

Connecting Researchers, Advancing Scholarship

WFRN Summer 2014 Update

Dear Colleague,

It's been an exciting summer with the successful WFRN June 2014 conference. Thanks to all who participated in this amazing event with close to 200 sessions and 725+ attendees from 42 countries. I enjoyed hearing from attendees about the energy and enthusiasm you experienced from meeting with and learning from your global work and family colleagues. Although we all work together virtually, there are tremendous benefits to face-to-face connections.

Wow, **431 conference attendees** completed our conference evaluation form! You exceeded my expectations and we are so appreciative of your feedback. Special thanks to those who indicated that they would like to get more involved with WFRN. Some of you have been recruited for committees, while others have nominated themselves or others for elected offices (more about upcoming elections below).

We need EVERYONE to get involved for WFRN to succeed! I would encourage you to:

- Post news to the WFRN News Feed
- Add events to the WFRN Calendar
- <u>Deposit</u> your conference presentations and working papers to the WFRN repository, the <u>Work and Family</u>
 <u>Commons</u> (WFC)
- Spread the word about WFRN at conferences that you attend and among your colleagues
- COMING SOON, WFRN INTEREST GROUPS: The <u>Communications Committee</u> is working to facilitate the
 formation of interest groups. These interest groups will enable members to connect with other members
 who share similar interests and are focused on solving similar problems. Look for more information from the
 Communications Committee soon.

You can see the evaluation form results here and here's what a few of you had to say:

- Great sessions, great speakers, especially enjoyed the networking opportunities and career advice sessions
- Wonderful opportunity to attend a lot of GREAT presentations and meet people I had only read about
- I am a practitioner not a researcher but I found the conference very enlightening.

- Absolutely amazing! As a PhD student and a work-family researcher in the making, I was excited to meet
 many of the leading researchers in the field. This conference is marked by an unmatched level of humbleness
 and support. One gets a sense of belonging to a family (rather than a network) of researchers.
- There was an incredible variety of sessions some more theoretical and some more practical. It reinforced
 the incredible network of people connected to the WFRN and the deep interest/ vast scholarship on worklife integration.
- Great to meet and interact with scholars working on similar topics as me; I made some connections that will likely be very useful.
- I enjoyed the breadth of conference topics, the interdisciplinary, and the mixture of practitioners, business folks, and academics.

Did you present at the 2014 Conference? Please take a minute to <u>deposit</u> your presentation to the WFRN repository, the Work and Family Commons (WFC).

Need help to deposit?

The WFRN <u>Repository Committee</u> has created an informational <u>handout</u> on the WFC. In addition, Noelle Chesley, Committee Chair, has written a blog on The Why and How of Contributing Content to the WFRN.

Want to see 2014 Conference Presentations?

To view the WFRN 2014 conference presentations in the WFC, please go <u>here</u>. If you have trouble with this link, go to Browse by Document Type, select Conference paper or presentation and filter by date (2014).

Mark your calendars for the WFRN 2016 Conference from June 23-25, 2016 in Washington, DC at the Capitol Hilton.

Upcoming Elections

LAST CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 15, 2014

Elections will be held in January 2015 for a new WFRN President, Vice-President, and 2 members of the Executive Committee.

Please consider nominating a colleague or yourself for an elected office. When suggesting a candidate, please send your name and contact information as well as that of the person you are recommending and the position for which you are nominating them to:workandfamily@sas.upenn.edu by September 15, 2014.

The Nominations Committee will circulate a slate of candidates in December 2014 for your review and consideration. Nomination Committee members are:

- Jeffrey Hill, Brigham Young University (Chair)
- Naomi Gerstel, University of Massachusetts Amherst
- Jeffrey Greenhaus, Drexel University
- Gail Kinman, University of Bedfordshire (UK)

• Susan McHale, Pennsylvania State University

WFRN Membership Dues 2015

The 2015 membership dues collection process will begin in November 2014. Stay tuned for information about a NEW WFR1 member benefit. Please keep in mind that membership is based on the calendar year, and all memberships renew at the same time.

To our academic colleagues, here's to a new semester!

Best,

Judi Casey, WFRN Director