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Stepfamily Magazine Announces Advisory Board

Top Experts Will Provide Advice And Content To The Magazine

Alexandria, VA, June 9 - Stepfamily Magazine, the leading online publication for stepfamilies, today announced the formation of its first ever Advisory Board.

The *Stepfamily Magazine* advisory board is a group of exceptional researchers, practitioners, and experts from around the world who will share their expertise and networks, contribute ideas and articles, to help sustain *Stepfamily Magazine's* reputation as the leading blended family publication.

"We are thrilled to have the world's top experts supporting our mission to provide the highest caliber, evidence-based resources and tools to all stepfamilies," said Co-CEO Cameron Normand.

"We could not have asked for a more qualified group of professionals to advise us as we expand the magazine, and we can't wait to work with them," said Co-CEO Beth McDonough.

Erin Careless, Ph.D. will serve as Chair of the Advisory Board. Dr. Careless is Director of Professional Certificates, Career Essentials and Accreditations at Dalhousie University and Founder of *Steplife*, where she provides support to women navigating stepfamily life.

"I'm so excited to take on this role and work with these renowned experts to help shape current and future discussions around issues important to stepfamilies worldwide," said Dr. Careless.

Members of the Advisory Board are (in alphabetic order) listed below with excerpts from their bios. You can find more information and expanded bios for each of them [HERE](#).

Katie L. Acosta, Ph.D., Associate Professor and Director of Graduate Studies in the Department of Sociology at Georgia State University.

Katie Acosta, Ph.D. is the author of two books: *Amigas y Amantes: Sexually Nonconforming Latinas Negotiate Family* and most recently *Queer Stepfamilies: The Path to Social and Legal Recognition*.

In addition, her work appears in the *Journal of Family Theory & Review*, *Family Relations*, *Sexualities*, *Journal of Homosexuality*, *Sexualities Research and Social Policy*, and *Gender & Society*. Dr. Acosta teaches Race and Ethnic Relations, Families & Society, Qualitative Research Methods, Sexualities, and Gender & Society.

Francesca Adler-Baeder, Ph.D., Auburn University Alumni Professor in Human Development and Family Studies; Executive Director of the National Stepfamily Resource Center

Francesca Adler-Baeder, Ph.D. has been involved for over 2 decades in bridging research and practice, focusing on relational health among youth, couples, stepfamilies, and families under stress. She has authored more than 80 academic publications and presented more than 400 professional workshops and research presentations.

She has been awarded the 2007 Strengthening Alabama Families Award, the 2009 AU Distinguished Diversity Researcher Award, the 2013 AU Excellence in Faculty Outreach Award, and was named a Fellow by the National Council on Family Relations.

Dr. Dawn O. Braithwaite, Willa Cather Professor of Communication Studies at University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Dawn O. Braithwaite, Ph.D. studies how people in personal and family relationships communicate and negotiate family change and challenges. She has authored over 140 publications and is co-author or co-editor of six books, including *Family Communication: Cohesion and Change*, *Engaging Theories in Interpersonal Communication*, *Engaging Theories in Family Communication*, and *By Degrees: Resilience, Relationships and Success in Communication Graduate Studies*. She is the author of the blog "Communication Matters" for *Psychology Today*.

Scott Browning, Ph.D., ABPP, Professor of Psychology, Chestnut Hill College

Scott Browning, Ph.D. is a professor at the doctoral program at Chestnut Hill College and a member of the National Stepfamily Resource Center. Dr. Browning won the American Psychological Association Award for Distinguished Contribution to the Science of Psychology in 2017 for his work on stepfamilies. He has published six books, four of which examined stepfamily issues. Dr. Browning's primary text on stepfamilies is

his book from the American Psychological Association: Browning, S. & Artelt, E. (2012) *Stepfamily Therapy: A Ten-Step Clinical Approach*.

Marilyn Coleman, Ed.D., *Curator's Distinguished Professor Emerita, University of Missouri*

Marilyn Coleman, Ed.D. has conducted research on stepfamilies for over 25 years. She has co-authored over 220 articles and book chapters, 9 books and served as the second female editor of the *Journal of Marriage and Family*.

She is a curators' distinguished professor emerita of Human Development and Family Science and an affiliate faculty member with women's and gender studies at the University of Missouri. She is also a fellow in the MU Center for Excellence on Aging, the MU Center for Family Policy and Research and the National Council on Family Relations.

Larry Ganong, Ph.D., *Chancellor's Professor and Emeritus Professor, Human Development and Family Science and Nursing, University of Missouri*

Larry Ganong, Ph.D. has co-authored over 325 journal articles and chapters and 10 books and has received 12 research grants from public and private institutions.

Ganong is a Fellow in the National Council on Family Relations and the Gerontological Society of America. He has served on the Board of Directors of the National Council on Family Relations, the Council on Contemporary Families, and The Stepfamily Association of America.

Megan Hunter, *Co-founder & CEO, The High Conflict Institute*

Megan Hunter, MBA, is co-founder of the High Conflict Institute and Conflict Playbook, along with author and speaker, Bill Eddy, LCSW, Esq. who developed the high-conflict personality theory. She is also the founder of Unhooked Books Publishing.

Megan has served as President of the Arizona Chapter of the Association of Family & Conciliation Courts, the Arizona Family Support Council, and the Nebraska Child Support Enforcement Association. She served 5 years on the Arizona Board of Psychologist Examiners. Megan is the author and/or co-author of several books, including: *Dating Radar*, *Hiring Radar*, *BIFF at Work*, and *The High Conflict Co-Parenting Survival Guide*.

Patricia Papernow, Ed.D., *Psychologist*

Patricia Papernow, Ed.D. has more than forty years of clinical experience helping stepfamilies and teaching about "blended families" in the U.S. and around the world.

Dr. Papernow is the author of *Surviving and Thriving in Stepfamily Relationships: What Works and What Doesn't*, and, with Karen Bonnell, *The Stepfamily Handbook: From Dating, to Getting Serious to Forming a "Blended Family."* She is a member of the Experts Council of the National Stepfamily Resource Center and the recipient of the 2017 award for Distinguished Contribution to Family Psychology from the American Psychological Association.

Brad van Eeden-Moorefield, MSW, Ph.D., CFLE, Professor and Associate Department Chair for Social Justice Initiatives, Montclair State University

Brad van Eeden-Moorefield, MSW, Ph.D., CFLE has authored multiple works in journals such as *Journal of Family Psychology*, *Family Relations*, *Journal of Family Issues*, and *Sex Roles*, as well as several books, most of which focus on evidence-based practice with diverse families.

Dr. van Eeden-Moorefield also guest-edited special issues on "Intersectional variations in the experiences of queer families" and "Transformative family scholarship: Theory, practice, and research at the intersection of families, race, and social justice". His work primarily focuses on strengthening queer families and stepfamilies in ways that promote individual and family health and wellbeing.

The mission of Stepfamily Magazine is to be the leading publication in helping all stepfamilies create a better everyday life. We accomplish this by providing our readers and subscribers with the highest quality, research-based practical tools, educational insight, professional recommendations, and interactive forums to empower them to navigate their unique family dynamic. Through our inclusive, comprehensive content and events, the magazine seeks to inspire a new stepfamily narrative and empower stepfamilies of all backgrounds, cultures, family structures, sexual orientations, gender identities, and religions.

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