



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



Greetings from the Frances McClelland Institute,

We hosted the last talk for the semester in the Turbeville Speaker Series on November 14th when Dr. Milla Titova from the University of Arizona Department of Psychology joined us to share her research on the complex ways our perceptions of place are linked to our wellbeing and sense of meaning in life. If you missed the talk, or want to watch it again, see below for the video link. We have a compelling lineup of speakers in the series in the spring.

We are very excited to be partnering with local community organizations once again in the spring to offer paid undergraduate internships focused on research or program planning and implementation. Students enroll in an online professional development course to scaffold their experiential learning as they gain new skills to help direct them on impactful career pathways. Applications are currently open.

November is Native American Heritage Month, a reminder that we still have much work to do to seek and amplify Native voices, perspectives and experiences, and support Native students, scholars, families and communities. We celebrate the resilience of indigenous peoples while also recognizing long standing and ongoing oppression of children, youth and families from indigenous communities. We encourage you to check out a new resource from Child Trends, the [Indigenous Children, Youth and Families Newsletter](#), which contains helpful information and resources for researchers, practitioners, policy makers, students and teachers.

Finally, we want to share how thankful we are for all of our supporters. We're also thankful for opportunities to collaborate with partners and to mentor students who share our commitment to using research to foster resilience so that children, youth and families have opportunities to thrive.

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.

Turbeville Speaker Series

The Frances McClelland Institute for Children, Youth, & Families invites you to...

TURBEVILLE SPEAKER SERIES

Speaker: Dr. Milla Titova, Department of Psychology, Arizona

Title: *The Psychology of Place and Well-Being*

Time: Friday, October 14th, 2025 from 1 PM - 2:15 PM

Location: McClelland Park Room 402 Or Zoom



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Community Based Undergraduate Internships

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Role Description:

- Assist with community organizations in a variety of projects to support children, families and communities.
- Collaborate with mentors and community members, contribute to research and programs, and share findings with the wider community.
- Enroll in a 3-unit professional development course to enhance your hands-on experience.

Prerequisites:

- Experience working effectively, independently, and in teams
- Hybrid/Remote

Opportunities to learn about:

- Data analysis and collection
- Collective impact
- Community-based research
- Program evaluation
- Program planning and implementation



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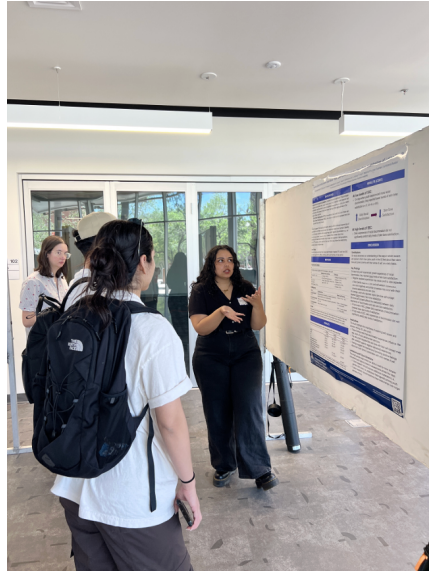
HDFS Updates

Apply to the PhD Program in Human Development and 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**.

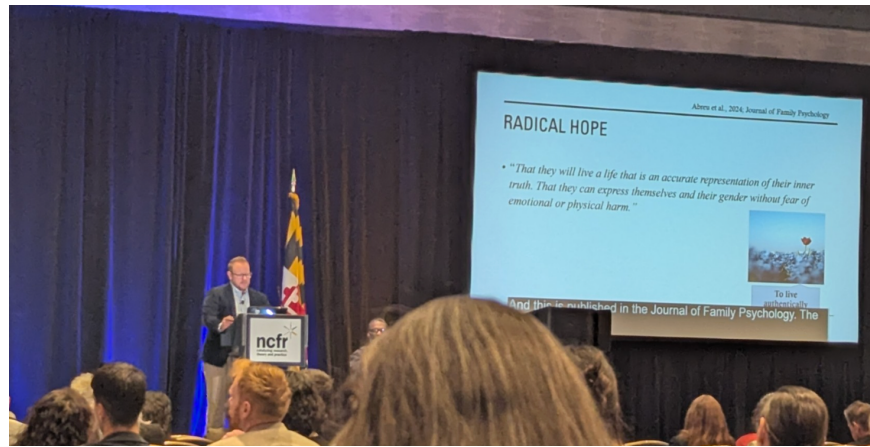


Research from the Institute

Several HDFS students and faculty attended the [National Council on Family Relations](#) (NCFR) annual conference last week in Baltimore.

Dr. Russ Toomey was a featured [plenary speaker](#). Dr. Toomey's talk dispelled myths about transgender youth and their families with scientific evidence drawn from Dr. Toomey's research and the work of other developmental and family scientists. This is a critically important topic. Other faculty and students presented their research, learned about cutting edge research in family science, and networked with other scholars and practitioners, including many alumni of our program.





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!

Please see attached flyer for more information. Share at will!!

[REGISTER HERE](#)





For direct care professionals. Includes discussion, book review, deep dives into trauma-informed care practices, and a focus on how to open the door to resilience and healing for our clients.

10-week commitment
January 16th- March 27th
Fridays 9-11am
 Via Zoom

No cost, but registration is required.
 Please register [here](#).

Contact Sarah for more info:
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