presented at the 2021 Conference should have an emphasis on either policy or advocacy. The subject of the presentation could cover a wide variety of topics based on all aspects of family life, including, but not limited to, that which focuses on children, elders, housing, health, and/or the family economy.

**Proposals for presentation:** Please submit an abstract no longer than 4 double-spaced pages. Devote at least one page of the abstract outlining the policy and/or advocacy implications of your work.

**Teaching, counseling, and outreach during a pandemic:** A second tract during the 2021 Conference will be an information and best practice exchange. What practices have you developed over the past year to better reach your students and clients?

Submit a proposal for a workshop, describing your “best practice” and how you plan to present it to Groves Conference attendees. Please keep proposal to no longer than 4 double-spaced pages.

**Please submit your abstract(s) no later than February 25, 2021.**

Send abstract/proposal in Word format as an attachment to Elizabeth Dolan at e.dolan@unh.edu. In the subject line of the email message, please indicate that you are submitting a proposal for the Groves Conference 2021.

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**2021 Virtual Conference Program Chairs: Liz Dolan & Irene Leech**