

# **SIPS** **South**



*Newsletter Fall 2009*

# President's Corner

Wow! April seems like forever ago! I trust everyone who attended the ASA Annual Meetings in San Francisco had a stimulating experience, and I hope everyone had a lovely summer! I have been in touch with a few of you via email and Facebook and have heard about some of your summer adventures. They all sounded like fun. Being in touch with friends and colleagues, no matter how scattered to the winds we are, is wonderful! It is amazing how technology changes our lives!

This year, there are several agenda items SWS-South will be addressing. We have instituted an online payment option for dues. A big thanks to Shannon Davis and company who looked into this potentially time-saving technology that we also hope will make the treasurer's job easier! As discussed at our business meeting in April, there are some associated fees; however, we are all hopeful that having such a convenient way to pay our dues will help increase the number of dues-paying members. Also, in an effort to bring new friends and



colleagues into SWS-South more fully and to show them what a great organization this is, we will be coordinating a Southern Hand Program, which will, like the SWS-National Hand Program, match a graduate student to a mentor during the 2010 SSS Annual Meetings (see Shannon's Membership Report later in this newsletter). Such proactive steps to provide a positive SSS experience should help to retain new graduate student members so they will become active mentors to new graduate students down the road!

Another item I will be sending out to you for consideration has to do with changing the bylaws to reflect changes in the newsletter editor position. When I took over as the editor some years ago, the bylaws were changed to reflect the addition of a print edition of the newsletter to the existing two online editions that previous editors had been required to produce. In April, we discussed the omission of the print edition and decided (for **GREEN** reasons - environmental and financial) that the newsletter editor would produce fall and spring

online editions only. Julie B. Wiest was elected as newsletter editor and agreed to a three-year term of office (to get that position back on the correct voting track), and these requirements will begin with her term as editor. Keep your eyes open for bylaw changes. I welcome any and all feedback on such changes or the process for such changes. I can be reached via email at [maria@anklo.org](mailto:maria@anklo.org).

I know it's only September, but the deadline for SSS submissions has a way of sneaking up on us all! The theme this year is "Worlds at Risk in the 21st Century." Please be thinking about sessions you would like SWS-South to sponsor or co-sponsor. Idee Winfield is our vice president and will be organizing the program again this year. Last year's program was terrific, so let's get those creative, intellectual synapses snapping and come up with another wonderful annual meeting in Atlanta, Georgia!

Here's to a fabulous fall!

*Maria Febbo,  
President*

# Membership/Treasurer's Notes, April 09

*Shannon N. Davis,  
SWS-South Membership  
Chair/Treasurer (4-3-09)*

## **Membership**

Generally our membership remains strong. In the 2008-2009 membership year, we had 151 members on our membership roll. However, only 39 of those were paid members. Many had not renewed membership from the previous year. We maintain members' information until they request we not do so, so there has not been a conscious purge in several years of our rolls. As expected, the most precipitous drop in membership from 2007-2008 came from students who joined (or were joined by a faculty member) but did not renew. I suspect many of these students did not attend the Business meeting in Atlanta or Richmond and don't know how wonderful this organization is. We need to discuss whether this is something to be concerned with or not.

Last year we had also discussed having an informal mentoring system at the meetings, similar to the Hand Program at the National meetings. We mentioned having a more

senior member take a more junior member out for a beverage of their choosing. This organization did not happen this year, but I would like us to talk about that here. Should we make this something people sign up for, should we make it informal (like going out after Kate's talk, for example), or some other format? We can implement the program next year with more input from the membership, specifically new members. What would be beneficial to you? Please contact me and let me know.

With the meetings so busy, I decided not to try to organize informal lunches. We can reinstitute these next year in Atlanta.

## **Outreach**

Julie B. Wiest and Linda Treiber joined the membership committee this year. Through their hard work, we published a new brochure. These brochures were distributed to local chapters in August and at the SWS Winter Meeting in February. I sent the local chapters a packet with a welcome letter and a set of 10 brochures each. Unfortunately, no new or renewing mem-

berships resulted from this outreach. I think we should do this again, but may send out the packets in September as folks are thinking about the SSS meeting in April 2009.

Working with Cathy Zimmer, Perry Threlfall updated our website. Please check it out (<http://www2.irss.unc.edu/SWSS/>) and let her know any suggestions you may have (pthrelf1@gmu.edu). Last year, we discussed the possibility of adding the Quilt Story to the website but did not move forward, as historically the Quilt Story had been sold in booklet form as a fundraiser. We need to have a discussion about how best to incorporate the Quilt Story into our website.

## **Treasurer's Report**

The formal Treasurer's Report will be submitted to the secretary and the newsletter editor. We currently have \$689.74 in our account, with \$112.55 to be allocated to reimburse Julie B. Wiest for travel to the SWS Winter Meeting. Refreshments for the Business Meeting will also be partially reimbursed from SWS; the

total cost will be reported in next year's Treasurer's Report.

I have investigated the possibility of creating an online mechanism for paying dues in the hopes that this would facilitate faster and more consistent membership renewals. PayPal and Google Checkout both have a 2.9% charge plus .30 transaction fee. I am not sure the cost would balance out the benefit of online registrations. The only way I can see being able to maintain our income stream is to increase dues. I am not ready to recommend either possibility (online payment or increased dues) to the membership, but I do want to have a discussion about these issues to gauge the will of the membership.

Finally, Carla Howerly was a member of SWS-South. It seems fitting that we would honor Carla's memory through donating to one of the two locations she chose: her church, Christ Lutheran Church, or the ASA Teaching Enhancement Fund. I am requesting the membership vote on the amount and location of a donation in honor and memory of Carla.

# Treasurer's Report, 2008-2009

Shannon N. Davis, SWS-South Treasurer (4-3-09)

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| <b>BALANCE 4/10/08</b>                                 | <b>\$487.64</b>  |
| <b>INCOME</b>  |                  |
| Dues and Contributions                                 | \$507.00         |
| Auction Proceeds                                       | \$378.00         |
| Interest on Savings Account                            | \$1.10           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>\$1373.74</b> |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>  |                  |
| Minority Scholarship/Women of Color Dissertation Funds | \$378.00         |
| Contribution to Kate Slevin's Presidential Reception   | \$300.00         |
| Bank Expense   | \$6.00           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>\$684.00</b>  |
| <b>BALANCE 4/3/09</b>                                  | <b>\$689.74</b>  |

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## Note from the Membership Chair/Treasurer

Shannon N. Davis,  
August 2009

Greetings from Fairfax, VA! I hope the summer has been productive in all ways you find important. It was wonderful seeing many of you in New Orleans. I especially enjoyed meeting our new members. Our membership year is April 1 - March 30. As of July 15, we had 128 members, 36 of whom had paid dues for the 2009-2010 membership year.<sup>1</sup> I have listed those folks on the next page. Dues are

relatively inexpensive (\$15 for faculty, \$5 for students/unemployed sociologists). You will find the membership form on page 8 of this newsletter; feel free to print it and mail in your dues renewal (or give to a new member so they can join). In addition, our online membership option is now up and running. If you would prefer to pay online, please visit our website's new membership page (<http://www2.irss.unc.edu/SWSS/join.html>).

The membership committee will implement two programs this year targeted toward recruiting new members. These programs came from your suggestions during the Business Meeting in New Orleans. First, we will contact all SWS chapters in the Southern region in the middle of September. We will send the chapters a packet with SWS-South brochures and encourage chapter members to join (or renew their membership with) the regional association. Second, we

will implement the inaugural Southern Hand program at the 2010 SSS meeting in Atlanta. Based on the SWS Hand Program, we intend to extend a Southern Hand (contact with a seasoned SSS meeting attendee/SWS-South member) to all graduate students in the Southern region who will be attending the SSS meeting. You will hear more about this in our spring newsletter, just prior to the meeting. We

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<sup>1</sup> At the Business Meeting we decided to purge all members without email addresses. Our rationale was that we communicate almost exclusively via email. This led to the deletion of 32 member names, most of whom had not been paid members since 2001.

## *Paid Members for 2009-2010*

(as of July 15, 2009)

|                     |                          |                        |
|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Marina Adler        | Sandra Godwin            | Patricia Yancey Martin |
| Susan Ambler        | Maggie Grieves           | Caroline Parham        |
| Tanetta Andersson   | Nicholas Guittar         | Kylie Parrotta         |
| Rebecca Bach        | Amie Hess                | Lisa Marie Peloquin    |
| April Brayfield     | Leslie Hossfeld          | Carmel E. Price        |
| Sarah Jane Brubaker | Rachel Ivie              | Beth Rushing           |
| Krista Brumley      | Dean F. Johnson          | Wanda Rushing          |
| Tracy Burkett       | Robin King               | Kate Slevin            |
| Shelia Cotten       | Jennie Jacobs Kronenfeld | Susan Webb             |
| Shannon N. Davis    | Suzanne Kurth            | Christine Wernet       |
| Diane D. Everett    | Nancy G. Kutner          | Julie B. Wiest         |
| Maria Febbo         | Ye Luo                   | Idee Winfield          |

## *SWS-South 2009-2010 Officers*

**President:** Maria Febbo (maria@anklo.org)

**Vice President:** Idee Winfield, College of Charleston (winfieldi@cofc.edu)

**Secretary:** Patricia Drentea, University of Alabama, Birmingham (pdrentea@uab.edu)

**Treasurer/Membership Chair:** Shannon Davis, George Mason University (sdaviso@gmu.edu)

**Newsletter Editor:** Julie B. Wiest, University of Tennessee (jwiest@utk.edu)

**Electronic List Keeper:** Sandra Godwin, Georgia College & State University (sandra.godwin@gcsu.edu)

**Journal Liaisons:** Pat Martin, Shirley Jackson

**Awards Committee Chairs:** Rebecca Bach, Duke University (rbach@soc.duke.edu)

Tom Hood, University of Tennessee (tomhood@utk.edu)

**SWS National Liaisons:** Carmel Price, University of Tennessee (cprice14@utk.edu)

Tanetta Anderson, Case Western Reserve University (tea@case.edu)

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hope to provide a Southern Hand to those who feel uncertain about the meeting, making their SSS meeting attendance less overwhelming. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions for the membership committee, including requests to join

our committee, please contact me (sdaviso@gmu.edu). The Membership Committee members currently are Linda Treiber, Julie B. Wiest, and Nicholas Guittar, with the Membership Chair (me) as Chair. All are welcome to join.

Financially, we are in good shape as an organi-

zation. As of July 15, we had \$697.45 in the bank, after our \$308 donation to the SWS Minority Scholarship Fund (from our auction proceeds) and our \$300 donation to the ASA Teaching Enhancement Fund in memory of Carla Howery. We also have reimbursed our 2008-2009 liaison, Julie B.

Wiest, for her expenses related to attending the 2009 SWS Winter Meeting. Our only expected expense this year is sending our two liaisons, Carmel Price and Tanetta Anderson, to the 2010 SWS Winter Meeting.

Best wishes to all as we progress toward the fall semester.

# SWS National Business Report

Julie B. Wiest,  
SWS-South  
Newsletter Editor

Following are highlights of information reported during the SWS national winter and summer business meetings.

## SWS Winter Meeting, Savannah, GA

### Business Meeting I (February 6, 2009)

■ Margaret Vitullo, ASA Executive Office staff liaison, reported:

■ There will be a contest to name a new online data base/digital library

■ ASA is looking for area editors to review database submissions

■ Everyone is encouraged to think about activities that can be included in the digital library - especially more about career resources

■ The ASA media specialist is working to get sociology in the news media, and workshops are planned to teach members about communicating effectively with mass media. (This is unrelated and in addition to the two media positions recently announced by SWS.)

■ Pending business: Revote on proposal to add EOB (Executive Office and Budget

Committee) voting procedure to bylaws

**PASSED:**

*“EOB will seek consensus in its decisions, failing that decisions must be made with a supermajority.”*

■ New business: Change proposed to bylaws to add president-elect to EOB and remove journal editor; decision to add president-elect and retain journal editor for now

■ New business: Proposal to add to bylaws:

*“In the event of a tie, there will be a runoff vote right away for the tied position.”*

Version PASSED 36-24:

*“In the event of a tie, there will be a runoff vote within 30 days for the tied position.”*

### Business Meeting II

(February 7, 2009)

■ Changing of the guard: Joey Sprague hands over presidential gavel to Manisha Desai

■ Pending business: Proposal to change bylaws to include procedure on tie votes

■ Unmodified wording of proposed change mistakenly projected.

■ Shannon Davis suggested someone make a motion to reconsider the proposal and revote



based on redundancy (already covered by Robert's Rules)

■ Maria Febbo makes the motion.

■ Finally a vote is called based on the idea that a “no” vote is a vote to table the proposal. Shannon tries to explain that a “no” vote is a vote to not reconsider, making the previous passing vote stand, but, alas, it was too late - MOTION FAILED

## SWS Summer Meeting, San Francisco, CA

(August 9, 2009)

■ Progress on priorities: ■ Web site improvement for timeliness and appeal to the public

■ Media strategy: ■ Communications officer named

■ Media specialist named

■ Mainstream team assembled - need people who know what research is happening and who

would be contacts for media commentary

■ Health care wiki

■ Link on members page

■ Good for use in classes in medical sociology or research methods

■ Pending business: Items up for second vote:

■ Add president-elect as a member of the EOB - PASSED unanimously

■ Add to bylaws: *“In the event of a tie, there will be a runoff vote within 30 days for the tied position.”* FAILED unanimously

■ New business: Proposal for SWS to consider more support for ASA Minority Fellowship Program - to be discussed at Winter Meeting

■ 2010 Winter meeting: February 4-7; Santa Barbara, California; Theme: “West Coast Feminism - Reimagining Borders, Bodies, and the Law”

# Announcements

## Milestones

**Sarah Jane Brubaker** (Virginia Commonwealth University) was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure in June. Dr. Brubaker also was appointed to a three-year term (2009-2011) on the Gender & Society Editorial Board.

**Mary Frank Fox** (Georgia Institute of Technology) presented research on "Analyzing Women in Academic Science" at the Forum of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science in June. She was chosen to present social science perspectives on women in science for the U.S.

**Julie B. Wiest** earned her Ph.D. from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, in May 2009. Her dissertation is entitled "Creating Cultural Monsters: A Critical Analysis of the Representation of Serial Murderers in America," and her committee was chaired by SWS-South member **Suzanne B. Kurth** (University of Tennessee, Knoxville).

**Publishing Opportunity**  
Papers are being sought

for Volume 28 of *Research in the Sociology of Health Care*, published formerly by Elsevier Press and now by Emerald Press. The major theme for this volume is "racial/ethnic, geographic, gender, and other social factors leading to differences in health and health care: issues for patients and providers." This includes examinations of racial/ethnic, social, demographic and structural sources of differences in health and health care; papers that try to link an understanding of the causal processes between disadvantages whether due to race/ethnicity, gender, geography or structure and health and health care outcome differences; considerations of social sources of differences across the life course; or papers that focus on linkages to policy, population concerns, and either patients or providers of care as ways to meet health care needs of people both in the U.S. and in other countries. The focus can be from a consumer side or a provider or policy perspective. The volume will contain 10 to 14

papers, generally between 20 and 40 pages in length. Send completed manuscripts or detailed outlines for review by February 1, 2010. For an initial indication of interest in outlines or abstracts, please contact the same address by January 5, 2010. Send to: Jennie Jacobs Kronenfeld, Sociology Program, School of Social and Family Dynamics, Box 873701, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ 85287-3701 (phone: 480-965-8053; email: Jennie.Kronenfeld@asu.edu). Initial inquiries can be by email.

## **Job Announcement**

The University of Wyoming Women's Studies Program seeks to hire a tenure-track Assistant Professor with a background in the social sciences whose expertise is in international women's and gender issues, and international development. The preferred candidate will hold a Ph.D. with graduate credentials in women's/gender studies, and will have regional expertise based on fieldwork and/or activism in Asia, the Middle East, or

Africa (other geographical areas may be considered). The successful candidate for this position will teach a range of courses for Women's Studies and International Studies including research methods, international development, and courses in the candidate's area of expertise. Preference will go to candidates with a completed Ph.D., publication(s), and teaching experience. Please send a curriculum vita, letter of interest, and list of 3-5 references to Dr. Catherine Connolly, Chair, Search Committee by October 9, 2009, via electronic submission to [wmst@uwyo.edu](mailto:wmst@uwyo.edu). The University of Wyoming is located in Laramie, which is surrounded by the Medicine Bow National Forest and is approximately a two-hour drive north of Denver. The WMST Program at UW is housed in the College of Arts and Sciences and has six line faculty members and an active interdisciplinary/multicollge advisory council. The University of Wyoming is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

**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                       Program Committee                       Site Selection Committee
- Elections Committee                               Nominations Committee                       Committee on the Status of Women
- Committee on Honors                               Publications Committee                       Committee on Sociological Practice
- Committee on Racial and Ethnic Minorities                       Membership Committee
- Committee on Sociology in Community and Small Colleges                       Committee on the Status of Students

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. Many of the officers have committees. Write "Committee Member" beside the officer with whom you would like to serve.

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

Dues:     \$10 New member                       \$15 Regular                       \$5 Students and Unemployed                      Contribution: \$\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

If so, please include the information below in an email (with an updated CV as an attachment) to:  
Shirley Laska (slaska@uno.edu) or Pat Martin (pmartin@garnet.acns.fsu.edu).

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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.)