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## Agenda & Bio Notes of Panelists

**Digital Technologies and Families:  
Focus on Work-Family Balance**

**10 February 2021  
11:30 am - 1:00 pm (EST, New York time)**

Online Side Event organized by  
the Division for Inclusive Social Development,  
Department of Economic and Social Affairs, DISD/UNDESA

**Presentations  
Q & A Session**

**Panelists:**



**Joseph Grzywacz, PhD**

Associate Dean of Research & Graduate Studies  
Norejane Hendrickson Professor  
Family and Child Sciences  
Florida State University



**Susan Walker, PhD**

Associate Professor  
Family Social Science  
University of Minnesota

**Moderator:**

**Renata Kaczmarek**

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**Dr. Joseph (Joe) G. Grzywacz** is currently the Associate Dean of Research and Graduate Studies and the Norejane Hendrickson Professor of Family and Child Sciences at Florida State University. Grzywacz has studied work and family and its implications for health for nearly 20 years. He is identified by Google Analytics and the Work and Family Research Network as among the researchers who most shaped the field. He is the proud husband of Kim and father to Josiah, Noah, Ethan, and Monika.

**Dr. Susan Walker** is an Associate Professor of Family Social Science at the University of Minnesota. She holds a PhD in Child and Family Studies from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The emphasis of her teaching and research is on technology integration in family education, early childhood parenting and childcare policy, and parent learning through social interactions. This work extends her 30+ years of research and teaching on parenting and in parenting education. She designed and currently teaches an undergraduate course on Families and Technology, one of the very few such courses in the US. She is currently writing an open source textbook spanning technology's influences on families in society, impacts on children and family relationships and the preparation of family professionals. Additional courses taught include parent-child relationships (at undergraduate and graduate levels), child development, program evaluation, and curriculum design. For 10 years Dr. Walker directed the licensed Parent and Family Education teacher preparation and Master of Education graduate program at the University of Minnesota. In her work with practitioners, Dr. Walker has designed technology to supplement face to face delivery of parenting education and researched its usability and impact on parent engagement, learning and trust in schools, and mechanisms for implementation. As part of Dr. Walker's international profile, during her guest professorship with the University of Iceland, she helped to create a parenting education graduate program at the institution; one of the few in the world.