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NORTON SCHOOL OF HUMAN ECOLOGY
**Frances McClelland
Institute for Children,
Youth & Families**



Greetings from the Frances McClelland Institute,

We are wrapping up a busy Fall semester. Please read on for a new feature of profiles of our faculty and an opportunity to share your feedback to help shape the future of the Institute.

Looking ahead to the spring, we will host three talks as part of the Pamela Turbeville Speaker Series. Our first talk on January 30th will feature Dr. Thao Ha from Arizona State University. See below for details.

We recently matched undergraduate students to paid applied research internships at local community organizations and Cooperative Extension offices for the Spring semester. These internships will provide critical hands-on learning experiences for students and valuable assistance to organizations. We're grateful to our community partner placement sites.

Thank you for your support in 2025! We wish you all a happy, healthy and peaceful holiday season.

Please follow us on social media and visit our [website](#) to stay up-to-date on our events and to access the [resources](#) we share.

Upcoming Turbeville Speaker Series

The Frances McClelland Institute
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SPRING 2026

TURBEVILLE SPEAKER SERIES

Speaker: Dr. Thao Ha,
Department of Psychology,
Arizona State University

Title: *From Love to Harm: The
Development of Adolescent
Romantic Relationships in the
Digital Age*

Time: Friday, January 30, 2026
from 1 PM - 2:15 PM

Location: McClelland Park Room
402 Or Zoom



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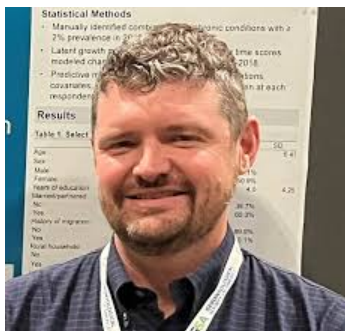
About the Frances McClelland Institute

- Support innovative research
- Actively partner with community organizations
- Share research findings with practitioners and the community
- Educate the next generation of engaged scholars and leaders

FMI is engaging in a formal program review of our institute.

The purpose of this review is to assess the impact and current status of our programs and to guide our future directions. Your input is vital to this process! Please take a few minutes to complete this anonymous survey. Thank you in advance for helping us grow and improve.

Meet Our Faculty



Interview with Dr. Nicholas "Nick" Bishop

Interview conducted by graduate student Ziyue Huang

Dr. Nick Bishop studies aging and population health, with a special focus on chronic illness and dementia. With both a master's and PhD in Sociology, he approaches his work through quantitative research and large-scale data analysis.

He shared that his interest in aging began when he noticed a major demographic shift: fewer children, more older adults, and a growing need for care. This "rectangular" population pattern sparked his curiosity about how societies adapt and how health changes across the entire life course. He emphasized that many issues we see in older adulthood can be traced back to early-life conditions, a topic he believes needs far more research.

Much of Dr. Bishop's work is geared toward informing policymakers, which means its impact is broad but sometimes slow to be felt at the individual level. He explained that one of his biggest challenges is navigating funding and balancing the demands of teaching with ongoing research. Since 2006, he has continuously expanded his statistical toolkit, evolving alongside the field itself. His ultimate goal: producing meaningful research.

Dr. Bishop said he loves the collaborative and flexible nature of academic life. He appreciates being part of an intergenerational network by working closely with graduate students while still staying connected with mentors who shaped his own journey.

He spoke about how seriously he approaches research and how that often brings out his perfectionist side. As he explained:

"I enjoy putting together a finished piece—you can think of it like a work of art that you share with people, and it represents you. That's a really rewarding part of the job."

Student Updates

Congratulations to Baltazar Campos!

We are proud to announce that **Baltazar Campos** has been named a **2025 Café Bustelo® El Café del Futuro Scholarship Awardee**! This prestigious scholarship supports outstanding college students and celebrates their

commitment to education and community. We're incredibly excited for Baltazar and wish him continued success in his academic journey!

Student Poster Showcase

We were pleased to host an engaging undergraduate poster session this week. Students in a Critical Thinking undergraduate courses taught by Dr. Payal Khosla and Dr. Ric Wood presented their projects on policy topics that ranged from sustainable retail practices to paid family leave.



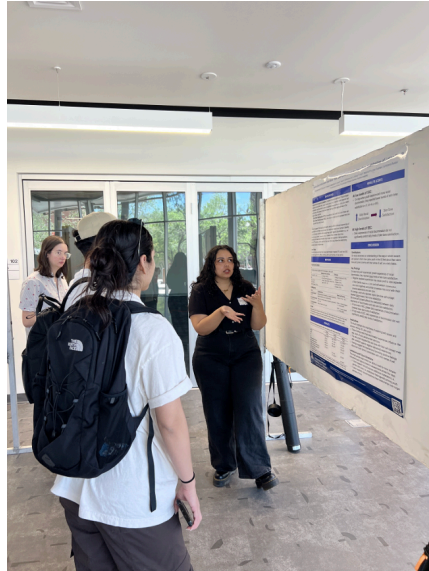
The **two paid community-based students interns** FMI supported this semester also presented posters about their projects. Pictured below:



Apply to the Phd Program in Human Development & Family Science (HDFS)

Students in our [doctoral program](#) receive cutting-edge training in human development and family science, with an emphasis on developing research skills for conducting basic and applied research. Graduates of our program go on to successful careers in research, teaching, policy, and community-based organization. Our faculty are dedicated to research that tackles pressing issues facing children, youth, families, and couples in diverse contexts across the lifespan. Learn more about [our program](#) and the [application](#) process.

Check out faculty research labs featured on the FMI website. The deadline to apply for ur PhD program is **January 1, 2026**.



Research from the Institute

Dr. Norma Perez-Brena presents research on Mexican-origin families during the Great Recession shows that, despite major economic hardship, many demonstrated notable resilience through flexible roles, interdependence, and strong family bonds. These findings highlight strengths that can guide culturally informed family support efforts.

[READ MORE](#)

Stronger Together: Community News & Events

Community Connections

Whether you're hosting a workshop, highlighting a resource, or want to share a success story (no identifying info, please)—we'd love to help spread the word. If you have something to share, please email us at families@arizona.edu with:

- A short description of your event or opportunity

- Any relevant links or contact info

- Image or flyer (if applicable)

To be included in the following month's issue, please send your submission by the 15th of each month.

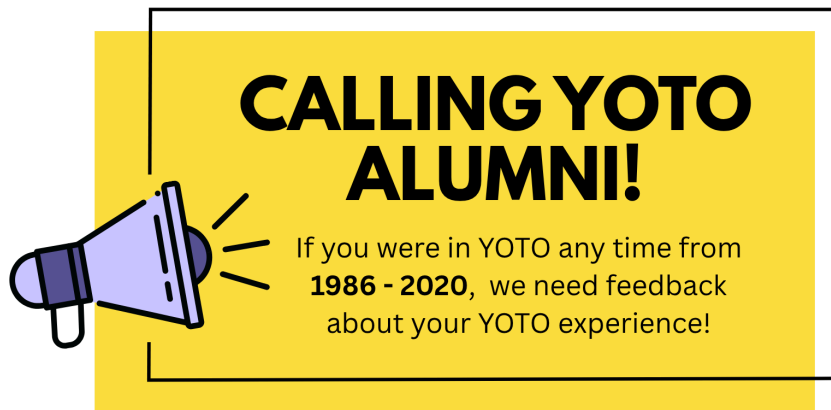
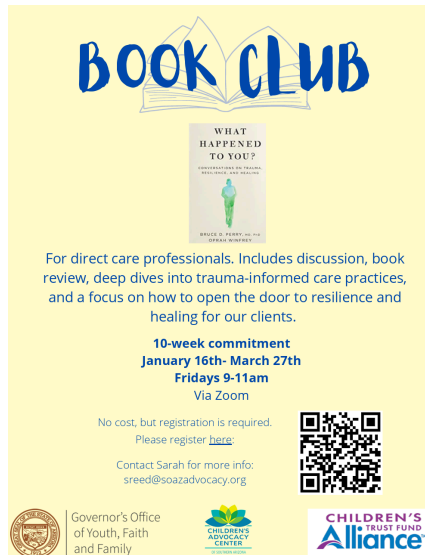
We're looking forward to uplifting the great work happening across our community!

Children's Advocacy Center

Hosting Virtual Trauma-Informed Book Club for professionals for one final time this Spring of 2026 - don't miss out!

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In Partnership,
Melissa Barnett, Ph.D.

Director, Frances McClelland Institute for Children, Youth, and Families

Norton Endowed Chair in Fathers, Parenting, and Families

Professor, Human Development and Family Science

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