



GROVES CONFERENCE

on Marriage and Family

From the Desk of the President

Sharon M. Ballard, PhD, CFLE



Greetings!

Spring is always an exciting time of rejuvenation as things are blooming around us. For those of us in academia, it is also a chance to breath a sigh of relief as the academic year comes to a close! It is also time to think about the annual Groves conference. And this year, I am looking forward to seeing some of you in South Dakota for a unique conference experience. It will be a small but mighty group of sixteen of us who will be learning about Lakota culture through presentations, service, and other immersive experiences on the Pine Ridge Reservation. The conference is May 30 through June 3 so we will get back just in time to share our experiences at the annual business meeting on Monday, June 5th. The meeting will be at 2:00 EST and will be held virtually via Zoom (see information and link in this newsletter). All Groves members

are invited and encouraged to attend the meeting.

Directly following the meeting, we will recognize our 2023 Sussman Award recipient, Dr. Stephen Gavazzi. The Sussman Award is given every other year to honor the late renowned teacher and researcher, Marvin Sussman and recognizes recent research that supports the theme of the annual Groves Conference. Following Groves tradition, the Sussman award recipient will give a presentation. Dr. Gavazzi's presentation is entitled "Remaining Land-Grant Fierce While Accepting the Land-Grab Truth of Our Foundation" and addresses "land grab" universities, the impact on tribal communities, and steps toward atonement.

We certainly learned to use technology during COVID, and although we enjoy seeing each other in-person, we need to embrace technology and appreciate it as a vehicle for us to stay connected and engaged in Groves. Many of you, for one reason or another, will not be able to attend the conference this year but technology allows you to participate in the annual business meeting and to hear Dr. Gavazzi's presentation on a fascinating and important topic. From wherever you might physically be on June 5th, I invite you to tune in and continue the Groves tradition of learning about and discussing challenging and important topics that affect families and communities.

Sharon

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2023 Annual Business Meeting & Sussman Award Presentation
2-3pm EST: Business Meeting - 3-4pm EST: Sussman Presentation

All Groves Members are invited to participate.

Groves Conference on Marriage and Family
2023 Virtual Business Meeting Agenda
Monday, June 5, 2023 2–3pm ET
Immediately followed by Sussman Award Presentation from 3-4 pm ET

CLICK HERE to join via ZOOM: (<https://zoom.us/j/2611988577?pwd=R1loK2luZEJPVs81ZWtkcTlIUgprdz09>)
Meeting ID: 261 198 8577, Passcode: 6778577

- 2:00-2:05pm – Welcome, Introductions, 2022-2023 Highlights – Sharon Ballard, President
- 2:05-2:10pm – Recognition of Maresa Murray as new Lifetime Member – Sharon Ballard, President
- 2:10-2:15pm – Approval of May 2022 Business Meeting Minutes – Helyne Frederick, Secretary
- 2:15-2:20pm – Treasurer’s Report – Yuliana Rodriguez, Treasurer
- 2:20-2:30pm – 2023 Conference Co-chair Report – Heather Sedges & Sandy Lookabaugh
- 2:30-2:40pm – Committee Reports:
- Publication/Monograph Series – Kevin Lyness, Monograph Series Editor
 - Awards - Barbara Settles, Chair
 - Membership – Karmen Smith, Chair
- 2:40-2:55pm – New Business
- 2024 Conference – Carol Johnston & Eboni Baugh
- 2:55pm – Adjourn
- 2:55pm-3:00pm – BREAK

Sussman Award Presentation - Monday, June 5th at 3-4pm EST

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

Dr. Stephen Gavazzi

Dr. Gavazzi will present his research on “land grab” universities, the impact on tribal communities, and steps toward atonement. This important work is of interest to Groves members and aligns well with this year’s focus on Lakota culture.

Stephen M. Gavazzi, Ph.D. is a Professor in the Department of Human Sciences and is Director of CHRR at The Ohio State University, Ohio State’s center for data and survey excellence. Dr. Gavazzi is known for his work on a variety of higher education issues. His book Land-Grant Universities for the Future (co-authored with E. Gordon Gee) was published in 2018 by Johns Hopkins University Press. Gavazzi and Gee also are co-authors of the book What’s Public About Public Higher Ed? That was published in October 2021 by Johns Hopkins University Press. Professor Gavazzi also co-edited (with David Staley) the book Fulfilling the 21st Century Land-Grant Mission for The Ohio State University Press in 2020.



Stephen Gavazzi, Ph.D.

Please plan to join us and connect with other Groves members, learn, and discuss this fascinating and powerful research!

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Membership Committee Report

Groves Membership Committee Chair, Karmen Smith, PhD

Thank you for your continued membership with Groves. We hope you've been able to personally benefit from your membership with Groves. Call me at 727-992-4929 or email me at ksmith22@antioch.edu to share ideas for how to best meet your needs. Without your loyalty and support, we would not be able to continuously provide our members with valuable benefits and actively develop our community. Put simply, you make what we do possible. We sincerely hope that you will join us for another outstanding year of great programs and professional development and spread the word to encourage colleagues to join you as proud Groves members.

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."

Who We Are: The Groves Conference was begun in 1934 by the late Professor Ernest Groves, who was among the first academicians to give a course in marriage and the family in an established university, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Our members are an interdisciplinary and interprofessional organization of faculty, researchers, students, and family professionals.

What We Do: Host annual conferences, offer access to quarterly newsletters, provide annual members-only scholastic and achievement awards, publish special edition monographs, and facilitate other events that support our members' professional and academic development

Who We're Seeking: Scholars, Professionals, and Students in Family Science, Family Life Education, Human Development, Marriage and Family Therapy, Sociology, Psychology, Social Work, Theology, Child Development, Health, Addictions, and Other Mental Health Professionals.

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!



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Good news! There's still time to renew and it's as easy as ever. Click on this link, [www.grovesconference.org/membership], and follow the prompts.

Maresa Murray 2023 Lifetime Member

Lifetime Members are Groves members who have made notable contributions to the Groves Conference. Dr. Maresa Murray was elected as the newest Lifetime Member by the board of directors at the November 2022 meeting. Dr. Murray's longtime membership and service in multiple positions on the board, particularly, as president, reflect her notable contributions. Most importantly, her contributions and commitment to the Groves mission have been instrumental in helping to sustain and strengthen the organization.

Congratulations, Maresa!

About Groves Academy and Lifetime Members

(Reprinted from Groves Monograph Volume 2)

There is some evidence of the Conference making awards on an ad hoc basis. Following the 1968 reorganization, Gladys H. Groves continued to be recognized as honorary director on our letterhead and at annual meetings (Settles, 1971, 1978). A letter of recognition prepared by Dr. Sussman to Edith Grotberg for her contribution to family and child policy and programs was prepared and presented at the 1979 Washington conference on family policy (Settles, 1979). In 1980 a discussion and proposal for member recognition resulted in these two new awards: Lifetime membership and Groves Academy membership. In 1981 Harold Feldman and Marvin Sussman were given life membership, and David Mace was the first Groves Academy member. In 1984 Marie Peters was recognized posthumously. She had been our second Groves membership chair and was a leader in her commitment to diversity for the conference and used our informal format to help build relationships.

Maresa joins this revered group of 8 other current Lifetime Members:

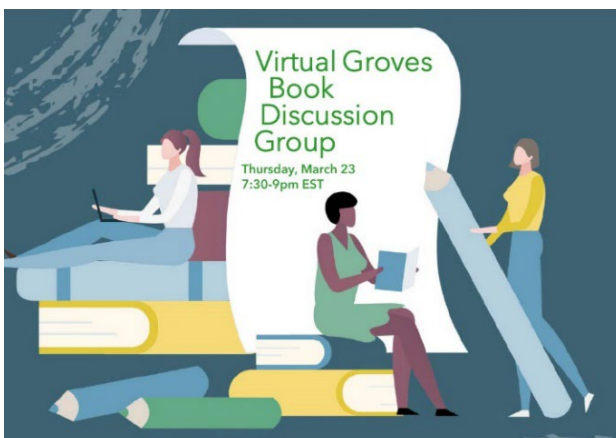
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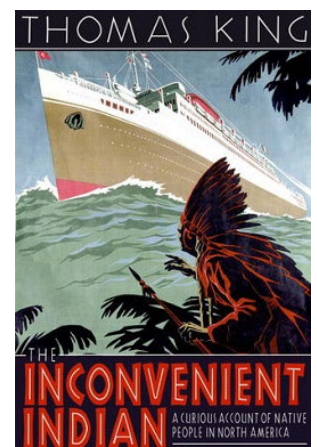


2nd Annual Groves Book Discussion



Twelve Groves members met for the 2nd annual Groves book discussion via Zoom on Thursday, March 23, 2023 to discuss *The Inconvenient Indian* by Thomas King. King's work is an account of the history of indigenous rights and treaties in North America. He notes the portrayal of indigenous peoples in popular media as having contributed greatly to public knowledge of North American Indians. The book was chosen in alignment with this year's conference which is an immersive

experience learning about the Lakota on Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. As facilitator, Dr. Sandy Lookabaugh led the group in a lively and thought-provoking discussion that resulted in the generation of resources (books, movies, podcasts, etc.) related to Indigenous Families. Stay tuned for information on next year's book discussion!



Groves 2023 Regular and Special Election Results



Colleen Murray

The 2023 Regular Election results are in! Groves members re-elected Colleen Murray to serve as an At-large member on the Board. They also voted to approve these proposed Bylaws amendments.

- Student membership was expanded to state “graduate students” which is inclusive of both masters and doctoral students.



Chloe Merrill



Raeann Hamon

- The business meeting can occur

during the annual conference or virtually within one month of the annual conference.

- Terms of newly elected officers and board members will begin following the annual business meeting rather than the conference in the event that the two do not happen at the same time.
- There should be at least two meetings of the Board of Directors each year.

Groves members recently returned to the polls for a special election and elected Chloe Merrill to serve as Groves President Elect. In addition, you voted to elect Raeann Hamon to serve as At-large member through 2025, finishing Chloe’s term as she steps into her new role. Both will officially begin serving their term starting in June 2023 after the annual conference.

Congratulations, Colleen, Chloe and Raeann!

Call for Manuscripts! Groves Monograph: *Families as Sources of Strength, Healing and Hope*

Co-Editors: Raeann R. Hamon, Ph.D., Messiah University (rhamon@messiah.edu), Chloe D. Merrill, Ph.D., Transformational Symmetry Consulting (transformationalsymmetry@comccast.net)

This monograph will elaborate on the theme of the 2022 Groves Conference on Marriage and Family held in Paradise Island, Bahamas. We encourage those who presented at the conference to submit their work but invite additional scholars to submit their manuscripts on the theme, as well.

Families serve as an essential source of strength, healing and hope during times of challenge and hardship. For this monograph, we’d like to focus on scholarship and professional practice which capture the role that families play in helping its own members and the larger society manage the vicissitudes of life. What family strengths are essential? How can relationships experience healing and reconciliation? What role does hope play in times of trouble?

Please submit your full manuscript as soon as possible. We plan to review manuscripts as they come in, providing feedback to authors. We anticipate a publication date by December of 2023. If you have an idea that you would like to discuss for the monograph, please contact Raeann or Chloe. Manuscripts can be emailed to rhamon@messiah.edu.

2023 Dues Renewals [Click here to renew your Groves membership for 2023](#)

Thank you in advance for your continued membership and participation! Groves members are our most valuable asset! Help us spread the word to your colleagues. Thank you!



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