



GROVES CONFERENCE on Marriage and Family

Winter 2017

A Message From. . .

Jean Pearson Scott, Groves President



Dear Groves Members,

Post-Racial No More!

Historical and current realities for racially and ethnically diverse individuals and families hit harder and closer than I like these days. Former Groves President, Anisa Zvonkovic, reminded me via her Facebook post of the observance of Internment Day. The day, February 19, 1942, when American citizens and immigrants of Japanese ancestry were ordered to be rounded up and interned in camps. American Japanese families lost their homes, means of livelihood, and their freedom because they “looked like the enemy.” Earlier this month, the faculty senate at my university, as others have done, passed a resolution in response to the President's

Executive Order, "Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States," to call attention to the adverse impact of the order on the university community and to reaffirm the value of international students and faculty in the life of the academy. News media have carried accounts of how families are being affected, the many statements issued by state and national entities, the marches and public rallies, and legal implications including a stay of the executive order by a three-judge federal panel. Opinions about how the “other,” the one who is different, the one who is marginalized is treated are a regular part of the public discourse.

I am one who only a few short years ago was guilty of thinking that finally our nation was soon to be a “post” - post skin color, post sexual orientation, post ethnic, post difference.For those like me it is now 2017 and post racial no more! Our upcoming conference theme, “Post-Racial No More: Race, Realities, and Resources of Ethnic Minority Families and Social Movements” is a timely topic that begs for informed discussion, dialogue, reflection, and renewed commitment to action at the policy level. Please put June 4-7 on your calendar and make plans to be in Charleston, SC for unique Groves style presentations and dialogue.

Jean

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Sussman Family Scholars Award

Hurry! Hurry!

Now is the time to submit the name of an author(s) whose high quality work exemplifies the 2017 conference theme of racial and ethnic minority families. This award recognizes outstanding work that is consistent with the mission of Groves Conference and given to the author(s) of a current significant publication (book, article) supportive of the conference theme during which it is announced. The award was established by Marvin Sussman in 1987. The awardee presents his/her research at the conference. Please send nominations to Awards Chair, Barbara Settles settlesb@udel.edu by **March 15th**.

Welcome to the 2017 Groves Board Members!

Thank you to all who voted for our new Groves Board Members!

A special thank you to Tessa LeRoux, Nominations Chair and the Nominations Committee.

Congratulations to:

Maresa Murray- President Elect, Indiana University

Sharon Ballard - Secretary, East Carolina University

**Kevin Lyness - Member at Large,
Antioch University, New England**

**Sylvia Niehuis, Member at Large,
Texas Tech University**

We thank these board members for their time, talent and expertise to support the great work of Groves!



Join us for the Groves 2017 Conference!

Post-Racial No More: Race, Realities, and Resources of Ethnic Minority Families and Social Movements

Charleston, South Carolina

Francis Marion Hotel

June 4-7, 2017



**Program Chair:
Helyne Frederick**

Conference Theme and Description

The United States is more racially and ethnically diverse than ever before and the PEW Institute projects the U.S. to be even more diverse in the coming decades. Despite this trend, racial/ethnic relations are tenuous. Though progress has been made since the civil rights era, current tensions with race, identity, and privilege continue to challenge policy makers, interventionists, family scientists, and scholars as they work to build strong families and communities. Not only are we challenged to serve families with varying values and culture, we are challenged to have an appropriate response to the issues facing ethnic minority families. The 2017 conference program builds on the Groves Conference's past and recognizes that the realities of families of color have always been diverse by culture, socioeconomic status, and family values.

Conference Note: As you make your travel plans for Charleston, SC, you should know that the conference begins Sunday evening with a reception at 6:00 p.m. followed by the opening session. Dinner and Awards Presentations are Tuesday evening. The conference ends at 11:00 a.m. after breakfast and the closing session on Wednesday, June 7th.

To register, go to www.grovesconference.org

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Amanda Barnett
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Amanda E. Barnett is an assistant professor and program director in the Department of Human Development and Family Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. She obtained her Ph.D. in Family Social Science from the University of Minnesota. Guided by a life course perspective, her research focuses on advancing family science and family gerontology, specifically elder caregiving, intergenerational relationships, and late life family decision-making. Using a social justice and critical perspective, she teaches courses in late adulthood, family resource management, family policy and cultural competence where she carries out her passion for energizing students to become life-long learners and engaged, informed citizens. Amanda learned about Groves from a mentor who encouraged her to consider this organization for professional development and as an outlet for her and her students' research. She became a member of Groves because of the intimate and in-depth conference sessions that allow for critical analysis of conference topics and learning through discussion with other educators, scholars, and practitioners in the family science field. Her first Groves conference in 2016 will continue to be a highlight of her professional career for years to come!

Groves Members are Our Most Valuable Asset!



Please go to the Groves website at www.grovesconference.org to renew membership dues payments.

Thank you!

The good news – there are no cost increases to be a member of Groves!

Groves Monograph Update

Groves Monographs on Marriage and Family, is an edited book series based on the annual meetings of the Groves Conference on Marriage and Family. Each monograph publishes work on the leading edges of theory development and empirical research in the field of family studies.

The 2015 conference monograph is moving towards publication. In fall, 2016, issue editors Kevin Lyness and Judy Fischer sent out invitations for submissions to the Groves Monograph based on the 2016 conference "*Gender, sexual identity, and families: The personal is political*". The editors are in the process of beginning review of the manuscripts received. The volume is expected to have between 8-10 chapters.

Still Available!!!!

And Justice for All: Families & the Criminal Justice System: Groves Monographs on Marriage and Family (Volume 4)

by Joyce A. Arditti (Author), Tessa le Roux (Editor), Libby Balter Blume (Series Editor)

Order your copy at amazon.com for \$20!



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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 reconceptualization 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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