



# CCCF

COUNCIL ON CONTEMPORARY FAMILIES  
17<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

**Families as They Really Are:**  
How Digital Technologies  
are Changing the Way Families  
Live and Love

**April 25 – 26, 2014**  
**University of Miami**  
Coral Gables, FL

## Preliminary Program

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## About the 17<sup>th</sup> CCF Conference

The Council on Contemporary Families is dedicated to providing the press and public with the latest research and best-practice findings about American families as they really are, and the annual conference serves as a venue in which to highlight this research and practice. Each year, the CCF conference successfully creates an environment of dialogue and participation. Presenters limit their prepared remarks to fifteen minutes; this means that presenters and conference participants convene for focused, lively deliberation on provocative questions. The conference is geared towards addressing key policy and public issues of the moment, moving beyond simple party-line solutions. The conference also provides reporters ample opportunity to find new contacts and new stories to enhance another year of stories.

Technological change influences family research methods, clinical practice, and the everyday experiences of families themselves, making the intersections of new technologies and families a timely focus of the 2014 Conference.

- Hear from a stellar group of nationally renowned speakers from diverse academic institutions, practices, and organizations such as the Pew Internet Research Center, Urban Institute Justice Policy Center, Donaldson Adoption Institute, Healthy Start Coalition and Maryland Population Research Center.
- Get media savvy at the included 2-hour interactive workshop. Learn how to reach a broad audience in the age of social media and the 24-hour news cycle.
- Attend a media awards luncheon to honor outstanding journalists for their non-partisan coverage of tech-related family issues.
- Mingle! Start your Miami weekend with live Latin music, snacks and bar at our Friday evening social hour.
- Join! Become a member or renew your CCF membership and get a reduced conference rate.

## About the Council on Contemporary Families

Founded in 1996 and based at the University of Miami, the Council's mission is to enhance the national understanding of how and why contemporary families are changing, what needs and challenges they face, and how these needs can best be met. To fulfill that mission, the Council holds annual conferences, open to the public, and issues periodic briefing papers and fact sheets. Our members include demographers, economists, family therapists, historians, political scientists, psychologists, social workers, sociologists, communication scholars, as well as other family social scientists and practitioners.

To learn more about CCF, visit our website at <http://www.contemporaryfamilies.org>.

## Conference Committee

### Conference Co-Chairs

Michelle Janning, Ph.D.  
Linda Young, Ph.D.

### Committee Members

Valerie Adrian  
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Christine Gilbert  
Adina Nack, Ph.D.

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Pepper Schwartz, Ph.D.

Friday, April 25th

8:30 AM – 5:00 PM	<b>Onsite Registration</b>
8:45 AM – 9:00 AM	<b>Opening &amp; Welcome Remarks</b>
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	<p><b>Keynote Address 1</b>  <b>Parenting in the Age of Digital Technology: A National Survey</b></p> <p><b>Ellen Wartella</b>          Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-thani Professor of Communication          Director, Center on Media &amp; Human Development, Northwestern University</p>
10:15 AM – 12:15 PM	<p><b>Media Savvy Workshop: Technologies for Reaching a Broad Audience</b>          Get expert tips from leaders in the field on writing opinion pieces and magazine articles, academic blogging, translating and publicizing academic work from a journalist’s perspective, civic hacking (crowd-sourcing for public interest) and policy change. At least 45 minutes of this 2 hour workshop will be devoted to answering your questions from our expert panel.</p> <p><b>Moderator</b>  <b>Jennifer Glass</b>          Barbara Bush Regents Professor of Liberal Arts          Department of Sociology &amp; Population Research Center, UT Austin</p> <p><b>Writing &amp; Publishing Opinion Pieces</b>  <b>Stephanie Coontz</b>          Professor of History &amp; Family Studies, The Evergreen State College          CCF Director of Research &amp; Public Education</p> <p><b>Translating &amp; Publicizing Research for Public Consumption: A Journalist's Perspective</b>  <b>Kristal Brent Zook</b>          Associate Professor of Journalism          Media Studies &amp; Public Relations, Hofstra University</p> <p><b>Civic Hacking &amp; Policy Change</b>  <b>Jose Marichal</b>          Associate Professor of Political Science          California Lutheran University</p> <p><b>Academic Blogging for a Wider Audience</b>  <b>Philip N Cohen</b>          Associate, Maryland Population Research Center          Professor of Sociology, University of Maryland          "Family Inequality" blog author</p>
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM	<b>Media Awards Luncheon</b>

2:00 PM –  
3:30 PM

## Panel 1 – Family Ties 2.0

How have digital technologies affected family structure, communications and aging? This panel will examine how the internet has transformed the adoption process, how connections are made between egg and sperm donor sibling groups, “aging in place” with new devices, and post-divorce family communication.

### Moderator

**Roksana Badruddoja**

Assistant Professor of Sociology, Manhattan College

### Google Calendar Saved My Divorce...And Remarriage: Post-divorce Use of Technology

**Marilyn Coleman & Lawrence Ganong**

Professors, Human Development & Family Studies

University of Missouri

### The Internet as Host to Donor-Shared Sibling Groups

**Rosanna Hertz**, 1919 Reunion Professor of Sociology, Wellesley College

& **Margaret K. Nelson**, Hepburn Professor of Sociology, Middlebury College

### Aging in Place with New Technologies

**Laurie Orlov**

Principal Analyst, Aging in Place Technology Watch

### Untangling the Web: The Internet’s Transformative Impact on Adoption

**Adam Pertman**

President, Donaldson Adoption Institute

3:45 PM –  
5:15 PM

## Panel 2 - New Technologies & Family Health

How are advanced medical technologies, home media and digital devices influencing pre-natal decisions, maternal and child health, and children’s well-being and behavior?

### Moderator

**Adina Nack**

Professor of Sociology, Director, Center for Equality and Justice, California Lutheran University

### Home Media & Cell Phone Influences on Children’s School Achievement & Behavior

**Sandra Hofferth**

Professor & Director

Maternal & Child Health Program, School of Public Health, University of Maryland

### Wellness in Your Hands: Online Games to Promote Individual and Family Well-Being

**Isaac Prilleltensky**, Dean and Professor

**Ora Prilleltensky**, former Director of the Human and Social Development Program

**Samantha Dietz**, Assistant Scientist, Wellness in Your Hands Project, Office of the Dean School of Education and Human Development, University of Miami

### Cell Phones as Windows into At-Risk Parenting

**Jennifer Burke LeFever**

Research Assistant Professor of Psychology & Associate Director

Center for Children & Families, University of Notre Dame

	<p><b>Promoting Maternal &amp; Child Health Through Text Messaging</b>  <b>Manuel Fermin</b>          CEO, Healthy Start Coalition, Miami</p>
<p>5:30 PM</p>	<p><b>Author-Attended Poster Session</b></p> <p><b>Present Ambivalence, Future Perfect: Parental Perceptions of Facebook</b>          Jeffrey Dill PhD (Eastern University), Julia Ticona MA (University of Virginia)</p> <p><b>Family Choices: A Sociological Analysis of Family Completion</b>          Alexis T. Franzese, Ph.D. &amp; Nicole C. Panaggio, Elon University</p> <p><b>"My family is not really the social media type": How College Students Navigate Mediated Connections with Family</b>          Dr. Carrie Anne Platt, Assistant Professor, Renee Bourdeaux, Ph.D. Student, Nancy DiTunnariello, Ph.D. Student, North Dakota State University</p> <p><b>How technology has affected inner life and social relations, from the telegraph to Twitter</b>          Susan Matt &amp; Luke Fernandez, Weber State University</p>
<p>5:45 PM – 6:45 PM</p>	<p><b>Social Hour</b>  <i>Live Latin music, cash bar, appetizers</i></p>

## Saturday, April 26th

<p>8:15 AM – 8:30 AM</p>	<p><b>Opening Remarks</b></p>
<p>8:30 AM – 9:30 AM</p>	<p><b>Keynote Address 2</b>  <b>Digital Technologies &amp; Close Adult Relationships: New Research</b></p> <p><b>Amanda Lenhart</b>          Senior Researcher, Pew Internet &amp; American Life Project          Pew Research Center, Washington DC</p>
<p>9:45 AM – 11:00 AM</p>	<p><b>Panel 3 - Making &amp; Maintaining Relationships</b>          From online dating controversies to digital love letters, how have new media influenced the way intimate relationships are shaped and held together?</p> <p><b>Moderator</b>  <b>Robert Crosnoe</b>          The Elsie and Stanley E. Adams, Sr. Centennial Professor in Liberal Arts, Population Research Center &amp; Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin</p> <p><b>Online Matchmaking Questionnaires: The Science &amp; the Controversy</b>  <b>Pepper Schwartz</b>          Professor of Sociology, University of Washington          AARP Love &amp; Relationships Ambassador</p> <p><b>Online Union Formation: How Gender, Place &amp; Preferences Shape Online Dating Behavior</b>  <b>Shannon Cavanagh</b>          Associate Professor of Sociology, University of Texas, Austin</p>

	<p><b>Love Letters Lost? Gender &amp; Generation in the Preservation of Digital &amp; Paper Communication from Romantic Relationships</b> <b>Michelle Janning</b> Professor of Sociology Whitman College</p>
11:15 AM – 12:30 PM	<p><b>Panel 4 - Breaching &amp; Breaking Relationships: Tech Walls &amp; Windows</b> How are online bullying, abuse, exclusion, gaming, pornography, and device overuse adversely affecting couples and families? How are clinicians treating these issues?</p> <p><b>Moderator</b> <b>Virginia Rutter</b> Professor of Sociology, Framingham State University</p> <p><b>From Internet infidelity to Online Gaming: Digital Technologies &amp; Couples Issues</b> <b>Katherine Hertlein</b> Associate Professor, Director MFT Program University of Nevada, Las Vegas</p> <p><b>Unfriended: The Role of Social Media in Perpetuating Family Conflict &amp; Estrangements</b> <b>Joshua Coleman</b> Psychologist/Author Co-Chair, Council on Contemporary Families</p> <p><b>Technology, Teen Dating Violence &amp; Abuse, &amp; Bullying</b> <b>Janine Zweig</b> Senior Fellow, Urban Institute - Justice Policy Center</p>
12:30 PM – 1:15 PM	<p><b>CCF Membership Meeting</b></p>



## CCF Membership at a Glance

Join the Council on Contemporary Families today and take advantage of the reduced conference rate for members, along with other benefits of being a CCF Member.

CCF membership keeps you connected to family research and policy news. You will obtain access to the CCF listserv and weekly news digests. In addition, members are routinely reached to provide topic expertise in public media. To become a member of CCF, you must be a professional or a student who either:

- (a) Conducts research or teaches about families,
- (b) Works directly with families in community or health settings, or
- (c) Conducts public policy work about family issues

Non-professionals who wish to support our mission and to be informed about it regularly to become Friends of CCF by making a donation to the organization in the amount of \$50 or more. Registered friends receive our weekly news briefings and periodic news releases.

CCF Membership is based on a calendar year - Jan. 1 through Dec. 31 – and dues are not prorated. Applicants joining after October 1<sup>st</sup> will be paid through the following membership year.

## CCF Conference and Membership Rates

### Conference Registration Rates

Become a Full Member and Save \$25 on the conference registration rate!

<b>CCF Member</b>	<b>\$125</b>
<b>Non-CCF Member</b>	<b>\$150</b>
<b>Panel Speakers</b>	<b>\$20*</b>
<b>University of Miami Faculty &amp; Students</b>	<b>\$20*</b>
<b>Non-UM Students</b>	<b>\$50</b>
<b>Non-profit organizations</b>	<b>\$50</b>

\*Panelists, UM Faculty and UM students receive complimentary registration, but are asked to pay a small fee for lunch and beverages.

### Membership Rates

Sign up for a 2-year membership to obtain a 20% discount off membership rates.

Membership Category	1-year Membership	2-year Membership
Full Membership	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$160</b>
Student Membership	<b>\$50</b>	<b>\$80</b>
Friends of CCF	<b>\$50</b>	<b>\$80</b>

### Conference Registration Includes:

- Admission to all program sessions
- Coffee & Tea Service on Friday & Saturday
- Lunch on Friday
- Printed detailed schedule

### Register Online

- Register by credit card at <http://www.contemporaryfamilies.org/conferences/2014-registration>.
- Online registration available through April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014. On-site registration will be limited.

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We encourage you to register online. If you have any questions regarding the program or registration, contact Christine Gilbert at CCF headquarters via email at [cgilbert@miami.edu](mailto:cgilbert@miami.edu) or by phone at 305.284.3040.

## Refund Policy

Cancellations must be made in writing by sending an email to [cgilbert@miami.edu](mailto:cgilbert@miami.edu) prior to the start of the conference. No requests for refunds will be honored after the conference has begun.

## Display Space

Table space is available for brochures and materials for non-profits at no charge. Please bring or send materials for display. Materials will not be returned. Send materials to: CCF Conference, C/O Christine Gilbert, Rm 316, Max Orovitz Building, 1507 Levante Ave., Coral Gables, FL 33146

## UM Faculty and Students

Registration is free for UM faculty and students due to generous support from the university. But, all UM faculty and students must still pay a \$20 fee for lunch and refreshments. Please bring a valid UM ID to the conference to verify your student status.

## Non-UM Students

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## Journalists

To receive a complimentary press pass to the conference or get future CCF briefing papers, contact Stephanie Coontz, CCF's Co-Chair and Director of Research and Public Education: [coontzs@msn.com](mailto:coontzs@msn.com)

## CCF Conference Headquarters

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The 2014 CCF Conference will be hosted by the University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL. The University of Miami is a vibrant and diverse academic community focused on teaching and learning, the discovery of new knowledge, and service to the South Florida region and beyond. The campus is one of South Florida's prime destinations for a rich variety of arts and culture offerings. This year's conference will be held at:

### **The University of Miami Newman Alumni Center**

6200 San Amaro Drive, Coral Gables, FL 33146





## Hotel Accommodations

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CCF has negotiated discounted rates at the following hotels:

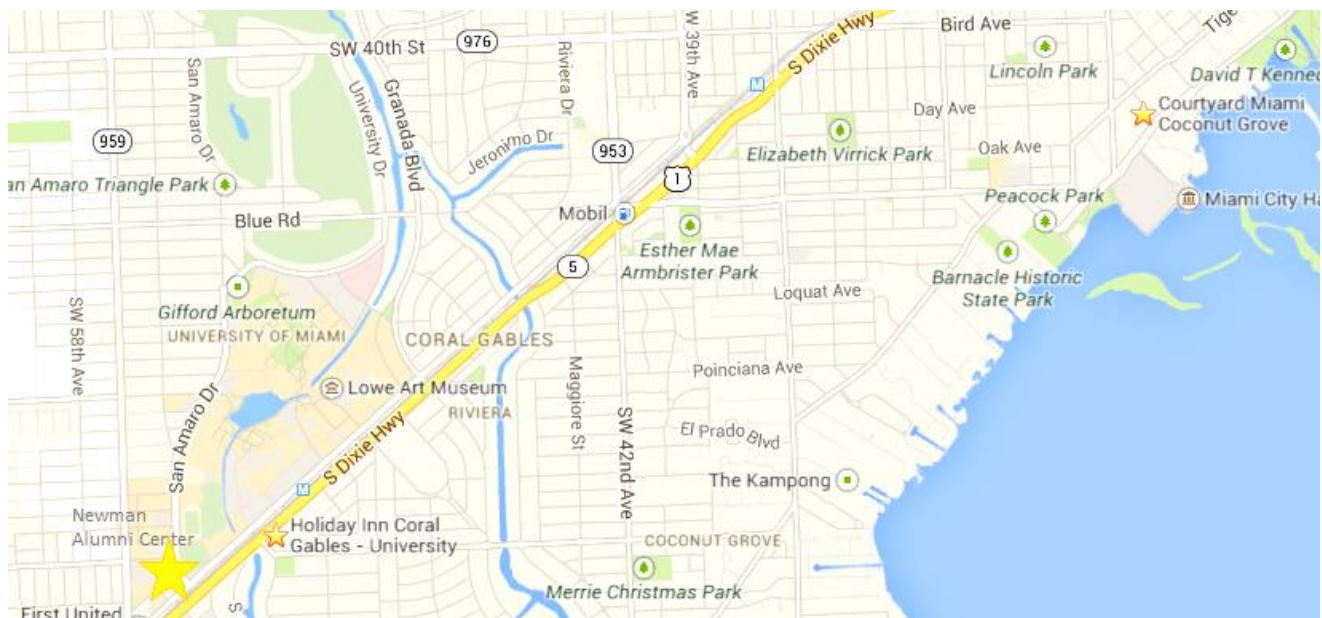
**The Holiday Inn at Coral Gables** (\$99 + 13% tax per night per room, for up to four people)  
1350 South Dixie Highway (US1), Coral Gables, FL 33146

The Holiday Inn is across from the University of Miami campus, and is within walking distance of the conference. Parking is free at the hotel. To reserve a room at the Holiday Inn, call 305-667-5611, and ask for the CCF rate.

**The Courtyard Marriott at Coconut Grove** (\$129 + 13% tax per night for single or double occupancy)  
2649 S. Bayshore Drive, Miami, FL 33133

The Courtyard Marriot is 4 miles from the University of Miami campus, and is close to many restaurants, shops, and the nightlife of the CocoWalk. Parking is \$24.4 per day at this hotel. To reserve a room at the Courtyard Marriott, call 305-858-2500 and ask to speak with the manager of reservations. Specify you are attending the CCF conference at the University of Miami. No reservation code is needed.

Note relative distance of hotels to conference headquarters on the map below.



Interested in finding a roommate? Contact Michelle Janning at [janninmy@whitman.edu](mailto:janninmy@whitman.edu) to get connected with other attendees looking to share a room.

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