



## *President's Corner*

As I write this column, many of us have just returned from the American Sociological Association annual meeting in San Francisco where the theme of Public Sociology surrounded us.

As members of SWS-South, we know what it means to be public sociologists. Through our teaching, scholarship, and work in our communities, we can serve as activists for change. Although many of us are public sociologists, now seems like a good time for SWS-South to consider what we want to do as an activist organization. Please share your ideas with Jessica Hulick, [jlhulick@uncg.edu](mailto:jlhulick@uncg.edu), who is chairing our Vision Committee as well as with the rest of us on the SWS-South listserv.

This may come as a surprise, but after almost 20 years as a member of SWS-South, this column is my first as President of SWS-South. It is also the first one that I have written since the Southern Sociological Society meeting last April. Although that was months ago, I do want to thank everyone who participated in the SWS-S activities, especially SWS-S Vice President Shelia Cotten for the wonderful program she organized, and Beth Rushing for serving as organizer and Mistress of Ceremonies for the silent auction to support the ASA Minority Scholarship. This year we raised \$531 for the Minority Scholarship.

You may be a little surprised, to be receiving a paper version of the newsletter. After much discussion at our Business Meeting concerning membership and our sense of community, we decided to try a year with a combination of print and electronic versions of the newsletter. The print version will be mailed in summer/fall and an electronic version will be published as soon in March as we have the information on SWS-South sessions at the Southern Sociological Society meetings. That said, please welcome Maria Febbo-Hunt as our new newsletter editor.

I know she will do an excellent job. Be sure to send her your announcements and good news.

I know it is hard to believe, but in a blink of an eye it will be time to submit our sessions for the 2005 Southern Sociological Society meeting. Now's a good time to heed Shelia Cotten's call for ideas and volunteers. Please don't be shy if you are new to SWS-South. It is one of the best ways to learn how to present a paper, serve as a session organizer, or just meet with other feminist sociologists in a safe environment.

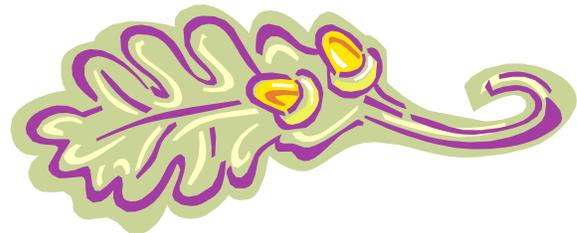
Finally, I hope everyone has a wonderful start to the new academic year.

Idee Winfield, President

## **SWS-South Session Organizers and Panelists Sought for the 2005 Meeting in Charlotte, NC**

*Shelia Cotten*

As the Vice-President, I organize the program for our annual meeting. Now is the time to start thinking about sessions you'd like to organize or participate in for the SWS-South sessions in Charlotte, NC. At our last meeting, volunteers signed up to organize sessions on: masculinities, gender and job displacement/economic restructuring, feminist pedagogy, service-learning and community-based research, and public sex education. I'll be contacting these individuals soon to make sure they're still willing to organize the sessions. Others wanted to see sessions on managing motherhood and work, and finding and negotiating mentor relationships. If you're willing to organize, participate in, or have other ideas for sessions, please contact me at [cotten@umbc.edu](mailto:cotten@umbc.edu) or 410-455-6330. Thanks!



## *Celebrations, Updates and Announcements*

Much has happened in the lives of our membership since Spring 2004. This space is dedicated to acknowledging all those who have exciting news in their professional and/or personal life!

**Rebecca Bach** has been appointed Director of Undergraduate Studies in the Department of Sociology at Duke University. Rebecca is also the President-elect of the North Carolina Sociological Association. **April Brayfield**, Tulane University, received the 2004 President's Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching. The award comes with a huge medal to wear at all future commencement ceremonies as well as a monetary honorarium. **Shelia Cotten** was named as the first recipient of the Graduate Student Association's UMBC Recognition for Graduate Research and Educational Advisor or Teacher Award (UR GREAT Award). **Patricia Drentea**, at the University of Alabama-Birmingham, earned tenure and promotion this summer. **Maria Febbo-Hunt** has accepted the position of Survey Manager in the Evaluation and Research Department in the Wake County Public School System in Raleigh, NC. **Mary Frank Fox**, Georgia Tech, has been appointed to the Social Science Advisory Board of the National Center for Women and Information Technology. **Leslie Hossfeld** was named the 2004-2005 Faculty Fellow for the GlaxoSmithKline Fellowship Program in Public Policy and Public Engagement at the Institute of Emerging Issues at North Carolina State University. She was also appointed to the ASA Task Force on Public Sociologies for the upcoming year and is the new Editor of SWS Networknews. **Angela Lewellyn Jones** and husband **David Jones** blissfully announce the birth of their daughter, **Téa Hope Jones**.

**Dr. Terry Smith**, Chair of the Department of Sociology and Communications at Salem College, announces big news for the department. Dr. Opoku-Dapaah has left to accept another position. The department welcomes Dr. Greg

Wiggan who will teach Race and Ethnic Relations, Critical Analysis of Social Issues and Special Topics: Sociology of Education this fall (taught in the time slot of Dr. Opoku-Dapaah's "Crime and Society"). The department also welcomes a new adjunct professor, Ms. Cynthia Boiter who will teach a section of Introduction to Sociology.

**University of Memphis** - The Department of Sociology invites applications and nominations for department chair. Candidates must have: a Ph.D. in sociology, an established research record, a commitment to academic excellence, and strong interpersonal and administrative skills. Substantive area is open.

The successful candidate will join a dynamic and growing department in an urban university located in a metropolitan area of more than 1 million. The University of Memphis is a comprehensive state university with an enrollment of approximately 20,000 students. The Department of Sociology offers the B. A. and M. A. degrees and includes 14 faculty, 150 undergraduate, and 45 full and part-time graduate students. Department areas of specialization include social inequality, comparative social change, institutions and organizations, deviance and social psychology, and methodology.

Submit a letter of application or nomination, and a full curriculum vita to: Sociology Chair Search Committee, **College of Arts & Sciences, Scates Hall 107, University of Memphis, Memphis, TN 38152**. Applicants must request at least three reference letters to be sent as part of the application. Review of completed applications will begin October 15, 2004 and *may* continue until the position is filled. The University of Memphis is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

For additional information visit the university or department websites at <http://www.memphis.edu> and <http://www.cas.memphis.edu/sociology> or contact Prof. Gregory Donnenwerth at (901) 678-2612 or [gdnnnwrt@memphis.edu](mailto:gdnnnwrt@memphis.edu).

## Note From the Membership Chair/Treasurer

*Shannon N. Davis*

Greetings from Franklin Street! I hope the summer has been kind to everyone and has provided enough preparation time (both mental and physical) for the fall. As your newly elected Membership Chair/Treasurer I want to provide you with an update on what I've been doing and share with you some good news. I also want to issue a couple of challenges.

Let's start with the update. Thanks to the never-ending generosity of SWS-South members, we donated \$531.00 to the SWS Minority Scholarship Fund! You should note this expense in the accompanying Midyear Treasurer's Report. In June I organized the old treasurer files and sent all files prior to 2000-2001 to Susan Ambler to include in the archives. As Membership Chair, I updated the membership roster by purging names of members who have not paid dues since 1999.

Now for the good news. Our current membership includes 44 members who have paid dues for the 2004-2005 year. Our membership reach is growing, as we have added new faculty and student members to our roster. In June I sent an email to anyone who had not paid dues for 2004-2005 and was subsequently bombarded with emails and mail. Thank you for your quick response!

I hope you respond as quickly to my challenges. Our membership list now includes 115 people, although only 44 are current on dues. How do you know whether your dues are current? One way is by looking on the mailing label of this newsletter. By your name is a two-digit number that corresponds to the last year for which you have paid dues. If the number is 04 (or 05) then your dues are current. The membership form is included in this newsletter and is also available online at our

webpage

(<http://www.irss.unc.edu/cathy/SWS-South/home.htm>). You may always contact me if you have questions regarding your membership status ([Shannon\\_Davis@unc.edu](mailto:Shannon_Davis@unc.edu)).

My second challenge reflects a continuing concern regarding the demography of our membership. Jessica Hulick, our Vision Committee Chair, reported at the business meeting on her efforts to determine how SWS-South could be more beneficial to students. Our membership roster shows that students do not see the benefit (or know of the benefits) of SWS-South, as 8 of our 44 members are students, and 4 of those 8 are from the same school! My challenge to you is to recruit more student members, specifically that each faculty member recruits one student member for this year. The dues for student membership are very low (\$5) and the benefits are extensive, as you well know.

I would like to encourage a conversation around recruitment and retention of members, not limited only to the recruitment of student members. Please contact me via email ([Shannon\\_Davis@unc.edu](mailto:Shannon_Davis@unc.edu)) if you would like to be a part of this Membership Committee – my only requirements are that you be willing to think hard and dream big.



**TREASURER'S REPORT SWS-SOUTH  
2003-2004**

<b>BALANCE 3/12/03</b>	<b>\$1724.84</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	
Dues and Contributions	\$576.00
Minority Scholarship Fund Contributions	\$585.00
Interest Earned on Savings Account	\$5.39
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2891.23</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Donation to Patricia Martin's 2003 Presidential Reception	\$500.00
Minority Scholarship Fund	\$585.00
Miscellaneous (stamps, etc)	\$6.70
Bank Expenses	\$11.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1102.70</b>
<b>BALANCE 4/14/04</b>	<b>\$1788.53</b>

Respectfully Submitted,

Graham Spann  
Treasurer, SWS-South  
(4-14-04)

**TREASURER'S REPORT SWS-SOUTH  
MIDYEAR 2004**

<b>BALANCE 4/14/04</b>	<b>\$1788.53</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	
Dues and Contributions	\$625.00
Minority Scholarship Fund Contributions	\$531.00
Interest Earned on Savings Account	\$2.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2947.03</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Minority Scholarship Fund	\$531.00
Bank Expenses	\$3.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$534.00</b>
<b>BALANCE 7/30/04</b>	<b>\$2413.03</b>

Respectfully Submitted,

Shannon N. Davis  
Treasurer, SWS-South  
(7-31-04)

**SOCIOLOGISTS FOR WOMEN IN SOCIETY - SOUTH MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please place an asterisk next to your preferred mailing address.**

1. Are you interested in serving on a committee in the Southern Sociological Society? If so, check the committees in which you are interested and for which you feel qualified to serve.

- Committee on the Profession                       Site Selection Committee                       Program Committee
- Elections Committee                       Committee on Sociology in Small Colleges                       Honors Committee
- Committee on the Status of Women                       Nominations Committee
- Committee on Racial and Ethnic Minorities                       Committee on Policy Research and Applications

2. Are you interested in running for an office or serving on a committee in SWS-South? If so, check the office in which you are interested and for which you feel qualified to serve.

- President             Vice President    Secretary                       Treasurer                       Vision Committee Chair
- Membership/Newsletter Editor             SWS-South Archivist             Journal Liaison             SWS-National Liaison

Dues:             \$10 New member             \$15 Regular             \$5 Students and Unemployed            Contribution: \$\_\_\_\_\_ (The membership year is April 1 - March 31)

**PLEASE MAIL THIS COMPLETED FORM, ALONG WITH YOUR CHECK FOR DUES TO:**

Dr. Shannon N. Davis  
Carolina Population Center  
University Square  
123 West Franklin St.  
Chapel Hill, NC 27516-2524

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**Would you like to review books and/or referee journal manuscripts?**

If so, please fill out the form below and mail to:

Pat Martin, Department of Sociology, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL 32306-2270

Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Work Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Areas of specialization:

\_\_\_\_\_

List **three journals** for which you wish to do book reviews and/or serve as a referee? (Please rank from 1-3.)

# *SWS-South*

*Fostering Equality For Women*

***How do you know whether your dues are current?*** Check the mailing label of this newsletter. The two-digit number next to your name corresponds to the last year for which dues have been paid. If the number is 04 (or 05) then your dues are current. ***If not, please consider refreshing your membership!!!***

## *SWS-Triangle*

SWS-Triangle invites anyone interested in feminist pedagogy or the effects of gender in the classroom to our fall meeting. We will focus on being a feminist in the classroom, discussing feminist issues and being a female instructor. The discussion may also include conversations about the logistics of teaching, best practices, as well as opportunities to ask for advice on difficult scenarios. Seasoned instructors as well as novices are welcome to come for the discussion and be supportive of one another. We may also talk about the SWS winter meetings if we have time.

The event is scheduled for 2pm, Sunday, October 24th. Anyone in or around the Triangle who is interested in attending should contact Shannon Davis at [Shannon\\_Davis@unc.edu](mailto:Shannon_Davis@unc.edu) for more information.