

## *PRESIDENT'S CORNER*

As I write this column, my first since the devastation of hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma, I find that I am haunted by the images of the people and communities so deeply affected. I also feel compelled to ask what SWS-South can do to help alleviate even a small measure of the suffering and disruption that will continue for months and surely years to come.

As a first step, I consulted with the officers and past presidents immediately after Katrina, and we decided to make a contribution of \$250 to the American Red Cross and \$250 to the Southern Sociological Society Katrina Recovery Fund. Please share your ideas for what we can and should do on the SWS-South listserv and if you are an SWSer in need of assistance, please let us know what we can do to help you.

I hope that all of you will come to the 2006 SSS meetings on March 22-25 as a show your support for our beloved New Orleans -- a place of many happy memories for many of us. Judith Blau's theme, Diaspora, has even greater meaning now, and I hope that SWS-South members will organize co-sponsored sessions on the gender dynamics of these disasters and teaching about disasters from a feminist sociological perspective. Angela Lewellyn Jones has worked hard to put together an excellent set of SWS-South co-sponsored sessions and a preliminary schedule of these sessions is included in this newsletter. If you have any questions about the preliminary schedule, you can contact Angela at [ajones5@elon.edu](mailto:ajones5@elon.edu). Additionally, the full preliminary program can be viewed at [http://www.msstate.edu/org/sss/o6meet/Publish/index\\_Page397.htm](http://www.msstate.edu/org/sss/o6meet/Publish/index_Page397.htm).

Now is the time to start saving/collecting items for the silent auction. As most of you know, every year SWS-South holds a fundraiser for the ASA Minority Scholarship Programs. I'll have more information for you in the next newsletter, but this year we are going to join forces with SSS on a mega silent auction fundraiser. A portion of the proceeds will go to the ASA Minority Scholarship, the ABS Hurricane Relief Fund for Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and the SSS Katrina Assistance Fund.

For those of you who are new to SWS-South, please don't hesitate to join a committee or volunteer to help with the auction. All you need to do is check the SWS-South website, and contact one of the officers or committee chairs. Also, don't be shy in nominating yourself or someone else for a position as an SWS-South officer or committee chair. We hold elections at our annual Business Meeting, held during the SSS Annual Meeting. Getting involved in SWS-South is a wonderful way not only to get some experience in running a professional organization, but also to serve the best regional SWS association!

And, speaking of nominations, if you would like to nominate someone for a position within the SSS, please contact SWS-South members Sue Hinze, who currently serve on the SSS Nominations Committee and Karen Campbell, who is Vice-President for SSS and chairs the Nominations Committee.

The same holds true for nominations for the SSS awards. These awards include the Katherine Jocher-Belle Boone Beard Award, the Charles S. Johnson Award, the Distinguished Teaching Award, the Distinguished Service Award, the Roll of Honor, and the Odum Student Paper Awards. Descriptions of these awards, including the nomination criteria, are on the SSS web site (<http://www.msstate.edu/org/ss/honors/>). If you would like to join the committee or if you would like to nominate someone for an SSSS award, please contact Rebecca Bach ([rbach@soc.duke.edu](mailto:rbach@soc.duke.edu)) and Tom Hood ([tomhood@utk.edu](mailto:tomhood@utk.edu)). Nominees need not be SWS-S members, but, of course, we would like to recognize their accomplishments, so if they are members, all the better.

I hope everyone had a happy holiday season and I look forward to seeing you in 2006.

*Idee Winfield, President*

## ***NOTE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR/TREASURER***

***Shannon N. Davis***

Greetings from Franklin Street! I hope everyone is well and that 2006 is off to a great start! As your Membership Chair/Treasurer I want to provide you with an update on our membership.

Let's start with the update. Thanks to the never-ending generosity of SWS-South members and other auction attendees, we donated \$711.50 to the SWS Minority Scholarship Fund! You should note this expense in the accompanying Midyear Treasurer's Report.

Now for the good news. Our current membership includes 43 members who have paid dues for the 2004-2005 year. Our membership reach is growing, as we have added new faculty and student members to our roster. In July I sent an email with a list of paid members for 2005-2006 and was subsequently bombarded with emails and mail. Thank you for your quick response! Thanks also to those of you who helped me update my records by reminding me that you paid at the auction.

Our membership list now includes 125 people, although only 43 are current on dues. How do you know whether your dues are current? One way is by looking on the mailing label of the upcoming newsletter. By your name is a two-digit number that corresponds to the last year for which you have paid dues. If the number is 05 (or 06) then your dues are current. The membership form is included in this newsletter and is also available online at our webpage (<http://www.irss.unc.edu/cathy/SWS-South/home.htm>). You may always contact me if you have questions regarding your membership status ([Shannon\\_Davis@unc.edu](mailto:Shannon_Davis@unc.edu)).

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT  
SWS-SOUTH  
MIDYEAR 2005**

<b>BALANCE 4/14/05</b>	<b>\$1843.64</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	
Dues and Contributions	\$500.00
Minority Scholarship Fund Contributions	\$711.50
Interest Earned on Savings Account	\$1.49
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1212.99</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
National Liaison Expenses (04-05)	\$470.04
Minority Scholarship Fund	\$711.50
Bank Expenses	\$3.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1184.54</b>
<b>BALANCE 8/15/05</b>	<b>\$1872.09</b>

Respectfully Submitted,

Shannon N. Davis  
Treasurer, SWS-South  
(8-24-05)

### ***Celebrations, Updates and Announcements***

In August , ***Maria Febbo-Hunt*** began her new position as an Assistant Professor in the Criminal Justice Department at Saint Augustine's College in Raleigh, NC. She is most happy to be returning to the academic community. ***Shelia Cotten*** began her new position as an Associate Professor at the University of Alabama at Birmingham in August 2006. ***Shelia Cotten and Bo Duncan*** welcomed their daughter ***Callen Reese Duncan*** into their family in November. Congratulations Shelia, Bo, and Callen!

The annual meetings will soon be here. I am sure everyone is looking forward to visiting New Orleans, seeing colleagues and participating in such an interesting program. To help you plan better, ***Angela Lewellyn Jones*** has kindly provided a preliminary schedule of the SWS-South co-sponsored sessions and events. The schedule is on page 4 of this newsletter. See you all in New Orleans!

**SWS-S Co-Sponsored Sessions & Events for the 2006 SSS Annual Meetings  
(Preliminary Schedule)**

**Thursday, March 23, 8:30 – 10am**

*Session 1:* Research Service Learning: Engaging Undergrads in Community-Based Research (in Pontalba Room)

*Session 2:* Sociology of the Body (in Beauregard Room)

**Thursday, March 23, 10:15 – 11:45am**

*Author-meets-critics, Session 16:*

Rape Work: Victims, Gender, and Emotions in Organization and Community Context / Author: Pat Yancey Martin (in Beauregard Room)

**Friday, March 24, 9:45 – 11:15am**

*Author-meets-critics, Session 61:*

Fighting for Time: Shifting Boundaries of Work & Social Life / Author: Cynthia Epstein (in Royal Room)

*Session 64:* Queer & Beyond: Shifting family forms in the 21st Century (in Cathedral Room)

**Friday, March 24, 3 – 4:30pm**

*Session 90:* Finding a Feminist Friendly Department: On the job search (in Gallier Room)

***Friday evening following the Presidential Address, which is from 4:45 – 6:00, the Silent Auction will be held (location TBA)***

***SWS-S Business meeting is Friday evening at 9pm (in the Royal Room)***

**Saturday, March 25, 9:45 – 11:30am**

*Session 114:* Still Searching for the 30-hour day: Institutional & Personal Challenges to Tenure-Track Parenting (in Bonnet Carre Room)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

If so, please fill out the form below and mail (with a recent CV) to:  
Pat Martin, Department of Sociology, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL 32306-2270

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

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

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

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