Conference Description
Join us in the heart of Texas for dynamic presentations and discussions on the state of contemporary families.

Two days of interactive panels and workshops will provide researchers, clinicians, non-profit professionals, and journalists the opportunity to directly engage with some of the most influential family scholars in the U.S. as they discuss their research on how contemporary trends in family life affect family policy and disparities in health and well-being over the life course. Additional highlights include flash sessions spotlighting the newest work of junior family scholars, a media workshop on effective public engagement and communication of family scholarship, a media awards luncheon, and a celebration of the recently published 2nd edition of the book *Families as They Really Are* (Barbara Risman and Virginia Rutter, Eds.).

Professor Wendy Manning (Bowling Green State University) and Professor Dolores Acevedo-Garcia (Brandeis University) will give keynote addresses. Panel presentations and workshops will feature the research and expertise of an exciting lineup of family scholars from across the country.

March in Austin is beautiful and busy, so be sure to make hotel and travel arrangements early. The preliminary program and conference updates are available at: contemporaryfamilies.org/2016-ccf-conference/

Register Now at:
https://contemporaryfamilies.org/2016-ccf-conference/2016-conference-registration/

Registration fees are $100 for CCF members and free for students. Registration online requires online payment with a credit card. If you are paying by check, you may register in person on the day of the conference.

Hotel Information
Discounted blocks of rooms are available at two hotels within walking distance of the conference, which will be held at the new Liberal Arts Building, 118 Inner Campus Drive, Austin Texas, 78712.

To secure the discounted rate, reservations must be made by phone at the number listed below using the code: CCF Conference.

**Hampton Inn & Suites (University/ Capitol)**  
512-499-8111  
Block Rate: $189  
1701 Lavaca Street

**La Quinta Inn (Austin Capitol)**  
512-476-1166  
Block Rate: $125.10 ($89.10 for 3/3)  
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Friday, March 4, 2016
11:30am – 5:30pm

10:30am – 5:00pm  On Site Registration
11:30am – 11:45am Opening Remarks
11:45am – 12:00pm Lunch Served

12:00pm – 1:00pm Keynote Address: Same Sex Couples and Family Well-Being  * Wendy Manning (Bowling Green State University)

1:15pm – 2:30pm Demographic Portraits of Contemporary Families (Frank Furstenberg, Presider)
Recent Patterns and Implications of Nonmarital Childbearing  * Marcia Carlson (University of Wisconsin)
Declines in Marriage: The Importance of Socioeconomic Inequality  * Kelly Raley (University of Texas)
Marital Assimilation or Not? Marriage Markets, Ethnoracial Diversity, and Marital Endogamy Among U.S. Hispanics  * Zhenchao Qian (Brown University)
Learning from Transgender Partnerships and Families: Major Themes and Future Directions  * Carla Pfeffer (University of South Carolina)

2:45pm – 4:00 pm Disparities in Family Contexts & Processes
Cohabitation Nation? Social Class Differences in Cohabitors’ Relationship Processes  * Sharon Sassler (Cornell University)
Gendered Family Structure Disparities in Leisure Time  * Liana Sayer (University of Maryland)
The Shifting Consequences of the Division of Household Labor  * Daniel Carlson (Georgia State University)
Debt, Assets, and Relationship Formation in Young Adulthood  * Fenaba Addo (University of Wisconsin)

4:15pm – 4:45pm Media Awards
Recipients to be announced

4:45pm – 5:30 pm Wine and Cheese Reception: Celebration of Families as They Really Are, Book Exhibit and Raffle
Barbara Risman (University of Illinois Chicago)

Saturday, March 5, 2016
9:00am – 5:00pm

8:00am – 12:00pm On Site Registration
8:00am – 8:45am Breakfast Buffet
9:00am – 9:15am Opening Remarks

9:15am – 10:15am Keynote Address
Dolores Acevedo-Garcia (Brandeis University)

10:30am – 11:00am Flash Sessions (Corinne Reczek, Presider)

11:00am – 12:15pm Diversity and Disparities in Families Across the Life Course
Yolanda Padilla (University of Texas)
Implications of Family-Based Preventive Interventions for Reducing Disparities among African American Parents and Youth  * Velma McBride Murry (Vanderbilt University)
Legacy of Loss: Race Differences in Exposure to Death Over the Life Course  * Debra Umberson (University of Texas)

12:30am – 1:15pm Lunch and Flash Sessions (Corinne Reczek, Presider)

1:30pm – 2:45pm Media Workshop: Translating Family Research for Public Engagement
Stephanie Coontz (CCF Director of Research & Public Education)

3:00pm – 4:15pm Contemporary Debates and Family Policy (Kristi Williams, Presider)
Debates on Inequality, Family Structure, and Family Policy  * Shawn Fremstad (Center for American Progress)
Debating Early Childcare  * Tama Leventhal (Tufts University) and Rob Crosnoe University of Texas

4:30pm – 5:00pm CCF Membership Meeting and Closing Remarks  Michelle Janning, Chair of the Council on Contemporary Families