Ellen Galinsky, Bezos Family Foundation Chief Science Officer, Honored with Award from Work and Family Researchers Network

SEATTLE, WA, July 25, 2018—The Bezos Family Foundation is pleased to announce a new award from the Work and Family Researchers Network (WFRN), named in honor of Ellen Galinsky, the Foundation’s chief science officer and executive director of Mind in the Making program.

WFRN has established three new awards to recognize the “Leaders Among Us” and the “Legacies We Are Building.” The awards illustrate the strength of the WFRN community and the efforts of the Network to support a generative approach to scholarship.

The Ellen Galinsky Generative Researcher Award has been created to encourage a generative orientation toward work and family research that transcends collaboration. It will recognize a researcher who has contributed “break-through” thinking to the work-family field of study with theory, measures and/or data sets from innovative studies. In the spirit of “open science,” this award will foster the sharing of instruments and data sets among work and family researchers.

“Long ago, my daughter asked how I would most like to be remembered. I responded as ‘generous,’“ explained Ellen Galinsky. “I said that because my own mother was profoundly generous: a quality I so admired in her.”

Galinsky added, “When I received an email announcing the leadership of the Work and Family Researchers Network had decided to create an award ‘in perpetuity’ in my name, focused on generatively, I had to read it many times to believe it was true. The first thing I did was to forward it to my children, saying “Thank you for asking me what I most wanted—my wish has come true. It is so like WFRN to honor the past by seeding the future!”

“Our Chief Science Officer Ellen Galinsky,” says Jackie Bezos, president of the Bezos Family Foundation, “is a highly influential figure in the field of early learning. Her book, “Mind in the Making: The Seven Essential Life Skills Every Child Needs,” was groundbreaking in ways comparable to Dr. Spock’s “Baby and Child Care” and T. Berry Brazelton’s “Infants and Mothers.” She is an ambassador for sharing the science with broad audiences and in the process, is helping to transform how we nurture our children’s social, emotional and intellectual growth.”

Other WFRN awards were named in honor Kathleen Christensen and Suzan Lewis. Visit the press release to read more.

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