

# SSSP Family Division



## WELCOME!

from Co-Chairs Rin Ferraro and Monnica Gavin

**Dear members of the Family Division,**

Happy Summer everyone! We hope you're enjoying your summer after this extraordinary year! We can't wait to see you at this year's Annual Meeting in Philadelphia August 18-20, 2023. This year's theme is

**"Same Problem, Different Day: Recognizing and Responding to Recurring Social Problems"**

We have lots of great sessions scheduled so check out the list on page 3.

We are so thankful for everyone's involvement this year, and we are very excited about the sessions our Division is sponsoring and seeing everyone in person again! We look very forward to your engagement and participation in our Division Business Meeting on Friday, August 18th at 4:30 in the Philadelphia Ballroom North as well as the Annual Meeting! If you have any questions or suggestions, please don't hesitate to reach out to us!

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## 2023 Conference Theme

# SAME PROBLEM, DIFFERENT DAY:

## Recognizing and Responding to Recurring Social Problems

Join us at our Annual Meeting in  
Philadelphia on August 18-20, 2023!



Read President Shirley A. Jackson's  
message on the conference by clicking  
on the link below:

[President's Message](#)



## Reading List Request

Have you read something interesting related to the study of Families recently? Tell us! We are working to create an inclusive list of these fascinating reads to share with the Division. Please email these submissions to [gavinm@clarkstate.edu](mailto:gavinm@clarkstate.edu) or [ferraro@ou.edu](mailto:ferraro@ou.edu).

## Job Announcement Request

If you have information related to current or upcoming faculty or staff postings in family sociology, please share them with us. We will compile this information to share in our spring newsletter! Please email these submissions to [gavinm@clarkstate.edu](mailto:gavinm@clarkstate.edu)





## FAMILY SESSIONS AT SSSP 2023 IN PHILADELPHIA:

- **Issues Related to Early Childhood Education (Session 003, Room: Freedom E)**
  - Sponsored by Educational Problems; Family; Youth, Aging, & the Life Course
  - Organized by LaNysha T. Adams (lanysha@edlinguist.com)
- **Reproductive Bodies and Autonomy (Session 014, Room: Freedom H)**
  - Sponsored by Conflict, Social Action, & Change; Family; Health, Health Policy, & Health Services; Sport, Leisure, & the Body
  - Organized by Virginia Kuulei Berndt (virginia.berndt@tamiu.edu)
- **Family Courts (Session 057, Room: Independence B)**
  - Sponsored by Family; Law & Society; Youth, Aging, & the Life Course
  - Organized by Erik Wittrup (wittrup1@msu.edu) & Michael Branch (branchm@hartwick.edu)
- **Critical Dialogue: Intergenerational Trauma (Session 068, Room: Independence B)**
  - Sponsored by Family; Youth, Aging, & the Life Course
  - Organized by Roma Stovall Hanks (rhanks@southalabama.edu)
- **The Changing Institution of Marriage (Session 086, Room: Salon 3 & 4)**
  - Sponsored by Family
  - Organized by Monnica Gavin (gavinm@clarkstate.edu)
- **Understanding Community through Visual Images (Session 116, Room: Salon 3 & 4)**
  - Sponsored by Community Research & Development; Family
  - Organized by Rin Ferraro (ferraro@ou.edu)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS



## CONGRATULATIONS!

Rin Ferraro was selected as a recipient of the Nancy L. Mergler Dissertation Completion Fellowship! Rin is a fifth-year Sociology Ph.D. student at the University of Oklahoma (OU) and one of the seven doctoral students selected across the OU campus for this award. Rin is working on their doctoral dissertation titled:

**“The Effect of Child Welfare Involvement on Youth's Well-Being and Expectations for Their Futures.”**

This dissertation uses mixed methods to gain a comprehensive understanding of the pathways involved in how child welfare involvement impacts future expectations and how these patterns are demonstrated both in nationally representative data and reflected in local youth's lived experiences. This award includes a stipend, tuition waiver, and health insurance coverage for a full academic year so the fellows can devote time to completing their dissertations.