

# **SACS** **South**



*Newsletter - Fall 2010*

# President's Corner

Greetings SWS-Sers!

This is my first President's Corner, so I'd like to tell you a little bit about me, give you a preview of next year's meetings, and bring everyone up to speed on some new developments. I am flattered and excited to have been elected president of SWS-South at the business meeting in Atlanta. I have been heavily involved in SWS-National for the last ten years, and have had an on-again off-again relationship with SWS-S due to my moving between Colorado (University of Colorado at Boulder and University of Denver) and Florida (Flagler College and now Florida Gulf Coast University) between 2004 and 2007. Overall, both organizations have proven to be a "home base" for me where I have found unconditional support during difficult transitions, fostered amazing friendships, and established several very worthwhile projects in teaching, scholarship, and activism. I hope you have found SWS-S and perhaps SWS-National to be as indispensable an aspect of your personal and professional life as I have.



It is not too soon to begin looking forward to the 2011 Southern Sociological Society meetings April 6-9, which will be in Jacksonville, Florida. SSS President Vincent Roscigno, of Ohio State University, has chosen the theme "Power Revisited" for the 2011 meetings. This theme will prove to advance important and timely conversations about a concept that cuts across our varied specialty areas. SWS' very own Barbara Risman will be one of the Presidential Plenary speakers, in addition to a couple of other exciting presidential plenary speakers, to be announced shortly! Moreover, Idee Winfield and I are planning exciting sessions for the meetings on teaching and professional development, as well as co-sponsored sessions on gender, race,

work, and power (see page 4). Stay tuned to the SWS-S listserv for updated information on these. You will not want to miss the meetings in sunny Florida (and in April, it is not quite the muggy, buggy, swampy paradise that it is these days)! Having lived just outside of Jacksonville while I was at Flagler College (in gorgeous St. Augustine), I can attest to the liveliness of the city, the beautiful weather in the spring, and the easy access to the beach. And, of course, do not forget to bring items to our silent auction. This year's

auction will be coupled with the SSS presidential reception following the presidential address, and will feature a cash bar and live music. What a treat!

That brings me to some new business, which was discussed during the 2010 business meeting. Given that SWS-National has committed to sponsoring the ASA Minority Fellowship program to the tune of \$100,000, it was decided that our SWS-S auction proceeds can be channeled to supporting our local members. We plan to use some of the funds to help individuals participate in the Southern Sociological Society meetings (see page 4 for details). We also discussed the development of a paper award given by SWS-S, tentatively named the "Advancing Gender Scholarship" prize. We will vote on guidelines during the 2011 business meeting. We also decided during the meeting in Atlanta to curtail the newsletters to two per year, rather than three, and agreed that these would be strictly online. Should anyone want or need a paper copy, contact Cathy Zimmer (cathy\_zimmer@unc.edu).

Shannon Davis graciously agreed to serve as membership chair/treasurer for two more years

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# Notes from the Membership Chair/Treasurer

*Shannon N. Davis  
September 2010*

Greetings from Fairfax, Virginia! I hope the fall semester has been kind to you thus far. I know I am surprised at how quickly it has started to pass by!

It was wonderful seeing many of you in Atlanta. I especially enjoyed meeting our new members.

Our membership year is April 1-March 30. As of September 15, we had 138 members, 41 of whom had paid dues for the 2010-2011 membership year. I have contacted all members whose dues are up-to-date. If you were not the recipient of one of those emails, remember that dues are relatively inexpensive (\$15 for faculty and \$5 for students/unemployed sociologists). You will find the membership form on page 5 of this newsletter; feel free to print it and mail in your dues renewal (or give it to a new member so they can join). In addition, you may renew or join online. 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 is continuing our efforts toward recruiting new members. First, we again contacted all SWS chapters in the Southern region. We sent the chapters a packet with SWS-South brochures and encouraged chapter members to join (or renew their membership with) the regional association. Although we did not receive any new members from last year's efforts, we are hopeful this year will be more successful.

Second, we will again implement the Southern Hand program at the 2011 SSS meeting in Jacksonville. Based on the SWS Hand Program, we extended a Southern Hand (contact with a seasoned SSS meeting attendee/SWS-South member) to seven undergraduate and graduate students who attended the SSS meeting. We were excited about these matches in Atlanta; we anticipate similar levels of participation in Jacksonville. I will send out a request for mentors in the spring. Thank you in advance for your service. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions for the membership committee, including requests to join our committee, please contact me at [sdavis@gmu.edu](mailto:sdavis@gmu.edu). The Membership Committee members currently are Linda Treiber, Julie Wiest, Christy Flatt, and Nicholas Guittar, with the membership chair (me) as chair. All are welcome to join.

Financially, we are in good shape as an organization. As of September 15, we had \$757.45 in the bank. Our expenses this year will include sending our two liaisons, Sara Afflerback and Christy Flatt, to the 2011 SWS Winter Meeting; purchasing new badge ribbons for the annual meeting; and our new initiative to provide support to individuals who are unemployed, underemployed and/or underpaid by helping to defray the costs of participating in the Southern Sociological Society meetings (see page 4 for details).

Best wishes to all as we progress through the fall semester!

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(thank you, Shannon!), and Sara Afflerback and Christy Flatt were elected SWS national liaisons to represent SWS-S at the 2011 winter meetings in San Antonio, Texas. Incidentally, that meeting is shaping up to feature an excellent program, stimulating local activities, and SWS' first "sustainable" meeting! You won't want to miss this one either!

I look forward to getting to know many more of you over the coming years, and seeing you in Jacksonville (and perhaps San Antonio)!

A splendid fall to all!

*Kris De Welde, President*

# Treasurer's Report, 2009-2010

Shannon N. Davis

<b>BALANCE</b> 4/03/09	<b>\$689.74</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	
Dues and Contributions	\$621.55
Auction Proceeds	\$307.50
Interest on Savings Account	\$1.19
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$930.24</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
SWS/ASA Minority Scholarship Contribution	\$308.00
Contribution to ASA Teaching Enhancement Fund (In Honor of Carla Howery)	\$300.00
SWS National Liaison Reimbursement (Price)	\$112.55
SWS National Liaison Reimbursement (Andersson)	\$321.86
Bank Expenses	\$18.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,060.41</b>
<b>BALANCE</b> 4/21/10	<b>\$559.57</b>

## SWS-South 2010-2011 Officers

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# Announcements

## Milestones

**Christy Flatt** accepted a tenure-track position as Assistant Professor of Sociology at Gordon College in Barnesville, Georgia.

**Angela Lewellyn Jones** is the new Associate Dean of Elon College of Arts & Sciences at Elon University in Elon, North Carolina.

**Julie B. Wiest** accepted a tenure-track position as Assistant Professor of Strategic Communication (with a joint appointment in sociology) at High Point University in High Point, North Carolina.

## New Initiative

We can support each other in these tough economic times! At the SWS-South business meeting last spring in Atlanta, we decided to offer support to individuals who are unemployed, underemployed and/or underpaid by helping to defray the costs of participating in the Southern Sociological Society meetings.

We are planning a trial run of this exciting new initiative at the 2011 SSS meetings. As we get closer to the meetings, we will ask those interested to provide brief statements about why they would like to have the support of SWS-South and why they need it. Look for proposed guidelines for the initiative in the spring newsletter. We will discuss both the proposed guidelines and the trial run results during the 2011 business meeting, and a vote will follow.

We know our members already offer support by offering rides and sharing rooms. This is just one more step we can take. If you have questions, concerns, or ideas about how we can disseminate information about the awards or offer additional aid, please get in touch with either Suzanne Kurth (skurth@utk.edu) or Shannon Davis (sdaviso@gmu.edu).

## Call for Session Organizers

Organizers are needed for SWS-S co-sponsored sessions at the 2011 Southern Sociological Society meetings in Jacksonville, Florida!

We are looking for 3-4 teaching sessions, 3-4 career development sessions, and a few paper sessions, in addition to the presidential theme sessions already in the works. Idee Winfield recently distributed a list via the SWS-S listserv of some possibilities, but we are not limited to those. Email Idee (winfieldi@cofc.edu) if you have any questions.

If you are interested in organizing a session, please do the following:

1. Contact Idee so that she can keep track and put like-minded people in touch.
2. Organize the session and submit it before the end of November via the SSS online submission system. Be sure to include "co-sponsored by Sociologists for Women in Society-South" in the title.

The December 1 deadline is firm this year.

3. Send Idee your session information no later than November 27, including title, description, and participants. She will make sure the program chair receives a complete list of co-sponsored sessions before December 1 and will ask that they try not to schedule more than two SWS-S sessions at the same time.

The SSS Committee on the Status of Women also is interested in co-sponsoring sessions with SWS-S, possibly sessions on mentoring and the history of women in SSS. Please contact Patricia Drentea (pdrentea@uab.edu) if you are interested or have ideas.

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

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

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**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
- Elections Committee
- Committee on Honors
- Committee on Racial and Ethnic Minorities
- Committee on Sociology in Community and Small Colleges
- Program Committee
- Nominations Committee
- Publications Committee
- Site Selection Committee
- Committee on the Status of Women
- Committee on Sociological Practice
- Membership Committee
- 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
- Newsletter Editor
- Vice President
- SWS-South Archivist
- Secretary
- Journal Liaison
- Treasurer/Membership Chair
- 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:**

Shannon N. Davis  
George Mason University  
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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.)