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### EDUCATION

B.S.	St. Peter's College	1964-1968
	Major: Sociology; Minor: Philosophy	
M.A.	New School for Social Research	1968-1970
	Major: Sociology; Minor: Psychology	
Ph.D.	University of New Hampshire	1972-1975
	Major: Sociology; Minor: Psychology	

### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Graduate Assistant, Department of Sociology	University of New Hampshire	1972-1975
Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology	Georgia State University	1975-1981
Associate Professor, Department of Sociology	Georgia State University	1981-1990
Professor, Department of Sociology	Georgia State University	1990-present

### ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

Graduate Director, Department of Sociology	Georgia State University	1986-1988
Chair, Department of Sociology	Georgia State University	1995-1998

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Family	History of Fatherhood/Motherhood/Childhood
Gender	Culture and Cognition
Theory	Qualitative and Historical Methods
War	Content Analysis

## COURSES TAUGHT

Introduction to Sociology (undergrad)	Research Methodology (grad)
Social Problems (undergrad)	Qualitative Methods (grad)
Social Psychology (undergrad)	Cognitive Sociology (grad)
Family Sociology (undergrad, grad)	Family Studies (grad)
Family Violence (undergrad, grad, honors)	Parents and Children (honors)
Birth and Parenthood (undergrad, grad, honors)	Transition to Parenthood (adult ed)

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books, Monographs, and Edited Volumes

1. Ralph LaRossa. *Conflict and Power in Marriage: Expecting the First Child*. Sage Publications, 1977. A volume in the National Council on Family Relations' Monograph Series.
2. Ralph LaRossa and Maureen Mulligan LaRossa. *Transition to Parenthood: How Infants Change Families*. Sage Publications, 1981.
  - 2a. Chapter 9 reprinted in Bert N. Adams and John L. Campbell (eds.) *Framing the Family: Contemporary Portraits*. Waveland Press, 1984.
3. Ralph LaRossa, editor. *Family Case Studies: A Sociological Perspective*. Free Press, a division of Simon and Schuster Publishing Company, 1984.
4. Ralph LaRossa. *Becoming a Parent*. Sage Publications, 1986. A volume in the Sage Family Studies Text Series.
  - 4a. *Becoming a Parent*, Chinese translation. Yang-Chih Book Company, 1998.
5. Ralph LaRossa, guest editor. *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*, Volume 17, Number 3, October 1988. Special Issue devoted to "Qualitative Family Research."
6. Pauline G. Boss, William J. Doherty, Ralph LaRossa, Walter R. Schumm, and Suzanne K. Steinmetz, editors. *Sourcebook of Family Theories and Methods: A Contextual Approach*. Plenum Press, 1993.
7. Ralph LaRossa. *The Modernization of Fatherhood: A Social and Political History*. University of Chicago Press, 1997. Selected by *Choice* as a 1997 "Outstanding Academic Book." Finalist for 1997 and 1999 William J. Goode Book Award, Family Section, American Sociological Association.

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1. Ralph LaRossa. *The Culture of Fatherhood and the Second World War*. Under Contract with the University of Chicago Press.

## Journal Articles, Book Chapters, and Encyclopedia Entries

1. Ralph LaRossa. "Interpreting Hierarchical Message Structure," *Journal of Communication*, 1974, vol. 24, pp. 61-68.
2. Ralph LaRossa. "Conjoint Marital Interviewing as a Research Strategy," *Case Analysis*, 1978, vol. 1, pp. 141-149.
3. Ralph LaRossa. "Sex During Pregnancy: A Symbolic Interactionist Analysis," *Journal of Sex Research*, 1979, vol. 15, pp. 119-128.
4. Ralph LaRossa and James J. Dowd. "Aging in a Women's Club: The Voluntary Association as a Social Support System," *Alternative Lifestyles*, 1980, vol. 3, pp. 185-206.
5. Ralph LaRossa. "'And We Haven't Had Any Problems Since': Conjugal Violence and the Politics of Marriage," Chapter 10 in Murray A. Straus and Gerald Hotaling (eds.), *The Social Causes of Husband-Wife Violence*. University of Minnesota Press, 1980.
6. Ralph LaRossa, Linda A. Bennett, and Richard J. Gelles. "Ethical Dilemmas in Qualitative Family Research," *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, 1981, vol. 43, pp. 303-313.
  - 6a. Reprinted in Gerald Handel (ed.), *The Psychosocial Interior of the Family* (Third Edition). Aldine, 1985.
  - 6b. Reprinted in Gerald Handel and Gail G. Whitchurch (eds.), *The Psychosocial Interior of the Family* (Fourth Edition). Aldine de Gruyter, 1994.
7. James J. Dowd and Ralph LaRossa. "Primary Group Contact and Elderly Morale: An Exchange/Power Analysis," *Sociology and Social Research*, 1982, vol. 66, pp. 184-197.
8. Ralph LaRossa. "The Transition to Parenthood and the Social Reality of Time," *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, 1983, vol. 45, pp. 579-589.
9. Ralph LaRossa. "Teaching Family Sociology Through Case Studies," *Teaching Sociology*, 1984, vol. 11, pp. 315-322.
10. Ralph LaRossa and Jane H. Wolf. "On Qualitative Family Research," *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, 1985, vol. 47, pp. 531-541.

11. Ralph LaRossa. "Fatherhood and Social Change," *Family Relations*, 1988, vol. 37, pp. 451-457.
  - 11a. Reprinted in *Men's Studies Review*, 1989, vol. 6, Number 2, Spring.
  - 11b. Reprinted in John N. Edwards and David H. Demo (eds.), *Marriage and Family in Transition*. Allyn & Bacon, 1991. Reissued 1998.
  - 11c. Reprinted in *The Creative Woman* (a quarterly journal published by Governor's State University), 1991, vol. 11, number 1, Winter/Spring.
  - 11d. Reprinted in Ann Daluiso (ed.), *Annual Editions: Life Management 92/93*. Dushkin Publishing Group, 1992.
  - 11e. Reprinted in Michael S. Kimmel and Michael A. Messner (eds.), *Men's Lives: Readings in the Sociology of Masculinity* (Second Edition). Macmillan, 1992.
  - 11f. Reprinted in Adie Nelson and Barrie Robinson (eds.), *Gender in the 1990's: Images, Realities and Issues*. Ontario: Nelson Canada, 1995.
  - 11g. Reprinted in Michael S. Kimmel and Michael A. Messner (eds.), *Men's Lives: Readings in the Sociology of Masculinity* (Third Edition). Macmillan, 1995.
  - 11h. Reprinted in Maxine Baca Zinn, Pierrette Hondagneu-Sotelo, and Michael A. Messner (eds.), *Through the Prism of Difference: Readings on Sex and Gender*. Allyn & Bacon, 1997.
  - 11i. Reprinted as "The Culture and Conduct of Fatherhood" in Karen V. Hansen and Anita Ilta Garey (eds.), *Families in the U.S.: Kinship and Domestic Politics*. Temple University Press, 1998.
  - 11j. Reprinted in Maxine Baca Zinn, Pierrette Hondagneu-Sotelo, and Michael A. Messner (eds.), *Gender Through the Prism of Difference* (Second Edition). Allyn & Bacon, 2000.
  - 11k. Reprinted in Adrienne Kunkel (ed.), *Communication and Gender Handbook*. Kendall/Hunt, 2003.
12. Ralph LaRossa. "Renewing Our Faith in Qualitative Family Research," *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*, 1988, vol. 17, pp. 243-260.
13. Ralph LaRossa. "Homogenization in Family Studies," *Journal of Family Issues*, 1988, vol. 9, pp. 564-568.

14. Ralph LaRossa and Maureen Mulligan LaRossa. "Baby Care: Fathers vs. Mothers," Chapter 12 in Barbara J. Risman and Pepper Schwartz (eds.) *Gender in Intimate Relationships: A Microstructural Approach*. Wadsworth Publishing Company, 1989.
  - 14a. Reprinted in Barbara Collamer (ed.), *The Ecology of Gender* (Sixth Edition). Thomson Custom Publishing, 2003.
15. Ralph LaRossa. "In-Depth Interviewing in Family Medicine Research," Chapter 14 in Christian Ramsey (ed.), *Family Systems in Medicine*. Guilford Press, 1989.
16. Ralph LaRossa. "The Changing Father Hypothesis," *Family Studies* (the Journal of Hyogo Institute for the Study of Family Issues, Kobe, Japan), 1989, vol. 1, pp. 57-73. (Translated into Japanese by Toshi Kii.)
17. Ralph LaRossa, Betty Anne Gordon, Ronald Jay Wilson, Annette Bairan, and Charles Jaret. "The Fluctuating Image of the 20th Century American Father," *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, 1991, vol. 53, pp. 987-997.
18. Jane H. Wolf-Smith and Ralph LaRossa. "After He Hits Her," *Family Relations*, 1992, vol. 41, pp. 324-329.
  - 18a. Reprinted in Ollie Pocs (ed.), *Annual Editions: Marriage and the Family 93/94*. Dushkin Publishing Group, 1993.
  - 18b. Reprinted in Ollie Pocs (ed.), *Annual Editions: Marriage and the Family 94/95*. Dushkin Publishing Group, 1994.
  - 18c. Reprinted in Sandra M. Stith and Murray A. Straus (eds.), *Understanding Partner Violence: Causes, Consequences, and Solutions*. Minneapolis, MN: National Council on Family Relations, 1995.
  - 18d. Reprinted in Kathleen R. Gilbert (ed.), *Annual Editions: Marriage and the Family 96/97*. Dushkin Publishing Group, 1996.
  - 18e. Reprinted in Kathleen R. Gilbert (ed.), *Annual Editions: Marriage and the Family 97/98*. Dushkin Publishing Group, 1997.
19. William J. Doherty, Pauline G. Boss, Ralph LaRossa, Walter R. Schumm, and Suzanne K. Steinmetz. "Family Theories and Methods: A Contextual Approach," Chapter 1 in Pauline G. Boss, William J. Doherty, Ralph LaRossa, Walter R. Schumm, and Suzanne K. Steinmetz (eds.), *Sourcebook of Family Theories and Methods: A Contextual Approach*. Plenum Press, 1993.

20. Ralph LaRossa and Donald C. Reitzes. "Symbolic Interactionism and Family Studies," Chapter 6 in Pauline G. Boss, William J. Doherty, Ralph LaRossa, Walter R. Schumm, and Suzanne K. Steinmetz (eds.), *Sourcebook of Family Theories and Methods: A Contextual Approach*. Plenum Press, 1993.
21. Ralph LaRossa and Donald C. Reitzes. "Continuity and Change in Middle Class Fatherhood, 1925-1939: The Culture-Conduct Connection," *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, 1993, vol. 55, pp. 455-468.
22. Ralph LaRossa and Donald C. Reitzes. "Gendered Perceptions of Father Involvement in Early 20th Century America," *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, 1995, vol. 57, pp. 223-229.
23. Ralph LaRossa. "Stories and Relationships," *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, 1995, vol. 12, pp. 553-558.
24. Ralph LaRossa. "A Call from a Child: Help Seeking Behavior Among Early 20th Century American Youth." Chapter 8 in Constance L. Shehan (ed.), *Through the Eyes of the Child: Re-Visioning Children as Active Agents of Family Life*. JAI Press, 1999.
25. Ralph LaRossa, Charles Jaret, Malati Gadgil, and G. Robert Wynn. "The Changing Culture of Fatherhood in Comic Strip Families: A Six-Decade Analysis," *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, 2000, vol. 62, pp. 375-387.
  - 25a. Boxed insert in Constance L. Shehan, *Marriages and Families* (Second Edition). Allyn and Bacon, 2003.
  - 25b. Reprinted in Mark Hutter (ed.), *The Family Experience: A Reader in Cultural Diversity* (Fourth Edition). Allyn and Bacon, 2004.
26. Ralph LaRossa, Charles Jaret, Malati Gadgil, and G. Robert Wynn. "Gender Disparities in Mother's Day and Father's Day Comic Strips: A 55 Year History," *Sex Roles*, 2001, vol. 44, pp. 693-718.
27. Ralph LaRossa and Donald C. Reitzes. "Two? Two and One-Half? Thirty Months? Chronometrical Childhood in Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century America," *Sociological Forum*, 2001, vol. 16, pp. 385-407.
28. Ralph LaRossa. "The Social Construction of a Family Sociologist," *Marriage and Family Review*, 2001, vol. 31, Numbers 3/4, pp. 95-111.
  - 28a. Also published (by the same press) in Suzanne K. Steinmetz and Gary W. Peterson (eds.), *Pioneering Paths in the Study of Families: The Lives and Careers of Family Scholars*. Haworth Press, 2002.

29. Ralph LaRossa. "Cultural Representations of Fathers." In Michael S. Kimmel and Amy Aronson (eds.), *Men and Masculinities: A Social, Cultural, and Historical Encyclopedia*. ABC-Clio Press, 2004.
30. Ralph LaRossa. "The Culture of Fatherhood in the Fifties: A Closer Look," *Journal of Family History*, 2004, vol. 29, pp. 47-70.
31. Phillip W. Davis, Jennifer L. Chandler, and Ralph LaRossa. "'I've Tried the Switch but He Laughs Through the Tears'": The Use and Conceptualization of Corporal Punishment During the Machine Age, 1924-1939," *Child Abuse and Neglect*, 2004, vol. 28, pp. 1291-1310.
32. Ralph LaRossa, Wendy Simonds, and Donald C. Reitzes. "Culture, Cognition, and Parenthood." Chapter 17 in Vern Bengtson, Alan Acock, Katherine Allen, Peggye Dilworth-Anderson, and David Klein (eds.), *Sourcebook of Family Theory and Research*. Sage Publications, 2005.
33. Ralph LaRossa. "'Until the Ball Glows in the Twilight': Fatherhood, Baseball, and the Game of Playing Catch." Chapter 7 in William Marsiglio, Kevin Roy, and Greer Litton Fox (eds.), *Situated Fathering: A Focus on Physical and Social Spaces*. Rowman and Littlefield, 2005.
34. Ralph LaRossa. "Grounded Theory Methods and Qualitative Family Research," *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 2005, vol. 67, pp. 837-857.
35. William J. Doherty, Martha Farrell Erickson, and Ralph LaRossa. "An Intervention to Increase Father Involvement and Skills with Infants During the Transition to Parenthood," *Journal of Family Psychology*, vol. 20, pp. 438-447.
36. Ralph LaRossa and Cynthia B. Sinha. "Constructing the Transition to Parenthood," *Sociological Inquiry*, vol. 76, pp. 433-457.

### **Selected Other Published Contributions**

1. Ralph LaRossa and Maureen Mulligan LaRossa. "Transition to Parenthood," *Newsletter of Parenting*, 1982, vol. 5, pp. 4-8.
2. Ralph LaRossa and Jane H. Wolf. "What Ever Happened To Qualitative Family Research?" *SSSI Notes: On-Goings of the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction*, 1985, vol. 11 (Fall), p. 9.
3. Ralph LaRossa. "Family Violence" (Course Syllabus). In Ann Goetting (ed.) *Resource Material for Teaching about Family Violence*. American Sociological Association, 1991.
4. William J. Doherty and Ralph LaRossa. "Birth of the 'Men in Families' Focus Group: Background, Objectives, and Values," *Men in Families Newsletter*, 1994, vol. 1, pp. 1-2.

5. Catherine Chesla. "Early Beginnings of the Qualitative Family Research Network: Interview with Ralph LaRossa," *Qualitative Family Research*, 1996, vol. 10 (May), pp. 3-9.
6. "A Message from Ralph LaRossa, 1997 NCFR Program Vice President," *Men in Families Newsletter*, 1997, vol. 4, pp. 3-4.
7. Ralph LaRossa. "Fatherhood and Motherhood in a Diverse and Changing World," *Michigan Family Review*, 1998, vol. 3, pp. 1-5.
8. Ralph LaRossa. "The Value of Theory in Historical Family Research," *Qualitative Family Research*, 1998, vol. 11, pp. 10-13.
9. Ralph LaRossa. "What Parents Need to Raise Healthy and Productive Children." In *Public Policy Through a Family Lens: Sustaining Families in the 21st Century*. National Council on Family Relations, 2000 (updated 2005).
10. Ralph LaRossa. "Family Sociology" (Course Syllabus). In Ginger E. Macheski, Kathleen S. Lowney, Michael Capece, Kate Warner, and Martha Laughlin (eds.), *Teaching About Families: A Collection of Essays, Syllabi, Projects, and Assignments, Websites, and Bibliographies* (Fourth Edition). American Sociological Association, 2004.
11. Ralph LaRossa. "Cognitive Sociology" (Course Syllabus). In William G. Holt (ed.), *Sociology of Culture Teaching Guide* (Third Edition). American Sociological Association, 2005.
12. Ralph LaRossa. "Qualitative Methods in Sociology" (Course Syllabus). In Vickie Jensen and James David Ballard (eds.), *Qualitative Research Methods: Syllabi and Instructional Materials* (Third Edition). American Sociological Association, forthcoming.

### **Book Reviews**

1. *Violence and the Family* by J. P. Martin, *Criminology*, 1979, vol. 17, pp. 271-272.
2. *Maternal Deprivation Reassessed* (2nd Edition) by Michael Rutter, *Contemporary Sociology*, 1982, vol. 11, pp. 320-321.
3. *Transracial Adoption: A Follow-up* by Rita J. Simon and Howard Altstein, *Social Forces*, 1982, vol. 61, pp. 629-630.
4. *Mothers and Fathers: Studies of Negotiation of Parental Behavior* by Kathryn C. Backett, *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, 1983, vol. 45, pp. 449-450.
5. *Families in Britain* by R. N. Rapoport et al. and *Families in a Working World: The Impact of Organizations on Domestic Life* by Margaret R. Davis, *Social Forces*, 1985, vol. 63, pp. 875-876.

6. *Reactions to Motherhood: The Role of Post-Natal Care* by Jean A. Ball, *Contemporary Sociology*, 1988, vol. 17, p. 240.
7. *Men's Transitions to Parenthood: Longitudinal Studies of Early Family Experience* by Phyllis W. Berman and Frank A. Pedersen, *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, 1989, vol. 51, pp. 1096-1097.
8. *Men's Friendships* edited by Peter M. Nardi, *Contemporary Sociology*, 1993, vol. 22, p. 33.
9. *Fatherhood in America: A History* by Robert L. Griswold, *Contemporary Sociology*, 1994, vol. 23, pp. 102-103.
10. *Family Man: Fatherhood, Housework, and Gender Equity* by Scott Coltrane, *Contemporary Sociology*, 1997, vol. 26, pp. 13-15.
11. *Parents' Cultural Belief Systems: Their Origins, Expressions, and Consequences* edited by Sara Harkness and Charles M. Super, *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, 1997, vol. 59, p. 233.
12. *The Cultural Contradictions of Motherhood* by Sharon Hays, *Social Forces*, 1998, vol. 76, pp. 1159-1160.
13. *Men in Families: When Do They Get Involved? What Difference Does It Make?* edited by Alan Booth and Ann C. Crouter, *Contemporary Sociology*, 1999, vol. 28, pp. 51-52.
14. *Family Men: Middle-Class Fatherhood in Early Industrializing America* by Shawn Johansen, *Gender and Society*, 2003, vol. 17, pp. 330-331.
15. *Sex, Men, and Babies: Stories of Awareness and Responsibility* by William Marsiglio and Sally Hutchinson, *Contemporary Sociology*, 2003, vol. 32, pp. 572-573.
16. *Relative Intimacy: Fathers, Adolescent Daughters, and Postwar American Culture* by Rachel Devlin, *Journal of the History of Sexuality*, forthcoming.

## GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

### Internal

1. Ralph LaRossa. University of New Hampshire. May 1975 - August 1975. "Marital Realities and the First Pregnancy Experience." \$600.
2. Ralph LaRossa. Georgia State University. July 1977 - June 1978. "Husbands, Wives, and Infants." \$6,664.
3. Ralph LaRossa. Georgia State University. July 1978 - June 1979. "Marriage and the Newborn." \$800.

4. Ralph LaRossa. Georgia State University. July 1983 - June 1984. "Families in Public." \$300.
5. Ralph LaRossa. Georgia State University. January 1987 - June 1987. "A History of Fatherhood in America." \$2,710.
6. Ralph LaRossa. Georgia State University. September 1993 - June 1994. "A Social History of Fatherhood in Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century America." \$3,430.
7. Ralph LaRossa. Georgia State University. September 1993 - June 1994. "The Social Reconstruction of Childhood in Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century America." \$5,000.
8. Donald C. Reitzes, Kirk W. Elifson, Ralph LaRossa, and Frank J. Whittington. "Family and Life Course Program." Georgia State University Research Enhancement Grant. July 2000 - June 2009. \$396,000.

### **External**

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2. Ralph LaRossa. National Science Foundation. September 1988 - February 1992. "A Social History of Fatherhood in America, 1918-1941." NSF Grant #SES-8812583. \$84,852.
3. Pauline G. Boss, William J. Doherty, Ralph LaRossa, Walter R. Schumm, and Suzanne K. Steinmetz. Research and Theory Section, National Council on Family Relations. November 1988 - November 1990. "Sourcebook of Family Theories and Methods," \$9,167.
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## PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

1. Ralph LaRossa. "Sarcasm as Verbal Violence," American Sociological Association, 1974.
2. Ralph LaRossa. "First Pregnancy: Marriage in Transition," National Council on Family Relations, 1974.
3. Ralph LaRossa. "Couples Expecting Their First Child: Use of In-Depth Interviews," Pre-Conference Workshop on Research, Population Association of America, 1976.
4. Ralph LaRossa. "The First Pregnancy as a Marital Crisis: What We Know and Don't Know About the Effect of the First Pregnancy on the Husband-Wife Relationship," American Sociological Association, 1976.
5. Ralph LaRossa. "First Pregnancy, Sex Roles, and Marital Power," National Council on Family Relations, 1976.
6. James J. Dowd and Ralph LaRossa. "The Older Person and the Family," Southeastern Council on Family Relations, 1978.
7. Ralph LaRossa. "Negotiating a Sexual Reality During Pregnancy: Language and Marital Politics," Southern Sociological Society, 1978.
8. Ralph LaRossa. "The Effect of the Newborn on the Husband-Wife System," Pre-Conference Workshop on Research, Population Association of America, 1978.
9. Ralph LaRossa. "Male Sex Role Orientation During First Pregnancy," American Psychiatric Association, 1978.
10. Ralph LaRossa. "Conjoint Marital Interviewing as a Research Strategy," National Council on Family Relations, 1978.
11. James J. Dowd and Ralph LaRossa. "Power and Dependency in Old Age: An Exchange View," The Gerontological Society, 1978.
12. Ralph LaRossa and James J. Dowd. "The Time Machine: The Social Organization of a Women's Club, 1929-1978," Southern Sociological Society, 1979.
13. Ralph LaRossa, Linda A. Bennett, and Richard J. Gelles. "Ethical Dilemmas in the Detailed Study of Families," Pre-Conference Theory/Methods Workshop, National Council on Family Relations, 1979.
14. Ralph LaRossa and Maureen Mulligan LaRossa. "Husbands, Wives, and Infants," National Association for the Education of Young Children, 1979.

15. Ralph LaRossa, Sandra A. Andrick, and James J. Dowd. "Temporal Processes in Elderly Marriage," The Gerontological Society, 1979.
16. Ralph LaRossa. "The Transition to Parenthood," Eastern Sociological Society, 1981.
17. Ralph LaRossa. "Negotiating Role Strain: Role-Taking and Role-Making During the Transition to Parenthood," Pre-Conference Theory/Methods Workshop, National Council on Family Relations, 1981.
18. Ralph LaRossa. "Transition to Parenthood: Research Findings and Parent Education," National Council on Family Relations, 1981.
19. Ralph LaRossa. "Fathering," Conference on Nurse Midwifery and the Childbearing Family: Issues, Practice, Controversies" (Invited Presentation), Southern Consortium for Nurse Midwifery, 1981. Sponsored by the Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics, Emory University and the American College of Nurse Midwives.
20. Ralph LaRossa. "Parenting, Family Conflict, and Conflict Resolution," Georgia Sociological Society, 1982.
21. Ralph LaRossa. "How Case Studies Can Improve Classroom Instruction," National Council on Family Relations, 1982.
22. Ralph LaRossa. "Teaching Family Sociology: A Case Study Approach," Southern Sociological Society, 1983.
23. Ralph LaRossa. "Case Studies in Family Life Education," Georgia Council on Family Relations, 1984.
24. Ralph LaRossa and Jane H. Wolf. "Qualitative Family Research: The State of the Art," Pre-Conference Theory/Methods Workshop, National Council on Family Relations, 1984.
25. Ralph LaRossa. "In-Depth Interviewing in Family Medicine Research" (Invited Presentation), Conference on Family Systems in Medicine, 1985.
26. Jane H. Wolf and Ralph LaRossa. "The Institutionalization of Wife Abuse," National Council on Family Relations, 1985.
27. Ralph LaRossa. "The Social Construction of Family Science" (Invited Panel Presentation), Pre-Conference Theory/Methods Workshop, National Council on Family Relations, 1986.
28. Ralph LaRossa. "Families Close Up: Methods and Ethics in Qualitative Family Research," Conference on Qualitative Research in Education, University of Georgia, 1988.

29. Ralph LaRossa. "Fatherhood and Social Change: Theoretical and Methodological Issues," American Sociological Association, 1988.
30. Ralph LaRossa. "Toward a Social History of Fatherhood in America," Pre-Conference Theory/Methods Workshop, National Council on Family Relations, 1988.
31. Pauline Boss, William Doherty, Ralph LaRossa, Walter Schumm, Suzanne Steinmetz. "Sourcebook of Family Theories and Methods: A Contextual Approach" (Progress Report), National Council on Family Relations, 1988.
32. Ralph LaRossa. "Fatherhood in Early 20th Century America," Second National Men's Studies Conference, 1990.
33. Ralph LaRossa. "The Social Construction of American Fatherhood, 1918 to 1941," Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction, in conjunction with the American Sociological Association, 1990.
34. Ralph LaRossa. "Teaching a Course in Family Violence: Issues, Resources, and Strategies" (Invited Panel Presentation), Southern Sociological Society, 1991.
35. Ralph LaRossa and Donald C. Reitzes. "Situational Factors in Parental Involvement: Child Rearing in the Middle Class, 1925-1939," American Sociological Association, 1991.
36. Ralph LaRossa. "The Language of Parenthood" (Invited Plenary Address), Family Communication Commission, Speech Communication Association, 1991.
37. Ralph LaRossa and Donald C. Reitzes. "Father Involvement in Middle Class Families Prior to and During the Great Depression," American Sociological Association, 1992.
38. Ralph LaRossa. "Teaching About Family Violence" (Invited Panel Presentation), American Sociological Association, 1992.
39. Pauline Boss, William Doherty, Ralph LaRossa, Walter Schumm, Suzanne Steinmetz. "Sourcebook of Family Theories and Methods: A Contextual Approach" (Progress Report), National Council on Family Relations, 1992.
40. Ralph LaRossa. "The Science of Child Rearing and the Social Placement of the American Father" (Invited Plenary Address), Southwestern Sociological Association, in conjunction with the Southwestern Social Science Association, 1993.
41. Ralph LaRossa. "Child in the Machine Age, Father in the Postmodern Age: Toward a Historical Understanding of Elder Men in the Late 20th Century" (Invited Presentation), National Institute on Aging Seminar on Men's Caregiving Roles in an Aging Society, 1993.

42. Ralph LaRossa. "The Culture and Conduct of Fatherhood in Early 20th Century America," American Sociological Association, 1993.
43. Ralph LaRossa and Donald C. Reitzes. "Father Involvement Among Yesterday's Dads: Rethinking the Findings from the Early Middletown Studies," National Council on Family Relations, 1993.
44. Ralph LaRossa. "Reflections on Fatherhood" (Invited Presentation), Southeastern Council on Family Relations, 1994.
45. Ralph LaRossa. "The Future of Males in Families: Multidisciplinary Perspectives" (Invited Panel Presentation), Pre-Conference Workshop, "Anticipating the Future of Males in Families," sponsored by the Minnesota Council on Family Relations, in conjunction with the National Council on Family Relations, 1994.
46. Ralph LaRossa. "The Politics of Gender and the Social Construction of American Fatherhood," Pre-Conference Workshop, "Anticipating the Future of Males in Families," sponsored by the Minnesota Council on Family Relations, in conjunction with the National Council on Family Relations, 1994.
47. Ralph LaRossa. "Toward New Developments in Constructivist Thinking About the Family" (Invited Panel Presentation), National Council on Family Relations, 1994.
48. Ralph LaRossa. "Fatherhood and the Early 20th Century Child Study Industry," National Council on Family Relations, 1994.
49. Ralph LaRossa. "Fatherhood and the Early 20th Century 'Save the Babies' Movement: Men's Letters to the U.S. Children's Bureau, 1915-1940," American Anthropological Association, 1994.
50. Ralph LaRossa. "The Pursuit of Justice and the Creation of Father's Day and Mother's Day," Southern Sociological Society, 1995.
51. Ralph LaRossa. "The Making of the American Father: Lessons from the Machine Age" (Keynote Address), Family Council of North Carolina, 1995.
52. Ralph LaRossa. "The Culture of Fatherhood and the Early 20th Century Popular Press," National Council on Family Relations, 1995.
53. Ralph LaRossa and Jaimie Ann Carboy. "How the Message that Men Should Be Involved with Children Can be Thwarted by Business Interests and Ideological Constraints: The Rise and Fall of the Parents' Day Movement in the 1920s and 1930s," National Council on Family Relations, 1996.
54. Paula Dressel, Ralph LaRossa, Donald C. Reitzes, and Frank Whittington. "Sociologists as University Administrators: From Lines of Divide to Lines of Collaboration" (Panel Presentation), Southern Sociological Society, 1997.

55. Ralph LaRossa, "The Social Realities of Fatherhood and Motherhood: Toward an Interpretive Understanding of the Culture of Parenthood," Southern Sociological Society, 1998.
56. Pauline Boss, William Doherty, Ralph LaRossa, Walter Schumm, Suzanne Steinmetz. "The Sourcebook and Beyond" (Invited Panel Presentation), Pre-Conference Theory/Methods Workshop, National Council on Family Relations, 1998.
57. Ralph LaRossa, "A Call from a Child: Help Seeking Behavior Among Early 20th Century American Youth," Southern Sociological Society, 1999.
58. Ralph LaRossa, Charles Jaret, Malati Gadgil, and G. Robert Wynn. "The Culture of Parenthood in Father's Day and Mother's Day Comics," American Sociological Association, 1999.
59. Ralph LaRossa and Donald C. Reitzes. "The Impact of Early 20th Century Urbanization and the Great Depression on 'Chronometrical Childhood,'" National Council on Family Relations, 1999.
60. Ralph LaRossa. "Fatherhood and Motherhood in Post-World War II America, 1945-1964: Taking Another Look," National Council on Family Relations, 2000.
61. Ralph LaRossa, Charles Jaret, Malati Gadgil, and G. Robert Wynn. "Gender Disparities in Mother's Day and Father's Day Comic Strips: A 55 Year History," Southern Sociological Society, 2001.
62. Phillip W. Davis, Jennifer Chandler, and Ralph LaRossa. "'I've Tried the Switch But He Laughs Through the Tears': Concerns About Corporal Punishment in Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century America," Southern Sociological Society, 2002.
63. Ralph LaRossa. "The Culture of Fatherhood in Post-World War II America, 1945-1959," Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction, in conjunction with the American Sociological Association, 2002.
64. Ralph LaRossa. "Teaching About Family Violence" (Invited Panel Presentation), American Sociological Association, 2002. (Sponsored by Sociologists for Women in Society and the Society for the Study of Social Problems.)
65. Ralph LaRossa. "Constructing the Transition to Parenthood," American Sociological Association, 2003.
66. Ralph LaRossa, Wendy Simonds, and Donald C. Reitzes. "Culture, Cognition, and Parenthood," Pre-Conference Theory/Methods Workshop, National Council on Family Relations, 2003.

67. William J. Doherty, Martha Farrell Erickson, and Ralph LaRossa. "Parenting Together': An Intervention for the Transition to Fatherhood," National Council on Family Relations, 2003.
68. Ralph LaRossa. "'Until the Ball Glows in the Twilight': Fatherhood, Baseball, and the Game of Playing Catch." Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction, in conjunction with the American Sociological Association, 2004.
69. Ralph LaRossa. "Grounded Theory Methods and Qualitative Family Research." Pre-Conference Theory/Methods Workshop, National Council on Family Relations, 2004.
70. Ralph LaRossa. "'Man of War': The Social Construction of Fatherhood During the Second World War." American Sociological Association, 2005.
71. Ralph LaRossa. "'Daddy, What Did You Do in the Second World War?': The Lives of Men and their Stories of War." Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction, in conjunction with the American Sociological Association, 2005.
72. Ralph LaRossa. "The Social Realities of Fatherhood in the Aftermath of the Second World War, 1945-1949." National Council on Family Relations, 2005.
73. Ralph LaRossa. "'Daddy, We Hardly Knew You': The Politics of Identity and the Social Construction of Fatherhood Past" (Invited Panel Presentation). Myths of the American Family Conference, Emory Center for Myth and Ritual in American Life, Emory University, 2006.
74. Ralph LaRossa. "Theory Construction and Qualitative Family Research" (Invited Presentation). National Council on Family Relations, 2006.

### **SESSIONS ORGANIZED AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS**

1. "Gender Roles in Family Development" (Thematic Session organized at the invitation of the President of the American Sociological Association), American Sociological Association, 1983.
2. "Qualitative Family Research," American Sociological Association, 1986.
3. "Social Values and Commitment," Southern Sociological Society, 1987. (Organized with Donald C. Reitzes.)
4. "Qualitative Family Research" (Qualitative Family Research Network session), National Council on Family Relations, 1987.
5. "Publishing Qualitative Family Research" (Qualitative Family Research Network session), National Council on Family Relations, 1988. (Organized with Katherine R. Allen.)
6. "Parenthood and Social Structure," Southern Sociological Society, 1991.

7. "Parent-Child Interaction," Southern Sociological Society, 1991.
8. "Men in Families" (Focus Group Organizational Meeting), National Council on Family Relations, 1993. (Organized with William J. Doherty.)
9. "The Historical Study of Fatherhood," National Council on Family Relations, 1995.
10. "Daddy Strategies for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Involving Men in Children's Lives" (Plenary Session, James A. Levine, Plenary Speaker), National Council on Family Relations, 1997.
11. "Producing the Mothers of the Nation: Race, Class, and Contemporary U.S. Population Policy" (Plenary Session, Patricia Hill Collins, Plenary Speaker), National Council on Family Relations, 1997.
12. "Looking Back, Moving Forward: Attachment from One Generation to the Next" (Plenary Session, Martha Farrell Erickson, Plenary Speaker), National Council on Family Relations, 1997.
13. "Life Without Father" (Author-Meets-Critic Session, David Popenoe, Author; William J. Doherty and Constance L. Shehan, Critics), National Council on Family Relations, 1997.
14. "Perspectives on Father Involvement" (Panel--Members of Vice-President Al Gore's Father to Father Board of Directors), National Council on Family Relations, 1997.
15. "Conceptualizing Parenthood: Cultural and Economic Frames," American Sociological Association, 2003. (Organized with Wendy Simonds.)
16. "Conceptualizing Parenthood: Social Constructions of Family Identities," American Sociological Association, 2003. (Organized with Wendy Simonds.)
17. "Cognitive Sociology." American Sociological Association, 2006.

#### **SESSIONS SERVED AS PRESIDER OR CHAIR AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS**

1. "Education Section II," Southeastern Council on Family Relations, 1982.
2. "Transition to Parenthood," National Council on Family Relations, 1982.
3. "Family and Social Factors in Child Maltreatment," Second National Conference for Family Violence Researchers, University of New Hampshire, 1984.
4. "Family Life and Domestic Institutions," Georgia Sociological Association, 1984.

5. "Work, Family, and Fertility: Gender Differences in Social Cognition and Role Making," National Council on Family Relations, 1988.
6. "Predicting Father Involvement," National Council on Family Relations, 1996.
7. "Maternal Identity Processes During Pregnancy" and "Parental Self-Significance: A Qualitative Inquiry into the Tendency to Evaluate the Self as Mattering to Specific Others," Pre-Conference Theory/Methods Workshop, National Council on Family Relations, 1998.
8. "Do Institutions Think? A Look at Marriage and the Family," Pre-Conference Theory/Methods Workshop, National Council on Family Relations, 2002.

### **SESSIONS SERVED AS DISCUSSANT AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS**

1. "Conflict Theory," Pre-Conference Theory/Methods Workshop, National Council on Family Relations, 1977.
2. "Couples Interviewing and Naturalistic Observation," Pre-Conference Theory/Methods Workshop, National Council on Family Relations, 1978.
3. "Perspectives on Social Exchange," Pre-Conference Theory/Methods Workshop, National Council on Family Relations, 1982.
4. "Mechanisms for Resolving Family Conflicts," National Conference on Peacemaking Conflict Resolution, 1983.
5. "Thematic Session: Sociology of the Family," Southern Sociological Society, 1983.
6. "Perspectives on the Transition to Parenthood," Pre-Conference Theory/Methods Workshop, National Council on Family Relations, 1983.
7. "A Workshop in Qualitative Methodology for Family Researchers," Pre-Conference Theory/Methods Workshop, National Council on Family Relations, 1986.
8. "Qualitative Study of Whole Families in a Time of Great Change," Pre-Conference Theory/Methods Workshop, National Council on Family Relations, 1989.
9. "A Working Symposium on the Issue of Fathering," Pre-Conference Theory/Methods Workshop, National Council on Family Relations, 1994.
10. "Developing the Fatherhood Identity" and "The Father Role Identity," Pre-Conference Theory/Methods Workshop, National Council on Family Relations, 1997.

11. Author Meets Critics Session. Author: Barbara J. Risman, *Gender Vertigo*. Southern Sociological Society, 1999.
12. Plenary Session: "What Good are Fathers? A Critique of Gendered-Segregated Models of Parenting" by Scott Coltrane and Michele Adams, Pre-Conference Theory/Methods Workshop, National Council on Family Relations, 1999.
13. "Father Involvement." National Council on Family Relations, 2005.
14. "Father Identity and Father Involvement." National Council on Family Relations, 2006.

## **OFFICES IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

1. Member, Board of Directors, Georgia Council on Family Relations, 1979-1981
2. President, Georgia Council on Family Relations, 1982-1984.
3. Member, Reuben Hill Distinguished Article Award Committee, Research and Theory Section, National Council on Family Relations, 1982-1984, 1994, 2002, 2003.
4. Founder, Qualitative Family Research Network, National Council on Family Relations, 1984.
5. Chair, Theory Construction and Research Methodology Workshop, National Council on Family Relations, 1985.
6. Member, William J. Goode Distinguished Book Award Committee, Family Section, American Sociological Association, 1992.
7. Co-Founder (with William J. Doherty), Men in Families Focus Group, National Council on Family Relations, 1993.
8. Member, Nominating Committee, Family Section, American Sociological Association, 1995.
9. Program Vice President-Elect, National Council on Family Relations, 1995-1996; Program Vice President, National Council on Family Relations, 1996-1997. (Selected 1997 NCFR Program Theme: *Fatherhood and Motherhood in a Diverse and Changing World*.)
10. Member, Board of Directors, National Council on Family Relations, 1995-1996, 1996-1997.
11. Member, Distinguished Service to Families Award Committee, Family Section, American Sociological Association, 1998.

12. Member, Committee on Honors, Southern Sociological Society, 1999-2002 (Chair May 2000-April 2001).
13. Member, Royalties Committee, Research and Theory Section, National Council on Family Relations, 2000.
14. Member, Advisory Committee, *American Families: Century in Review*, National Council on Family Relations, 2000.
15. Consulting Scholar, Motherread/Fatheread, Inc., for National Endowment of Humanities Grant, *HomeWork: A Motherread/Fatheread Curriculum for Working Parents*, 2000-2001.
16. Member, Fellowship Committee, National Council on Family Relations, 2000-2002.
17. Member, Best Student Paper Committee, Culture Section, American Sociological Association, 2001.
18. Member, Steering Committee, *Sourcebook of Family Theories and Methods* Revision Project, National Council on Family Relations, 2001-2002.
19. Member, Nominating Committee, Research and Theory Section, National Council on Family Relations, 2002-2003.
20. Member, Distinguished Award Committee, Children and Youth Section, American Sociological Association, 2003.

## **EDITORIAL POSITIONS**

1. Deputy Editor, *Journal of Marriage and Family*, beginning in 2007
2. Associate Editor, *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 1982-1987, 2002-2005
3. Editor, *Qualitative Family Research Network Newsletter*, 1985-1988
4. Special Issue Editor, *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*, 1988 (vol. 17/3)
5. Review Editor, *Symbolic Interaction*, 1990-1992
6. Editorial Board, *Journal of Men's Studies*, 1992-present
7. Editorial Board, *Marriage and Family Review*, 1999-present
8. Editorial Board, *Fathering: Theory, Research, and Practice*, 2002-present
9. Advisory Board, *Sourcebook of Family Theories and Methods* Revision Project, National Council on Family Relations, 2002-2004.

## GRANT AND MANUSCRIPT REVIEWS

### Granting Agencies

National Science Foundation  
Economic and Social Research Council (United Kingdom)

### Journals

<i>American Journal of Sociology</i>	
<i>American Studies</i>	<i>J. of Soc. and Pers. Relationships</i>
<i>Developmental Psychology</i>	<i>Marriage and Family Review</i>
<i>Deviant Behavior</i>	<i>Men and Masculinities</i>
<i>Family and Consumer Science Research</i>	<i>Personal Relationships</i>
<i>Family Relations</i>	<i>Qualitative Sociology</i>
<i>Fathering</i>	<i>Sociological Focus</i>
<i>Human Organization</i>	<i>Social Problems</i>
<i>Journal of Comparative Family Studies</i>	<i>Sociological Perspective</i>
<i>Journal of Contemporary Ethnography</i>	<i>Sociological Spectrum</i>
<i>Journal of Family Issues</i>	<i>Symbolic Interaction</i>
<i>Journal of Marriage and Family</i>	<i>Teaching Sociology</i>
<i>Journal of Sex Research</i>	

## SERVICE TO THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES AND TO THE UNIVERSITY

College of Arts and Sciences Advisory Committee on Promotion and Tenure, 1994, 2000-2003  
College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Professor Award Committee, 1988, 1989  
College of Arts and Sciences Executive Committee, 2003-2005  
College of Arts and Sciences Grievance Committee, 1993-1994, 1994-1995, 2005-2008  
College of Arts and Sciences Petitions Committee, 1992-1993, 1993-1994 (Chair)  
College of Arts and Sciences Professional Education Council, 1996-1998  
College of Arts and Sciences Promotion and Tenure Board, 1995-1996, 1998, 2003-2005  
College of Arts and Sciences Sexual Harassment Policy Committee, 1988  
College of Education Professional Education Faculty, 1995-1998  
GSU Center on Head Start Quality, Research Advisory Board, 1996-2000  
University Senate, 1979-1981, 2000-2006  
University Senate Faculty Affairs Committee, 2003-2006.  
University Senate Faculty Affairs Subcommittee on Part-Time Faculty, 1999-2000  
University Senate Faculty Affairs Subcommittee on Non-Tenure Track Faculty, 2000-2004  
University Senate Faculty Affairs Subcommittee on Student Evaluations, 2003-2004  
University Senate Student Life and Development Committee, 2000-2003  
University Senate Commencement Committee, 2000-2002  
University Senate Library Advisory Committee, 2002-2006  
University Academic Program Review Committee, 2003-2004  
University-wide Faculty Awards Selection Committee, 2001  
Vice President's Research Initiation Grant Review Committee, 1994

## **SERVICE TO THE SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT**

### **Major Standing Committees**

Executive Committee, (ex officio as Department Chair) 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998;  
(by election) 1976-1977, 1977-1978, 1978-1979, 1981, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1987, 1988,  
1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 2001, 2002  
Research Committee, 2007 (Chair)  
Colloquium Committee, 2001, 2002, 2005, 2006, 2007  
Diversity Committee, 1999, 2000, 2003  
Faculty Advisor to Alpha Kappa Delta (Sociology Honor Society), 1977, 1978  
Family and Life Course Area Committee, 1999-Fall (Chair), 2000-2007 (Chair)  
Graduate Committee, 1975-1976, 1976-1977, 1977-1978, 1979-1980, 1981, 1982, 1983,  
1985, 1986 (Chair), 1987 (Chair), 1988 (Chair), 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003  
Library Committee, 2004, 2005, 2006  
Technology Committee, 2006  
Scheduling Committee (pre-Program/Scheduling Committee), 1985, 1986, 1990, 1993  
Program/Scheduling Committee, (ex officio as Department Chair) 1996, 1997, 1998; (as  
FLC Area Committee Chair) 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007  
Undergraduate Committee, 1976-1977

### **Major Ad Hoc Committees**

Chair Evaluation Committee, 1984, 1988, 1991, 1994 (Chair), 2002  
Chair Selection Committee, 1999 (Chair)  
Clinical Sociology Report Committee, 1983 (Chair)  
Curriculum Committee for the Family and Community Service Program, 1977-1978,  
1978-1979, 1979-1980  
Curriculum Committee for the Development of the Ph.D. Program, 1977-1978, 1978-  
1979, 1979-1980  
Direction of Graduate Program (DOGP) Report Committee, 1986 (Chair)  
Enrollment Task Force (ETF) Report Committee, 1978 (Chair)  
Program for Social and Cultural Change Development Committee, 1992 (Chair)  
Program for the Study of Social and Cultural Change Implementation Committee, 1994,  
1995-Spring (Chair)  
Project 2000 Committee (Long Range Planning Committee), 1994 (Chair)  
Program Evaluation (Self Study) Committee, 1994-1995 (Chair), 2004-2005 (Chair)  
Promotion and Tenure Standards Committee, 2007 (Chair)  
Recruitment Committee, (ex officio as Department Chair) 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998;  
(by appointment) 1988, 1991, 1992, 2000-2001 (Chair), 2005-2006  
Self Study Committee on Student Performance, 1976

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