The faculty, students, and staff of the Department of Family Science want to give special recognition to our former colleague, Dr. Ned Gaylin, who was killed in a bicycle accident this fall. We feel the loss of Ned and want to acknowledge his many accomplishments throughout his career and during his tenure in the Department of Family Science.

Ned came to the University of Maryland from the National Institute of Mental Health, where he was the Chief of the Section on Youth from 1967-1969. He joined our department, then called the Department of Family and Community Development, in 1969 as an Associate Professor and became Chair of the department in November 1970, a position he held until May, 1975. During that period he was promoted to Full Professor in July 1973. Ned decided to step down as Chair of the department in order to invest more time and energy as the Director of the Couple and Family Therapy Program (then called Marriage and Family Therapy), which he founded while he was Chair of the department.

Ned remained director of the Couple and Family Therapy program for over 20 years, until he retired in June, 2003. Subsequently, he was awarded Professor Emeritus of Family Science status, which he retained until the time of his death. Ned was instrumental in the training of hundreds of students in the program, many of who continue working today as couple and family therapists in the local Washington area and throughout the country. His impact was equally great on countless families (annually over 400) that came to our program’s Center for Healthy Families at the University of Maryland for clinical services during his 35-year tenure.

Dr. Gaylin was highly respected by his colleagues nationally and internationally for his work in the area of person-centered or client-centered therapy applied to families. Some of his closest clinical colleagues in the department, Dr. Norm Epstein and Dr. Leigh Leslie shared these thoughts about Ned. Dr. Epstein stated, “Ned was steadfast in his determination to establish a leading couple and family therapy program at the University of Maryland that was academically rigorous and provided excellent clinical training. Ours was one of the first university-based programs of its kind, and it now has been rated as the top master’s level program in the U.S. The impact of Ned’s pioneering work continues to grow.” Dr. Leslie said, “Ned was a passionate person; whatever he undertook he devoted himself to fully. His devotion to the practice of person-centered family therapy, the family therapy program at Maryland, and his students was complete. In return, he expected those he worked with and his students to give him their best. Yet this demandingness was tempered with immense caring and generosity. When you seriously engaged with Ned you were challenged to think and question, and typically you grew in your understanding of yourself as a person and a therapist.”

Additionally, one of his former students, Ainisha Orton Persaud, said this about Dr. Gaylin, “The things he taught left an indelible imprint. I still hear his voice, his "Ned-isms", in my head some 20+ years later, and I will be forever grateful to be a part of his legacy of client-centered marriage and family therapists.” Former student Kimberly Glaviano Glass stated, “Ned was funny and brilliant. He was often a curmudgeon and always highly opinionated. He was my first and favorite mentor- captain my captain. He told us that God made us therapists, he just honed the gifts that God granted us. That may be true, but without his efforts to hone my gifts, to aid me in finding my voice, my life would be different. And I am forever grateful to Ned and his voice will live always through his family and his writings, but also in those he trained.”

We were deeply saddened by the news of Ned’s passing. He was a fabulous teacher and mentor, but was equally a great colleague and friend. His legacy continues on through the Ned Gaylin Endowed Scholarship Fund that was started by the department upon his retirement. This scholarship reflects Dr. Gaylin’s commitment to improving the welfare of students and is awarded annually to provide financial assistance to couple and family therapy students.
Greetings From The Chair

Greetings. 2016 has been another good and eventful year for Family Science. Probably most strongly reflected in this year are the personnel changes we have experienced. We lost one of our dear colleagues, Dr. Ned Gaylin this year and our hearts still remain heavy from this transition. Further we had 3 of our matriarchs retire during the year – Dr. Carol Werlinich, Dr. Sally Koblinsky, and Dr. Sandra Hofferth. But as Charles Darwin stated, “It is not the strongest or the most intelligent who will survive but those who can best manage change.” Thus, Family Science prides itself this year in managing our change. We miss those who have moved on, but we welcome those who have returned to our fold (Dr. Lis Maring and Dr. Sandra Quinn) and we are thrilled to welcome our new faculty (Dr. Marie Thoma, Dr. Ali Hurtado, and Dr. Patricia Barros Gomes). I am pleased to share with you in our FMSC 2016 newsletter more information about all of the individuals I have mentioned above, and to highlight a few other news items from our faculty, students and staff that reflect the many accomplishments of this year.

We love to hear from you and we invite you to share with us how your work for families contributes to our public health. We also greatly appreciate your generosity to our student funds that will enable many to continue successfully with their studies.

Wishing you Happy Holidays and a Healthy New Year!

Elaine Anderson
Chair & Professor

Faculty Awards

Dr. Mia Smith-Bynum was the recipient of the 2016 President’s Commission on Ethnic Minority Issues Faculty Award. Dr. Smith-Bynum was recognized for her dedication to increasing knowledge about minority individuals, couples, children, and families through her mentorship, research, and teaching activities.

Kerry Weil Tripp J.D., Senior Lecturer was selected as an UMD Undergraduate Studies Faculty Fellows for 2016-2017. Her fellowship comes amidst her expanding administrative role in coordinating the undergraduate FMSC curriculum and managing student internships.

Dr. Marian Moser-Jones received a $100,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) with the Smithsonian to lead the historical project 100 Years of American Women in Uniform.

Dr. Ed Shenassa was one of only four UMD faculty members awarded the 2016 Graduate Faculty Mentor of the Year Award. Dr. Shenassa was nominated by students in FMSC.

Dr. Elaine Anderson was appointed as the SPH 2016-2017 ADVANCE Professor. The appointment supports the aim to improve women’s work environments in order to increase the number of tenured women in academia.

Dr. Christine Schull was appointed to Virginia’s inaugural School Readiness Committee. The committee is tasked with enhancing early childhood education professional development and credentialing to support the needs of young students.
**Dr. Carol Werlinich** served since 1982 as the Director of the Center for Healthy Families, which provides mental health services for approximately 500 local families annually and functions as an important training platform for students in the couple and family therapy masters program. Over the past 30 years, Carol has been instrumental in enhancing the availability and quality of the provision of mental health services throughout the state of Maryland. She was a pivotal force in coordinating the initial American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Accreditation process for Maryland, resulting in the University of Maryland being one of only a dozen master’s programs accredited throughout the U.S. in the early 1980s. Carol served as the co-director of the Coalition for Marital and Family Therapy, which worked with the state legislature, stage agencies, and the mental health community to ensure high-quality standards were required for “Certified Marriage and Family Therapists” in Maryland. She received the UMD Panhellenic Association Outstanding Faculty Award, the Maryland Governor’s Citation in recognition of leadership and service to the state of Maryland; and the Service Award from the Greater Washington Latino Mental Health Network.

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**Dr. Sally Koblinsky** provided 28 years of service to the Department of Family Science. Through service on more than 100 university committees, Sally provided leadership and scholarship that benefited the whole university. She served as chair of the Department of Family Science for 12 years, during which she developed the Ph.D. programs in Family Science and Maternal and Child Health. An impressive record scholar, her research focused on homeless children and families, community violence, and, more recently, veterans and their families. Sally served as a co-leader for the Maryland Veterans Resilience Initiative, which worked to ensure that Maryland’s veterans were receiving adequate health care and support. Sally also created the Military Families Internship Program. She served as Associate Dean for Diversity and Inclusion at SPH and received numerous awards for her work on diversity issues, including those related to women; lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people; race/ethnicity; and veterans.

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**Dr. Sandra Hofferth** retired after 16 years on the faculty of the Department of Family Science, having specialized in family demography, time use, maternal and child health, adolescent pregnancy and childbearing, and research methods. Sandy received the Distinguished Career Award from the American Sociological Association Family Section and served in leadership roles with multiple publications and associations in her field. She has proved a prolific and highly-cited scholar, with many of her book chapters and published articles drawing significant media interest. At UMD, Sandy was recognized for her excellence in research and outstanding mentorship of graduate students. Sandy was the Director of the Maryland Population Research Center. In that role, she helped establish a collaborative environment that brought together multiple colleges and departments, which enhanced research capabilities and advanced professional careers. Sandy served as an Advance Professor for SPH.
Dr. G. Ali Hurtado joined the department as an Assistant Professor. Dr. Hurtado obtained his Ph.D and M.Ed. from the University of Minnesota, and a B.A. from Nur University in Bolivia. Prior to his appointment at Maryland, he was a Research Associate with a joint appointment at the University of Minnesota Extension Center for Family Development and the Program in Health Disparities at the Medical School. Ali’s interest areas are prevention intervention, evaluation research, capacity development, and knowledge transfer. Through his research, he examined a longitudinal prevention intervention program focused on strengthening family skills to promote health among Latino adolescents. Ali will work with Maryland state educators in his new role as a Family and Community Health Specialist with Maryland Extension.

Dr. Marie Thoma joined the department as an Assistant Professor. Marie obtained her Ph.D. from the Department of Population, Family and Reproductive Health and a concurrent MHS from the Department of Biostatistics at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Marie’s research examines infertility in the U.S., including methods to estimate infertility prevalence and the quality of data sources for assessing maternal and infant health outcomes related to infertility treatment. At the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), Marie was involved in the improving the quality of vital statistics data. She was a Senior Service Fellow at the NCHS Center for Disease Control and Prevention, working with vital records and other population-based data. Her postdoctoral training was in the Epidemiology Branch of the Division of Intramural Population Health Research at the NICHD, NIH.

Dr. Patricia Barros-Gomes joined the department as an Assistant Clinical Professor. She obtained her Ph.D from the Department of Family Studies and Human Services at Kansas State University. She also obtained two Master of Science degrees; one in Psychology and the other in Family Studies and Human Services. Prior to her appointment with Family Science, Patricia was a postdoctoral clinical fellow within the Colonial Health Center at George Washington University. At this Center, she provided clinical services to the university community as an AAMFT Approved Supervisor. Patricia’s research examines factors related to intimate partner violence, as well as individual and family resiliency. She is particularly interested in life transitions and how multiple systems assist to facilitate the growth of culturally diverse minority individuals and families throughout their life-span.

Dr. Sandra Quinn completed her tenure as Associate Dean of the School of Public Health in 2016. She serves as the FMSC Director of the Maternal and Child Health PhD program. She continues her research on minority and marginalized communities, vaccine acceptance, and risk communication in emergencies, pandemics and disasters.

Dr. Elisabeth Fost Maring brings her expertise as Director of Global Health Initiatives in the Maryland Institute for Applied Environmental Health to FMSC. She directs the SPH Global Public Health Scholars program. Lis will continue her qualitative research at FMSC and teach family and global health courses.
Dr. Mona Mittal led a team conducting an HIV risk reduction program for women with histories of intimate partner violence. Findings were summarized in her paper, “An Integrated HIV Risk Reduction Intervention for Women with a History of Intimate Partner Violence: Pilot Test Results,” published in *AIDS and Behavior*.

Dr. Jinhee Kim led a study published in the *Journal of Financial Planning and Counseling* on financial socialization among children of different race and ethnic groups as part of the Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID) and Child Development Supplement and Transition Into Adulthood. She reported household disparities between racial and ethnic groups were barriers to bank account ownership in minorities.

Dr. Julia Steinberg co-authored an amici curiae brief cited by United States Supreme Court Justice Ruth B. Ginsburg in a case opposing Texas H.B. 2, a bill that imposed significant restrictions on abortion providers in the state. The law was overturned by the Court.

Dr. Norman Epstein presented a keynote at the 3rd International Forum on Marriage and Family Therapy, at Tianjin Normal University, in Tianjin, China. He also presented a day-long training workshop on cognitive-behavioral couple and family therapy at Beijing Normal University.


Dr. Amy Lewin published a study in the *Journal of Adolescent Health*, evaluating the effectiveness of a patient-centered medical home intervention to prevent rapid repeat pregnancies among teen mothers. The program integrates social work and mental health services into primary care for teen mothers and their children.

Dr. Mia Smith-Bynum led a study examining mothers’ responses to racial discrimination. The research analyzed “racial socialization” messages communicated by 111 African American mothers to their teenaged children. An article summarizing the findings, “Observed Racial Socialization and Maternal Positive Emotions in African American Mother–Adolescent Discussions About Racial Discrimination” was published online in the journal *Child Development*.

Dr. Mitch Mokhtari led a study on the alcohol abuse in the Republic of Georgia, with results published in *The Journal of Global Drug Policy and Practice*. Dr. Mokhtari also appeared as a keynote speaker at “The 26th Economic Forum” in Poland, on a panel for healthcare policy and non-profits.

Dr. Kevin Roy published a chapter with doctoral candidate John Hart on clinical interventions with incarcerated fathers. Roy and Hart are expanding evaluation and implementation of community mediation as an effective intervention that reduces rates of recidivism for incarcerated fathers reentering families and communities.
Faces of Family Science
Support Our Students: Giving to the Department

Please read about the many ways you can contribute to the Department of Family Science. In these challenging economic times, additional support is needed by many of our students to remain in school. Choose a fund that matches your interests with the giving level that is right for you. Your gift will make a difference for our students—thank you!

Ned Gaylin Endowed Scholarship Fund

Dr. Ned Gaylin taught, mentored, and inspired a generation of college students. This fund recognizes his outstanding career which included creating the Couple and Family Therapy Master’s program and tenure as the first chair of the FMSC Department. Dr. Gaylin’s commitment to improving the welfare of students continues through this scholarship fund, which is used to provide financial assistance to Couple and Family Therapy students.

Jeanette Spier Beavers Memorial Scholarship Fund

A dedicated therapist, political activist, and mother, Jeanette Spier Beavers cared deeply about the rights of the underprivileged and issues affecting families throughout the world. In 1987, her sister established a memorial scholarship as a lasting tribute to her work in family therapy. This fund provides annual scholarship support for one or more graduate students in the Couple and Family Therapy program who share her commitment to providing therapy for economically disadvantaged families.

Andrew Billingsley Endowed Scholarship Fund

This scholarship honors Dr. Andrew Billingsley, former Chair and Professor of the Department of Family Science. One of the nation’s leading scholars on African American families, Dr. Billingsley is the author of seven seminal books, including Climbing Jacob’s Ladder: The Enduring Legacy of African-American Families. His scholarship is awarded to a Family Science student interested in pursuing research on minority families.

Noel Myricks Endowed Scholarship Fund

Upon Dr. Noel Myricks’s retirement from the Family Science faculty and appointment to Emeritus status in summer 2004, the Department established and endowed a scholarship honoring this distinguished educator. An outstanding teacher and nationally recognized family scholar specializing on the intersection of families and the law, Dr. Myricks also volunteered his time to develop, direct, and coach the University’s Mock Trial team. This scholarship is awarded to a first-generation college student in Family Science.

Jennifer Becker Carswell Award Fund

Jennifer Becker Carswell was an outstanding student in the Couple and Family Therapy program, recognized by students and faculty for her superior work, engaging spirit, and dedication to serving the elderly and children. When she died in 1995, her family and friends established this Fund to annually recognize a second-year Couple and Family Therapy student for excellence in clinical work, a unique contribution to a clinical specialization, or a demonstrated financial need.

Edlavitch Family Science Fund

Selma Tyse Edlavitch was a distinguished community volunteer whose generosity had a tremendous impact on Washington area families. She was an elementary school teacher, business person, and fundraiser for numerous organizations serving children and families. Her sponsorship of the Edlavitch-Tyser Family Relations Forum of the Washington Hebrew Congregation benefited family members of every age. The Edlavitch fund provides an annual scholarship to an outstanding undergraduate student in Family Science.

Roger H. Rubin Endowed Fund

The Department of Family Science established an endowed fund in honor of Dr. Roger Rubin’s outstanding service at the University of Maryland, College Park. The Roger H. Rubin Endowed Fund aids the professional growth and development of Family Science graduate students by providing travel funds to students presenting at professional conferences.

Family Science Gift Fund

Contributions to this fund are used to strengthen the Department’s academic programs. Donors may earmark their gifts to support undergraduate and graduate student research, sponsor a seminar series, fund student travel to professional conferences, or support special university-community partnerships that address family problems. Your gift will play a key role in enhancing excellence in family science studies at the University.

Center for Healthy Families Fund

Gifts to this fund are used to support the Couple and Family Therapy program, including establishment of clinical conference series, inviting top mental health professionals as guest speakers, and funding innovative family therapy research projects. Students benefit directly from this fund, receiving financial assistance to present their research at professional meetings, to attend clinical training workshops, and to support thesis work on couple and family issues.

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