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## New Board Member

Kathleen O'Rourke, Second Vice Chair, Eastern  
Illinois University

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## Fellowship & Grant Awards 2008-2009 Recipients

- **LeaderShape Institute Award**  
**Amanda Allegra** – (Omicron Beta Epsilon), CSU-  
Northridge
- **New Orleans Learning Inquiry**  
**Barbara McFall** – (Omicron Beta Zeta), West  
Virginia University

### Doctoral

- **Omicron Nu Research Fellowship**  
**Virginia M. Quick** – (Omicron Beta Alpha), Rutgers  
University – Community Nutrition
- **Kappa Omicron Phi/Hettie Margaret Anthony  
Fellowship**  
**Shannon Beth Wanless** – (Omicron Lambda),  
Oregon State University – Human Development &  
Family Sciences

### Master's

- **Omicron Nu Eileen C. Maddex Fellowship**  
**Ellen K. Knowles** – (Omicron Beta Epsilon)  
University of Southern California – Historic  
Preservation

### Research Grant

- **New Initiatives Research Grant**  
**Carol Darling, Ming Cui, Shridhar Sathe, Marsha  
Rehm** – (Omicron Pi) Florida State University  
"Adolescent Health and Well-being: The Role of  
Overindulgent Parenting."

## Collaborative Initiative

### 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. 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.

**Undergraduate Research Journal for the Human  
Sciences** - Manuscripts are accepted at any time for  
calendar year issues. Submissions are open to all  
undergraduate students.

Seven volumes can be found at  
[www.kon.org/urc/undergrad\\_research.html](http://www.kon.org/urc/undergrad_research.html).

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## Newly Elected Student Board Members

**Jamie Bauerle**  
**Kansas State University**

**Rebecca (Becky) Ferguson**  
**Penn State University**

**Dixie McGary**  
**Northwest Missouri State University**

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## 2008 Kappa Omicron Nu Election

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

- Chair-Elect – one-year term plus two-year term as Chair
- First Vice Chair – two-year term
- Secretary – two-year term

Nominees for Committees are needed for:

- Editorial (2) – three-year term
- Nominating (2) – 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 1 to [info@kon.org](mailto:info@kon.org). 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 Clark Johnson, Chair, Sue Bailey, Kitty Coffey, Kathleen O'Rourke, Janet Pope, & Francis Shipley.



### 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 Human Sciences (HS) experiences with schoolchildren ages 9-12. This program intends to make a contribution to understanding of human sciences careers by showing children that:

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

**How does the program work?** The **Kids & Careers** program provides college students and professionals with kits of a wide variety of hands-on HS 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 & Careers** program are posted on the Kappa Omicron Nu Web site, see link on the Homepage at [www.kon.org](http://www.kon.org). The Kappa Omicron Nu Board of Directors launched the program with chapters at Conclave 2003. Other high school and college student groups are encouraged to participate.

## Global Summit on Social Responsibility

Kappa Omicron Nu and the Association of College Honor Societies were represented by Dorothy Mitstifer at the SR Summit sponsored by the American Society of Association Executives. The Summit held April 30-May 2, 2008 at the new Gaylord National Resort & Conference Center near Washington, DC, captured both a live and virtual flood of enthusiasm and ideas for how associations can help solve some of the world's biggest problems. The Global Summit was designed to accomplish five goals: share strengths and celebrate successes, further the business case for social responsibility, identify the unique competencies and capacities that associations bring to social responsibility, generate guiding social responsibility principles for associations, and take action. The "appreciative inquiry" planning process was used as a strength-based approach to change. Alignment of strengths makes weaknesses irrelevant.

Mitstifer is a member of a task group that is working on branding the SR initiative with **Seven Wonders of the Socially Responsible World**—peace/security, education, environment, health, social justice, prosperity, and innovation/technology—see Sachs, J. (2008). *Common wealth: Economics for a crowded planet*. New York: Penguin Press.



Seven Wonders of the Socially Responsible World

The Kappa Omicron Nu Board will explore plans for follow-through on this important initiative. Members are invited to share ideas and volunteer for planning the Kappa Omicron Nu participation in this initiative.

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## 2009 Kappa Omicron Nu Leadership Institute and Undergraduate Research Conference

Radisson Hotel at Opryland  
2401 Music Valley Drive  
Nashville, Tennessee

August 6-9, 2009

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## 2009-2010 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.  
*National Alumni Fellowship*—\$2,000 awarded by the National Alumni Chapter
- **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.  
*Marjorie M. Brown Fellowship*- four classifications of critical science research awards are available; one award among these alternatives will be granted annually - \$10,000.
- **Research/Project Grants**  
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.
- **LeaderShape Institute Award**
- **Scholar Program**—Variable Grants to chapters

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## Publications

### published by Kappa Omicron Nu

#### *Transformative Practice: New Pathways to Leadership*

By Sue L. T. McGregor  
Available from Kappa Omicron Nu for \$40.00 plus shipping (\$7.95, U.S. and Canada; \$15.00, International) in U.S. funds.

#### *Qualities of Living: A Platform for Practice*

By Barbara S. McFall, West Virginia University  
Available from Kappa Omicron Nu for \$25.00 plus shipping (\$2.95, U.S.; \$3.95, Canada; \$7.95, International) in U.S. funds.

#### *African American Women:*

#### *Contributions to the Human Sciences*

Julia R. Miller, Dorothy I. Mitstifer, Gladys Gary Vaughn, Editors – available in Fall 2008 for \$49.95 (incl. postage).

## Internship Scholarships Available

- *Washington Internship Institute* – Every KON member that is offered an internship will receive a \$500 scholarship.  
[www.achsnaatl.org/wii\\_index.asp](http://www.achsnaatl.org/wii_index.asp)
- *The Fund for American Studies* – One \$1000 scholarship annually will be awarded to a KON member that is offered an internship.  
[www.achsnaatl.org/tfas\\_index.asp](http://www.achsnaatl.org/tfas_index.asp)
- *The Washington Center for Internships & Academic Seminars* – Three \$1000 scholarships annually will be awarded to KON members offered internships.  
[www.achsnaatl.org/twc\\_index.asp](http://www.achsnaatl.org/twc_index.asp)

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## Calls for Papers

### New:

- *Topic: Using the Constructivist Approach In Family and Consumer Sciences*  
Jacquelyn W. Jensen, Guest Editor
- *Topic: Research Across Disciplines: Sharing our Stories*  
Anne MacCleave, Guest Editor
- *Topic: International Issues: Discussion, Theories, Research*  
Elizabeth Goldsmith, Guest Editor

### Continuing:

- *Topic: Personal, Social & Corporate Responsibility in a Common World*  
Margaret Bubolz and Linda Nelson, Guest Editors
- *Topic: Higher Education Program Viability*  
Richard Tuveson, Guest Editor
- *Topic: Diverse Families: A Dialogue about Reflective Practice*  
Katia Paz Goldfarb, Guest Editor
- *Topic: Critical Science and Critical Discourse Analysis*  
Sue McGregor, Guest Editor
- *Topic: Family Communication in the Information Age*  
Rebecca Dumlao, 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 [dmitstifer@kon.org](mailto:dmitstifer@kon.org).