ELLEN GALINSKY

Ellen Galinsky, President and Co-Founder of Families and Work Institute, helped establish the field of work and family life at Bank Street College of Education, where she was on the faculty for twenty-five years. Her more than forty books and reports include Ask The Children, the now-classic The Six Stages of Parenthood, and Mind in the Making, to be published by HarperStudio in April 2010. She has published more than 100 articles in academic journals, books and magazines.

At the Institute, Ms. Galinsky co-directs National Study of the Changing Workforce, the most comprehensive nationally-representative study of the U.S. workforce—updated every five years and originally conducted by the U.S. Department of Labor in the 1977. She also co-directs When Work Works, a project on workplace flexibility and effectiveness funded by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation that has produced a series of research papers, and has launched the Sloan Awards for Business Excellence in Workplace Flexibility as well as conducted the National Study of Employers, a nationally representative study that has tracked trends in employment benefits, policies and practices since 1998. Information from this research has been reported in the media approximately twice a day over the past five years.

Ms. Galinsky is the Program Director of the annual Work Life Conference co-convened by The Conference Board and Families and Work Institute, and she staffs The Conference Board’s Work Life Leadership Council, a group of 45 business leaders who have spearheaded work life issues in the business community since 1983.

A leading authority on work family issues, Ms. Galinsky was a presenter at the 2000 White House Conference on Teenagers and the 1997 White House Conference on Child Care. She served as the elected President of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, the largest professional group of early childhood educators and as a parenting expert for Lifetime Television.

She is the recipient of numerous awards, including the 2004 Distinguished Achievement Award from Vassar College. She was elected a Fellow of the National Academy of Human Resources in 2005. A popular keynote speaker, she appears regularly at national conferences, on television and in the media, including Today, World News Tonight, and Oprah.


She hold a Master of Science degree in Child Development/ Education from Bank Street College of Education and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Child Study from Vassar College and numerous honorary degrees.

Ellen Galinsky is married to artist Norman Galinsky, and they are the parents of two grown children: Philip, an ethnomusicologist and founder-director of Samba New York—an inspiring new performance group—and Lara, Senior Vice President at Echoing Green—whose mission is to accelerate social change by investing in and supporting outstanding emerging social entrepreneurs to launch new organizations that deliver bold, high-impact solutions.