

(Subject Line: Does Marriage Have A Future? – Press Breakfast to Provide Answers)

National Council on Family Relations

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WHAT: National Council on Family Relations (NCFR) and Blackwell Publishing announce a special press breakfast with presentations by expert researchers on the subject of marriage. The session will cover in-depth research on marriage published in a special November issue of the *Journal of Marriage and Family* (JMF). This special issue, “The Symposium on Marriage and Its Future”, includes such findings as ‘nine out of ten Americans still choose to marry’. More details to be discussed at the breakfast.

WHEN: **Tuesday, October 12, 2004**
9:00 a.m. – registration and breakfast
9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. – presentations

WHERE: **National Press Club**
Ballroom
529 14th Street, NW
Washington, DC

Members of the press not able to be present at the breakfast conference can listen to the talks via phone. Please contact Michael Benjamin (contact information below) to obtain the telephone number for this event.

WHO: Alexis Walker, Ph.D.
Editor, *Journal of Marriage and Family*
Professor, Department of Sociology
Oregon State University

Andrew J. Cherlin, Ph.D.
Griswold Professor of Public Policy and Professor of Sociology
Department of Sociology
Johns Hopkins University

William Doherty, Ph.D.
Former President, NCFR and Professor, Department of Family Social Science
University of Minnesota

WHY: This special issue of the *Journal of Marriage and Family* (JMF) provides the most current and comprehensive research on the status of marriage into the twenty-first century. Dr. Walker, the editor of JMF, will moderate presentations by two of the leading experts in the study of marriage.

Dr. Cherlin, noted expert in sociology of the family and public policy, will assess the current state of marriage in North America, and highlight alternative visions of the future of marriage in the twenty-first century. He will include possible scenarios for marriage over the next few decades.

Dr. Doherty, an influential and innovative marriage researcher, highlights his work on community-based marriage initiatives that are taking hold throughout the United States.

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About the Presenters

Dr. Alexis Walker is Editor of the *Journal of Marriage and Family*. She is also Professor in the Department of Sociology at Johns Hopkins University

Dr. Andrew Cherlin is a Griswold Professor of Public Policy and Sociology at John Hopkins University. He is the author of numerous articles and books and received the Distinguished Career Award from the Family Section of the American Sociological Association in 2003.

Dr. William Doherty is a former President of the National Council on Family Relations and Professor at the Department of Family Social Science at the University of Minnesota. He is the author of many scientific articles and books, and popular books including "Take Back Your Marriage" and "Putting Family First: Successful Strategies for Reclaiming Family Life in a Hurry-Up World."

About the Journal

The *Journal of Marriage and Family* (JMF) has been a leading research journal in the family field for over 60 years. JMF features original research and theory, research interpretation and reviews, and critical discussion concerning all aspects of marriage, other forms of close relationships, and families. It is published by the National Council on Family Relations (NCFR). With over 4,000 members, the NCFR's mission is to provide an educational forum for family researchers, educators, and practitioners to share in the development and dissemination of knowledge about families and family relationships, establish professional standards, and work to promote family well-being. For further information about NCFR, go to www.ncfr.org.

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