



# GROVES CONFERENCE on Marriage and Family

## Groves Conference on Marriage & Family 2021 Virtual Conference

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

**Week 1: Thursday, May 6 – Friday, May 7, 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm EDT**

#### **May 6**

1:00 Welcome, introductions

1:10 Advocacy 101

Advocating for the Family: Advocacy 101, and Where to Start  
Neal Sombke & Keiko Berkon – AAMFT

2:45 Break

3:00 Developing Research that has Policy Impact

Travis Plunkett, Senior Director, The Pew Charitable Trusts

4:00 Social Event - Open to all! Join with your tasting event package or bring your own goodies!

Tasting – Name your popcorn! (this could start at 4:15)

Popcorn sponsored by   
East Carolina University

5:00 End

#### **May 7**

1:00 Advocating for Children

Child Support and the Affordable Care Act's Medicaid Expansions.

Dr. Lindsey Bullinger, Georgia Tech University

Intersections of Adoption and Public Policy in the Lives of Privileged and Oppressed Families

Dr. Bobbi Miller, Regis University, Dr. Katie Heiden-Rootes, St. Louis University, Krystyna Wamboldt, J.D., Regis University

2:00 Finding Your Way to Advocate for Families

Dr. Bonnie Braun, University of Maryland, School of Public Health, Department of Family Science

2:45 Break

3:00 Business Meeting

**4:00 *Featured Event: Groves History and Social with Academy and Lifetime Members***

**Looking Back, Looking Forward: The History of Groves Conferences and Policy**

**Dr. Barbara Settles, University of Delaware**



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**Week 2: Wednesday, May 26 – Thursday, May 27, 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm EDT**

#### **May 26**

- 1:00 Scholars Strategy Network  
Bridging the Gap between Research and Policy  
Paola Maynard-Moll, Executive Director, Scholars Strategy Network
- 1:45 Sussman Award Winner:  
Policies for Aging Americans: A Look at Public Opinion and the Role of Government  
Dr. Rachel L. Moskowitz
- 2:30 Break
- 2:45 Advocating for Elders  
COVID and the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program  
Dr. Pamela Teaster, VA Tech  
Exo- and Macrosystem Influences on Elder Family Financial Exploitation  
Dr. Virginia Vincenti, University of Wyoming  
HealthyAgingDataReports.org: Guiding Policymakers and Spurring Innovation  
Dr. Elizabeth Dugan, UMASS, Boston
- 4:15 Social Event - Open to all! Join with your tasting event package or bring your own goodies!  
Tasting – What's your favorite cookie?  
**Gluten-free cookies sponsored by Karmen Smith**
- 5:00 end

#### **May 27**

- 1:00 Policy & Advocacy  
Code Switching: Being a Multilingual, Multimodal Communicator in the Field of Family Policy  
Dr. Debra Berke, Wilmington University, & Dr. Barbara Settles, University of Delaware  
Advocacy in the Time of Covid – Legislative Meetings & Lobbying & Technology  
Dr. Irene Leech, VA Tech  
Citizen Science: A Door-to-Door Community Participatory Study of Community Health  
Dr. Lakshmi Fjord, University of Virginia
- 2:45 Break
- 3:00 Zoom Fatigue  
Dr. Irene Leech, VA Tech
- 4:00 Social Event - Open to all! Join with your tasting event package or bring your own goodies!  
Tasting – And the winner in the chips category is...  
Chips sponsored by Virginia Tech 
- 5:00 End



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**Week 3: Thursday, June 17 – Friday, June 18, 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm EDT**

#### **June 17**

- 1:00 Advocating for Families with Disabilities  
The Family's Role in Advocating for Children with Autism  
Dr. Barbara Frankel, University of New Hampshire  
Lessons Learned from Advocating for Children  
Dr. Martie Gillen, University of Florida  
Confronting Racism and Bias Within Early Intervention Systems: The Importance of Family-Focused Policies to Advance Equity  
Dr. Sheresa Blanchard, East Carolina University, Dr. Katharine W. Didericksen, East Carolina University, & Dr. Jennifer R. Newton, Ohio University
- 2:45 Break
- 3:00 Addressing State Legislation
- 4:00 Tasting – Decisions, decisions...There's no wrong answer for chocolate!
- 5:00 End

#### **June 18**

- 1:00 Advocating for Family Health  
Parental Stress and Family Functioning in the Age of COVID-19  
Dr. Eboni Baugh, East Carolina University, Carrie Bergeson, Montclair State University,  
Dr. Carol Johnston, East Carolina University Dr. Sharon Ballard, East Carolina University  
Tribal Consultation Policy for MH and SU School-Based Programs  
Maya Iturra, Antioch University of New England  
Championing Maternal Mental Health with a Systemic Lens  
Evdoxia (Evie) Mpras, VT Tech
- 2:30 Break
- 2:45 Taking Research to Congress: A visit with Congressman Griffith
- 4:00 Wrap-up
- 5:00 End