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## New Board Members

Sarah Shoffner, Chair-Elect, University of North  
Carolina—Greensboro  
Barbara Woods, Vice Chair/Program,  
University of Vermont  
Angela Rushman, Secretary, Lincoln, NE

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## Kappa Omicron Nu Leadership Conclave and URC Undergraduate Research Conference August 7-10, 2003 Hyatt Arlington at Washington's Key Bridge, Arlington, Virginia

### Theme: Integrating Academic & Co-Curricular Goals

The Hyatt Arlington, across the Key Bridge from  
Georgetown in Rosslyn, is minutes away from National  
Airport and located across from the Rosslyn Metro station,  
which provides access to all of the magnificent attractions  
of Washington, DC. Georgetown is accessible by walking  
across the Key Bridge or by a local shuttle.

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## Collaborative Initiatives

### Undergraduate Research Community (URC) for the Human Sciences

Collaborating with Michigan State University, Kansas  
State University, and the University of Maryland—Eastern  
Shore, the Kappa Omicron Nu Leadership Academy  
sponsors the URC in partnership with the Board on Human  
Sciences, the Council of Administrators of Family and  
Consumer Sciences, the Higher Education Unit of the

American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences,  
and the 1890 Council of Administrators. Twenty-five  
institutions joined as Participating Institutions. Other  
human sciences units are invited to affiliate as  
Participating Institutions. To affiliate with the URC, each  
unit shall submit a one- to-two-page letter of commitment  
to the Kappa Omicron Nu National Office. A sample letter  
is available at [www.kon.org/sample\\_letter.pdf](http://www.kon.org/sample_letter.pdf).

**Undergraduate Research Journal for the Human  
Sciences** - This journal was organized during the First  
Undergraduate Research Conference of the Undergraduate  
Research Community (URC) for the Human Sciences at  
the Kappa Omicron Nu Conclave, Grosvenor Resort,  
Orlando, August 2-5, 2001. The first and second issue can  
be located at [www.kon.org/urc/undergrad\\_research.html](http://www.kon.org/urc/undergrad_research.html).  
Manuscripts are accepted at any time for calendar year  
issues. Submissions are open to all undergraduate students.  
Managing Editor: Dorothy I. Mitstifer

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## 2003 Kappa Omicron Nu Election

Nominees for Board of Directors are needed for the  
following offices:

- Vice Chair/Finance – two-year term
- Nominees for Committees are needed for:
- Editorial – three-year term
  - Nominating – two-year term

Any active (dues-paying) Kappa Omicron Nu member  
who would like to volunteer is urged to submit an  
application form by July 15. See  
[www.kon.org/board\\_info.html](http://www.kon.org/board_info.html) and  
[www.kon.org/committees.html](http://www.kon.org/committees.html) or request an application  
from the National Office. The members of the Nominating  
Committee are: Virginia Moxley (chair), Frances  
Andrews, Diana Carroll, Peggy Meszaros, and Frances  
Shipley. Missale Kumelachew is the liaison from the  
Board.

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## New Initiatives

### Career Awareness



#### **Kids & Family & Consumer Sciences: Career Awareness for Schoolchildren Ages 9-12**

This program has been developed by Kappa Omicron Nu to give college students and professionals the resources necessary to share hands-on Family & Consumer Sciences (FCS) experiences with schoolchildren ages 9-12. This program intends to make a contribution to understanding of family and consumer sciences careers by showing children that:

- FCS makes important contributions to everyday life.
- Children can use FCS knowledge to improve their lives.
- Careers in FCS can be fun and satisfying.

**How does the program work?** The **Kids & Family & Consumer Sciences** program provides college students and professionals with kits of a wide variety of hands-on FCS activities and demonstrations that are safe and age-appropriate. Existing activities will be collected in a central resource. Each activity will conclude with a short description of the applicable career, including how specialized knowledge is used in professional practice.

Program and resource kits for the **Kids & Family & Consumer Sciences** program will be posted on the Kappa Omicron Nu Web site, [www.kon.org/kids/PDAhome.html](http://www.kon.org/kids/PDAhome.html). The Kappa Omicron Nu Board of Directors will launch the program with chapters at Conclave 2003. Other high school and college student groups will be encouraged to participate.

**Partners** - Kappa Omicron Nu is pleased to announce the following partners. Other groups are invited to become partners and supply resource suggestions for an integrated approach to career awareness of family and consumer sciences among schoolchildren ages 9-12:

- American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences and its professional sections and divisions
- Board on Human Sciences
- Council of Administrators of Family and Consumer Sciences
- Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, FCCLA
- Family Economics and Resource Management Division & Higher Education Unit, AAFCS
- National 4-H Headquarters

Kappa Omicron Nu Team: Sue Byrd, Missale Kumelachew, Barbara McFall, Angela Rushman, & Dorothy Mitstifer, Coordinator

## Human Sciences Working Papers Archive

This Archive was initiated by the Kappa Omicron Nu Leadership Academy to fill an important niche—communication about working papers in the human sciences community. The “Rationale” and details “About HSwp” on the links reveal that the chief outcome can be described as ACCESS. Authors have access to readers and feedback. Students, professionals, and the public have access to new ideas and resources in a timely manner. Thus individuals, professionals, and society will benefit from the enthusiastic participation of authors and researchers. HSwp invites your participation. See [www.kon.org/hswp/index.html](http://www.kon.org/hswp/index.html).

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## 2003-2004 Award Recipients

### Chapter Awards

- **Scholar Program** – Forty-two grants for chapters

### Master’s

- **Omicron Nu/Eileen C. Maddex Fellowship**  
**Jamie Schwartz**, Rutgers University, Nutritional Sciences
- **National Alumni Chapter Fellowship**  
**Maria S. Wong**, University of Utah, Family Ecology

### Doctoral

- **Omicron Nu Research Fellowship**  
**Christopher A. Taylor**, Oklahoma State University, Nutritional Sciences
- **Kappa Omicron Phi/Hettie Margaret Anthony Fellowship**  
**Angela Young Eanes**, University of North Carolina-Greensboro, Human Development and Family Studies

### Grants

- **National Alumni Chapter and New Initiatives Research Grants**  
**Sandra J. Bailey**, Montana State University, Supporting Grandparents Raising Grandchildren  
**Barbara Allison & Marsha Rehm**, Florida State University, Teaching Culturally Diverse Students.

### Undergraduate Research Awards

- **URC Undergraduate Research Conference**  
**Emily Dettmer, Vicky Hilsabek, Jill Stiens, & Kristi Christy** – Northwest Missouri State  
**Tara Hacker** – Kansas State University  
**Tiffany Rudolph & Sue Freeman** – East Carolina U  
**Andrew Scherbarth** – University of Nebraska  
**Arlesa Shephard** – Ashland University  
**Angela Susnjar** – Central Michigan University

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## 2004-2005 Awards

### ■ Master's Fellowship

*Eileen C. Maddex Fellowship*—\$2,000 awarded annually from an endowment in the Omicron Nu Fellowship Fund in honor of her contributions as Omicron Nu Executive Director.

### ■ Doctoral Fellowships

*Hettie Margaret Anthony Fellowship*—\$2,000 awarded for doctoral study from the Kappa Omicron Phi Fellowship Fund in honor of her as founder of Kappa Omicron Phi at Northwest Missouri State.  
*Omicron Nu Research Fellowship*—\$2,000 awarded annually for doctoral research from the Omicron Nu Fellowship Fund.

### ■ Research/Project Grants

One or more grants are awarded annually that meet the criteria of the Kappa Omicron Nu research agenda. Cross-specialization and integrative research is the research priority for the honor society. Multi-year proposals will be considered.

*National Alumni Chapter Grant*—\$1000 awarded annually as a project of the National Alumni Chapter.

*New Initiatives Grant*—\$3,000--awarded annually from the Kappa Omicron Nu New Initiatives Fund.

### ■ National Grants to Chapters

*Scholar Program—Variable Grants*--awards will be based on the prior year's total initiates according to the following schedule once each biennium: 1-10, \$150; 11-30, \$250; 31-50, \$350; 51 up, \$500.

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## New Books distributed by Kappa Omicron Nu

### *Virginal Mothers, Groovy Chicks & Blokey Blokes: Re-thinking Home Economics (and) Teaching Bodies*

By Donna Pendergast

Published by Australian Academic Press

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Available for \$21.95 (U.S. funds, including U.S. postage) from Kappa Omicron Nu. (Call or write to find out if you qualify for a discount.) Foreign orders invoiced for postage at cost.

Donna Pendergast's book deals with the stereotypes of teachers to explore the bigger issue of teacher identity and the impact on teacher status, supply, and satisfaction. Case studies of atypical home economics teachers give rise to new possibilities for changing the long-suffering, marginalized status of the "proper" teacher, grieving for a legitimate identity. Her final paragraph puts it in perspective: "The thinking I am proposing in this book rejects the

boundedness of traditional truth claims and modernist dualism, and instead alludes to the possibility for enacting a politics of difference. It does not attempt to 'overthrow' orthodoxies, including the heterosexual normativity of mainstream home economics pedagogy, just as four atypical teachers will not 'overturn' it. This thinking neither expects to nor has it embarked on this as a mission. The effect, however, can be unsettling."

### *Beatrice Paolucci: Shaping Destiny through Everyday Life*

By Margaret M. Bubolz, Professor Emeritus, College of Human Ecology, Michigan State University.

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ISBN 1-929083-08-4

Available for \$25.00 plus \$6.95 for shipping and handling in U.S. funds from Kappa Omicron Nu.

This book tells the story of Beatrice Paolucci: teacher, family scholar, visionary, family member, and friend. She was a pacesetter in viewing the family as an integral part of the human ecosystem. She pointed out that, collectively, everyday activities and decisions in the family have a large impact on environmental resources. This book will be of interest to those concerned with women's roles, changes in contemporary families, preservation of the environment, and the quality of life. It also describes the impact one leader can make on the profession.

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## Calls for Papers

### ■ *Topic: Personal, Social & Corporate Responsibility in a Common World*

Margaret Bubolz and Linda Nelson, Guest Editors

### ■ *Topic: Diverse Families: A Dialogue about Reflective Practice*

Katia Paz Goldfarb, Guest Editor

### ■ *Topic: Critical Science and Critical Science Analysis*

Sue McGregor, Guest Editor

### ■ *Topic: Family Communication in the Information Age*

Rebecca Dumlaio, Guest Editor

### ■ *Topic: Critical Thinking and Transformative Learning*

Donna Kienzler & Frances Smith, Guest Editor

Further information and the "Guidelines for Authors" can be found at [www.kon.org/CFP/cfp\\_gfa.html](http://www.kon.org/CFP/cfp_gfa.html) or contact [dmittstifer@kon.org](mailto:dmittstifer@kon.org).