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# Welcome

On behalf of all of us on the SECFR board, welcome to Baton Rouge! This conference serves a way for students, researchers, practitioners, educators, and other similar professionals to come together for an exchange of research, knowledge, and ideas. We appreciate the time and energy you have put into traveling to be with us for this event. We hope that when you will leave this conference that you will have new friends, professional connections, and an appreciation of working with families in a variety of contexts and backgrounds. We also hope that you will put some thought into joining us on the board in order to help us enhance our region's programming and conference experience next year. Thank you, and we will see you in session.

SECFR is the largest region of the NCFR affiliates; encompassing nine states in Southeast United States. We would love to hear about the great things you are doing in your community and how you are making a difference in the lives of families. Feel free to approach any of the board members or visit our registration table to introduce yourself and let us know how you would like to be involved. Our families in the Southeast are grateful for all the work you do.



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## Conference Schedule

**Thursday, March 8, 2018**

1:00pm-5:00pm

*CONFERENCE REGISTRATION*

Room: *LOBBY*

5:00pm-7:00pm

*WELCOME RECEPTION (with light refreshments included)*

Room: *Tiger I*

**Friday, March 9, 2018**

8:30am-4:00pm

*CONFERENCE REGISTRATION*

Room: *LOBBY*

8:30am-9:00am

*OPENING REMARKS (with Breakfast included)*

Room: *Tiger I*

### **CONCURRENT SESSION 1**

9:00am-10:00am

*Theme 1: Parenting & Children*

Room: *Tiger I*

“Parental Psychological Control and Children's Relational and Social Aggression”

Sun-A Lee & Jeong Jin Yu

University of Louisiana, Lafayette & Umea University, Sweden

“Through the Eyes of a Child: Resilience and Children’s Literature”

Michael Ann Peavy, Clara Gerhardt, Celeste Hill, & Kristie Chandler

Samford University

“Mindfulness, Parenting Efficacy and Child Age: Does the Facet of Mindfulness Matter?”

Leah Burke, Francesca Adler-Baeder, & Julianne McGill

Auburn University

**CONCURRENT SESSION 1 Continued**

9:00am-10:00am

Theme 2: Religion & Spirituality

Room: *Tiger II*

“Faith-Based Organizations and The Criminal Justice System: Perceived vs. Actual Roles in Serving Offenders, Their Families and Communities”

Jewrell Rivers  
Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College

“Counter Narrative: An Initiative to Challenge Racism in a Christian Context”

Brittany Radford-Clark  
Mississippi State University

“Religiosity, Spirituality, and the Impact on Mental Illness”

Jane Reid, Cara Griggs, & Jonathan Davis  
Samford University

**CONCURRENT SESSION 2**

10:15am-11:30am

Theme 1: Important Societal Issues

Room: *Tiger I*

“The Effects of Students' Majors On Their Attitude Toward Same-Sex Parenting”

Jamie Collins & Sun-A Lee  
University of Louisiana, Lafayette

“Institutions in America and How They Contribute to Sexual Violence”

Nicole Furphy  
Brooklet United Methodist Preschool

“Children of Immigrants: Parenting the future of America”

Dimple Vadgama  
Syracuse University

“From Theory to Practice: A Theory-Informed, Critical Review of Research on Military Marriages”

Benjamin M. Burke, Davina Quichocho, & Mallory Lucier-Greer  
Auburn University

**CONCURRENT SESSION 2 Continued**

10:15am-11:30am

Theme 2: Emerging Adults

Room: *Tiger II*

“FOMO, Relatedness, and Well-Being in Emerging Adults”

Samantha Howard, James Duncan, Kayla Reed-Fitzke, Anthony Ferraro, & Mallory Lucier-Greer  
Florida State, University of Arkansas, University of Iowa, Kansas State, & Auburn University

“Sexual Consent in Emerging Adulthood: Implications for Sex Education and Families”

Katherine M. Dorman, Rosemary V. Barnett, Kate Fogarty, Marit Ostebo, & Larry Forthun  
University of Florida

“Associations between Adolescent Alcohol Use and Parenting Style”

Carissa Crider & Jonathan Davis  
Samford University

“Among Emerging Adulthood Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Relate to Anxiety, Depression, Life Satisfaction, and Survivor’s Guilt”

Ashley K. Doolittle  
Georgia Southern University

**POSTER SESSION**

11:30am-12:30pm

Poster Session

Room: *Tiger I*

“Effects of Key Social Factors on the Self-Efficacy of Emerging Adults”

Madison G. Wiggins  
Georgia Southern University

“An Investigation of the “Happiness Gap” between Married and Cohabiting Couples in the US”

Amani Afghani & Alisha M. Hardman  
Mississippi State University

“The Social Construction of Black Fatherhood in Responsible Fatherhood Programs”

Azaliah Israel  
Public Strategies

“Trait Mindfulness and Romantic Relationship Quality”

Shar'Dane Harris & Kathryn Roberts  
Florida State University

**POSTER SESSION continued**

11:30am-12:30pm continued

Poster Session continued

Room: *Tiger I*

“Faith-Based Organizations and the Criminal Justice System: Perceived vs. Actual Roles in Serving Offenders, their Families and Communities”

Jewrell Rivers  
Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College

“Infant Feeding Support of Urban Fathers and Related Parent Educational Learning Needs During the First Year After Birth”

Debra Copeland & Petrice Sams-Abiodun  
Loyola University New Orleans

“Establishing the Effect of Financial Knowledge, Financial Well-being, Self-Esteem, and Locus of Control on Financial Distress among University Students”

Cecilia Brooks & Brandan Wheeler  
Mississippi State University

“What My Parents Expect: Why Graduate Students Pursue Postsecondary Education”

Ebony Iheanacho-Dike  
Florida State University

“Collaborative Teamwork: For Better or For Worse”

Clara Gerhardt, Kristie Chandler, & Celeste Hill  
Samford University

“Creating a Sexual Health Forum For Seniors: Preliminary Stages”

Katie M. Barrow, Natalie Alfandre, Kirsten Crawford, Ives Del Olmo, Emily Jason, & Annie Johnson  
Louisiana Tech University

“The College Experience of Gifted Emerging Adults: Factors Associated to Social Adjustment to College”

Kelly C. Berthiaume  
Florida State University

**LUNCH BREAK**

12:30pm-1:30pm

*LUNCH (Catered)*

Room: *Tiger I*



**Friday, March 9, 2018 continued**

**KEYNOTE SESSION**

1:30pm-3:15pm  
*KEYNOTE PLENARY*  
Room: *Tiger I*

“Aging, Technology, Innovation and its Impact on Families”

Dr. Timothy S. Killian  
School of Human Environmental Sciences  
Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food & Life Sciences  
University of Arkansas, Fayetteville

**CONCURRENT SESSION 3**

3:30pm-4:15pm  
*Theme 1: Family Life Education*  
Room: *Tiger I*

“B.E. Safe”

Kimberly Allen, Sarah Kirby, Taylor McDonald, & Bria Sledge  
North Carolina State University

“Family-Centric Model: Building Trust to Educate and Empower Families”

Meghan K. Dove, Johnnye Rogers, Michael O'Neal, Paul Fisher, Katy Gregg, & Alice Hall  
Georgia Southern University, Savannah Technical College, & Parent University

3:30pm-4:15pm  
*Theme 2: Building Professionalism*  
Room: *Tiger II*

“Building A Professional Identity: The role of conferences”

Celeste Hill, Kristie Chandler, & Clara Gerhardt  
Samford University

“Pre-Service Teacher Candidates Build Family Partnerships in Rural and Underserved Communities”

Thurman Guy, Nicole Dobbins, & Meeshay Williams-Wheeler  
North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University

**Saturday, March 10, 2018**

9:00am-10:00am  
*CONFERENCE REGISTRATION*  
Room: *LOBBY*  
*Breakfast included from 9:00am-10:00am*

**SESSION 4**

10:00am-11:30am

Theme: Couples & Relationships in the South

Room: *Tiger I*

“The Strengthening Marriage and Relationships Training (SMART) Florida Project: Year 2 Impacts and Outcomes”

Victor W. Harris, Brian Visconti, Prami Sengupta, & Ginny Hinton  
University of Florida

“The Role of Relationship Satisfaction in Predicting Residential Well-Being”

Prami Sengupta, Victor W. Harris, Brian Visconti, & Ginny Hinton  
University of Florida

“Southern Romance: Relationship Quality, Consensus, and Context Among Cohabiting Couples in the Gulf States”

Victor W. Harris & Brian Visconti  
University of Florida

“Justification For Use of The Pre-Test Then Retrospective Pre-Then-Post-Test Evaluation in Couple and Relationship Education”

Victor W. Harris, Brian Visconti, Prami Sengupta, & Ginny Hinton  
University of Florida

“Teaching a Person to Fish: How Delivering Relationship Education Benefits Those Who Are Delivering the Programming”

Ginny Hinton, Victor W. Harris, Brian Visconti, & Prami Sengupta  
University of Florida

**AWARDS & INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS**

11:45am-12:15pm

Closing Remarks

Room: *Tiger I*

**SECFR BOARD MEETING**

12:30pm-2:00pm

Incoming & Outgoing Members

**THANK YOU & SAFE TRAVELS HOME!**

# Keynote Plenary



## “Aging, Technology, Innovation and its Impact on Families”

Dr. Tim Killian’s research interests are generally focused on social connectedness of older adults and how social and community contexts are related to health and well-being. Tim’s doctoral studies examined perceptions of normative obligations for adult children to provide resources and caregiving to their aging parents and step-parents. Dr. Killian was able to transfer that focus on research into secondary analyses of nationally representative data to develop typologies of both upstream and downstream transfers of monetary and caregiving resources between older adults and their adult children. As his career has continued at the University of Arkansas, his focus has shifted to the community context of aging and, in particular, how aging and social connections vary across the spectrum of rurality. Dr. Killian has published a paper with a recent Masters graduate on the relationship between ill-being and its association to engagement in leisure activities within long-term care using data that were mostly collected in rural long-term care facilities. In collaboration with colleagues including nursing faculty at the University of Arkansas, Dr. Killian has also used secondary analyses of data from the nationally representative Health and Retirement Study to examine emergency preparedness of older adults to increase their resilience and recovery outcomes during and subsequent to disasters. His research in progress continues to focus on emergency preparedness and post-disaster recovery among older adults, as well as on the formation of romantic relationships of older adults.

# Meeting Room Map

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