Nadine Mathis Bashahas been an advocate for children throughout her career as an educator, small business owner and volunteer. She is responsible for the passage of Proposition 203 in November 2006 that created a funding source for and system of early childhood education. Ms. Mathis Basha is the chair of First Things First, which is responsible for the implementation and oversight of Proposition 203.

She serves on the Boards of WestEd, Ellis Center for Educational Excellence and is a Trustee for the Committee for Economic Development. She was the chair of the Arizona State School Readiness Board from 2003 to 2006 and was the governor’s appointee to the Arizona State Board of Education from 1999 through 2005. She also founded the Children’s Action Alliance, a children's public policy advocacy group.

Ms. Mathis Basha has received countless awards and recognition for her many accomplishments in the field of early childhood, including The Arizona State University’s Distinguished Achievement Award and an Honorary Doctorate from Northern Arizona University. She received her B.S. Degree in Elementary Education from the University of Kansas and an M.Ed. in Early Childhood Education from Arizona State University.

Conference and Dedication Speakers

Jacquelynne Eccles, Ph.D., The University of Michigan
Dr. Eccles is the Wilbert McKeachie Collegiate Professor of Psychology, Women's Studies and Education, and a research scientist at the Institute for Social Research. She is also Interim Chair of Psychology and Director of the Gender and Achievement Research Program. Dr. Eccles has conducted research on a wide range of topics including gender-role socialization, teacher expectancies, classroom influences on student motivation, and social development in the family and school context. The Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues awarded Dr. Eccles the Kurt Lewin Memorial Award for "outstanding contributions to the development and integration of psychological research and social action."

Bruce Ellis, Ph.D., The University of Arizona
Dr. Ellis holds the John and Doris Norton Endowed Chair in Fathers, Parenting, and Families, and chairs the Frances McClelland Institute’s initiative on fathers, parenting, and families. First trained as a canonical evolutionary psychologist, Dr. Ellis shifted from studying adult behavior to developmental processes and mechanisms following postdoctoral training in developmental psychopathology. His work has been recognized by the American Psychological Association, the Human Behavior and Evolution Society, and the John F. Kennedy Center for Research on Human Development.

Alice Schlegel, Ph.D., The University of Arizona
Dr. Schlegel is Professor Emerita of Anthropology. Her work on adolescence began when she was doing field research on kinship and gender relations on the Hopi Indian Reservation. After publishing Adolescence: An Anthropological Inquiry (1991) with Herbert Barry, she researched adolescent blue-collar industrial apprentices in Germany and adolescent participation in civic organizations in Italy. She continues to further analyze the cross-cultural data first reported in 1991, and to publish on topics related to adolescence across cultures. She is a founding member of the Society for Cross-Cultural Research and a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Donna Spruijt-Metz, Ph.D., The University of Southern California
Dr. Spruijt-Metz is assistant professor of research at the Keck School of Medicine’s Department of Preventative Medicine. Her research focuses on adolescent health, particularly the areas of smoking and obesity. She currently is heading two studies that examine the influences of culture, gender, stress, development, self-concept, and body image on health-related behaviors, including physical activity, nutrition, and smoking, as well as the relationships between these behaviors and their outcomes.

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Frances McClelland Institute Dedication
March 5-6, 2009

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Children, Youth, and Families

John and Doris Norton School
Family and Consumer Sciences
Welcome to the Frances McClelland Institute for Children, Youth, and Families! The Frances McClelland Institute serves as a catalyst for cross-disciplinary research at the University of Arizona. Our research initiatives – Health, Emotions, and Relations (HER); Adolescent Health and Development; and Fathers, Parenting, and Families – address questions important to the development and well-being of contemporary children, youth, and families. Our goal is to improve basic understanding of these issues and to enhance the lives of the people of Arizona and the world. We are pleased you can join us as we take these two days to dedicate the Institute in memory of Frances McClelland and to gather academics and community leaders from Arizona and beyond to discuss "Adolescence in the 21st Century."

The Frances McClelland Institute for Children, Youth, and Families is dedicated in honor of the late Frances H. McClelland. A long-time advocate for children and families, Frances McClelland (UA ’44) was a founding advisory board member for the institute and worked throughout her life to improve the lives of children and families in the belief that their well-being was critical for a successful society. We are proud to honor her memory through the work of this Institute.

Special Thanks

All photographs on display in the lobby and throughout McClelland Park are by Mr. John Norton. We thank Mr. Norton for generously sharing these beautiful images of children and families from around the world.

Our thanks, also, to the following individuals whose generosity supports the work of the Institute: Janet and Barry Lang for the Lang Children and Family Observation Lab; John and Doris Norton for the Norton Endowment for Fathers, Parenting, and Families; the Nesbitt family; John and Ruth Crist Dyer; Beth and Ed Martin; Betty and Ham McRae; Beverly Mitchell; Linda Redman; and family of the late David Rowe.

Additional thanks to our following colleagues and community partners: Family & Community Medicine, Southwest Institute for Research on Women, Mexican American Studies & Research Center, James E. Rogers College of Law; Child & Family Resources, Arizona Center for the Study of Children and Families, and YWCA Tucson.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 5
Park Student Union (Coyote Room)

9:00 a.m.  Registration
9:15 a.m.  Welcome
Stephen T. Russell, The University of Arizona Director, Frances McClelland Institute
9:35 a.m.  Overview of academic program
Noel Card, The University of Arizona Chair, Adolescent Health and Development, Frances McClelland Institute
9:50 a.m.  Break
11:30 a.m.  Lunch
1:00 p.m.  Panel: Aggression and Problem Behavior
Kathi Conner, The University of California, Davis Matt Newman, The Arizona State University Shelli Bauman, The University of Arizona Dennis Emby, President, PAXIS Institute
2:45 p.m.  Break
3:15 p.m.  Donsu Spruijt-Metz, The University of Southern California “Wanting Our Cake and Eating it Too: A Decade of Pediatric Obesity Research”
4:30 p.m.  Discussion

FRIDAY, MARCH 6
Park Student Union (Coyote Room)

9:00 a.m.  Preview of the day’s events
Noel Card, The University of Arizona Chair, Adolescent Health and Development, Frances McClelland Institute
9:15 a.m.  Alice Schlegel, The University of Arizona “Contributions of Anthropology to the Study of Adolescence (With a Nod to History)”
10:15 a.m.  Break
10:45 a.m.  Panel: Adolescence in Cultural Context
Andrea Romero, The University of Arizona Adriana Umaña-Taylor, The Arizona State University Mary Warner, The University of Arizona
12:00 p.m.  Lunch, poster session, and institute tours
McClelland Park, Lobby and Room 101

Conference Dedication

Frances McClelland Institute Dedication

Ira Fulton Auditorium, McClelland Park

3:00 p.m.

WELCOME AND INSTITUTE OVERVIEW

Soyeon Shim, The University of Arizona Director, John and Doris Norton School Family and Consumer Sciences

Janel Marcotte, Executive Director, YWCA Tucson

Stephen T. Russell, The University of Arizona Director, Frances McClelland Institute for Children, Youth, and Families

RECOGNITION OF FRANCES H. MCCLELLAND

Norman McClelland

Robert Shelton, President, The University of Arizona

2009 VISION AWARD PRESENTATION

Ira Fulton, Introduction

Gene Sander, The University of Arizona Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Nadine Mathis Basha, Chair, First Things First “Arizona on the Cutting Edge: New Efforts to Enhance the Well-Being of Young Children and Families”

DEDICATION LECTURE

John Norton, Introduction

Bruce Ellis, Norton Endowed Chair of Fathers, Parenting, and Families, Frances McClelland Institute for Children, Youth, and Families “Fathers Really Matter: Early Experiences with Dads Change Poberty and Sexual Behaviors in Daughters”

5:00 p.m.

RECEPTION

Lakin Family Plaza