



GROVES CONFERENCE

on Marriage and Family

From the Desk of the President

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Greetings!

Happy Fall! This is a jam-packed newsletter as there is a lot going on in Groves! In this newsletter, you can read reflections on our 2023 conference on Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota and get a glimpse of our 2024 conference in Harlem! Two very different venues but both epitomize the Groves tradition of innovative and inspiring conference themes with interesting locations. These unique conferences featuring cutting-edge themes and interactive sessions are the hallmarks of the annual Groves conference and set us apart from other professional conferences.

Over the last couple of years, we have enhanced our conference themes with virtual options that allow more opportunities for Groves members to participate and connect with each other. For example, the 2023 conference at

Pine Ridge was preceded by a virtual book discussion on the *Inconvenient Indian* by Thomas King and followed by Dr. Stephen Gavazzi's Sussman award virtual presentation on *Remaining Land-Grant Fierce While Accepting the Land- Grab Truth of our Foundation*. As a member of Groves, you can be a part of these opportunities for connection, learning, stimulation, and inspiration. We are a small organization by design. But we do need our members to thrive and continue these traditions. Please share the "secret" of Groves with others and encourage them to become a member. Membership dues are now paid on the calendar year. However, if someone would like to join Groves now, their membership is good through 2024.

If you plan to be at NCFR in Orlando, please stop by the Groves table at the conference exhibits. Or better yet, plan to help us out at the table (see more information in this newsletter). We will be sharing information about the organization, the upcoming conference, and the benefits of membership.

I hope you enjoy reading about all that is happening in Groves!

Sharon

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In case you missed it, ...

The 2023 Sussman presentation recording is now available on the Groves website!

2023 Sussman Award Winner

Dr. Steve Gavazzi

Ohio State University

***Remaining Land-Grant Fierce While Accepting the
Land-Grab Truth of Our Foundation***

<[CLICK HERE](#)> to view Dr. Gavazzi's 6-5-23 presentation



Visit us at NCFR!

Stop by the Groves exhibitor table! Visitors and Volunteers welcome!

If anyone is available to help at the NCFR exhibit table, please contact Karmen Smith
(ksmith22@antioch.edu).



Spread the word!

Do you have colleagues who would benefit from Groves membership and participation? Please pass this information along to them.

"The small nature of Groves has allowed me to feel a connection to a professional organization unlike any I've previously experienced. The Annual Conference Meetings are intimate, provocative, and enlightening. Groves is intentional about selecting relevant topics for our times and, therefore, for family scientists."

Do you know someone who would be interested in joining? Open up the Groves community to them – share this link

[www.grovesconference.org/membership] to become a member of Groves and learn more about the Groves Way!

Good news! There's still time to renew and we're happy to share Groves swag with new and renewing members. Click on this link, [www.grovesconference.org/membership], and follow the prompts.

Reflections on the 2023 Groves Conference

Participants weigh in.



The 2023 Groves Conference focused on Lakota Culture on Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota and was offered in partnership with the Oglala Lakota people and Amizade (<https://amizade.org>). The 16 conference participants immersed themselves in Lakota culture through service, storytelling, presentations and demonstrations about traditional Lakota practices. Other highlights included Wounded Knee Memorial, a traditional Sweat Lodge experience, Crazy Horse Memorial, and Custer State Park. The following participant reflections best capture this unique and powerful conference.

“The experience of going to Pine Ridge Reservation was powerful. I appreciate the Lakota collective concern for each other in their whole tribe, not just their own families. The rest of us in the U.S. and globally would be much better off if we respected the earth and each other as they do. I am very grateful to Groves for offering this opportunity.”



“In preparing for the Groves 2023 conference, I read several books about the Lakota people and their history and was expecting that the personal interactions we received would further enrich my knowledge. My expectations were greatly exceeded; I was not expecting to be able to participate in the sacred, spiritual rituals that we were warmly invited to join. Participating in the sweat lodge is something I will never forget.”

“It was fun to learn about a different culture and get to hear their personal stories. Traveling around to all the different sites was cool and it was interesting to see and hear the history that is overshadowed in our education system. The food was also really good!”

“After returning home from Pine Ridge, I had great difficulty describing to others what I had experienced. Words seemed to feel lacking— they did not have the depth or breadth to properly explain the inner transformation I felt while on the sacred land and in the presence of those who had every reason to generalize their hatred of white people. Instead, we were embraced with warmth, humility, and kindness. I find myself thinking about, talking about, reading about the Lakota people and all indigenous peoples with my own sense of humility... as I now need to learn and tell the real history of our country.”



New Monograph Release - Volume 8!

Caring for Each Other: Family Caregiving Across the Generations

Volume 8: *Caring for Each Other: Family Caregiving Across the Generations*

Christine A. Readdick and Sharon M. Ballard, editors

- [Chapter 1. Maine: Opportunities and Challenges for Children Learning to Care by Christine A. Readdick](#)
- [Chapter 2. Labors of Devotion: Poetry, the Family & Caregiving by Marcia F. Brown](#)
- [Chapter 3. Dignity, Duty, and Dependence: Feminist Perspectives on Caregiving in a Neoliberal Climate by Tessa le Roux](#)
- [Chapter 4. Groves Academy and Lifetime Members Weave Personal and Professional Stories of Family Caregiving Together for Meaning by Barbara H. Settles, Pauline Boss, Christine A. Readdick, Eleanor D. Macklin, and Judith Fischer](#)
- [Chapter 5. Rural Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: Family Caregiving through Crisis, Adaptation, and Advocacy by Sandra J. Bailey and Bethany L. Letiecq](#)
- [Chapter 6. Cultivating a Culture of Care Through Intergenerational Programming by Sharon M. Ballard, Annelyse Iglesias, Meghan Pomelow, and Nicholas Viti](#)
- [Chapter 7. A Contextual View of Family Financial Caregiving by Pamela B. Teaster and Yuxin Zhao](#)
- [Chapter 8. Maine's Anne Longfellow Pierce: Still Giving Gifts of Care by Christine A. Readdick and John William Babin](#)
- [Chapter 9. Legal Tools for Managing Family Transitions in Giving and Receiving Care by Sara E. C. Malia](#)
- [Chapter 10. Conversations About Faith Traditions and Caregiving by Jean Pearson Scott and Martha LaRiviere, with Aftab Ahmed and Stefanie Posner](#)
- [Chapter 11. New—and Needed—Care Manager Education Supports Aging and Disabled Populations by Leisa R. Easom](#)
- [Chapter 12. Tai Chi and Qigong: Slow Dances of Self-Care for Family Caregivers and Care-Recipients by Julia A. Malia](#)
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SAVE THE DATE! Groves Conference 2024

June 12-15, 2024 Harlem, New York City, NY

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



Groves Conference 2024

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

Program Chairs: Carol Johnston & Eboni Baugh

Location: Harlem, NYC

June 12th – June 15th, 2024

Conference Theme and Description:

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.

Call for Proposals:

We welcome proposals for a variety of presentation types, including:

- Paper presentation/Discussion
- Roundtable Discussion
- Poster Presentation
- Panel Presentation

We invite proposals from Groves members and nonmembers (academics, practitioners, and community members) and anticipate your encouragement and facilitation of graduate/undergraduate student participation.

Possible topics for proposals (included, but not limited to):

- Contemporary human rights issues
- Civil rights movements and their impact
- Individual, family, and community responses to rights
- Advocacy, protests, and/or civil unrest
- Discourse on social movements
- Teaching and/or research on equality and justice

Proposal Format: Proposals should include the following information:

- Name, affiliation, and contact information of each presenter
- A brief 50-word bio for each presenter
- A description of the presentation and how it fits with the conference theme (no more than 300 words)
- The format preferred (paper, presentation, roundtable, poster, panel, or other)
 - If other, please describe what you propose.

Submit proposals by **December 1, 2023**, via email (attached as a Microsoft Word or PDF file): Groves2024@gmail.com

Goebel-Macklin Award

The Goebel-Macklin Award supports a promising graduate student presenting at the annual conference. One graduate student is chosen based on his or her presentation at the conference and the award is made toward the end of the conference.

Why Harlem, NYC?

- Rich history of cultural impact, civic participation, and movements for social justice
- Home to many cultural institutions (Apollo Theater, Studio Museum) and access to urban and suburban communities including local colleges and universities—City College of New York's School of Medicine, Columbia University, Hunter College, and Barnard College
- Close proximity to LaGuardia airport (hub for all major airlines - American, Delta, Jet Blue, Southwest, and United)
- Possible excursions during the conference (Pride Tour, Civil Rights Tour, drag show, dinner at iconic soul food restaurants, etc.)
- Pre- and post-conference experiences - e.g., other NY Boroughs (Bronx, Queens, Brooklyn & Coney Island), proximity to NJ & CT, Broadway and off-Broadway shows, Times Square, Central Park, Statue of Liberty & Ellis Island, and Niagara Falls.

Hotel Venue:

The new Renaissance New York Harlem Hotel <https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/nychl-renaissance-new-york-harlem-hotel/overview/> showcasing thoughtfully designed and curated guestrooms and suites bringing you Harlem's history, art, and culture pair with eye catching views of Central Park, the Hudson and Harlem River. Uncover New York City with our Harlem hotel's convenient location within walking distance to historical landmarks including the Apollo Theatre and iconic Central Park, a short subway to Times Square and major midtown venues, and an easy distance away from LaGuardia Airport LGA.



Registration and Hotel Information:

Hotel: Renaissance New York Harlem Hotel; 233 West 125th Street, New York, NY 10027; 332-266-8722

Conference rate available June 12-15: \$329 per night (limited King rooms available for \$309). Book before **Wednesday May 8, 2024** to receive this conference rate. [Book your group rate for Groves Conference](#) -

Registration due by March 15, 2024:

To register, see the Groves homepage for online registration (www.grovesconference.org).

Full Conference Registration includes heavy hors-d'oeuvres at opening reception, 2 lunches, 1 dinner and 1 excursion.

- Groves members: \$649
 - Nonmembers: \$749
 - Students: \$549
- (to join Groves, go to <http://www.grovesconference.org/membership.html> or for questions about membership e-mail grovesmanager@yahoo.com)

One-day registration: \$400

Late registration (after March 15, 2024): Add \$50 to applicable fee

Cancellation policy: No refunds can be made after April 30, 2024 and paid fees will be considered a donation to Groves.

Ask about meal and event accommodations for companions closer to the conference date.

