



WFRN Spring Update 2014

We are getting really excited about the upcoming WFRN [conference](#), June 19-21 in New York City. We have over [200 sessions](#) with attendees from 42 countries including Mongolia, Ethiopia, Malaysia and Sri Lanka. We hope that you will [join us!](#)

Announcing Download Statistics in the Work and Family Commons

Now is the time to deposit your conference presentation (and other working papers, reports or books) to the [Work and Family Commons](#) (WFC), the only work and family subject matter repository, available on the WFRN website.

We are excited to announce a new feature of the WFC, **Download Stats!** You can see the number of times that your presentation or other types of scholarly information has been downloaded by visitors to the WFRN website. The number of downloads is located on the landing page of the deposit.

You can view the Top Downloads [here](#). In addition, your deposit will be included in the monthly email with WFC information sent to WFRN members.

Need help to deposit?

The WFRN [Repository Committee](#) has created a helpful handout on the WFC [here](#). In addition, Noelle Chesley, Committee Chair, has written a blog on [The Why and How of Contributing Content to the WFRN](#).

Practitioner Track

New for the WFRN conference 2014 is a practitioner track with sessions that may be of special interest to Work-Life practitioners and consultants – informative and full of recent research findings, innovative initiatives, and opportunities for



academic/business collaboration. Sessions are listed [here](#).

Have You Written a Work and Family Book in the Last 2 Years?

Consider participating in the **New Book Reception** at the WFRN conference on Friday from 3-4 PM. Small tables will be set up for you to display your book and mingle with conference attendees. For more information about the New Book Reception or the Exhibit Hall, go [here](#).

New Research Spotlight Series on *Perceived Family Responsibility Discrimination: A Growing Concern*

The [Committee to Connect Research, Policy and Practice](#) is pleased to present their third Research Spotlight Series written by committee members, Lisa Stewart and Emily Zuckerman.

[Perceived Family Responsibility Discrimination: A Growing Concern](#) highlights the research of WFRN member and Early Career Scholar Lindsey Trimble O'Connor and her colleagues, Julie A. Kmec and Elizabeth Harris. Specific research questions examined include:

- What family care responsibilities led workers to perceive FRD?
- To what extent is organizational context related to a worker's perceived FRD?

Would you like to share your research with the WFRN community of global work and family researchers? Please contact [Karen Murphy](#), committee member. This is a great opportunity to increase the reach of your research!

International Community, Work and Family Conference 2015, *Towards Meaningful Relations in Space and Time*

Consistent with the overall aim of the International Community, Work and Family conference, this 6th conference aims to increase knowledge on



community, work and family relations from a multi-disciplinary perspective.

The conference is organised by the Department of Urban Studies and the Centre for Work Life and Evaluation Studies at Malmö University. The 6th international conference begins with a pre-conference doctoral workshop on the 19th of May and the international conference will occur on the 20th-22nd of May 2015.

Call for Papers for the 6th Conference

The relations between community, work and family are constantly questioned in different spatial and temporal contexts. Our contemporary society creates diverse challenges for individuals and organisations to reach meaningful relations between these three life domains. The doctoral workshop and the 6th International Community, Work and Family conference focuses on how community, work and family relate to each other in a meaningful way in time and space.

Abstract submission period: 15 July 2014 - 15 September 2014

Final registration: 15 March 2015

Submission of final paper at latest: 15 April 2015

The WFRN and ICWF conferences are scheduled for alternating years to maximize opportunities for participation in both meetings. For more information about the conference or the call for papers, go [here](#).

The Disability, Work and Parenting Study Group

The Disability, Work and Parenting Study Group was established in 2013 as a study group of the Work and Family Researchers Network. The aim of the group is to bring together researchers, practitioners and parents to share their knowledge, expertise and experience of being and working with disabled parents and parents of disabled children who are in or trying to gain paid employment. More about the Study Group is [here](#).



Consider forming a Study Group with your colleagues on a topic of interest to you at the 2014 conference!

A few last conference items

Check out the [Conference Program](#), it's amazing!

Conference Guidelines for Presenters [here](#).

Please pay your [Membership Dues](#), [Register](#) for the Conference and [Book your Hotel Room](#) as soon as possible. If you are presenting at the conference, you must join WFRN as a 2014 member.

Happy almost summer!

Best,

Judi Casey, WFRN Director