

SWS **South**



Photograph from the Sociologists for Women in Society winter meeting in New Mexico, February 2013, courtesy of Tracy Ore.

Newsletter Spring 2013

President's Corner

Greetings SWS-Southerners!

It is April and signs of Spring are everywhere. Daffodils, budding trees, pollen, animals coming out of hibernation, and panicked students trying to graduate are all over the place. And it will soon be time for our annual gathering at the Southern Sociological Society meeting.

Hopefully you are as proud of the SSS as I am for making a stand in support of workers' rights in the South. The SSS Executive Committee voted for the annual meeting to move to a different hotel in response to a labor concern at our contracted hotel. As this year's conference theme is "Relational Inequality", there is no way we can ignore the continued importance of sociology to understanding the social world, including everyday social problems and their solutions. This year's program is filled with sessions designed to provoke our thinking about how we can become informed about the practices of inequality as well as use our training to work to reduce inequality. Included among these sessions are SSS President Don Tomaskovic-Devey's address on Friday entitled "Generating Inequality: Relational Dynamics, Organizational Contexts, and Institutional Glue", ASA President Annette Lareau's talk on Thursday entitled "The Search for a Good School: Class, Families, and the Reproduction of Inequality", the mini-conference on Networks and Inequality, and a workshop on Teaching about Relational Inequality.

One of the core values of SWS-South is to work to improve women's lives in the South as we are Sociologists FOR Women in Society-South. As Julie Wiest, our Membership Chair and Treasurer, notes in her column, SWS-South is competing with other regional SWS chapters in a "Panty Drive." Our goal is to bring home the "Golden Underwear" trophy by collecting the most money and items that the Women's Resource Center needs. To facilitate your giving spirit, Julie has organized our auction to occur alongside our reception Thursday 4:30-5:45pm in the Roswell room, calling it "Coffee for a

Cause" (but there will also be yummy cupcakes so you have extra energy for the auction!). As SWS-Southerners, we do much to benefit the profession; let's extend our generosity to the families of Atlanta by being ready to fill our luggage with toiletries for families in need and writing large checks to support the Women's Resource Center.

SWS-South Vice President Marni Brown has coordinated an amazing selection of sessions that are not to be missed. We have a strong presence on the SSS program, with sessions ranging from cutting edge scholarship to extraordinary activism. Our high profile sessions include Beyond Publications and Teaching Evaluations: Public Sociology as a Remedy to Relational Inequalities (Session 11, Thursday 10-11:15am), Challenges of Being a Public Intellectual in an Era of Soundbites and Anti-Intellectualism (Session 23, Thursday 11:30am-12:45pm) and Taking Gender as a Social Structure from Theory to Practice: Research Insights for Understanding Relational Inequality (Session 57, Friday 8:30-9:45am). Other sessions designed to highlight the strength of feminist research in the South on topics like Gender and Sexuality Intersections, Gender and the Economy, and Gender, Race, and Health. Thank you, Marni, for organizing us and for coordinating all of these fantastic sessions (see pages 5-8 in this newsletter for more details on all of the sessions)!

Our business meeting is scheduled for Friday 4:00-5:15pm in the Spring Room; we have several important items to discuss, so I hope that you will be able to attend. We will be finalizing our new awards program (see page 24 of this newsletter), voting on updating our bylaws (more information included in this newsletter; see pages 18-23), and holding elections. This year, we will be electing our Vice President and Secretary, and will be appointing a new SWS National Liaison.

One way to get involved RIGHT NOW is to volunteer to be a Southern Hand mentor. Thanks to Nick Guittar (nguittar@mailbox.sc.edu) for organizing our Hand matches again this year.

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Posthumously named for Jeanne Hand, a former SWSer (from the South), the Hand program provides new SSS attendees a friendly face in what can be a somewhat intimidating situation. You are not volunteering for a long-term relationship; you would simply be asked to meet with your mentee at least once early in the meeting, perhaps for coffee, to help answer questions about the meeting. Attend sessions together, come to our "Coffee for a Cause" Reception and Silent Auction, and/or attend the business meeting together. If you have attended a SSS meeting before, you qualify to be a mentor. If you or someone you know is attending your first SSS meeting, contact Nick and he will set up the Hand match.

Earlier this year I attended the SWS Winter Meeting in Albuquerque, NM. Sancha Medwinter's report on the meeting is included in this newsletter, and I suspect she'll have fabulous stories to tell if you ask her. In session after session, meeting after meeting,

I was reminded of the many ways sociologists are already giving back to our communities, both local and extralocal. SWS is reorganizing, trying to make sense of itself as a feminist bureaucracy and trying to find ways to be more FOR women IN society than for women in sociology. We know the power of SWS-South as a feminist organization to provide support, guidance, and opportunities for all members of SSS; our vibrancy for over 35 years speaks to our ability to serve those needs. Let's work together to find ways to also provide support, guidance, and opportunities for those in our adopted communities each year at our annual meeting by using our sociological skills and training (and our ability to have a very loud silent auction). I look forward to seeing you in Atlanta!

Shannon N. Davis
SWS-South President

P.S. Don't forget to bring toiletries and other items to donate to the Women's Resource Center, items for the silent auction, and your checkbook!

Announcements & Celebrations!

Rebecca Bach will receive the 2013 Southern Sociological Society's Distinguished Contributions to Teaching Award at the Presidential Honors and Convocation Plenary 5:30 pm on Friday, April 26.

Shannon N. Davis, George Mason University, is a 2013 Teaching Excellence Award recipient.

Amie Hess, Assistant Professor of Sociology at Meredith College, is the lead author on the recently released report: *The Status of Girls in North Carolina*. The report can be accessed at: <http://www.meredith.edu/status-ncgirls/>

Susan Losh is the new editor of *Bulletin of Science, Technology & Society*. She's looking for manuscripts and reviewers. You can read about the journal at the website: <http://bst.sagepub.com/>

Carmel E. Price, Postdoctoral Fellow at Furman University, is extremely proud of her research student, **Caroline Wagner**, who will receive the 2013 Southern Sociological Society's Odum Award for Outstanding Paper by an Undergraduate Student at the Presidential Honors and Convocation Plenary 5:30pm on Friday, April 26. The paper is titled *The Gendered Nature of Food* and will be presented on Thursday, April 25 at 10am.

Keep news and announcements coming, SWS-South wants to help celebrate your many milestones and accomplishments! Send to Carmel Price at carmel.price2967@furman.edu.

Notes from the Membership Chair/Treasurer

Happy spring! I look forward to seeing many of you in Atlanta, especially our new members. The Membership Committee has planned several exciting activities during the upcoming SSS meetings.

We will hold a **“Coffee for a Cause” reception** at 4:30-5:45 p.m. Thursday, April 25, in the Roswell room at the Hyatt Regency. In addition to coffee, the reception will feature cupcakes from the Highland Bakery in Atlanta. Everyone is welcome – even those who are not (yet) members of SWS-South – so feel free to bring friends/colleagues/students. This is a great opportunity for us to get together and catch up, as well as welcome prospective members to our organization.

Our annual **silent auction** will be held in conjunction with the reception. Proceeds will benefit both our new awards program, which identifies outstanding papers on gender presented at the SSS meeting, and a local nonprofit group that aligns with the mission of our organization. Please come and bid on auction items, and, again, feel free to bring friends/colleagues/students – everyone is welcome to attend and bid! And please don't forget to bring items to donate for the auction, especially jewelry you no longer wear and handcrafted treasures! You can bring your items to the SWS-South table in the registration area 8:30-11:30 a.m. Thursday or to the Roswell room beginning at 4 p.m. Thursday.

Finally, this year we will collect toiletries and women's underwear (new panties and bras in all sizes) as part of a **“Panty Drive”** competition with other SWS chapters. These items are constantly needed by domestic violence shelters and will be delivered to an Atlanta-based shelter. Please help us help others in our meeting city (and win this competition)! You can bring these items to the SWS-South table in the registration area 8:30-11:30 a.m. Thursday or to the reception/auction.

For more information about any of these activities, please contact me at jwiest@highpoint.edu.

As a reminder, our membership year is April 1-March 31. Thank you to those who responded to my recent membership renewal reminder and for helping to recruit new members at your home institutions. Remember, you can renew/pay dues (or ask me about your membership status) any time of the year. Dues are \$15 for faculty, \$10 for first-time members, and \$5 for students and unemployed members. The membership form is included in this newsletter; you can print it to mail with your dues for the year or give it to a prospective new member. You also may renew or join at the SSS meeting or via the “Join” page on our NEW website:

<http://www.swssouth.org>.

Safe travels!

Julie B. Wiest
SWS-South Treasurer/Membership Chair

Visit our website for more information on SWS-South, including archived newsletters: <http://www.swssouth.org/>

SWS-S Co- Sponsored Sessions 2013 SSS Meeting in Atlanta (April 24-27)

Thursday, April 25:

1. Paper Session: *Who Do You Think You Are? Negotiating the Boundaries of the Self in the Classroom*

(sponsored by SWS-S)

Presider: Kris De Welde, Florida Gulf Coast University

Time: 8:30am-9:45am

Location: Piedmont

2. Invited Panel: *Beyond Publications and Teaching Evaluations: Public Sociology as a Remedy to Relational Inequalities* (sponsored by SWS-S)

Presider: Marni Brown, Georgia Gwinnett College

Panelists:

Brooke Kelly, UNC-Pembroke

Liz Grauerholz, University of Central Florida

LaShawnDa Pittman, Georgia State University

Wendy Simonds, Georgia State University

Time: 10:00am-11:15am

Location: International North

3. Paper Session: *Gender and Sexuality Intersections* (sponsored by SWS-S)

Presider: Nicholas A. Guittar, University of South Carolina Lancaster

Time: 10:00am-11:15am

Location: Techwood

4. Invited Panel: *Challenges of Being a Public Intellectual in an Era of Soundbites and Anti-Intellectualism* (sponsored by SWS-S) - -

Presider: Shannon N. Davis, George Mason University

Panelists:

Stephanie Coontz, The Evergreen State University and Council on
Contemporary Families

Amy Schalet, University of Massachusetts-Amherst

Philip N. Cohen, University of Maryland

Time: 11:30am-12:45pm

Location: Piedmont

5. Paper Session: *Gender, Transgender, and/or Genderqueer Identities and Communities* (co-sponsored by SWS-S and the Committee on the Status of Women)

Presider: Griff Tester, Georgia State University

Time: 2:30pm-3:45pm

Location: Edgewood

SWS-S CO-SPONSORED SESSIONS FOR 2013 SSS MEETING, CONTINUED

6. Paper Session: *Representations of Gender in the Media* (co-sponsored by the Committee on the Status of Women and SWS-S)

Presider: Julie B. Wiest, High Point University

Time: 2:30pm-3:45pm

Location: Techwood

7. SWS-S "Coffee for a Cause" Reception and Silent Auction

Time: 4:30pm-5:45pm

Location: Roswell

Description: Take a break with us, learn more about us, and help us raise money for an Atlanta-based women's shelter. All are welcome! We also will be holding a "Panty Drive," collecting toiletries and women's underwear (new panties and bras in all sizes) for a local domestic violence shelter.

Friday, April 26:

1. Invited Panel: *Taking Gender as a Social Structure from Theory to Practice: Research Insights for Understanding Relational Inequality* (sponsored by SWS-S)

Presider: Shannon N. Davis, George Mason University

Panelists:

Gretchen Webber, Middle Tennessee State University

Marni Brown, Georgia Gwinnett College

Sara Crawley, University of South Florida

Barbara J. Risman, University of Illinois-Chicago

Time: 8:30am-9:45am

Location: Spring

2. Teaching Mini-Conference: *Teaching Social Stratification* (co-sponsored by SWS-S and the Committee on Small and Community Colleges)

Presider: Christine A. Wernet, University of South Carolina Aiken

Time: 8:30am-9:45am

Location: Kennesaw

3. Paper Session: *Investigating Gendered and Sexual Relational Inequalities* (sponsored by SWS-S)

Presider: Brandy L. Simula, Emory University

Time: 8:30am-9:45am

Location: Fairlie

4. Paper Session: *Gender and the Economy* (sponsored by SWS-S)

Presider: Deniz Yucel, William Paterson University

Time: 10:00am-11:15am

Location: Spring

SWS-S CO-SPONSORED SESSIONS FOR 2013 SSS MEETING, CONTINUED

5. Invited Panel: *Interrogating Relational Inequality in Work-Life Policies and Practices* (sponsored by SWS-S)

Presider: Sarah Winslow, Clemson University

Panelists:

David J. Maume, University of Cincinnati

Gayle Kaufman, Davidson College

Jeremy Reynolds, University of Georgia

Time: 11:30am-12:45pm

Location: Spring

6. Invited Panel: *On the Question of "Having It All": Female Professors Discuss Work-Family Balance in the Academy* (sponsored by SWS-S) Spring

Presider: Jenny Irons, Hamilton College

Panelists:

Joya Misra, University of Massachusetts-Amherst

Karen Christopher, University of Louisville

Celeste Watkins-Hayes, Northwestern University

Jenny Irons, Hamilton College

Time: 1:00pm-2:15pm

Location: Spring

7. Paper Session: *Gender, Work, and Poverty* (sponsored by SWS-S)

Presider: Brian Knop, Florida State University

Time: 2:30pm-3:45pm

Location: Spring

Saturday, April 27:

1. Paper Session: *Gender, Race, and Health* (sponsored by SWS-S)

Presider: Catherine Pérez, Florida State University

Time: 10:00am-11:15am

Location: Lenox

2. Author Meets Critics: *One Marriage Under God: The Campaign to Promote Marriage in America* (sponsored by SWS-S)

<http://www.amazon.com/One-Marriage-Under-God-Intersections/dp/0814737137>

Presider: Sarah Winslow, Clemson University

Author: Melanie Heath, McMaster University

Critics:

Jennifer Randles, Austin College

W. Bradford Wilcox, University of Virginia

Dana Berkowitz, Louisiana State University

Time: 11:30am-12:45pm

Location: Kennesaw

SWS-S CO-SPONSORED SESSIONS FOR 2013 SSS MEETING, CONTINUED

3. Paper Session: *Relationship Inequality at the Core of Domestic Violence* (sponsored by SWS-S)

Presider: Angela Lewellyn Jones, Elon University

Time: 1:00pm-2:15pm

Location: Lenox

4. Invited Panel: *Outside the Silo: The Interdisciplinary Teacher-Scholar* (sponsored by SWS-S)

Presider: Julie B. Wiest, High Point University

Panelists:

Kris De Welde, Florida Gulf Coast University

Lorraine Evans, Georgia Health Sciences University

Cameron D. Lippard, Appalachian State University

Alexandra Catherine Hayes Nowakowski, Florida State University

Anthony Cortese, Southern Methodist University

Time: 2:30pm-3:45pm

Location: Techwood

5. Paper Session: *Gender, Aging, and the Life Course* (sponsored by SWS-S)

Presider: Lacey Jae Ritter, Florida State University

Time: 2:30pm-3:45pm

Location: Spring



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ENJOY A BREAK AND HELP LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS AT OUR “COFFEE FOR A CAUSE” RECEPTION AND SILENT AUCTION

SWS-South will hold a **“Coffee for a Cause” reception and silent auction** at the SSS meeting this year. In addition to coffee, we also will serve tasty cupcakes from a notable Atlanta bakery, so bring your sweet tooth – and a friend!

Auction proceeds will benefit both our new awards program, which identifies outstanding papers on gender presented at the SSS meeting, and a local nonprofit group that aligns with the mission of our organization. The success of this venture depends on your generosity! We need you to be present to bid on and purchase some of the auction treasures for yourself. This is one event you won’t want to miss! Items sold at past auctions include autographed monographs by SSS members, handmade jewelry and knitwear, member-made pottery and other artwork, as well as local memorabilia. Come by the auction to see what turns up this year!



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AND DON'T FORGET THE PANTIES!

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SWS Winter Meeting: National Liaison Report

“It’s going to be just you and the coyotes” teased the shuttle driver as all evidence of city life quickly disappeared in the rearview mirror as we spiraled down toward the only visible manmade structure in the distance. The Hyatt Regency Tamaya- stood solitary, yet camouflaged and nestled amidst miles and miles of sun-kissed grassy wilderness bounded only by breath-taking majestic mountains that framed the skies. The New Mexico venue for the Winter SWS meeting was a perfect choice, for the 250 SWSers who couldn’t wait to get away from the banality of professionalism and reunite with like-minded friends, swapping stories, sharing wisdom, support and validation of their feminist objectives—no one was alone and I swear never, not even once did I see a coyote!

The plenary addresses, workshops, and committee meetings provocatively challenged SWSers to rethink our American feminism vis-à-vis activist feminism of current and prospective global partners. Before ceremoniously passing the gavel to President-Elect Bandana Purkayastha, Past President Patricia Yancey Martin emphatically declared that SWS was indeed a bureaucracy— a *feminist* bureaucracy with an agenda of inclusivity, where day-to-day operations are run with efficiency. She also highlighted a site for future research that makes visible, *invisible work*. Setting the focus on the global agenda, President-Elect Bandana Purkayastha also asked members to re-conceptualize migration in our research to incorporate the plight of 26 million people who are internally displaced. The forums organized around this year’s conference theme of “Connecting Circles: Research/Activist Knowledge in the 21st Century” validated activist knowledge and recognized that building transnational connections involves allowing international partners to set the terms for collaboration and engagement. Cecilia Ridgeway, a fellow SWS member and current ASA president, in her plenary address gently nudged members to consider the value of not only building partnerships with but penetrating the hierarchies of ASA, pursuing positions of power and making submissions to its flagship journal rather than simply enjoying a separate, albeit increasingly successful, enclave existence outside the mainstream.

Wow! What an invigorating experience. I suddenly discovered that there is a whole world of women sociologists— applied, academic, activist— who are defying false dichotomies, defining and achieving success on their terms and loving it! Sharing a room with our SWS-South president Shannon Davis, hanging out with her old friends from grad school Krista, Angela and Sue, attending a dinner hosted by Rebecca Bach, all served as a great orientation for a newbie. Thanks Krista for not letting me off the hook-even when we were conveniently interrupted—insisting that I get outside my head and verbalize my dissertation research in under two minutes at the hotel bar. Needless to say, my skills sharpened over the next few days as many SWSers walked up to me, introduced themselves and asked about my research. If you haven’t figured it out by now, it was my first meeting, sponsored by SWS-South as The National Liaison, but by no means my last.

I followed the advice of soaking up everything. I attended the 4 plenary addresses, 2 research roundtables, 3 workshops, 2 committee meetings; and both the Saturday and Sunday business meetings. I must mention that over the four conference days I had several servings of delicious New-Mexican breakfast, lunch and dinner entrees; plenty of desserts; smoothies; juice and fruit water at no extra cost. We were generously fed.

On Friday I attended the popular “Critique Me” session, where mentors and jobseekers rotated, asking and receiving hands-on help with their C.V.’s. Some of the questions jobseekers had were, what are the pros and cons of accepting joint appointments? How do I begin applying for a job, in another state while I’m waiting for my spouse’s placement to be finalized? What are the trade-offs in teaching at a private college versus a large public university? The unique quality of this workshop was that mentors were sharing with jobseekers their own experiences with similar issues in a semi-private setting. One of my session mentors was Adina Nack who proved to be a great resource as she offered to connect me with two friends whose research overlapped my substantive area of interest in disaster research. Other practical advice relayed to all, was that cover letters should NOT be three pages, rather two pages long. Also while joint

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appointments have the *Best of Both Worlds* lure, they often come with the dilemma of making it nearly impossible to meet specific tenure requirements for either department. However, it is doable but the devil is in the details, so work out expectations from both departments and get it all in writing BEFORE you accept.

I attended a Saturday session “Thinking outside the Academy, Working as an Applied Sociologist”, where we heard from three women sociologists, who created successful careers in public sociology, independent consulting, and think-tank research. The women discussed the pros as having the satisfaction of doing research that was publicly relevant and having autonomy in being able to shape the culture of their work environments. They were also transparent about the drawbacks of constantly having to network to source funding for projects, having to cope with the fluctuating revenue stream of business start-ups; dealing with the uncertainty of seeing returns to monetary and time investments when recruiting new clients; and not having the perk of tenure that the academy provides. However, no one regretted making the move to applied research. Overall, all speakers spoke about taking charge of crafting your own public image and establishing a public presence through public writing and presentations. All emphasized taking advantage of social media such as twitter, blogs, and webinars.

I found the Saturday afternoon plenary speakers particularly stimulating, entering potentially sacred spaces of a room of 250 American sociologists and stating that the position of U.S. intellectual feminist is a privileged one, relative to activist feminists in other non-European parts of the world. Amina Mama made a call for a deeper reflexivity where we can seriously contemplate our positionality within “higher education service providers...in a global circuit of power” in which the U.S. enjoys near-monopoly status. “Only in the U.S. and Europe do people think they have the *right* to research others.” She argued that even if the intent of transnational research is to advance equality, U.S. feminist researchers desiring to conduct such research should first acknowledge that “it is not from a position of equivalence” that we enter these spaces and that the task would require “a series of epistemological moves” and even then success is not guaranteed. The other plenary guest, Jane Bennett argued that the “21st century feminism should go beyond the paradox of the 70’s and 80’s.” She recounted a story of assisting Cape-Town women in producing an advocacy video meant to bring attention to these women’s victimization. She mentioned that once the video went viral, women outside the context tweeted westernized feminist views of disapproval of women’s depiction as powerless and oppressed. Contrastingly and interestingly that video did not hold that meaning for the women involved, who saw it as simply shaming the men. Furthermore, Bennett argued, the video had galvanized a community to achieve goals that ultimately empowered these women. Her point was that activist feminism in some spaces *are* and *should* remain “deeply local [because] they do not translate to anything outside that can be theorized” by those who do not live in the particular local politics, culture and geography.

These speakers got me thinking even deeper about *ethnographic authority* and how the very enterprise of academia privileges the intellectual voice, not only over the activist or transnational voice but the very many voices of research participants. What position *do* these voices occupy in our own work? Are they simply evidentiary quotes, to *illustrate our* intellectual analyses? To what extent do we credit analysis, synthesis and validity through experience, that our participants achieve even and especially in our absence. To prove rigor of our own research within the standards of the academy, we need to demonstrate our worth through *our work*—the *superior* work of intellectual analysis and theorizing. I guess reflexivity is a never ending pursuit, and we should continually consider the implications of our position and our role in the knowledge production process.

I must say however, that the conference was NOT just about these serious matters. The silent auction evoked rounds of laughter, thanks to our rather entertaining runway models, showcasing hats, headbands, and T-shirts. Tracy our auctioneer, got lots of laughs for her persistence and threats to instruct the hotel security to lock the doors until we raise \$7000.00 for the two charities, often throwing in extras such as a massage by an unsuspecting audience member as an incentive to part with an otherwise unappealing item. She collected \$200.00 over her desired amount. The donations were

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given to Encuentro, an immigrants' rights group and TEWA Women United, a group working to eliminate violence against American-Indian native women and girls. Immediately after dinner and auction, it was time to let loose. I had a spectacular time on the dance floor with fellow SWS sisters including Elizabeth, Rebekah, Sarah, and Rose, doing the *cupid shuffle*, *electric slide* and belting out the lyrics of Gloria Gaynor's *I Will Survive!*, Beyonce's *Single Ladies*, and so many more— Next year, I'm wearing flats!

Minutes from SWS Business Meetings 1 and 2: 2/10/13-2/11/13

Academic Justice Committee

Heather Laube (incoming co-chair) stated that they finalized the gender report cards and will publicize and send to departments as is customarily done every four years. She also stated that the report on intersectional sociology articles in the top 20 sociology journals has been finalized and will be put out for public consumption. She also stated that a proposed lavender report may be jointly undertaken with the ASA section on sexuality. She also announced a request for proposals for research on the policy and climate for LGBTQ in sociology departments for a \$500 award. The project would include course offerings, and dissertations from various departments. The finished report will be disseminated at a session in the summer.

Awards Committee

Marjukka Ollilainen (chair) announced that the awards committee has decided to change its marketing strategy regarding campus visits applications and student awards to become more inclusive and transparent. The goal is to advertise beyond the SWS lists and *Network News* for Spring Awards. They will try to energize people to nominate others by having an informational session on awards. The committee wants to track students who received awards in the past through a *Network News* "Where Are They Now?" series. She stated that the calls are out for nominations for faculty mentoring, distinguished mentor awards, feminist activist and campus visits. The chair also stated that the applications were now open for visits with last year's winners. April 1st is the nomination deadline for student awards. A more detailed report will be published in *Network News*.

Career Development Committee:

Sarah Crawley outgoing chair (on behalf of Sarah Sobieraj) stated that the committee hosted the "Critique Me" Session where students brought their C.V.'s and cover letters to mentors and discussed issues and questions relevant to going on the market. One of the commitments is a long-term mentor relationship. They requested that the editor of *Hey Jane* be awarded reimbursement at the level of chairs for both summer and winter meetings. A member of the audience suggested that the committee announce what they offer in *Network News* and reminisced that SWS once had a mentored writing program. Sarah acknowledged that she was not aware of the history of mentored writing and would pass that information on to the incoming chair.

Discrimination Committee:

Roberta Villalon (chair) stated that over the course of two years as chair, there were seven cases of discrimination, two of which SWS provided financial support and letters of support. She announced a need for rebuilding and digitalizing the institutional memory of the discrimination committee, to promote recognition of what constitutes discrimination and to increase awareness of resources available to members. The committee also instituted a confidential [non-electronic] paper trail of discrimination, which would allow members experiencing discrimination in their departments to journal and send hardcopies of evidence to the committee chair who will then make a copy and send to the executive officer ensuring

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confidentiality at each stage. In recognizing that discrimination can be more subtle and covert, the committee also organized the workshop “Is this Discrimination or What?” at the winter meeting in an effort to address the gap in the scholarship and the legal institutional reality, including how hard it is to protect oneself from discrimination. The chair also made a request for a slot on the membership/renewal form for members to donate to the Natalie Allon Fund. The committee will also create a fact sheet to describe what discrimination is and what protections are available to people. They will continue to provide updates on the SWS website. The committee also elected two new members, bringing the elected membership to five.

International Committee:

Minjeong Kim (chair) stated that the committee tried to clarify their structure: The international committee consists of the UN subcommittee and the Global Friends Partnership program subcommittee and a newly instituted subcommittee that will coordinate SWS sessions and international meetings. She stated many SWS members were current and past presidents of the International Social Association (ISA) RC-32 but wanted to expand that. SWS has NGO status at the UN, with delegates at the Economic and Social Council (which organizes CSW meetings) and Department of Public Information. She mentioned that Barret Katuna was a lead delegate of CSW, and was helping ASA, which does not have NGO status, organize a UN sociology day. SWS through Global Friends Partnership, an initiative to establish international ties, now has nine international partners. She also mentioned that through several discussions on the terms of the transnational feminist activism and scholarship partnership, international partners have stated that what they really want is for their U.S. partners (SWSers) to engage in feminist discussions, not offer financial assistance. “We are providing bridges for you” the chair urged members who are engaged in ongoing international research or would like to begin a new comparative field research in partner countries. She also stated that anyone who wanted to conduct transnational field research can obtain contacts through the international committee to make arrangements or contact partners directly via information on website.

Treasurer Report:

Wanda Rushing (treasurer) stated that SWS is a multimillion dollar organization with 42 years of commitment and success. The membership is 840, with 496 at that point with up-to-date membership (up from 300 last year around this time). Most of the money comes from Sage membership royalties for *Gender and Society*. Although the royalties have steadily increased in the past, they may not always increase, cautioned Rushing. She acknowledged that high revenues accompany high expenses and that it is wise to make sustainability an explicit strategic goal. The organization is focused on long-term goals and strategic investments. As part of this long-term strategy, there has been an increase in SWS’s investment portfolio which includes both new deposits and growth. The most recent investment was \$25,000.00, which was unprecedented. The treasurer noted that total revenue was \$584, 973.91, of which \$358,000.00 came from Sage. Annually, the minimum revenue from Sage royalties for *Gender and Society* is \$200,000. The main expenses are for personnel, meetings, *Gender and Society* and miscellaneous expenses, totaling to \$566,492.73. A new expense for this year was setting up the Executive Office (EO). The total projected expenses, was \$526,884.00. The assets were \$1.8 million dollars (Not including in-kind contributions). The treasurer stated that these figures were a work in progress and would do her best to make updated figures available. This was in response to a request posed by an audience member that slides of financial reports presented at business meetings be posted online to increase transparency.

Membership Committee:

Tiffany Taylor (chair) invited members who are interested in starting a new local chapter to talk about details. The membership committee oversees the welcome, hospitality and hand program which enable newer members to transition

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into the organization. Fifty persons requested a hand-match for the winter meeting. She stated that there will be a hospitality suite for the summer meeting. Taylor also encouraged members to look out for a new “Undy/Panty Drive” initiative for local and regional chapters and stated there were some “awesome...really awesome” updates to come. She stated that the hospitality breakfast will now host hand-match tables in order to orient new members to the flow of sessions and resources, and to make it more feasible for more seasoned members to easily spot new persons and welcome them. Then she announced last year’s winners of several awards, including our own Shannon Davis, president of SWS-South, who won a referral raffle award of \$150 for referring seven new members.

Nominations Committee:

Past President Patricia Yancey Martin asked members to nominate themselves and their friends for various positions within the organization. She also encouraged more nominations from the East Coast.

Executive Office:

Shirley A. Jackson (executive officer) acknowledged hotel staff for their hospitality. She also stated that the Community Interest list on the SWS application (hard copy) has the option where members can select committees they wish to serve on. These indications will be forwarded to nomination committee. She stated that members don’t have to be well-known or have had long tenure in SWS in order to serve.

Publications: Barbara Risman (outgoing chair) stated that as a result of the expiration of the contract between SWS and the former public relations person, an interim PR person was hired for *Gender and Society*. However this is a temporary measure until SWS hires another PR person for next year. *Network News* editor, Angela Llewellyn Jones stated that the next issue of *Network News* is March 16th. Communications Officer, Wendy Christiansen also encouraged members to submit blog posts, book announcements, book reviews, meeting pictures for twitter, and Facebook. The committee is pleased that SWS implemented recommendations for hiring a social tweeter, which is working well

Social Action Committee:

Kylie Parrotta (co-chair) will work with the academic justice committee on the lavender report card and workshops for summer and winter meetings. For the summer meeting activists will come to talk about Rowe versus Wade. The committee will also sponsor teaching workshops on incorporating media in the classrooms and student projects, such as infographics, twitter, and tumblr. The committee is also dedicated to encouraging inclusive classrooms where students can talk about transgender and queer issues in the classroom.

Gender and Society:

Joya Misra (Editor) stated that the journal received 535 submissions last year, a record high comparable only to AJS and ASR sociological journals. However such a high submission rate also means a low acceptance rate. On average two-thirds of submissions are rejected. However, people tend to go on to publish in other prestigious journals. The decision days are 60 days, made possible by an editorial staff of three working an average of 20-25 hours a week. She stated that her goals for the journal are to expand their readership in policy, think tank, and research institute circles and to direct the journal’s research to helping change the world. Misra also stated that those articles selected are those clearly making a contribution to gender theory. The main basis for rejection is that the paper does not contribute to gender theory or further feminist work. She states that about half of submissions were desk rejected in the past, but now it’s down to one-third. Sometimes the editor can make recommendations on papers that she deems good, but knows will be rejected in its current form, in order to give people a chance to resubmit. However, she also stated that due to the backlog there are less conditional

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acceptances. Misra stated that the hardest rejection letters to send out are the Reject-after -R & R's. She also discussed recent changes related to how people think about and represent race and gender in their work. For example various editorial boards have had strict rules about whether upper or lower case should be used to demarcate racialized categories such as "**Black, White**", "**Black, white**" or "**black, white**". The most recent decision is to let authors choose which ever they prefer.

Task Force Committee:

The auction raised \$7,200.00. The committee suggested working on a concept map of the organizational structure that can be used by the strategic planning group

Sister-to-Sister Committee

Kris De Welde (chair) stated that sister-to-sister is working on a joint reception with SSSP and ABS for the summer meeting. They will be working closely to organize sessions for the summer meeting with the discrimination committee, welcome committee and career development committee to ensure that specific needs of women of color are addressed on the job market. The call has gone out for the Chow-Green award and it will be going out to a broader audience. The deadline is April 1st. Asking the question "Who are the Sisters?" the committee members decided to expand the scope of sister-to-sister to address questions of marginality more broadly. They also decided on a flipped-mentoring session at winter meetings that would include training for allies and mentors. They also stated that Women of Color, who increasingly are entering and staying in SWS, face multiple marginalities. In order to address these issues, the committee proposed and voted on establishing a hotline with rotating mentors who besides offering advice, could refer students to resources. In order to accomplish the hotline, the committee also voted for an additional elected member for Sister-to-Sister.

Student Concern Committee

Veronica Montes (chair) states that the Student Concerns Committee established emails for students to exchange ideas and concerns. They hosted a student reception at the winter meeting, where 58 students attended the happy hour. Unfortunately due to scheduling conflicts no one showed up for the student meeting. In this regard, slightly better program coordination was needed, pointed Montes. The biggest hosted event was breakfast with scholars for which 42 students signed up.

Strategic Planning Group

"We are not confused as to who we are as an organization", according to the strategic planning Committee. SWSers know and understand that their organization is about personal, professional and political growth, voiced the committee. The strategic planning team stated that their goal is to help the membership-driven organization expand its vision of diversity, transparency, collaboration and inclusivity at all levels of membership. An analysis of member interviews, confirm that the organization presents a feminist alternative to the status quo in academia. Mindy Fried, a consultant and part of the strategic team, posed six goals to the group for further discussion at various roundtables as follows: Should SWS (1) decentralize away from just summer and winter meetings (2) widen the focus of our collaboration (3) redefine how the governance structure works; (4) encourage active member participation on all levels; (5) Increase local and regional chapters (6) commit to evaluating implementation of our strategic goal? The groups generally reported back in the affirmative to these various questions posed but qualified these responses with specific suggestions toward achieving those goals. Fried stated that these group discussions would continue online via Google groups.

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Overall, there was an emphasis on more extensive connections at all levels of the organization, facilitated by increased reliance on social media and online forums for sharing of ideas and resources throughout the year. Another emphasis was ensuring that communication was reciprocal between national and local/regional chapters, which included expanding the role of the National Liaisons to include reporting to SWS National, their activities at the annual meetings and also publish their activities on Network News. Another suggestion was to institutionalize research on the membership; recruit more senior people so that junior people are not overly burdened with mentoring responsibilities; gently encourage those who publish in *Gender and Society* to become members. Make strategic plans a part of pre-election statements as a means of getting officers to state what part of the plan they will implement; however, group discussants also did not want the process to become a burden.

Sancha Medwinter
SWS National Liaison

Sociologists for Women in Society – South SSS Business Meeting Minutes

Date: March 23, 2012

Time: 12:30 – 1:30

Location: New Orleans, LA

- About 37 people present for meeting

Meeting Minutes

- **President, Kris de Welde convened meeting.**
- **Kylie Parrotta will submit these minutes because Secretary Patricia Drenteia had to give a presentation during this meeting.**
- **Rebecca Bach, Duke University, gave Paper Award Proposal**
 - Award is to advance gender scholarship
 - main discussion was over clarifying what “junior” means
 - will send revised proposal out to the membership via the Listserve
 - will discuss funding for awards for paper competitions next year
 - considering 2 awards, given in alternative ranks
- **Elections**
 - We will try to recreate staggered terms again
 - President – Shannon Davis – George Mason University
 - Secretary – Kylie Parrotta – North Carolina State University-1 year
 - Treasurer – Julie Wiest – High Point University
 - Newsletter Editor – Carmel Price – Furman University
 - National Liaison – Sancha Doxilly – Duke University
 - Determined by drawing names out of a hat because Delilah Schmidt (Mississippi State) also was nominated.
 - Initially Sancha withdrew her nomination.

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- Shannon Davis and Kris De Welde explained that funds were not available to fund two students.
- At that time there was discussion from members about getting Mississippi and Duke to contribute funds.
- **Julie Winterich, SWS EO, introduced**
 - Asked members to email her suggestions about what could be done better in the organization.
 - Announced that Guilford College (Greensboro, NC) would be hiring a visiting instructor to replace her.
 - She will have more details after her course release is negotiated.
 - Will be gender focused
- **Pat Martin, President of SWS was introduced**
- **Website Discussion**
 - Access expired and it needs updated.
 - Concern mentioned of hosting website through University due to Paypal affiliation.
 - Problems with how regional chapters interface with national organization, especially on the website.
 - People suggested posting the regional chapters on the main SWS website
 - Shannon Davis discussed two options
 - Bluehost.com
 - \$5.95 a month.
 - Dreamhost
 - Free hosting for non-profit organizations
 - Unlimited support
 - 24 hour customer support
 - In line with SWS values
 - Pat Martin mentioned concern of verifying if SWS-S was a 501-3(c) because of how money is permitted to transferred through the organization
 - Shannon Davis and Julie Wiest will follow up on these issues
- **Discussion of how to use SWS funds from the National organization**
 - funds went to reception this year
 - Nick Guittar organized hand mentor/mentee program
 - Kris De Welde suggested using money for hand lunch or sister to sister
 - Shannon Davis mentioned the need to expand membership and be inclusive
 - Support, recruitment, retention
 - Linda Triber mentioned the lunch is like rewarding the mentor for taking the student to lunch and it gives the mentees a chance to meet a new cohort of members
 - Kris De Welde **motioned** using money for hand mentor/mentee lunch
 - **Vote: 22 yes, 0 no, 2 abstain**
- **Kris De Welde announced that there were ribbons for members to attach to nametags**
- **Shannon Davis announced she would be taking membership dues**
- **Shannon Davis announced that \$855 was collected from the silent auction**
- **Kris De Welde opened the floor for comments for remembering April Brayfield and for sharing accomplishments/announcements**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kylie Parrotta

Suggested Bylaws Revisions

In accordance with the current bylaws (available on our website <http://www.swssouth.org>), the following document is being submitted to the membership for examination and will be voted on at our annual meeting in Atlanta. This document is the proposed revised bylaws drafted by the President, Shannon Davis, and edited by Vice President Marni Brown, Membership Chair/Treasurer Julie Wiest, and Newsletter Editor Carmel Price. The proposed changes are:

1. Highlight that SWS-South's focus is on the Southern region of the United States (Article II, Section 1D)
2. Clarification of who is considered a regular member (Article III, Section 1A)
3. Clarification throughout that membership lists are maintained by the Membership Chair/Treasurer
4. Change the name of the office of Treasurer to Membership Chair/Treasurer throughout
5. Update the list of Appointed Officers to reflect the current structure of the organization (Drop Fundraiser Organizer and Journal Referee Liaison and add Website Manager)
6. Clarify the duties of the Vice President (Article IV, Section 4B)
7. Update and clarify the duties of the Membership Chair/Treasurer (Article IV, Section 4D)
8. Change Electronic List Keeper to Listserv Keeper for internal consistency (Article IV, Section 4G)
9. List the Website Manager's duties (Article IV, Section 4I)
10. Update the list of standing committees to include the Membership Committee and the renewed Vision Committee and change the Awards Promotion Committee to the Awards Committee (Article V, Section 1A).
11. Update the role and term of office for committee chairpersons (Article V, Section 2).
12. Update the standing committee charges (Article V, Section 3).
13. Clarify the procedure for selecting the SWS National Liaison (Article VII, Section 2).

Sociologists for Women in Society in the South Constitution and By Laws

ARTICLE I. STRUCTURE

Section 1. The name of this organization is Sociologists for Women in Society in the South (SWS-S).

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

Section 1. Purpose

SWS-S is a feminist educational and scientific organization dedicated to the following:

- A. To educate and sensitize the sociological profession and the public to the social, political, and economic situation of women;
To actively support and encourage professional opportunities for women in sociology;
To work toward feminist social change;
- B. Focusing on the Southern region of the United States.

Section 2. Powers

The members of SWS-S either individually or collectively are empowered to implement the

objectives of the organization. SWS-S shall work through or in conjunction with National SWS, the Southern Sociological Society, other professional associations, or by independent actions of its own, as appropriate and/or necessary.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Classes of Members

A. Regular Members

Regular members are members who do not self-identify as students or do not meet the criteria for student membership.

B. Student Members

Student members are those who self-identify as students and who are pursuing a degree from an institution of higher education in the year for which membership dues are paid.

Section 2. Qualifications/eligibility for Membership

Any person who accepts and supports the purpose of this organization is eligible for membership.

Section 3. Privileges of Membership

Members shall have the right to vote, to hold office and to chair committees, to receive all regular publications of SWS-S, to be included in electronic lists and forums run by the organization, to attend all membership and committee meetings, and to set dues and provide general direction to the organization in business meetings.

Section 4. Fees and Dues

Annual dues shall be determined by vote at the annual business meeting.

Section 5. Resignation

Any member in good standing may resign by submitting that resignation in writing to the Membership Chair/Treasurer.

Section 6. Non-Payment

If a member fails to pay dues, fees or assessments within six months from the date they become due, membership shall automatically terminate.

Section 7. Reinstatement

Any member having resigned from membership may be reinstated upon application to the Membership Chair/Treasurer.

Section 8. Voting

Members in good standing may vote. Voting takes place at the annual business meeting held in conjunction with the Southern Sociological Society meeting.

ARTICLE IV. STRUCTURE

Section 1. Officers The officers of the organization are:

A. General Officers

1. President
 2. Vice President
 3. Secretary
 4. Membership Chair/Treasurer
 5. Newsletter Editor
 6. National SWS Liaison
- B. Operating Officers
1. Listserv Keeper
 2. Archivist
 3. Website Manager

Section 2. Eligibility for Office

Officers must be in good standing. No person may hold more than one office at a time, nor may any person hold one office for more than two terms consecutively.

Section 3. Term of Office

A. General Officers

The term of office for all general officers shall be two years, with the exception of the National SWS Liaison, which shall be a one-year term. The President, Membership Chair/Treasurer, and Newsletter Editor shall be elected in even years; the Vice-President and Secretary shall be elected in odd years.

B. Appointed Officers

The President appoints officers. There is no limit on term of office, but the President may appoint a new Officer at any time.

Section 4. Duties and Powers

A. President

1. To represent the organization before the public, in relation to SSS and other organizations.
2. To preside as chairperson of meetings of the membership.
3. To coordinate the nomination and election of officers at the annual meeting.
4. To coordinate the work of the committees and to execute their directives.
5. To cooperate with other officers in formulating and implementing policy within the general framework laid down by the membership.
6. To cooperate with the other officers in drawing up agendas for membership meetings, and to have primary responsibilities for such agendas.
7. To give progress reports at meetings.
8. To perform any other duty or responsibility normally associated with office of President.

B. Vice-President

1. To assume the Presidency if a resignation occurs.
2. To assume the duties of the President if the President is unable to attend the annual meeting.
3. To cooperate with the President in formulating and implementing policy.
4. To organize SWS-S co-sponsored sessions at the annual SSS meeting.
5. To obtain and organize a table in the exhibition area and necessary meeting rooms at the SSS meeting
 - The table shall include membership forms, information about SWS-S co-sponsored sessions. The rooms shall serve as the location of the business meeting and any fundraising events, and social events.

6. To perform any other duties assigned by the President.
- C. Secretary
 1. To record, report, and distribute minutes of the meetings.
 2. To provide officers and committee chairpersons with updated lists of names, addresses, and telephone numbers of officers, committee chairpersons, and committee members following elections.
 3. To be responsible for the distribution of all SWS-S documents, reports, and correspondence.
 4. To perform any other duties assigned by the President.
- D. Membership Chair/Treasurer
 1. To be responsible for the collection, safekeeping, and distribution of organization funds.
 2. To prepare a written financial report to be made available at the annual meeting and published in the newsletter following the annual meeting.
 3. To receive and deposit dues from members.
 4. To maintain all membership records.
 5. To be the Chair of the Membership Committee.
 6. To organize and coordinate recruitment of new members.
 7. To coordinate the annual fundraiser.
 8. To perform any other duties assigned by the President.
- E. Newsletter Editor
 1. To edit and publish at least two issues of the newsletter per year.
 2. To maintain liaison with officers and chairpersons of all committees for news.
 3. To maintain liaison with similar organizations having their own newsletters by exchanging newsletters and reprinting useful information as it seems feasible.
- F. National SWS Liaison
 1. To maintain communication between SWS-S and National SWS.
 2. To attend the winter meeting for SWS national and write a report for SWS-S.
 3. To write reports of the activities of SWS-S for the SWS national newsletter.
- G. Archivist
 1. To be responsible for the collection and safekeeping of all SWS-S documents, reports, and correspondence.
- H. Listserv Keeper
 1. To be responsible for the operation of the SWS-S listserv.
- I. Website Manager
 1. To be responsible for the operation of the SWS-South website.

ARTICLE V. COMMITTEES

Section 1. There shall be the following committees:

A. Standing Committees

1. Awards
2. Vision
3. Membership

B. Ad hoc Committees

Ad hoc committees are to be appointed by the President with the approval of the other general officers for periods of one year. At the end of that period, their function shall be reviewed.

Section 2. Committee Chairpersons

The chairperson for each of the Standing Committees shall be elected by the membership, with the exception of the Membership Chair/Treasurer whose term of office is described in Article IV, Section 3A, and shall serve a two-year term. Committee chairs are to prepare a report to be given at the annual meeting and published in the newsletter following the annual meeting.

Section 3. Committee Charge

A. Awards

1. To coordinate the process of securing nominations for and selection of winners of the SWS-S student and emerging scholar paper awards.

B. Vision

1. To coordinate and implement the community-engagement event at the annual meeting. This includes selecting the local organization with whom to work and executing the event.

C. Membership

1. To implement the Southern Hand Program and to actively recruit and retain members for the organization.

Section 4. Eligibility

Chairpersons must be members of SWS-S in good standing.

Section 5. Committee Membership

The elected chairperson shall solicit committee members from among SWS-S members in good standing, in the number necessary to easy, efficient operation of the committee. On all committees, special attention shall be given to ensure adequate representation of all status ranks from students through all academic and research positions.

ARTICLE VI. FINANCES

Section 1. The fiscal year shall begin April 1 and end March 31.

Section 2. Annual dues shall be set by the general membership.

Section 3. Annual dues shall be paid to the Membership Chair/Treasurer.

ARTICLE VII. ELECTIONS

Section 1. Timing

SWS-S elections must be held during the annual SWS-S meeting held in conjunction with annual SSS meeting.

Section 2. Procedure

The President shall conduct elections during the SWS-S annual meeting. Nominations may come from any of the membership, including self-nominations. Each nominee shall be announced, with a description of her/his qualifications for the position. A majority of the membership present at the annual SWS-S meeting shall be necessary for election to office or committee chair, with the exception of the SWS National Liaison. The SWS National Liaison will be selected randomly from among those who were nominated.

ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS

- Section 1. Any member may propose amendments to the SWS-S Constitution and Bylaws.
- Section 2. Proposed amendments shall be sent to the President and to the Newsletter Editor. Proposed amendments shall appear in the SWS-S newsletter prior to the annual meeting and shall be voted on at the annual meeting.
- Section 3. A simple majority of voting members present at the SWS-S annual meeting shall be necessary to amend the Constitution and Bylaws.

ATTENTION FIRST-TIMERS:

Are you attending the Southern Sociological Society meeting in April?



If it's your first time – or if you just find academic meetings daunting or unfriendly – let **SWS – South** lend you a **SOUTHERN HAND!**

Sociologists for Women in Society – South organizes the annual Southern Hand Program to provide assistance to new SSS attendees. SWS-South members will act as mentors for those attending the SSS meeting who could use a hand, especially graduate students.

- Talk to your mentor before you leave for advice on which receptions to attend; what to wear to your presentation; navigating the sessions; and how to meet people who share your interests.
- Meet with your mentor after you arrive to ask questions about the program, or get explanations for conference lingo (What's a plenary?) and symbols (Just what *do* those ribbons mean?).
- Or just arrange to meet your mentor for a meal or coffee to see a friendly face during the hustle and bustle of the busy meeting.

Your Southern Hand Program mentor will reach out and help you make the most of your SSS meeting!

To participate in the Southern Hand Program, contact Nicholas Guittar at nguittar@mailbox.sc.edu by April 10th.



Proposed SWS-South Awards

Early Career Gender Scholar Award

This award will be given in even-numbered years to a junior scholar whose work makes a noteworthy contribution to our understanding of the sociology of gender. The award may be given for a single groundbreaking article, for a series of articles, or for a book that is viewed as making significant advancements to the scholarship of the sociology of gender. Articles or books may be co-authored, but the nominee should be the first author.

Eligibility: Assistant professors, postdoctoral scholars, contingent faculty, research associates, or other early career scholars who hold the Ph.D. are eligible for this award. The work must have been published within the past 3 years. Nominees for the Early Career award may come from the applicant or from a third party nominator and are due March 1 to the SWS-South Awards Committee Chair. Nominees must be affiliated with an institution in the South.

Award: The winner will be recognized at the annual SWS-South business meeting with a plaque and a one-year membership in SWS-South. In the following year, the winner will be featured in the SWS-South newsletter and will present her or his work at an SWS-South/SSS special session. (The newsletter piece should be the following year's pre-conference issue that will hopefully also serve to promote the special session.)

Nominations: Nomination packets should include the following:

1. One nomination letter detailing the merits of the nominee's work,
2. A copy of any articles or books* to be considered for the award, and
3. A current CV of the nominee.

*Books, but not articles will be returned to the nominator.

Graduate Student Paper Award on the study of Gender

This paper award will be given in odd-numbered years 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 publication in 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. 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

SWS-South Award Committee

SWS-South will elect a chair of the awards committee to serve a two-year term. The chair will recruit a minimum of two other SWS-South members to serve on the awards committee. Graduate students who wish to submit a paper to be considered for the award must submit materials to the SWS-South Awards Chair by March 1. Nominees for the Early Career award may come from the scholars or from a third party nominator and are also due March 1. Please send materials electronically.

SOCIOLOGISTS FOR WOMEN IN SOCIETY - SOUTH MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name (please print): _____

Home Address: _____ Work Address: _____

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 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:

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