

# Family Link

Improving lives of children, youth and families



Frances  
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Children, Youth, and Families

FALL 2019

## Greetings from the Frances McClelland Institute for Children, Youth and Families,



This year has been full of exciting changes along with notable news and updates. I was honored to be named the Director of the Frances McClelland Institute for Children, Youth, and Families in January 2019 when Dr. Andrea Romero, former Director, was promoted to Vice Provost of Faculty Affairs here at the University of Arizona. The Institute flourished under Dr. Romero's leadership. I am looking forward to building on the past success to expand the impact of our work aimed at improving the lives of children, youth and families by bridging cutting-edge research and pressing community needs.

This year we are celebrating our 10-year anniversary of being named to honor Frances McClelland, who had a tremendous impact on children, youth, and families in Arizona. We remain committed to realizing Frances McClelland's vision to ensure that all individuals, especially those from marginalized backgrounds, have the opportunity to reach their full potential. Thank you to all the students, faculty, community partners and donors who have supported the Frances McClelland Institute for the past ten years. We are launching an ambitious fundraising campaign this year to ensure we can sustain and build on the impact we have had over the last decade. We hope you can join us in this endeavor. You can read more about one strategy to celebrate our 10 Year Anniversary on page 3.

We have celebrated several other accomplishments this past year, including our Family Studies and Human Development Ph.D. students who have graduated and have moved on to begin their careers. We are thrilled to share that Dr. Katie Zeiders, Co-Chair of the Latinx Families Research Consortium, was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure in Family Studies and Human Development here at the University of Arizona.

This year, we have several events that we are hosting at the University of Arizona and with our community partners. We are continuing our successful Community Conversations with Researchers (CCR) strategy to bring together researchers and community members to tackle critical issues facing children, youth, and families. We are working on expanding the reach of this format to locations beyond Tucson. For example, we will co-host our first community conversation on the Tohono O'odham reservation. In the spring, we will also organize a methods workshop on data management strategies that will be open to researchers and to community organizations. We are deploying several strategies to strengthen our support of faculty grant writing. We will hold the annual Pamela Turbeville Speaker Series with innovative researchers who will be presenting on a variety of topics. We invite you to join us in-person or online for these talks. We are actively working to build new connections across the University of Arizona and in the broader community. See page 6 for a listing of upcoming events.

We invite you to visit our website at <https://mcclellandinstitute.arizona.edu> where you can learn about our research, our events, graduate student research posters, and videos of the Tuberville Speaker Series. You can stay updated with FMI on social media with weekly updates on research and events from the Institute.

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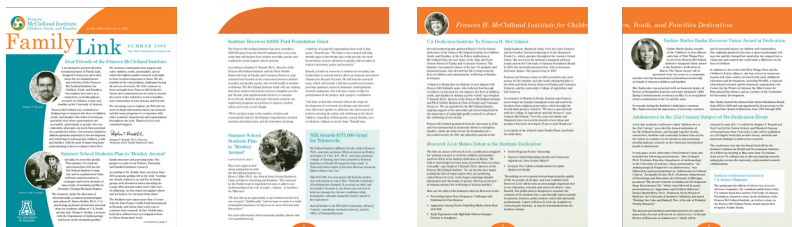


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## Looking Back at our First Family Link

The past ten years have been marked by significant research accomplishments, successful dissemination and outreach activities, and innovative collaborations with community partners and researchers from diverse disciplines. In honor of our 10 year anniversary, let's look back at what was in the first issue of FamilyLink 10 years ago.



Under the new name of the Frances McClelland Institute for Children Youth, and Families, and the leadership of Dr. Stephen T. Russell, the Tucson and University of Arizona community gathered at McClelland Park to dedicate our research institute to Frances H. McClelland. This exciting event included recognition of influential individuals like Nadine Mathis Basha, who was the first person to receive the Frances McClelland Vision Award.

### 2018-2019 Year in Review:

- Hosted 11 talks in the Turbeville Speaker Series on topics ranging from American Indian Health Disparities to Positive Communication.
- Hosted the 2018 Mapping Q event, a program by Eon, where FMI displayed youth art.
- Hosted an art exhibit and installation entitled "Content Warning: An Art Show on Gender Based Violence and PTSD" by Kate Meyer.
- Released a new Research Link entitled "What does LGBTQ Ally Development and Engagement look like in Athletics?"
- Hosted our second FMI Faculty Data Blitz where faculty and Cooperative Extension agents gave 5-minute presentations of their current research.
- Hosted the annual Vision Award Ceremony, awarded 1 Vision Award, 1 Partnership Award, 1 Community Practitioner Award, 4 Youth Vision Awards, and 1 Youth Group Vision Award.
- Hosted our annual Spring Poster Colloquium where over 30 undergraduate and graduate student researchers presented their research posters.
- Co-hosted two Community Conversations with three community partners from our FMI Advisory Council.
- Co-sponsored two events with Desert View High School and the Adalberto & Ana Guerrero Student Center.
- Awarded 9 Graduate Student Travel Awards to travel to professional conferences.
- Celebrated 4 FSHD graduate students who completed their masters and/or graduated from the University of Arizona with their PhDs in FSHD.

During the dedication event, FMI released the first six issues of Research Link, a publication designed to translate the research of the Institute into a user-friendly format suitable for parents, teachers, policy makers, and youth and family professionals. We are proud to continue to produce Research Links that we now share in print and online. Our most recent Research Link features Dr. Russell Toomey's research titled "What does LGBTQ ally development and engagement look like in athletics?". This Research Link describes Dr. Russell Toomey's research examining heterosexual allies in collegiate sports contexts. Visit

<https://mcclellandinstitute.arizona.edu/researchlink> to read our Research Links.

Before the dedication event, FMI hosted a two-day conference called the "Adolescence in the 21st Century" to discuss recent advances and promising interdisciplinary research on the emotional and physical health of adolescents.

If you would like to read more of our Family Link publications, please visit our website at:

<https://mcclellandinstitute.arizona.edu/familylink>



Picture of Nadine Basha and, former UA President, Robert Shelton



## Celebrating our 10-Year Anniversary: Organizational Spirit Awards

This year, we will be honoring twelve local organizations each month beginning in October 2019 that do impactful work in line with the spirit and legacy of Frances McClelland. Each organization will receive the Frances McClelland Organizational Spirit Award at the 2019 Frances McClelland Vision Award Ceremony as well as a \$500 grant from FMI sponsored by The Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona to continue their impactful work in the community.

## Frances McClelland Vision Awards

The Frances McClelland Institute for Children, Youth and Families is delighted to share this year's award recipients for the 2019 Frances McClelland Vision awards. These awards are given to honor leaders who are working towards improving the well-being of children, youth, families, and community. They exemplify the strength, dedication, vision and passion that Frances McClelland exhibited throughout her life.

- The Frances McClelland Vision Award – Priscilla "Prill" Kuhn
- The Frances McClelland Youth Vision Award – Graciela Rodarte
- The Frances McClelland Youth Vision Award – Garvey Blackwell
- The Frances McClelland Community Practitioner Award – Carrie Rednour
- The Frances McClelland Partnership Award – Claudia Powell

We will be celebrating their accomplishments and impressive contributions to the well-being of children, youth, and families at the 2019 Frances McClelland Vision Award Ceremony on Wednesday, October 30, 2019 from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM in the McClelland Park Lobby located at 650 N. Park Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85721.

## Community Conversation with a Researcher Highlights

Last spring, The Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona's Caridad Community Kitchen co-sponsored a Community Conversation entitled, "How to Promote Healthy Eating Habits in Young Children". Dr. Kate Speirs, Assistant Professor in Family Studies and Human Development and Extension Specialist, led a discussion with parents on effective mealtime practices and how to promote healthy eating habits from a young age (3-5 years).



The second community conversation last spring was "Quality and Access: A Community Conversation on Early Childhood Education" co-sponsored by Child & Family Resources and Easterseals Blake Foundation. We would like to thank Jordana Saletan from Easterseals Blake Foundation, and Dr. Eva Marie Shivers from the Indigo Cultural Center for their discussion on quality and access in Early Childhood Education (ECE), and the benefits that quality ECE can have for our community.





## Welcome Dr. Laura Scaramella



In June 2019, Dr. Laura Scaramella joined the Norton School of Family and Consumer Sciences as the Director. She is an alumnus of the University of Arizona who earned a Ph.D. in the Family Studies and Human Development program. She has more than 15 years of experience at the

University of New Orleans. With her background knowledge of the Norton School and passion for the work we do, she is highly motivated to ensure more students benefit from the Norton School's valuable degrees and the School expands its impact in Arizona and beyond. Welcome to the Norton School, Dr. Scaramella!

## Welcome Ali Tsosie-Harvey

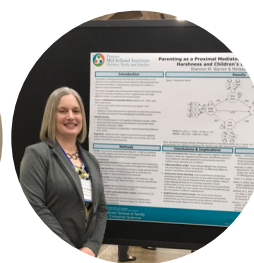
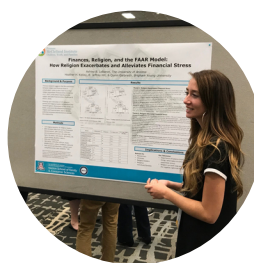


This past summer, Ali Tsosie-Harvey joined the Frances McClelland Institute for Children, Youth, and Families as the Program Coordinator. She has a Bachelor of Science in Family Studies and Human Development from the Norton School at the University of Arizona. In Spring 2018, Ali was

recognized as a winner of the Polly Elson Community Service Award. We are confident that she will bring excellent program coordination to FMI with her administrative background. We look forward to working with you, Ali!

## Graduate Student Travel Awards

Congratulations to the 2018-2019 FMI Graduate Student Travel Award recipients. Ashley Lebaron, Jose Rodas, Ashley Kuelz, Sei Eun Kim, Zhenqiang Zhao, Xiaomin Li, Shannon Warren, Alexandria Pech, and Rayni Thomas were all selected to receive the FMI Travel Award to present their research at national conferences.



## Congratulations to our new FSHD Doctoral Graduates

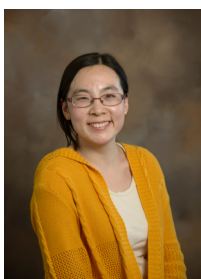


Dr. Ana Fonseca successfully defended her dissertation "Love is Universal but Still Culturally Specific: A Model for Understanding Healthy Relationship Functioning in Intercultural Couples." Dr. Fonseca has accepted a post-doctoral position with the prestigious research group of Dr. Bob

Levenson at the University of California at Berkeley. She'll be collaborating with the foremost leaders in the field of close relationships and health.



Dr. Payal Anand Khosla successfully defended her dissertation "A Family Systems Approach to Sleep Patterns in Down Syndrome." Dr. Khosla accepted a post-doc with Dr. Jamie Edgin in the Department of Psychology at University of Arizona. She also teaches FCSC 202: Introduction to Research Methods here in the Norton School. Congratulations to both Dr. Ana Fonseca and Dr. Payal Anand Khosla!



## Xiaomin Li receives Lang Summer Fellowship for Summer 2019

FSHD doctoral student Xiaomin Li was selected as the Lang Summer Fellow for Summer 2019. This inaugural fellowship is intended to support an FSHD graduate student to write a first-author manuscript that will advance our understanding of children, youth or families. Xiaomin pursued a manuscript titled, "Gender Ideology, Work-Family Conflict, and Marital Quality among Chinese Dual-Earner Couples: A Mediated Moderation Model." This manuscript is currently under review at a high-ranked research journal.

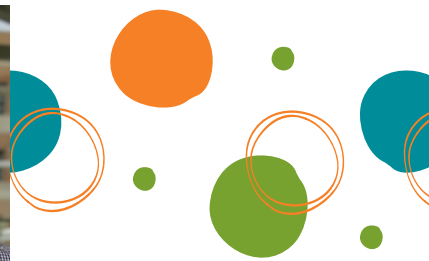


## New Funding for FMI

Dr. Katie Zeiders, co-Chair of FMI's Latinx Families Initiative, Mexican American Studies Associate Professor, Dr. Ada Wilkinson-Lee, and Dr. Lindsay Hoyt of Fordham University were awarded a grant from the National Science Foundation for their study entitled "Puberty and Sociocultural Experiences among Mexican-American Boys." This three-year grant will fund research on how puberty impacts the social and cultural experiences of Latino boys in the U.S. The goal of this project, El Proyecto Hijos de Tucson (The Tucson Sons Project), is to understand how biological and physical markers of puberty relate to everyday experiences of boys from Mexican-American families. The study will conduct interviews with 400 Mexican-American families who have a male adolescent between the ages of 12-16 years old. The research will provide critical information to families, community members, and health care providers about the ways in which puberty shapes the context and development of Latino boys.

Congratulations to Dr. Jina Yoon, member of the Youth Development and Resilience Initiative, for receiving a \$678,000 National Science Foundation (NSF) award for the project "Effects of Teaching Practices on Peer Victimization and Defending Behaviors." The two co-PIs on the project are Dr. Sheri Bauman, member of the Youth Development and Resilience Initiative, and Dr. Russ Toomey, chair of the Youth Development and Resilience Initiative and Associate Professor in Family Studies and Human Development. Studies have shown that whether and how children defend their victimized peers has a significant impact on a victim's adjustment. Their research will include a sample of teachers and students in fourth and fifth grade classrooms.

Dr. Melissa Barnett, FMI Director and Associate Professor in Family Studies and Human Development, and her colleagues UA FSHD Alumna Dr. Katie Paschall from Child Trends, and Dr. Ann Mastergeorge from Texas Tech University were awarded a two-year grant from the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute for Child Health and Human Development, a National Institutes of Health agency. The title of the project is, "Independent and Interactive Links between Individual and Classroom-level Teacher-Child Relationship Quality and Children's Academic School Readiness Skills". This secondary data analysis project will fill gaps in our understanding of how teacher-child relationship quality and teacher instructional and emotional support in the classroom impact economically disadvantaged preschool children's school readiness across three domains of development: math, reading, and executive function skills.



## Congratulations

Congratulations to Pamela J. Turbeville for receiving the University of Arizona College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Eugene G. Sander Lifetime Achievement award. This award recognizes outstanding accomplishments and activities of individuals directly affecting Arizona agriculture, renewable resources, the marketplace, families and consumers in a superior and sustained manner. She will also be recognized this October for the Family and Consumer Sciences Council of Alumni and Friends "FCS Special Recognition Award." We are so grateful for your support and commitment to the Norton School and FMI.

Dr. Katie Zeiders will also be receiving the FCS Faculty Award at this year's annual Homecoming Experience and Awards and Scholarship Luncheon. Congratulations to both Pamela Turbeville and Dr. Katie Zeiders on these well-deserved accomplishments!



## Upcoming Events

**Friday, October 11, 2019 from 1:15PM-2:30PM**

Pamela Turbeville Speaker Series with Joan Timeche  
University of Arizona, Native Nations Institute

"Taking Lead from Tribal Communities: Visioning the Future for  
Our Families"

**Wednesday, October 30, 2019**

Frances McClelland Vision Award Ceremony

**Friday, November 1, 2019 from 1:15PM-2:30PM**

Pamela Turbeville Speaker Series with Dr. Alyssa Croft  
University of Arizona, Department of Psychology

"Causes and Consequences of Asymmetrically Changing Gender  
Role Stereotypes"

**Friday, January 31, 2020 from 1:15PM-2:30PM**

Pamela Turbeville Speaker Series with Dr. Michelle Perfect,  
University of Arizona, College of Education

**Friday, February 14, 2020 from 1:15PM-2:30PM**

Pamela Turbeville Speaker Series with Dr. Rajni Nair,  
Arizona State University, College of Integrative Sciences and Arts

**Friday, February 28, 2020**

Norton School Faculty Data Blitz

**Friday, March 27, 2020 from 1:15PM-2:30PM**

Pamela Turbeville Speaker Series with Dr. Matthew Lapierre  
University of Arizona, Department of Communication

"Negotiating the Child's Consumer Environment: Current  
Challenges for Parents and Children"

**April 6-7, 2020**

Methodological Best Practices for Data Management Workshop  
with Dr. Lorey Wheeler, University of Nebraska

**Friday, April 17, 2020 from 1:15PM-2:30PM**

Pamela Turbeville Speaker Series with Dr. Ada Wilkinson-Lee  
University of Arizona, Department of Mexican American Studies

"Using Community-Based Participatory Research to Address  
Health Disparities in Latinx Communities"

**Friday, May 1, 2020**

FMI Student Poster Colloquium  
McClelland Park Lobby

## About FMI



The Frances McClelland Institute for Children, Youth, and Families serves as a hub at the University of Arizona for cutting-edge cross-disciplinary research. We research current issues facing children, youth and families, share that information with the community, and collaborate with community partners in an effort to

strengthen families and communities by improving the lives of vulnerable children, youth and families. In 2009, the Institute was dedicated to honor the memory and legacy of Frances McClelland. Frances was a business leader and philanthropist. She understood resilience in the lives of children and families.

## In Partnership



Private support is fundamental to the origins and sustainability of the Frances McClelland Institute. We are grateful to all of our donors. With your help, we are able to engage in high quality research and bridge research and practice to improve the lives of children, youth, and families and strengthen communities.

As always, we appreciate your investment in the Frances McClelland Institute by visiting our website: <https://mcclellandinstitute.arizona.edu/donors>



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