

History Takes Center Stage in Central Region

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Family and Consumer Sciences has a rich history of supporting children, families, individuals and communities, and that history has been the focus of two projects in the Central Region. Ohio NEAFCS member Patrice Powers-Barker will have an article in an upcoming *Journal of Family & Consumer Science* – a short reflection on the history, and future success, of FCS. Iowa NEAFCS member Mackenzie Johnson is spending the summer of her tenure as president leading a book study on *The Secret History of Home Economics* by Danielle Dreilinger. Twenty-one members have responded to questions posted online related to the role of FCS, racial inequity, gender inequity, lifting each other up, and Iowa State University history related to FCS. Book study participants meet in July over Zoom for a half-way point discussion and in August held a capstone event that featured NEAFCS history, including presentations from two national past presidents, Christine Kniep, and Donna Donald.

