

SWS South

Newsletter

Fall 2014



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President's Corner

Hello SWS-South! It is my pleasure to greet you from a sunny, breezy 82 degrees in Sarasota – you know, autumn. :) While the climates vary across our region, I'm pretty confident most of us are feeling mid-fall. We have piles of exams to grade, students to advise, social action projects in the works, and research we are passionate about getting in print. I wish you all the best in each of your endeavors, and invite you peruse the following updates about our organization in the hopes that they will remind you of the wonderful community SWS-S is and the ways your participation can serve women in society.

We have a lot to be excited about, starting with our new and returning elected officers. I am thrilled to draw on the experience of Vice President Marni Brown, Secretary Kylie Parrotta, Vision Committee Chair Sancha Medwinter, and Awards Committee Chair Claudia Youakim. Lanier Basenberg joins us this year as Treasurer/Membership Chair, and Regina Baker is our new newsletter editor (thank you, Regina, for your diligence with this issue!). This year, we look forward to supporting National

Liaison Shannon Carter's travel to the SWS Winter meeting in Washington DC, and we have already benefited from recent updates to our website thanks to Perry Threlfall.

From our first meeting immediately after the elections in Charlotte, it was evident that this group "gets" SWS-S and will accomplish much this year. Thank you to all of our members who have built and maintained this supportive, justice-focused community, and to those in particular who have mentored each of us.

The hard work of past officers and committee members deserves special recognition. Past-Presidents Shannon Davis and Kris De Welde have been important models for me. Thank you for your commitment to this organization, and for establishing initiatives that continue to fill our agendas! I also want to thank Julie Wiest, who, although no longer our Treasurer, has been generous in helping us manage some lingering banking logistics. Finally, this newsletter is possible due to the previous efforts of Carmel Price.

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President's Corner (Continued from page 1)

As October draws to a close, so does the window for submissions to the Southern meeting to be held March 25th-28th in New Orleans. Be on the lookout for final calls for papers for the sessions we are sponsoring. Our membership has proposed a diverse set of regular sessions that tap gender and education, poverty, motherhood, media, sports, and violence. If you have another panel idea or questions about whether your paper might fit in one of our sessions, please contact Marni by October 22nd (mbrown30@ggc.edu). The treat for all of us this year is that the entire theme of the meetings is about gender: "Stalled Revolutions? Gender Inequality in the 21st Century." What a marker of success for those who have pushed for recognition of the importance of gender scholarship and activism!

We decided that we could make a particular contribution to this meeting by focusing on professional development sessions. You can anticipate panels that address preparing students for graduate school, the job market, motherhood in academia, feminist leadership, and recruiting and retaining faculty of color. We hope you attend these sessions, bring your students, and participate in lively exchanges of advice.

Also note that we have made an effort to form partnerships with other SSS-affiliated groups. You will see that several of our sessions are co-sponsored with the SSS Committees: Gender and Sexuality, Ethnic and Racial Minorities, and Professions. These partnerships have been a goal of many who have served on the committees. We are pleased that this will so clearly come to fruition this year. Thank you to all of the committee and SWS-S members who have helped recruit and agreed to serve as participants in these sessions.

Later in this newsletter, Sancha provides detail on the Vision Committee efforts for this year. Though it is relatively early in the planning stages, all signs point toward a multi-front success. To begin, the project has been a combined effort of members who have brought ideas, expertise, passion, and networks to achieve a

meaningful partnership with a local organization. Shirley Laska helped identify the Institute of Women & Ethnic Studies (IWES), and Amie Hess is working with the Vision Committee on a panel session that will feature academics and activists speaking about connecting theory and practice. With both the panel and the annual silent auction benefiting the IWES, the focus is on how we can help improve the lives of women in the areas we have our meetings. I look forward to celebrating these events as indications of the exciting ways our efforts at the intersection of scholarship and activism are developing.

Also below, please take note of the announcement of our inaugural Graduate Student Paper Award on the Study of Gender (nominations due January 15th). This is a tremendous opportunity for a graduate student not only to have their work recognized, but also to receive mentoring aimed at preparing the paper for publication. Please nominate yourself or your students!

Finally, make sure your membership is up-to-date, and sponsor a new member. First time memberships are \$10, and student memberships are only \$5. You can join or renew online (<http://swssouth.org/join.html>) or by contacting Lanier (lanierbasenberg@gmail.com). All members are invited to participate in our business meeting, where there are plenty of opportunities for further involvement.

Until New Orleans, please be in touch with each other via the SWS-S listserv (SWSSouth@list.gcsu.edu) and on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/341944019262270>). Tiffany Taylor also started a Facebook page for SWS chapters (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/SWS-Regionals-and-Locals/377348159082032>). Check these out! And, contact me at any time with questions, comments, or suggestions (efairchild@ncf.edu)

Emily Fairchild
President, SWS-South

New Jobs & Promotions--Congratulations!!!

Kristine DeWelde was recently promoted to Associate Dean of University-wide Programs and Faculty Engagement in the Office of Undergraduate Studies at Florida Gulf Coast University.

Stephanie Gonzalez Guittar is now an Assistant Professor (tenure-track) at Valdosta State University. Her new email is: sgonzalezguittar@valdosta.edu.

Amie Hess was promoted with tenure to Associate Professor in Sociology at Meredith College effective as of August 1, 2014.

Membership Update

Hello from your friendly treasurer and membership chair,

This has been a banner year for SWS-South. We have more active members and more money in the bank than ever before. Currently, we have 129 active members, all of whom we appreciate. We also welcomed 19 new members this year.

A great way to get to know those new members and involve even more is our Southern Hand program. Southern Hand involves matching a mentor (an experienced conference attendee) with a mentee (a shiny new sociologist) for conversation, education, chatting, and advice. This program is important for our membership recruitment and retention efforts, and it doesn't have to be a big commitment (you can bring your mentee to the business meeting or reception/auction, or just sit down with her or him for a half-hour coffee break). This is a great way to bring in new members and welcome undergraduates who might be nervous. Look for the call for mentors in the spring from

Stephanie Gonzalez Guittar, our Southern Hand Coordinator.

If you want to help bring in members or just keep in touch with current members, please consider joining the membership committee. This is another easy way to give back. The membership committee this year consists of Lanier Basenberg (Chair), Julie Wiest, Shannon Davis, Denise Bissler, Kris De Welde, Nick Guittar, Stephanie Gonzalez Guittar, Annie Neimand, Joanna Neville, and Brandy L. Simula. All are welcome to join! If you would like to join the committee, or just have questions, comments, or suggestions for the committee, please contact me at lbasenberg1@gsu.edu.

We will soon begin planning our "Coffee for a Cause" reception and silent auction at the 2015 SSS meeting. Please plan to attend and bring donations for the auction so we can replicate – or even surpass – the amount we raised in Charlotte. The first \$150 raised will go toward our new awards program, which identifies

outstanding papers on gender presented at the SSS meeting, and the rest will be donated to a local charity in New Orleans. Our Vision Committee will have exciting activities planned to support our chosen organization, so keep an eye out for details on the listserv and in our newsletters.

Remember, you can renew/pay dues or ask me about your membership status any time of the year. Dues are relatively inexpensive (\$10 for new members, \$15 for continuing non-student members, and \$5 for students), so perhaps think about a gift membership for a colleague or student. The membership form is included on the last page of this newsletter, but you can always join on our website: <http://www.swssouth.org>.

See you in New Orleans,
Lanier Basenberg
Membership Chair, SWS-South

SWS-S/SSS Paper Call

Greetings all,

I hope you all are having a great fall semester. If you can believe it, we are beginning to plan spring conferences, including the Sociologists for Women in Society at the Southern Sociological Society meetings in New Orleans March 25-28 2015. We are thrilled to be in New Orleans, particularly during the 10th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, and with the conference theme, "Stalled Revolutions? Gender Inequality in the 21st Century."

As a participating organization, we will host sessions, panels, and workshops that intersect with the conference theme – an especially great fit for us this year. Please join us by suggesting panels and calling for papers that coincide with the "Stalled Revolutions?" theme, the position and experience of women in society as well as other gendered bodies, and the roles and work of sociologists who study these topics.

You can submit an entire session you have organized, an idea for a session you'd like to organize, or a paper you'd like to present. If you have a session idea or paper to present, send it to me, Marni Brown, at mbrown30@ggc.edu. I will organize and connect folks who could work together on a complete session.

When you have a complete session, please:

- 1) Include the text: "co-sponsored by Sociologists for Women in Society-South" in your session title when using the online submission system.
- 2) Once registered, send Marni your session information (title, description, and participants) so she can make sure all information coincides with the SSS database.

The deadline for the online submission system is Oct. 24, 2014. Our deadline for helping connect presenters/organizers is Oct. 22, 2014.

Please contact me with any questions as you think about and plan sessions.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Marni Brown

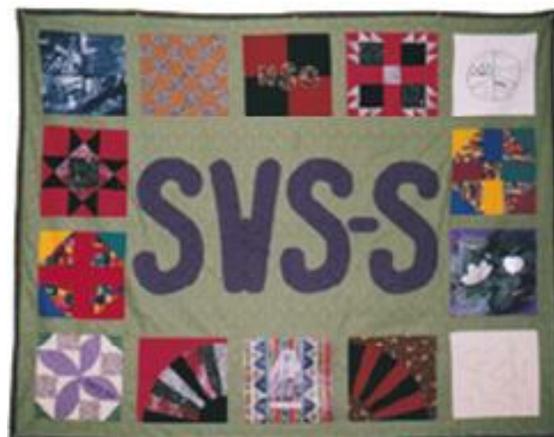
Vice-President, SWS-South

Treasurer's Report

**SWS-SOUTH
2014-2015**

BALANCE 04/24/13	\$484.30
INCOME	
Dues and contributions	\$1216.69
2014 T-shirt for a Cause fundraiser (money raised before meeting)	\$969.53
2013 Auction proceeds and contributions	\$679.00
2013 SWS reimbursement (partial)	\$450.50
2014 SWS reimbursement (partial)	\$85.55
TOTAL	\$3401.27
EXPENSES	
Donation 2013 – Women's Resource Center	\$529.00
Reimburse Marni Brown for parking related to 2013 auction/panty drive	\$28.00
Coffee for 2013 "Coffee for a Cause" reception	\$349.53
Website domain renewal for 2013-14 – check #509	\$21.55
Website hosting renewal for 2013-14 – check #510	\$50.00
SWS membership for 2013-14 Liaison – check #511	\$14.00
Reimburse Denise Bissler for wristbands purchase – check #512	\$170.00
Reimburse 2013-14 National Liaison (Kamala Platt) – check #513	\$929.68
Desserts for 2014 reception – check #514	\$106.08
Reimburse Shannon for T-shirts – check #515	\$778.08
TOTAL	\$2975.92
BALANCE	\$909.65
Awards balance	(\$150.00)
AVAILABLE BALANCE 04/04/14	\$759.65

*Lanier Basenberg
Treasurer, SWS-South*



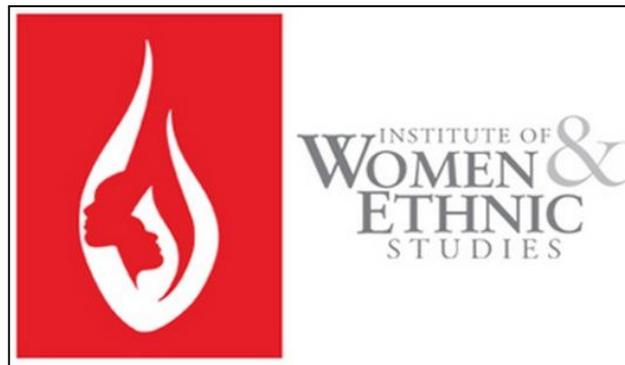
2015 Coffee-for-a-Cause Reception, Silent Auction, & Special Panel

SWS-South will hold its annual coffee-for-a-cause and silent auction during our 2015 Annual Meeting in conjunction with SSS in New Orleans, Louisiana. Our chosen organization this year is the Institute of Women and Ethnic Studies (IWES). They provide mental health screenings and individual and group counseling for teens and young women who experienced Hurricane Katrina as children and are now experiencing disaster-induced psychological trauma. Besides donating our proceeds from the silent auction, we will be collecting unopened personal hygiene products to provide the young women they serve. We ask that our members please bring these items to the registration table, so that we can present them to the organization. If you have any questions, please contact Vision Committee Chair, Sancha Medwinter (sld28@soc.duke.edu).

On the same day as the silent auction, we will also have a chance to attend a panel discussion among local disaster scholars and organizations, including IWES, involved with various aspects of the social consequences of Hurricane Katrina. This panel is organized by Amie Hess, a member of the Vision Committee, who wishes to see that we form

lasting relationships with the communities where we hold our conferences. For more information, please contact Amie Hess (hessamie@meredith.edu).

Thank you in advance for your participation in helping make these very important events successful!



For more information about the wonderful work that IWES does for women, please visit their website:

<http://iwesnola.org/>

2015 SSS Annual Meeting

A Message from the SSS Program Co-Chair, Shannon N. Davis

SWS-Southerners! I want to personally invite all of you to submit a paper, poster, session to #SSS2015. Sarah Winslow and I will be working to ensure that the program is dynamic and welcoming to all who want to attend. Please do encourage undergraduates to attend, as we all know that the SSS meeting is a friendly place to become more familiar with the discipline. If you are interested in being a presider for a session, please email me directly at sdaviso@gmu.edu; we will definitely be in need of volunteers! The conference is already shaping up to be unforgettable, with Paula England, Kathleen Gerson, Michael Messner, and Heidi Hartmann all on the program, along with Dave Maume's talk on Stalled Revolutions. SWS-South is situated to make large contributions in ways beyond the submission of papers, as our organization is one of the key locations for professional development. The program is a feminist's dream, and your contributions to the feminist future will make it even stronger.

Shannon N. Davis

Associate Professor of Sociology

Undergraduate Director, Sociology Program

2015 Program Committee Co-Chair, Southern Sociological Society

Call For Papers: Stalled Revolutions? Gender Inequality in the 21st Century

Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting

March 25-28, 2015

New Orleans

Astor Crowne Plaza

President

David Maume, University of Cincinnati

Program Chairs

Shannon N. Davis, George Mason University

Sarah Winslow, Clemson University



The theme for the 2015 meeting is “Stalled Revolutions? Gender Inequality in the 21st Century.” The society president and program chairs encourage thematic papers and thematic panels that address the many issues encompassed under this theme. See David Maume’s article in *The Southern Sociologist* ([volume 46, issue 1](#)) for more details on the conference theme. We look forward to a great meeting in New Orleans!

Submission Deadline: October 24, 2014

We are working to create a strong, intellectually stimulating program. To this end, we welcome a variety of submissions, including individual papers, complete paper sessions, thematic paper sessions, poster presentations, roundtables, and research incubators. To be considered for a place on the program, complete submissions with title, extended abstract, author names and contact information **will be submitted online** through the SSS online submission system at <http://www.mymeetingsavvy.com/sss> by the above deadline.

At least one author for each submitted paper **must be a current member of SSS** at the time of submission.

You can join the Society or Renew your membership dues online

<http://www.southernsociologicalsociety.org/join.html>.

For more information, please go to the Southern Sociological Society Meeting page:

<http://www.southernsociologicalsociety.org/annual.html>

Please direct any additional questions about the conference program to:

program@southernsociologicalsociety.org

We look forward to seeing you in New Orleans!

Announcing the Publication of New Book on Academic Justice!

Disrupting the Culture of Silence: Confronting Gender Inequality and Making Change in Higher Education

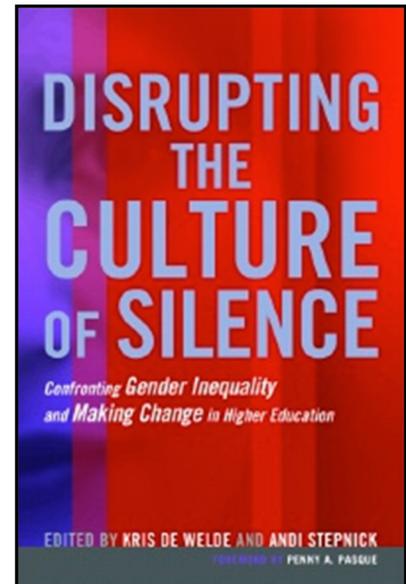
Edited by Kris De Welde and Andi Stepnick (and with contributions from many SWSers!), Stylus Publications (2014).

This book is a “toolkit” featuring a significant breadth and depth of research along with rich narratives from women academics across disciplines, practical advice, and myriad resources. This edited volume addresses questions such as:

What do women academics classify as challenging, inequitable, or “hostile” work environments and experiences? How do these vary by women’s race/ethnicity, rank, sexual orientation, or other social locations?

How do academic cultures and organizational structures work independently and in tandem to foster or challenge such work climates?

What actions can institutions and individuals—independently and collectively—take toward equity in the academy?



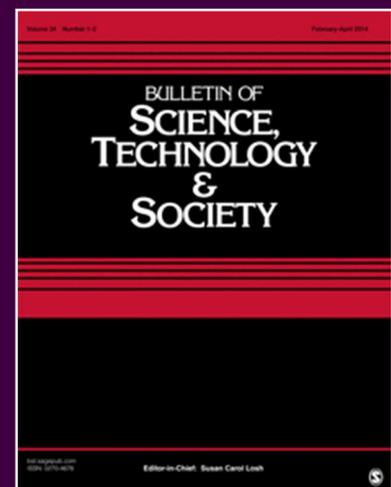
See: <https://sty.presswarehouse.com/Books/BookDetail.aspx?productID=400257>

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Paper Call:

Bulletin of Science, Technology, & Society

Susan Carol Losh (Florida State University) is now the Editor-in-Chief of *Bulletin of Science, Technology & Society (BSTS)*. BSTS is always looking for good material and gender articles are popular! Please consider submitting a paper. You can find more information at the BSTS website: (<http://bst.sagepub.com/>). Also, see the Special Issue Call on Science Fiction: <http://bst.sagepub.com/site/includefiles/BSTScifiCFPFeb15.pdf>



Noteworthy!

Rebecca Bach (Associate Professor of the Practice of Sociology) and Jamie Long (Associate Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education) at Duke University are leading a new, exciting Duke Engage Program in San Francisco, California this summer. Duke students participating in the program will confront urban homelessness while working with nonprofits focused on providing services—such as temporary shelter, employment skills training, nutrition, and health information—for homeless youth and other youth at risk. Participants will also work with youth who are homeless or at risk of discrimination, harassment, or familial rejection due to their sexual or gender identity to help them meet their basic needs for housing, food, and employment.

Tanetta Anderson of Trinity College, Afshan Jafar of Connecticut College, and faculty members of Trinity College's Religion and International Studies Departments, co-organized and participated in a panel workshop entitled, *Beauty, Culture, Freedom: Western norms and women's bodies* on October 9th at Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut. The workshop was sponsored by Trinity's Institute of Interdisciplinary Studies and Department of Sociology.

We Want Your News!

New job? New promotion? New publication?
Received an award, fellowship, or grant?
Any other good news to share?

You don't have to wait until the next "Call for Newsletter Material." Please send me your good news as you get it (rsb26@soc.duke.edu), so that I can compile a list for inclusion in the Spring newsletter!

Many thanks!!!

Regina Baker,
Newsletter Editor, SWS-South

Welcome New Additions!



Shannon Davis (Associate Professor, George Mason Univ.) and Frank and Alexandra Hirtz welcomed Miles Bradley Hirtz to their family on May 30, 2014 (pictured here at 3.5 months old). Miles has visited the Astor Crowne Plaza and is very excited about the upcoming SSS meeting there, although he wasn't so sure about the bands playing on Bourbon Street below his window after he went to bed. He (and his mom) are looking forward to seeing everyone there!



Carmel Price (Assistant Professor, Univ. of Michigan – Dearborn) and Patrick Sanderson welcomed a healthy baby boy this past June. Ike Sanderson-Price weighed in at a whopping 9lbs and 8oz. He is being well cared for by his proud big brother, Owen (both pictured here).

Graduate Student Paper Award on the Study of Gender

This paper award will be given to the best current paper written by a graduate student in the field of the sociology of gender. The purpose of this award is to encourage graduate student scholarship focused on gender and to facilitate the publication process for the student. SWS-South will appoint a mentor who will be available to assist the student in preparing the paper for submission to a peer-reviewed journal.

Eligibility: The paper may be co-authored, but only by another graduate student. Faculty-graduate student papers are not eligible. Papers that have previously appeared in publication are not eligible. Nomination packets are to be sent to the SWS-South Awards Committee Chair by March 1, 2015. Nominees must be affiliated with an institution in the South.

Nominations: Nomination packets should include the following:

1. A copy of the paper to be considered for the award,
2. A current CV of the nominee,
3. A letter of nomination.

Award: The award winner will be recognized at the SWS-South business meeting with a check for \$300.00, a plaque, and a one-year membership to SWS-South. An article about the winner's work will appear in the association's newsletter and the recipient will be invited to present their work in a special SWS-South session at the following annual meeting.

Please email all submissions to:

Claudia Youakim

SWS-South Awards Committee Chair

cyouaki1@ufl.edu

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SOCIOLOGISTS FOR WOMEN IN SOCIETY - SOUTH

MEMBERSHIP FORM

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 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.

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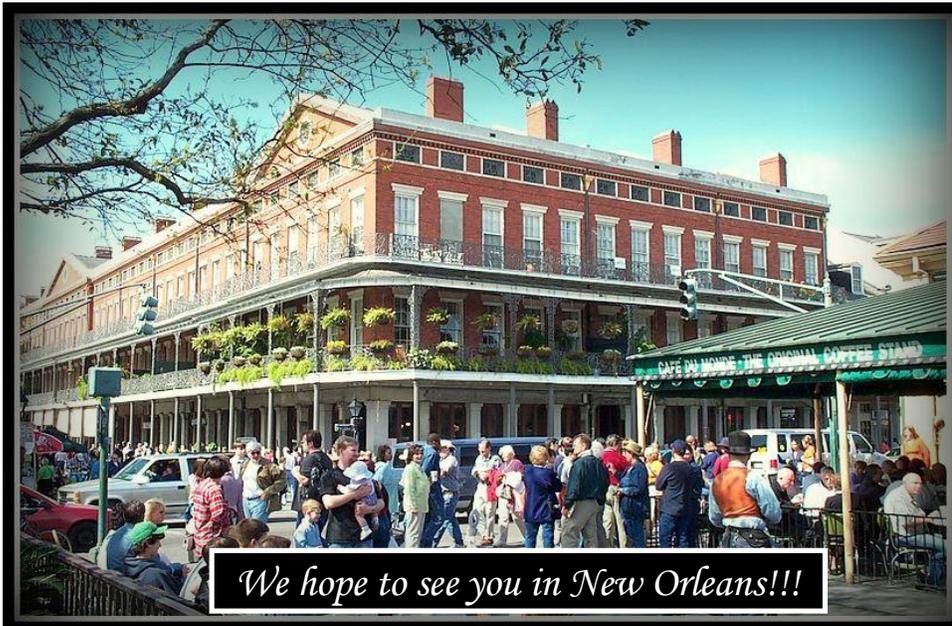
2. Are you interested in running for an office or serving on a committee in SWS-South? If so, check the office in which you are interested and for which you feel qualified to serve. Many of the officers have committees. Write "Committee Member" beside the officer with whom you would like to serve.

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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:

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 P.O. Box 5020



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