1997 WINTER MEETING IN CHARLESTON
SOLIDARITY THROUGH ADVERSITY; STRENGTH THROUGH DIVERSITY

Mary Zimmerman, President-Elect, and Idee Winfield, Winter Meeting Arrangements Chair

Charleston, South Carolina will be the location for the 1997 Winter Meeting, February 21-23. Pack your walking shoes and be sure to allow time to explore the beauty and history of this fascinating, 300-year-old coastal city. Our local host, Idee Winfield, has come up with a venue and arrangements that you will find delightful as well as economical. With generous support from Gender & Society, we are especially pleased to announce this year's pre-meeting workshop, focusing on the Gullah communities of the South Carolina and Georgia Sea Islands and the contributions of the African-American women who have lived in these communities. We hope to direct the inspiration we gain from celebrating the lives and struggles of our sisters in this region into continuing to build the advocacy work of SWS, and improving the lives of women in our own discipline, our own communities, and throughout the world. Welcome to Charleston!

Workshop and bus tour

Our meeting will begin on Friday, February 21 with a day-long workshop, "Gullah Communities of the Sea Islands: African-American Women and the Influence of African Culture." The morning session will include a featured presentation by Professor Josephine Beoku-Betts, Department of Sociology, University of Georgia, who has researched and written about women and the preservation of cultural identity among the Gullah (see her 1995 article "We Got Our Way of Cooking: Things: Women, Food, and Preservation of Cultural Identity Among the Gullah" Gender & Society Vol. 9, No. 5). The afternoon will be devoted to a bus tour, guided from an African-American perspective and focused on historic Charleston and John's Island, one of the Sea Islands. This fascinating trip will conclude with a late afternoon reception in one of Charleston's lovely historic homes, giving us a chance to discuss and reflect on what we have seen and heard throughout the day.

Charleston was one of the largest ports of entry for slaves brought from Africa. The contributions of Africans, both free and slave, are an integral part of Charleston's economic and cultural history. The Avery Research Center for African-American History and Culture houses archives relating to the history of the Sea Islands of South Carolina and Georgia, and the Gullah language and culture. Charleston has many attractions and points of interest. We encourage you to arrive early, stay late, or simply maximize the free hours we will have to learn more about this compelling city.

Meeting and registration

As is our custom, Saturday and Sunday, February 22-23, will be devoted to plenary and small group discussions of on-going SWS advocacy projects, social policy issues, professional development, and general business. There will also be a memorial session in honor of Jessie Bernard, led by Jean Lipman-Blumen. The annual banquet will be held Saturday evening. A registration form is printed in this issue of Network News, and will be sent along with more complete information in an individual mailing to all SWS members in November. Please note the registration deadline of January 15, 1997.

Hotel and meeting venue

The Quality Inn, Heart of Charleston, is the site for both the Workshop and Winter Meeting. The hotel is two blocks from the College of Charleston, and a 15-20 minute walk to the tip of the peninsula. The hotel will also provide transportation around the city to anyone who wishes. Information about room reservations and airport transportation to the hotel can be found on the registration form. Charleston's economy relies on tourism. It is a relatively expensive southern city, particularly the restaurants. We have negotiated excellent rates for rooms and your registration includes a continental breakfast. In the interest of keeping the Saturday evening banquet affordable for all who attend, a buffet (with plenty of veggies and salad) will be held on the campus of the College of Charleston. Your registration packet will include a guide to restaurants for those who want to explore "meatballs" and "traditional" lowcountry cuisine on other evenings.

Preliminary Schedule

Thursday, February 20: Registration 6:00-8:00 p.m., Quality Inn. Informal dinners. Meet by the registration desk at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00 or 7:30 to find other SWSers interested in dinner.

Friday, February 21: Workshop, 9am-4pm, "Gullah Communities of the Sea Islands: African-American Women and the Influence of African Culture."
Morning session: Verna Keith, Arizona State University, presiding
8:00 Registration and continental breakfast
9:00 Film and history presentation
10:15 Break
10:30 Keynote speaker, Josephine Beoku-Betts, University of Georgia
Afternoon session
12:00 Bus tour and Box lunch (to order, see registration form)
4:00 Return

5:00 Reception
6:30 Free evening (informal dinners will be organized by veteran SWSers). Meet in the registration area at 7:00.

Saturday, February 22
8:00 Registration and continental breakfast
9:00 Business meeting
11:00 Lunch break
1:30 Social issues/Social policy
3:30 Professional development
4:30 Free time
6:30 Banquet
Sunday, February 23
8:00 Continental breakfast
9:00 Jessie Bernard Memorial, Jean Lipman-Blumen, presiding
10:00 Business meeting
12:30 Adjournment
Lunch break
2:00 Committee meetings (at the discretion of committee chairs)

Please send your reservation form now! You'll save money and assure yourself a place in the Gullah communities workshop. No workshop reservations can be accepted after January 15th. Questions regarding local arrangements should be directed to Idee Winfield, College of Charleston (803) 953-4899, winfield@cofc.edu. Other questions and suggestions should be directed to Mary Zimmerman, University of Kansas, (913) 864-3258, mzimmerman@ks.pharm.ukans.edu

Reimbursement Schedule for Winter Meeting

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Regular</th>
<th>Single</th>
<th>Cost-share</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>income</td>
<td>income</td>
<td>over</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Under 15K</td>
<td>Under 20K</td>
<td>$ 75</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Under 20K</td>
<td>Under 30K</td>
<td>$100</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Under 30K</td>
<td>Under 40K</td>
<td>$125</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Under 60K</td>
<td>Over 60K</td>
<td>$150</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Over 50K</td>
<td>Over 60K</td>
<td>$200</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

SWS will reimburse members who attend the Winter meeting for their major transportation expenditures over and above the amount listed in the "cost-share" column and up to a maximum of $300. The only exception is for officers and committee chairs, who are reimbursed for travel amounts over $150 regardless of income or circumstances.

Registration form on page 19.
In my last column, I talked about mentoring relationships between senior and junior sociologists. In her published response to that column, Deb Henderson mentioned that mentoring can take many other, less hierarchical forms. I’d like to continue that thought in this column.

As feminist sociologists, whether we are male or female, one of our most basic tasks is to learn how to support each other. Unfortunately, all too often, graduate school trains us only to compete. Thus before we can move on to the business of supporting each other, we must first unlearn deeply engrained habits of self-protection — learning to both expose our weaknesses and to help others build their strengths. To do so requires that we take risks that, depending on one’s circumstances, may not be worth taking. Fortunately, it is relatively easy to at least test out this process and learn whether it is safe to do so.

One simple example: there’s little to lose in telling someone that they’ve done a good job — and you certainly don’t need to be a full professor to do so. Every once in a while I get a note or e-mail from someone who has really liked or been affected by something I’ve published. Nothing else can “make my day.” In quite the same way, I don’t know any academics who have fan clubs, and few of us write books that make it to best-seller lists, articles that are read beyond a fairly narrow pool of specialists, or policy reports that have a clear impact on policy.

Learning that something you wrote had an impact on someone is as good as it gets for a sociologist. I try to make it a habit of writing one or two such notes each year.

Trying to help during the research and writing process is a bit more difficult, and a bit more risky. Yet help received at that stage can be crucial, for research and, especially, writing is a painfully lonely job. Asking a colleague how their research is going is a good first step, especially if you can make it seem like more than just a pro forma gesture. It’s even better if you volunteer to look at a draft manuscript without waiting until you are asked to do so. Then invest the time it takes to review the manuscript seriously, and have the courage to give the writer a truly constructive critique. (You don’t have to be an expert in someone else’s field in order to give a useful critique. My standard advice to authors is to have their manuscripts read both by people within their field and far outside their field.)

If your “experiment” in social support works, you will have gained as well as your colleague, for you can now assume that your colleague will return the favor when you need something critiqued. Even better, you will now have the nucleus for a writing group. See if you can start a group that will trade papers regularly with each other. Create a ritual to celebrate any accomplishments by any member of the group. Initially those accomplishments might include simply having the courage to submit an article. Share your failures, too. I’ve been told by more than one student that one of the most useful things about the course I teach on writing is the opportunity to see some of the horrible rejection letters I’ve received on manuscripts that eventually were published.

The same strategy can help us support each other in our teaching. Try talking to each other about what goes wrong in your classes and about what doesn’t work. You’ll be surprised at what you can learn. This semester, for example, I decided for the first time to try an exercise designed to introduce students to each other and make them feel comfortable with each other. Frankly, this is the sort of stuff that I typically dismiss as “touchy-feely” excess. Nevertheless, I decided to try it based on observations with colleagues. In my typical, “anything but touchy-feely” way, I tried the strategy a month later, having the students write me a paragraph explaining how it all had affected them, and telling me whether they thought I should use it in the future. Much to my surprise, the exercise was a smashing success: every one of the students rated it very useful. Believe me, I would never have tried this without encouragement from my colleagues.

As important as supporting each other in work matters is supporting each other in other aspects of our lives. Unfortunately, in many work settings, having a family life (as opposed to merely having a family) is still seen as evidence that one is not truly serious about one’s work. In these circumstances, asking someone how their spouse or kids are doing and taking the time to listen can be a real kindness, for doing so helps to validate that aspect of your colleague’s life. (Conversely, I’ll never forget the professor who, when I told her that I had decided to put off finishing my dissertation for a year, responded with “Why? Is something the matter...? Wait! Don’t answer that question!” She then proceeded as if she had, indeed, never asked it. Sure taught me that I needed to keep my professional and personal life separate and that it was purely a sign of weakness if my personal life had any effect on my professional life.)

Finally, use your networks for each other. If someone you know is writing a book, and someone else you know has published one, get them in touch with each other. If someone you know is researching women and AIDS, and someone else is considering doing so, ditto. If someone you know is considering applying to a certain institution, and someone else you know already works there, ditto again. And if you’re the someone else who is contacted, be honest in your description of the publisher, the field, the institution.

Every strategy I’ve mentioned here involves taking a risk — either through exposing your weaknesses, investing in another, or both. These risks are well worth it, however, for none of us can succeed on our own, while together we’ve got a fighting chance.

Rose Weitz
Department of Sociology
Arizona State University
ROSE.WEITZ@ASU.EDU
Call For Nominations—1998 SWS Feminist Lecturer

Sociologists for Women in Society and The Feminist Lectureship Committee are soliciting nominations for the 1998 feminist lecturer. The feminist lectureship was established by SWS to provide a forum for feminist scholarship on college campuses that are isolated or non-metropolitan. Each year a prominent feminist sociologist is selected to deliver a lecture to two such campuses as well as the SWS midyear meeting. The committee is looking for an SWS member who is both a feminist scholar and someone who has made a commitment to feminist social change. Most recent lecturers include: Verta Taylor (97); Ronnie J. Steinberg (96); Rose Brewer (95); Mady Wechsler Segal (94); Myra Marx Ferree (93); Judith Lorber (92).

Send your nominations with documentation about the candidate's contributions to scholarship and feminist social change, no later than January 22, 1997 to Karen Porter, Division of Social Sciences, Saxon Drive, Alfred University, Alfred, NY 14802. Individuals may nominate themselves, but need to include a letter of recommendation. The committee will review candidates at the SWS midyear meeting in February and announce the selection at the banquet. Direct any questions to fporter@bigxav.alfred.edu, but please do not send nominations by e-mail.

Thank You.
Karen Porter
Chair, Feminist Lectureship Committee

SWS Pittsburgh Chapter Formed

In January, Lisa Brush, Kim Pearson and Pat Ulbrich invited sociologists and graduate students to meet informally and to consider forming an SWS chapter in Pittsburgh. Those attending a potluck dinner at Pat's house agreed to meet regularly for six months and then to assess the level of interest in forming a chapter. Lisa created an e-mail distribution list for routine communication among an ever expanding list of potential members. Fifteen women attended one or more monthly meetings to network, discuss research, and learn about the new scholarship on race, gender and class.

In August, twelve women responded to a questionnaire and gave their preferences for content and structure of meetings. All reported they were willing to become dues paying members of an SWS chapter. They expressed interest in discussing mentoring, pedagogy, job market and research issues. Women attending the August meeting voted to form a chapter, elected a steering committee and agreed to meet bi-monthly. Charter members include full-time faculty, adjunct faculty, consultants, research associates and graduate students. Members of the steering committee are: Lisa Brush, Carrie Kaufmann, Marilyn Sullivan-Cosetti and Pat Ulbrich.

Call for Applications and Nominations SWS Network News Editor

The publication committee is seeking applications and nominations for the position of editor of Network News. The editor is responsible for soliciting and compiling all incoming articles and information for four issues of the newsletter, published seasonally (fall, winter, spring, and summer). The committee is for three years. Desirable resources and skills include: familiarity with the SWS e-mail discussion list; access to computer programs for typesetting newsletter text; student assistance; and access to printing facilities and support. For more information on the requirements of the position, contact the current editor, Kathy Feltey, at 330-972-6877 or e-mail kfeltey@uakron.edu. The position begins with the Fall issue 1997.

Send a vita and letter of intent to Susan Farrell, Chair, SWS Publications Committee, Behavioral Sciences, Kingsborough Community College, 2001 Oriental Blvd., Brooklyn, NY 11235.

1996 Feminist Activism Award Winners Announced at New York City Banquet

Mary Zimmerman, 1996 Feminist Activism Award Committee Chair

The recipients of the Pauline B. Bart SWS Feminist Activism Award for 1996 were announced at the SWS banquet in August in New York City. This year's award committee consisted of Mary Zimmerman and Joey Sprague, University of Kansas, and Mary Romero, Arizona State University. Two separate awards were given, one to Carla Howery, staff member at the American Sociological Association, and the other to a group of three colleagues from the Department of Sociology at Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago, Barbara Scott, Susan Stah and Martha Thompson.

The Activism Award, named in honor of its first recipient, is presented annually to an SWS member who has notably and consistently used sociology to better conditions for women in society. The award honors outstanding feminist advocacy efforts that embody the goal of service to women and that have identifiably improved women's lives, especially the work of local activists who otherwise might not receive national recognition. Recipients are noted for their activist contributions rather than as a function of employment status or academic achievements. The intent of the Activism Award is well represented by this year's recipients:

Carla Howery

Carla is a long-time ASA staff member who has advocated for women quietly and effectively from her ASA position, making an impact within the profession as well as throughout the Washington, D.C. community and beyond. There have been few feminist controversies, marches and gatherings in Washington that have escaped Carla's input, at the very least disseminating information or carrying the SWS banner. Following graduate school in Sociology at the University of Minnesota, Carla taught for several years before joining ASA. During her years at ASA, she has gone beyond job requirements, working continuously on behalf of women sociologists, sociologists of color and those with less organizational clout, encouraging them to develop themselves professionally, to improve their teaching, to apply for fellowships and internships, and to make constructive use of the media. Especially in the case of women, she has encouraged and developed strategies to bring academic expertise to bear on questions of public policy. Carla's activism extended into SWS where she is perhaps best remembered for her tenure as SWS President when she organized the winter meeting into a social policy working conference.

continued on page 4
The result, according to one of Carl's nomination letters, "was a rejuvenation of the organization and a renewed emphasis on policy-relevant action which...was good for the organization, good for its members and good for women."

The three women who received the second award exemplify the power of collective advocacy in the best spirit of feminism. They all teach sociology and women's studies at Northwestern University, a state university with a predominately female student body, highly diversified by age, class, ethnicity, race, religion, political perspective and literacy skills. They write: "Like many feminist sociologists, we are challenged by encouraging the development of a sociological consciousness in a social climate where people have retreated from social activism and social movements are not highly visible."

Barbara Scott
Barbara, a long-time political activist in the Chicago area and an advocate for African-American women and their families, completed her PhD in Sociology at Northwestern University. Her activities speak for themselves: she was a founding member of SUPAC, the only all Black, female, national PAC in the country; a founding member of the National Association of African American Women in Colleges and Universities; a former Chairperson of the First Congressional District Women's Task Force; a long-time union activist, Vice President of her union chapter for many years, and in 1990 was one of the Women of Color who walked out of the National Women's Studies Association in Akron, Ohio in protest over white women's racism in that organization. Her teaching, research and numerous publications on African-American women, higher education, and institutional and individual racism in white women's organizations also reflect her activism. Barbara aims to instill in her students the researcher's responsibility to those communities that sociologists study. Getting students into the community does not always mean fulfilling only the needs of the researcher. Class projects may also meet community needs - for example, a needs assessment, a feasibility study, an analysis of social change strategy. Martha Thompson notes that "skits done in Barbara's classes are a highlight in our department. These student-produced skits provide an opportunity for students to reveal artistic, musical and dramatic talents, as well as their rich and varied cultural backgrounds."

Susan Stall
Susan Stall, like Barbara Scott, blends her academic role in Sociology and Women's Studies with intensive community activism. Susan has been a consultant to a number of projects in Chicago, including Women United for a Better Chicago (Women in Organizing project); Native American Education Services Women's Leadership Development Project; Women's Leadership Development Initiative (Chicago Women's Foundation); Chicago Housing Authority Residents Taking Action (CHARTA); and to conferences, including "Women and Public Housing: Hidden Strength, Unclaimed Power" and "Women and Safe Shelter: Creating and Recruiting Community." Both before and after receiving her PhD in Sociology from Iowa State University. Susan lectured and published on women organizing and becoming empowered around issues in public housing. She currently is involved in a participatory research project on women's activism at a low-rise, family housing development in Chicago, focusing on a core group of African-American women activists who have been engaged in community-based change efforts since the early 1950s. The names of two of Susan's classes reveal the linkage between community activism and her classroom: 1) Community Action and Resistance and 2) Women, Family, and Community: Redesigning the American Dream. In both courses, Susan takes students on organized field trips through which she exposes undergraduates to a variety of social change efforts and to potential career opportunities. She not only tries to raise consciousness, but also to offer concrete activist responses.

Martha Thompson
Martha Thompson has been living and teaching feminist principles and social activism since receiving her PhD from the University of Iowa in 1977 (her dissertation was titled 'Power and Sex in Coalition Negotiations and Decision-making'). She has been one of Midwest SWS's most active members, an editor of *Midwest Feminist Papers*, and an advocate for women within the Midwest Sociological Society, organizing the first MSS status of women report, strongly supporting MSS-funded child care, and organizing many sessions on women. In Martha's classroom, students learn to connect their academic work to their communities. For a 24-hour telecourse program Martha developed called, "Women and Social Action," currently distributed nationally by PBS Adult Learning Satellite Services, Martha interviewed over 75 community activists in the greater Chicago area. The series won an NUEA Excellence Award for Teleclass and Study Guide. Martha's research focuses on "practical issues of direct relevance to groups and communities to which I belong." After being asked to leave a restaurant because she was breast-feeding her daughter, Martha conducted a survey of restaurant policies on breast-feeding and smoking. With the help of Carla Howery at ASA, the study results received media attention, contributing to greater public awareness of breast-feeding issues. Martha also coordinated a study to expose phony abortion clinics. Testers were sent in to find out which were places where women could receive abortion counseling and which were bogus. Martha also is a highly skilled self-defense instructor. Currently, she is investigating the long-term effects on self-defense training on women's self-confidence.

Volunteers are needed to help with the SWS August meeting with ASA in Toronto. We need people to cooperate with our few, overworked SWS members and friends in Toronto to handle local arrangements and to organize the program. Those interested in helping out can contact Mary Zimmerman by (phone) 913-384-3258, (fax) 383-8502, or (e-mail) mzimmerman@rx.pharm.ukans.edu.
Jessie Bernard was a magnanimous woman, courageously noble in mind and heart. Her entire life, both professional and personal, was characterized by a willingness to break new ground, but to do so in ways that showed others a path they could follow fearlessly. Jessie repeatedly broke the mold, the mold of family tradition, of religious upbringing, of traditional marriage and motherhood, of academic constraints, as well as the mold of outworn sociological paradigms. In so doing, she cleared the path for her own generation and the generations to follow.

Jessie brought new light and unpretentious warmth and wit to her work and to her relationships. Intellectually, professionally, and emotionally, Jessie sheltered and nurtured younger feminists who sought her help or simply came within her angle of vision. She was mother, sister, mentor, friend, advisor, teacher, and role model to so many of us. She had the extraordinary gift of appreciating and accepting others vastly different from herself. She was endowed with a joyous and limitless capacity to strengthen people with the emotional vitamins of her confidence in their abilities and talents. Jessie could also expend this largesse without sparking sibling rivalry among the legion of feminists who became part of her sociological family.

Despite her enthusiastic acceptance of colleagues, Jessie was a strict task master for the many researchers, academics, activists, and policy makers who entered her orbit. Always imbued with a profound sociological curiosity and a dedication to writing, Jessie insisted that others, too, attend daily to their work, observe and analyze, ponder the results, and apply them to policy. And, she implored, never, never, never leave women out of the analysis!

The theme of amiable, but unyielding, rebellion appears throughout Bernard's personal and intellectual history. The rebellion was waged against the expectations that family and society pressed upon a female born shortly after the turn of the century, who lived through two world wars and the subsequent social upheavals that marked the second half of the twentieth century. Intellectually, she resisted and finally defected from several reigning sociological paradigms.

Bernard's prodigious oeuvre included 15 solo books, 6 co-authored volumes, 2 edited volumes, 43 chapters in other books, 78 journal articles, and 14 introductions, forewords, or afterwords.

In addressing the question of discrimination ahead of the tide, Academic Women presaged Bernard's later attempts to identify and deal with other significant social issues—abortion, battered women, child abuse, the culture of poverty, female-headed families and sexism—before they had become the incendiary social questions of the day. Among her most influential works, both despite and because of the feminist criticism leveled against it, Academic Women scrutinized the factors, both formal and informal, that accounted for women's subordinate role in academia, before concluding that sex was more salient than role as a status determinant.

From 1964, until her death on October 6, 1996, Washington, DC was Bernard's residential base. During those years, she attended her first feminist consciousness raising group, helped to found both Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS) and its DC chapter, and eagerly responded to calls for intellectual and institutional help from feminists all over the world. Bernard was actively sought as a keynote speaker at academic, professional, and policy meetings in the US and abroad, and she spoke and traveled extensively until her mid-eighties.

Bernard served as president of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, the Eastern Sociological Association, and the District of Columbia Sociological Association, and as vice president of the American Sociological Association. Jessie ardently supported many other organizations by accepting membership on their boards. Nonetheless, Jessie's strong predilection was to exchange formal organizational leadership roles, including the presidency of the American Sociological Association.

The recognition of Bernard's work as a major contribution to the discipline has been virtually non-stop for the past quarter of a century. Characteristically, Jessie often humorously dismissed these accolades by quipping, "It is only when one is no longer venerable that one is seen as venerable." Bernard received numerous awards, among them honorary doctorates from Hood College, Northwestern University, Washington University, Radcliffe College, Syracuse University, George Washington University, Lindenwood College, and Trinity College; the Kurt Lewin award from the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues; the first Emeriti award presented by Pennsylvania State University; the outstanding achievement award from the American Association of University Women; the Stuart A. Rice merit award from the District of Columbia Sociological Association, as well as the merit award of the Eastern Sociological Society; and the Burgess award from the National Council of Family Relations. Both Washington University and the University of Minnesota named her a Distinguished Alumna. Bernard was elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma XI, Alpha Kappa Delta, Pi Gamma Mu, and Phi Kappa Phi.

To honor Jessie's enormous influence on the study of gender, in 1977 the American Sociological Association established the Jessie Bernard Award, now given annually for the best research on gender. The Center for Women Policy Studies created the Jessie Bernard Wise Woman Award to honor those women who had made a difference in other women's lives: Thinkers, theorists, and activists, who embodied Jessie's concept of the feminist enlightenment.

That Jessie Bernard no longer walks among us diminishes the erudition, the quest for knowledge, the intellectual generosity, the civility, the acceptance of others, the gentle humor, the joyousness, and the unpretentiousness of our world. She lives, nonetheless, in the hearts and works of feminists everywhere. She was the feminist enlightenment.

Jean Lipman-Blumen
The Claremont Graduate School
October 21, 1996

What a juxtaposition! I was preparing to write that SWS not only played a role in the careers of women in the ASA but that one of the things that made that possible was the change in what was acceptable subject matter. Gender as a sociological topic was almost nonexistent prior to the insistence of SWS. In part it was the movement of the topic into the discipline that allowed women to move into the mainstream of the ASA. With that on my mind came the sad news of Jessie's death. It was Jessie who helped hold the strands of SWS together until we could gain confidence in our organization and our mission. It was Jessie that was the original role model for many of us. I have missed her these many years of her illness, I will grieve for her for a long time to come.

In sorrow, Betty Franklin Kirschner
continued on page 6
I wanted to add my voice...
Like all of you, I have been very much saddened by Jesse’s death, and have been thinking of her a lot. I remember so clearly in 1981 when she visited the fledgling women’s studies program several of us had started at the University of Minnesota in Duluth. Jessie had gone non-stop for two days, giving a major lecture and meeting with a number of smaller groups on campus. Finally, late in the afternoon of her second day, she was scheduled to meet with a group of women undergraduates. Jessie sat on a bench in the center of the room with the students sitting on the floor all around her. One student, very intense, asked Jessie why she and her friends should continue their feminist struggle when nothing seemed to change except that they became angrier and angrier. Jessie told them to be patient, that societies did change, recalling how she as a school girl in Minneapolis campaigned and protested for women’s right to vote. You can’t imagine how quiet that room became at the thought that here in their presence was a woman who was a feminist before women could vote. We felt both awe and inspiration at the scope of history and feminist experience represented by this incredible woman sitting in our midst.

Mary Zimmerman
University of Kansas

“I REMEMBER JESSIE TOO”

I remember Jessie...
Her manner, her gentleness, her stamina, her probing questions, her thoughtfulness, her advice, her friendship...

It was 1972 — so long ago it seems — yet so near in my memory.

I remember when the ASA met in New Orleans and women sociologists “sat in” the restaurant bar below. Jessie was with them... Many of us in SWS watched from an upper floor window. The police were called in. The first thought was — “Surely, they won’t arrest Jessie!” She was a central figure in our concern and she “survived” — with our other friends — the innovative and spontaneous “sit in.” ASA itself was on the threshold of change — Jessie’s “fourth revolution.”

Just as I was entering a new job with the ASA, the award honoring her was created. The discipline and the profession were being transformed. Jessie had already experienced major changes — the drift of the profession from the Chicago School and the emergence of the Society for the Study of Social Problems. I remember when she began the monumental project — “The Female World” published in 1982 — at a time when most who had long retired had settled into alternatives... We talked on the phone during this period. I had some ideas, but I listened to Jessie. Even on “race matters,” I listened to Jessie.

I remember the many dinners and rich conversations that I had with her, Muriel Cantor, and Jean Lipman-Blumen at the American Cafe and elsewhere in Washington, D.C. when I worked for the ASA. There was never a dull moment; it was rewarding to join Jessie, Muriel and Jean to critique the state of Sociology, explore world matters, debate the changing “face” of the profession and much more. Once, I casually recall Muriel questioning so eloquently whether there was truly a “feminist methodology” and the fascinating dialogue between her and Jessie. Muriel would phone me after our dinners, still pursuing a topic, a theme, an idea. We continued meeting for dinner long after Jean had left for California.

Jessie, Muriel and I missed her and the fascinating Salon that she created.

When Jessie made a point, she was consistent and persistent. I learned so much — more than any words can convey. We were all friends and supporters of one another. For me, there was something extraordinarily unique about that experience. There were no external constraints on our friendship. There was profound trust and mutual respect. Gifts... I remember Jessie in Boston, Philadelphia and in so many places at the ESS meetings taking early morning walks — long before anyone else was up — except perhaps Beth and I.

Sometimes, on the cold mornings in March I worried about her out so early walking around the block. But, she and Beth would soon join me for what Beth termed “Doris’ feast” — a Southern style breakfast — usually the one meal that I might have on some days. Jessie would return from those walks, invigorated, join me and Beth who always seemed to manage to find the New York Times.

I remember the many times Muriel would give both of us a ride to our homes. I can see Jessie now walking into her apartment on Cathedral Avenue — Embassy Row nearby — quietly, steadily.

My last days at the ASA have lingered in my memory. Many SWS friends with Esther Choe, Muriel and others held a celebration for me and a birthday celebration for Jessie on the same day. We were both launching “new beginnings.” What an honor — to be able to celebrate a “beginning” with Jessie!

And, I remember when Jessie’s dear friend — Jean — asked many of us on the SWS network not long ago to phone Jesse, to talk with her. I shall always remember this request... True friendship.

I remember Jesse, too, and, as with Muriel, I shall always be thankful for their friendship and for those moments — rare gifts — when I had a chance to listen to their wisdom and learn from their extraordinary insights.

Doris Wilkinson
October 11, 1996

Jesse was an inspiration and mentor to all of us. I particularly remember when we honored her at the NY chapter of SWS before the big award was established. Beth Hess and I organized it. Jessie talked about her family, and during the question period she said at one point, in her modest way, that we cannot take her as a role model, because she got entree through her husband, Luther Bernard. I also remember once during an ASA meeting, when four or five of us had coffee or lunch or something with Jessie; after we made small talk for a few minutes, Jesse interrupted with “Have you been too any interesting sessions, what did you hear? putting us back on track. There are many other memories, encouragements, comments; she was an inspiration for all of us! I join all of you in missing Jesse Bernard.

Hannah Wartenberg

I’d like to add some personal recollections to the stream of appreciations for Jessie Bernard. So many of us benefited from her generosity mentorship. In addition to being kind, she was so individual. She was ahead of her time: I remember hearing her propose matter-of-factly that we require questions on gender to be part of the qualifying exams for all sociologists. It seemed both sensible and doable.

I remember when she got word, at some conference we were attending, that Radcliffe was awarding her an honorary degree — the first of many, I think. She was literally tickled pink.

And I remember when she stopped dying her hair.

I remember how much she enjoyed her 80th birthday at ASA with SWS.

And I have a continual reminder, when I use her book of letters to her family in teaching about personal documents and life history, that she was courageous enough to let us, her professional public and peers, see her in a less than flattering light. As in so many aspects of professional and personal life, Jessie modelled how to be a sociological subject.

Sharing how we remember her is part of Jessie’s legacy.

Judy Long

I never met Jesse Bernard, but knew some of her work, and was always impressed with the way younger generations of feminist sociologists cited her as a scholarly and personal inspiration. When I started receiving the SWS list messages on e-mail, I forwarded many of them to the students in my sex and gender graduate seminar. This led to a discussion in class about Jesse Bernard (some had heard of her, some had not).

One of the things we discussed was how easy it is for important pathbreaking thinkers to be "lost" in the literature. We traced (very unsystematically) some books on "women, work and occupations" from the 1970's, and then from the 1980's and 1990's, and noticed that Jesse Bernard's work is consistently cited and noted in the 1970's literature, but then is rarely discussed (and often not even cited) in the 1980's and 1990's.

continued on page 8
In memory of Jessie, I'd like to share with you my comments in Nov. 1990 (Seattle) at an NCFR fundraising session to benefit the Jessie Bernard Endowment Fund. As moderator, I introduced three speakers: Helena Lopata, Matilda White Riley, and then Jessie Bernard. Here was my introduction for Jessie: 

We move on now to the person for whom this endowment fund we are celebrating is named: JESSIE BERNARD.

I have known Jessie for over two decades. I've read much of her work, and we've often socialized together at meetings and feminists functions in Washington, where we both live.

But I must tell you that I didn't realize how much I did not know about Jessie until I read two of her most personal writings, in preparation for this session: One her published book: Self Portrait of a Family, which includes her letters over the years with her three children; and second, an unpublished autobiography she wrote on the occasion of her 80th birthday. I am grateful to Linda Thompson for sending me this manuscript.

Jessie was born in 1903 and went to school in Minnesota. Her high school teachers were suffragists. She attended the University of Minnesota at the age of 17.

She married at age 22 (in 1925), to L.L. Bernard, a distinguished sociologist 21 years her senior. It was her husband, who writes, who insisted she get a doctoral degree.

Although married at 22, Jessie voluntarily postponed having children until age 38. Her second child was born soon after, and she had her third child at age 46! Her husband died when her third child was just an infant — and Jessie has been a single mother ever since.

Jessie says in her autobiography that to detail an academic career according to degrees earned, places taught, books and papers published — as our c.v.'s all do — quote: "implies an image of a life pattern that views human beings as well programmed automatons."

So, I am not going to do this for Jessie. Instead, I want to make a few personal things she reveals in her autobiography that she may neglect to say in her remarks.

Jessie identifies herself very strongly as a writer as well as sociologist. Indeed, she was a published author in the third grade, when an article of hers appeared in the Minneapolis Journal. Around that time she also wrote a novel, about a spoiled little girl named Acis — although apparently not published. As an adult, however, she did publish a novel — along with the many sociological books we are all familiar with.

It is revealing of Jessie's early concerns with women's issues to consider some of the titles of her papers in the early 1930s:

1. "Why I Should Have No Children"
2. "The Growing Up and Old of Women" AND
3. "The Passing of Great Sex and Are Men Necessary" — which was a satire.

Although her perspective then was not always feminist in today's terms — her interest in these topics certainly was unusual for the time. Consider these quotes:

"It was not love of money that was the root of all evil; it was 'the survival of the male sex in a world which no longer needs it, which causes all the trouble.'"

By trouble, she was referring to war, crime & poverty.

Jessie left her academic position at Penn State in the 1960s — moving to Washington, D.C. — but she never left the typewriter. At the age of 80 she said she was, like Lilian Hellman, "still an unfinished woman." We are all very glad of that, as we continue to listen and learn from her.

I am delighted to call upon Jessie Bernard — a woman we are all very proud to know and honor.

Harriet Presser

The Memorial meeting for Jessie Bernard which I attended gave me a whole hour of mediation reminiscent of my past experience with Jessie. Jessie is one of my role models who has had a great impact on the early stage of my career when I joined AU as a junior faculty member in early 1970s. It was through Jean Lipman's relentless effort to organize the Salon at her house that I was integrated into the feminist network in the Capital area and that I got an opportunity to meet Jessie. For that, I am grateful to Jean's generosity and kindness as a sociologist colleague. On my book shelf, I have a picture of Jessie, Jean, Muriel, and I. Now, two of them were gone!

Jessie is inspirational as a feminist scholar and as a friend. She often walked to AU campus and library from her apartment. Whenever we needed her to give talks in our classes and at the meetings of SWS and the D.C. Sociological Society, she always agreed to share her intellectual thinking and new ideas with us. Since English is not my native tongue, I discussed with Jessie many times how she became such a prolific writer. She said, "Just keep on writing everyday." I did and I still do. She was the product of her historical times. Her legacy must be continued. Jessie will be remembered by many.

In the pamphlet (from Jessie's memorial service), here are Jessie's words:

(....) for all intents and purposes, I was reared in the nineteenth century, that I was enveloped in its optimism, its belief in progress, its can-do mind-set, and it's unquestioning belief in science and scientists, it's confidence in human ability to solve societal problems, it's innocence.

I am a born writer.

I was doomed to a life at the typewriter — even worse, a compulsory life at the typewriter. And the words were not literature but sociology.

It was, of course, a long time before I recognized why sociology was so fascinating to me, how much history I was myself a product of and participant in. I had lived all my life in the swirls and eddies of numerous historical currents.

It is not surprising to me now that a young woman with a background like mine would, with little encouragement, become a sociologist.

Although a dedicated sociologist, I proved to be an undisciplined one. I did not take easily to the restriction of discipline boundaries. Outside of my discipline I have enjoyed community with psychologists, historians, anthropologists, home economists, even — at some remove — mathematicians. Only good sense and a sense of humor have saved me from being reduced to a cult figure, for which I am grateful.

Esther Chow

Marie Withers Osmond

July 31, 1930-July 22, 1996

Marie Osmond, a member of the sociology department at Florida State University from 1973 to 1996, was a sociologist of the family. She loved students and teaching, enjoyed "doing sociology," and was interested in nearly everything.

Marie was the first woman to receive tenure in sociology at FSU. She served as Director of the FSU Intervisional Program in Marriage and the Family from 1983 to 1990. The National Council on Family Relations gave her its student award for excellence in 1971 and she received the University Developing Scholar Award at Florida State in 1980. Over the course of her career in sociology, she remained active in the National Council on Family Relations (NCFR), American Sociological Association (ASA), Southern Sociological Society, Society for the Study of Social Problems, and Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS) and was one of the founding members of SWS-South. Marie held elective positions in NCFR, the Family and Sex and Gender Sections of the American Sociological Association, SWS national and regional and the...
Southern Sociological Society. Marie served as Secretary of SWS-national between 1984 and 1986 and as Advisory Editor for Gender & Society from 1986 to 1991. She attended SWS Midyear several times and participated regularly in local SWS meetings. She had great affection for SWS, placing great value on the friendship and support she received from other SWSers. Marie supported the Women’s Studies Program at Florida State, regularly teaching courses and serving on its advisory board and offering students from many programs and disciplines the benefit of sociological insights on gender. The encouragement she received from Jesse Bernard as someone who also came to sociology later than is normative was a source of inspiration throughout her career.

Marie had a strong interest in social theory. She worked to challenge structural-functionalist visions of the family by bringing critical and feminist perspectives into the study of families, and her 1987 essay, “Toward a Radical-Critical Theory of Marriage and the Family,” has been widely cited. She loved ideas and was skilled in digging to the core assumptions of sociological arguments and illuminating them from new directions, as in her writing on gender hierarchy and inequality in family relations. Over time, her interests in family, relationships, and health converged. After a visit to Cuba in 1988 she began to study women and gender relations in lesser developed nations and wrote several research papers on women in Cuba. Recently, she became interested in women with Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), especially in relation to race/ethnicity and class, and she was working on a study of 800 undergraduates relative to sex and AIDS at the time of her death. She was writing a book length manuscript on gender and intimacy with a goal of, as she phrased it, reconceptualizing love.

Marie directed the dissertation research of many graduate students in sociology and in the Interdivisional Program in Marriage and the Family. The graduate students remark on her warm support and unwavering confidence in their abilities. She received teaching excellence awards from the FSU Sociology Department in 1985 and Florida State Liberal Studies Honors Program in 1995. She taught comparative family courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels and in the last decade of teaching, organized her classes in accord with feminist principles that sought to assure fair access to speaking time, consensus decision-making, and open discussion of controversial issues.

Having a zany sense of humor, Marie loved to laugh readily and often. She saw the ridiculous in the mundane and ordinary and was not afraid to buck the crowd. For example, she loved bad boys such as James Dean, Elvis Presley, and Mohammed Ali long before doing so was popular and she took delight in sharing a name with the popular singer from the “Osmond Family” although she could not, she readily admitted, carry a tune. She drove a 1961 Austin Healy Sprite for nearly 20 years, racing it as an amateur at one point. She had twin sons in 1964 and is survived by one of them, Robert Withers Osmond. Robert and a close friend of Marie’s scattered her ashes “off the third sandbox on St. George Island (Florida)” where, some years earlier, she had encountered a friendly school of dolphins. They scattered them on what would have been her birthday, had she lived nine more days.

Marie was such a private person that many of her colleagues and students were hardly aware that pancreatic cancer was threatening her life in the months prior to her death. Her precipitous death left those who worked with her struggling to accept it. Marie faced her death with courage and dignity. Several weeks before her death, she said she was at peace with her situation; she did not want to die but she was not afraid or resentful. Marie Withers Osmond will be deeply missed as a colleague, teacher, adviser, scholar, and friend.

**Correction: The three-part series on “Surviving as a Feminist in Academe” was jointly written by Joan Z. Spade, Joey Sprague, and Lori Sudderth, as well as the many women who joined in the workshops at the 1996 Winter meeting in Seattle.**

**In The Media**

I’ve seen three wonderful films recently that I can’t resist telling you all about: First Wives Club, The Associate, and Celestial Clockwork. The First Wives Club you’ve probably heard about already — Goldie Hawn, Bette Midler, and Diane Keaton are “first wives” dumped by their rich husbands for younger women. It’s very funny and very satisfying. The Associate stars Whoopie Goldberg and is similarly satisfying — a truly feminist parable and also hilariously funny in places. Finally, Celestial Clockwork is essentially a fairy tale about a Venezuelan woman who leaves her bridegroom at the altar in Caracas and flies away to Paris to become an opera singer. The music is wonderful, the star actress is luminous, the twists and turns are surprisingly surprising, and the whole movie left me smiling. You don’t need to leave your politics at the door for any of these movies, either.

Rosa Weiss

**Resources**

The 1996 General Social Survey included a topical model on gender. The GSS was administered, in face-to-face interviews, to about 3000 respondents, of whom about 1500 received the gender module. The module builds on previous GSS strengths, and also incorporates new themes on both gender and relationships. A particular strength is assessment of respondents’ beliefs and attitudes about traditional gender roles and reward structures. For example, the module includes a series of items about the gender roles in respondents’ ideal relationships, and another exploring respondents’ explanations for gender differences in wages and childcare responsibilities.

The module also contains several items that record respondents’ experiences with work-family conflicts, and their attitudes toward workplace policies designed to ease such conflicts. Other topics include: 1) attitudes toward affirmative action policies; 2) respondents’ identification with feminism and their assessment of the effect of feminism on groups in society; and 3) evaluations of whether women, men, and/or children are harmed by or benefit from the traditional division of household labor.

Two other modules of interest — one on emotions (designed by a group headed by Lynn Smith-Lovin at University of Arizona) and one on sexual behavior (a replication of the 1994 questions designed by Edward Laumann and colleagues) — were administered to the respondents who answered the gender module.

The 1996 GSS data will be available via ICPSR early next year. There is a Web site (for the GSS data from 1972-1994 ONLY) that provides access to a searchable version of GSS codebook, a bibliography of research using the GSS, technical reports, and much of the GSS data. Simple analyses (such as cross-tabs) are possible, and users are able to download subsets of the GSS data.

The address is: http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/gss/ (It’s really a marvelous resource — check it out!)

The National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy has the following resources available:

**Adolescent Pregnancy Fact Sheet**

Contact: Jan Chapin, Division of Women’s Health Issues, The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, 409 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20024-2188, phone: (202) 638-5577.

continued on page 10
continued from page 9

Executive Summary: Adolescent Pregnancy and Childbearing in the U.S.


Facts at a Glance


The Facts: Adolescent Sexual Behavior, Pregnancy and Parenthood

Contact: Advocates for Youth, 1025 Vermont Avenue, NW, Suite 200, Washington DC 20005, phone (202) 347-5700.

For more information about the campaign, you can write to 2100 M Street, N.W., Suite 500, Washington, D.C. 20037 or call (202) 857-8655; fax (202) 331-7735.

People & Places

Jennie Kronenfeld’s new e-mail is Jennie.Kronenfeld@asu.edu

Doni Wilkinson was recently featured in the Journal of Blacks in Higher Education (Autumn, 1996) in an article on “The First Black Graduates of the Nation’s 50 Flagship State Universities.” She was among the first African American undergraduates to enroll in the University of Kentucky after the Supreme Court Decision.

Mary Ellen Yates’ new address is: New England Research Institutes, 9 Galen St., Watertown, MA 02172; 617-923-7747 ext 402; FAX 617-926-8246; e-mail: maryellen@neri.org.

Pauline Bart’s newly activated e-mail address is pbart@ucla.edu

Call for Submissions

The Men’s Studies Association, in connection with the National Organization for Men Against Sexism (NOMAS) and the 22nd annual Men and Masculinity Conference, is calling for presentations and papers (multimedia welcome) concerning images of men and masculinity found in film. Presentations of materials used in teaching Men’s Studies are especially encouraged. The MSA annual conference will take place 9am-6pm, Thursday, July 17, 1997, at St. John’s University in Minnesota.

Proposals should be submitted by February 15 to: Prof. Ozzie Mayers, Department of English, College of St. Benedict, St. Joseph, MN 56374. E-mail: Omayers@stbsju.edu.

The MSA annual conference immediately precedes the Men and Masculinity conference beginning 7pm, Thursday, July 17 and running through Sunday, July 20, 1997. The M & M #22 theme is “Spirituality, Community and Social Change.” Proposals for the MSA conference which are relevant to the M&M theme will be considered for the MSA track through the larger M&M conference.

Garland Publishing announces Women and Sociological Theory, a new series presenting the best work in this rapidly expanding area. Women and Sociological Theory is open to all theoretical “subspecialties” and both classical and contemporary sociology. Books in the series will include qualitative analyses emerging from strong conceptual frameworks, as well as works in new theoretical perspectives. The study of women is changing sociological theory in dramatic ways. Previous boundaries and authorities are being challenged and re-conceptualized. It is our hope that Women and Sociological Theory will create new dialogues on these vital debates throughout the discipline of sociology.

Mary Jo Deegan, the general editor, invites manuscripts and proposals for scholarly monographs and upper-division textbooks. Please direct inquiries and submissions to: Mary Jo Deegan, Department of Sociology, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE 68588-0324; phone: (402) 472-3631; fax: (402) 472-6070, or David Estrin, Senior Editor, Garland Publishing, Inc., 717 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10022-8101, phone: (212) 751-7447, fax: (212) 308-9399, e-mail: david estrin@garland.com.

Call for Papers

All scholars working on the sociological contributions of Harriet Martineau and related early women sociologists are invited to present, discuss, and/or critique their current projects during the 1997 Working Seminar of the Harriet Martineau Sociological Society. The Seminar will be held May 20-22, 1997 at the Mission Point Resort, Mackinac Island, Michigan. For advance registration send $15.00 before December 31, 1996 ($25.00 after that) and an inquiry and/or seminar proposal to: Michael R. Hill, 2701 Sewell Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68502. After January 1, 1997 contact Michael at 2799 Mizpah Park Road, Benton Harbor, Michigan 49022. For lodging reservations call the Mission Point Resort toll-free at (800) 833-7711 and state that you are attending the Harriet Martineau Sociological Society Meeting. Reservations must be made 30 days prior to arrival.

Meetings


For additional information on the 1997 PAA annual meeting, please access the PAA meetings home page: http://demog.berkeley.edu/paa97.

ASA Study of Sexuality Section Information

In August, a group of scholars interested in the sociological study of sexuality met in NYC to organize a new section of the ASA. Convened by Gil Zicklin (Montclair State) and Steve Seidman (SUNY-Albany), the nineteen scholars voted to pursue section-in-formation status by (1) agreeing on the section’s name and (2) forming a working committee and (3) petitioning the ASA for official status. The new “Sociology of Sexualities” section-in-formation was later approved by both the Committee on Sections and the ASA Council, allowing the new section to be placed on the 1997 ASA membership forms.

Since August, various members of the working committee have been working to ensure the transformation into full section status. A subcommittee was formed to create the section by-laws. Headed by Steve Kurtz (skurz01@servax.fiu.edu), the by-laws subcommittee has circulated a draft of the by-laws to all members of the working committee for comment. To date the by-laws specify the purpose of the new section: to enhance and foster research, teaching, and other professional activities in the sociology of sexualities. In addition, the new section seeks to promote communication and collaboration among scholars in sociology, the sociology of sexualities, and other allied disciplines regarding sexuality and sexual research. Section status facilitates these goals by providing for official ASA recognition, provision of funding for a section newsletter, the creation of professional awards to recognize outstanding sexuality scholarship, and the right to organize sessions at the annual meetings. The by-laws also specify the number of officers of the section, the nature of their responsibilities, their tenure, and the means for their selection.

Another member of the working committee, Emilio Lombardi (Emilolombardi@uakron.edu), agreed to serve as editor of the section-information newsletter. The newsletter will be sent out by the ASA to individuals who signed the original section-in-formation petition, as well as potentially interested persons in related ASA sections.

Steve Seidman (ss@crnsxv.albany.edu) and Gil Zicklin (zicklin@saturn.montclair.edu) agreed to become the Steering Committee, thus continuing their wise shepherding of the

continued on page 11
transformation to full section status. The remaining members of the Working Committee have pledged to contact petition signers and other interested scholars to encourage them to join the section-in-formation. Two hundred paid members are required for full section status. To ensure success, the Working Committee urges all interested scholars to register for the Section on the Sociology of Sexualities in their 1997 ASA renewals.

In addition, the Working Committee welcomes new members, and invites members of SWS (and their friends!) to join the working committee and the section-in-formation.

P.J. McGann (pmc@music.stlawu.edu)
SOS Working Committee

Awards & Scholarships

Applications and nominations are welcome for the second Martin P. Levine Memorial Dissertation Fellowship Award. This annual award of about $3,000 is open to advanced graduate students currently writing dissertations in the fields of human sexuality, AIDS or the sociology of homosexuality. The award is funded through a grant from the estate of Martin Levine, who died of AIDS in April, 1993. The award is sustained by the continuing support of Dr. Levine's friends, family and colleagues and is administered through the Sex and Gender Section. Applicants must be advanced to candidacy and actively working on their dissertations at the time of the award.

The application deadline is March 1, 1997. Applicants should send a letter confirming their academic progress and describing the way their work fulfills the mandate of the fellowship; five copies of their dissertation proposal; and a letter of recommendation from the chair of the dissertation committee. The award is presented annually at the Sex and Gender Section business meeting in August. For further information, contact: Michael S. Kimmel, Levine Fellowship Award, Department of Sociology, SUNY Stony Brook, Stony Brook, NY 11794.

SSSP 1997 Minority Scholarship

Applications are being accepted for the 1997 Minority Scholarship. Members of the society are urged to submit the names of potential candidates for this award. The deadline for nomination is February 15, 1997.

The Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), in keeping with its philosophy of active engagement with social problems, participation in social problem solutions, and advancement of knowledge through study, service and critical analysis, established the Minority Graduate Scholarship at its annual meeting in August 1993.

Scholarship Purpose

- To identify and support developing minority scholars who exemplify and give fresh voice to the SSSP history and commitment to scholarly activism.
- To give renewed energy and wider lenses to diversity in scholarship.
- To increase the pool of minority social and behavioral scientists.
- To establish a formal commitment to diversity through support of a minority doctoral student in the Social and/or Behavioral Sciences inclusive of course work or dissertation research support who demonstrates a commitment, through his or her scholarly examination, of any aspect of inequality, injustice and oppression.

Funding

The scholarship will be funded at $10,000 to one student with an additional $500 awarded for attendance at the annual meeting. Payments will be made in equal installments in September 1997 and January 1998. SSSP believes that support of one student fully will foster the needed commitment required to enable the student a stipend in support of living arrangement as well as meeting academic or research costs.

Selection Criteria

- A person accepted into an accredited doctoral program in any one of the Social and/or Behavioral Sciences so as to expand their perspectives in the pursuit and investigations into social problems.
- A grade point average of equivalent of at least 3.2.
- Evidence, through scholarly work and/or commitment to a career of scholar activism as demonstrated by: course work and research, activism in school and/or community and career plans.
- Statement of financial need as expressed by the applicant and Graduate Program Director or Advisor.

Student Application Process

Please provide the following: (1) SSSP Minority Scholarship Application (2) Transcript; (3) Resume or Curriculum Vitae; (4) Three letters of recommendation, including one from the Graduate Program Director or Advisor; (5) Personal statement of commitment to a career of scholar activism; (6) If the scholarship request is in support of dissertation research, the applicant should provide the research topic and summary of proposed research and approach. Contact the SSSP Administrative Office to receive an application.

(Michele Smith Koontz, Administrative Office, PO Box 814, Douglasville, GA 30133-0814; Office 770-947-1378; Fax 770-947-1379 or E-mail: mkoontz@utkux.utcc.utk.edu.)

Please submit 7 copies of your application materials to: Walda Katz-Fishman, Chair, 6617 Millwood Road, Bethesda, MD 20817-6057, Home (301) 320-4034, Fax (301) 320-4534; E-mail: wkatzfishman@ge.aol.org.

National Research Service Award

Mental Health and Adjustment in the Early Life Course

The University of Minnesota is pleased to announce a National Research Service Award, sponsored by NIMH, on the psychosocial determinants of mental health and adjustment in childhood, adolescence, and the transition to adulthood. Funding, 12-month research training will be provided for a 2-year period. This interdisciplinary program emphasizes the changing social contexts of development; early life course trajectories of mental health and behavioral adaptation; longitudinal assessment and analysis; at-risk populations; and social policies. A series of core seminars and a research apprenticeship are key program elements. This interdisciplinary program includes core faculty members from Sociology, the Institute of Child Development, and the School of Public Health's doctoral program in Health Services Research, Policy and Administration. U.S. citizens or residents are eligible. The award provides an annual stipend in accordance with NRSA guidelines, tuition, fees and medical insurance. Postdoctoral candidates, who have received a Ph.D. in a social science discipline or an...
Participation Opportunities

continued from page 11

equivalent degree, such as an MD, public health, or nursing degree, by September 1997, should provide a letter describing current research interests, a complete vita, university transcript, three letters of recommendation, and samples of written work. For full consideration, send postdoctoral application materials to Professor Jeylan Mortimer at the Life Course Center, Department of Sociology, 1014 Social Sciences Building, 267 19th Avenue South, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN 55455 by January 15, 1997 for admittance in September of 1997. The University of Minnesota is an equal opportunity educator and employer.

Work/Family Postdoc

Cornell is launching a new institute, the Cornell Employment and Family Careers Institute, funded by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. The Cornell Employment and Family Careers Institute invites applications for an interdisciplinary postdoctoral training program in work/family careers research. Training applies a life course approach to the study of the work/family interface and will begin as early as January 1997. Training periods are for 12 months, with a possibility of renewal. There is a stipend of $32,000 per year. For additional information contact: Phyllis Moen, Director, Cornell Employment and Family Careers Institute, 558 MVR Hall, Ithaca, NY 14853 Phone: (607) 255-0838; Fax: (607) 255-9856; pem@cornell.edu.

Job Opportunities

Buffalo State College. The Department of Sociology invites applications for a tenure-track position at the Assistant Professor level. This full-time, ten-month teaching assignment begins September 2, 1997. The normal teaching load is three sections per semester, although new faculty typically teach two sections for the first year. The successful candidate will teach social statistics, applied research methods, and social institutions courses (e.g., education, family, religion). Besides excellent teaching, the department has strong expectations of a commitment to scholarship, including applied research, and college/community service. PhD in Sociology in hand by May 30, 1997, is required, as is a record of successful teaching. Salary is competitive. Send a letter of application, curriculum vitae, three current letters of reference, and writing samples by December 15, 1996 to: Dr. Rosalyn Lindner, Chair, Department of Sociology, Buffalo State College, 1300 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14222. Buffalo State College is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer with a strong commitment to diversity among its faculty and staff. Applications from women and minority scholars are strongly encouraged.

The Women's Studies Program and the Department of Sociology at the University of Kentucky invite nominations and applications for a tenure (or tenure-track) faculty position, with a roughly even split of responsibilities between research and teaching. Rank is open, but it is expected that the appointment will be made at the Associate Professor level. The position will involve a joint appointment in Women's Studies and Sociology, with tenure in the Department of Sociology. The successful applicant will conduct research, graduate instruction, and undergraduate instruction on gender related issues. An ability and willingness to teach required courses in sociological research methods or theory as well as Introduction to Women's Studies and courses on sexuality, women of color, or global women's issues/theories is highly desirable. A Ph.D. in Sociology or a closely related social science discipline, a distinguished record of scholarship and publication, and evidence of superior contributions as instructor and mentor are required. Applicants should send a letter of application describing their research and teaching interests and accomplishments, a vita, and names, addresses, and phone numbers of at least three references to Dr. James Houghland and Dr. Patricia Cooper, c/o Dept. of Sociology, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40506-0027. A single application addressed to Drs. Houghland and Cooper will be sufficient. Subject to final budget approval. Review of applications will begin on Friday, January 10, 1997; the position will remain open until filled. Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. The University of Kentucky is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

Thoreau Teaching Fellowship; The Department of Sociology at the University of Maine announces an endowed one-year teaching residency for the 1997-98 academic year. The Thoreau Fellowship is intended primarily for graduate students who have completed all doctoral requirements except the dissertation. The Fellow will teach among a group of dedicated undergraduate faculty who are eager to provide mentoring in the art of teaching. The teaching responsibilities will be one introductory course the first semester and two upper level courses the second semester. We are interested in a broad range of upper-level courses, but applicants should have expertise in at least one of the following areas: race and ethnic relations; work and labor; health and medicine; aging and gerontology; complex organizations; social problems; popular culture, and demography. The Fellow will also present a Departmental colloquium each semester on a topic of his/her choice. This schedule should leave ample time to work on the dissertation. Thoreau Fellows are paid a stipend of $15,000-$18,000, depending upon benefits to be established; summer teaching may also be available.

Applicants should send a one or two page statement of interest, CV, writing sample, teaching portfolio if available, a list of courses they would be eager to teach, and three letters of recommendation to Chair, Recruitment Committee, Department of Sociology, 5728 Fern Hall, University of Maine, Orono, Maine 04469-5728. Review of applications will begin on January 31, 1997 and will continue until a suitable candidate is found. The University of Maine is an equal opportunity employer and strongly encourages applications from women and minorities.

Purdue University: The Department of Sociology and Anthropology anticipates a tenure-track position in sociology at the beginning Assistant Professor level, effective August 1997. Preference will be given to candidates who can contribute to some combination of the following teaching needs at the undergraduate and graduate level in law and criminology. Secondary areas are open. A Ph.D. in Sociology or a related field is required, as is a record, or evidence of strong potential, of excellence in teaching and research productivity. Applicants should send letters, curriculum vitae, names of three references, and writing samples or publications to: Professor Robert Perrucci, Chair, Search Committee, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, 1365 Stone Hall, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN 47907-1365. Applications should be received prior to December 1, 1996, but applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. Purdue University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

Syracuse University's Department of Sociology, a Department which has embraced a goal of equally honoring teaching and scholarship, has 2 or 3 tenure line positions (2 at the Assistant level, the other open) to begin in the Fall of 1997. The Department wants candidates who can build on the Department's substantive strength in topics related to inequality (class, race, gender, disability, age, sexuality, etc.) and who have strong methodological skills and sophisticated theoretical understanding. Candidates with policy interests and background are welcomed. Applicants must document superior teaching and ability to produce publishable scholarly work and must have successfully defended his or her dissertation by June 1997. Please submit a curriculum vitae, a letter describing your suitability for the position including a statement regarding your teaching experience, as well as your research and publications interests and accomplishments and at least three letters of reference to: Robert Bogdan, Chair, Search Committee, Sociology Department, 302 Maxwell Hall, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY 13244. Application deadline extended to December 31, 1996. Syracuse University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Women and members of other traditionally underrepresented groups are encouraged to apply.
Minutes of Executive Council Meeting
Saturday, August 17, 1996
Present: Elaine Hall, Pat Ulbrich, Mary Lou Wylie, Betty Morrow, Rose Weitz, Mary
Zimmerman, Joan Spade, Larry Griel (for Karen Porter), Mary French, Mary Ellen Yates.

The main purpose of this meeting, as stated by President Rose Weitz was to identify any
adjustments or additions to the agenda for the upcoming business meeting.

Feminist Lectureship. Larry Griel for Karen Porter. The committee plans to recommend that
the timing of the selection process be changed to allow more time between the announcement
and first lecture. Currently the recipient is announced at the August meeting and the first presentation
occurs at the winter meeting. They wish to shorten the decision process so the
announcement can be made at the winter meeting for the coming year. This would allow the
recipient one year to settle the lecture schedule. Deadline for applications: January 1st. Verna
Taylor from Ohio State University has been chosen as the next Feminist Lecturer. The
committee also recommends a change in the name given to the lectureship. Currently, the
name is changed each year to honor someone. The committee feels that this process is unwieldy
and detracts from the honor given to the person receiving the award.

Awards Committee. Mary Ellen Yates. Cheryl Miller's parents have made a donation to continue
an award in her honor.

Publications Committee. Susan Farrell. A
can be signed with Sage for a fourth
Gender & Society reader. A new editor for
Network News needs to be located who could
start soon.

Midyear Meeting. Mary Zimmerman.
Midyear will be held in Charleston with Idee
Winfield (College of Charleston) serving as chair.
Tentative program plans include a speaker on the
local history of women of color and a tour focusing
on Gullah culture.

Treasurer. Pat Ulbrich. The endowment fund
didn't make as much as it could have last year, so
Pat suggested moving some funds. With about
$100,000 in investment funds and about $30,000
in checking, she recommended that $20,000 be
invested into fairly aggressive growth funds and a
money market account be opened for the rest.

Since the regular operating budget is now running
in the black, there is no longer a need to transfer
funds into expenses each year. At Rose's request
Pat visited the Executive Office this spring and
prepared recommendations regarding financing
the office. Pat recommends establishing an
arrangement with Wright State University similar
to the one SSSP uses with its host university,
allowing us to pay benefits through Wright State.
Pat also recommended that the pay and hours be
evaluated with the goal of raising the pay and
lowering the workload of the EO.

Executive Office. Mary French. There are
currently 835 paid members who receive Gender
& Society, providing a 35-member cushion above
the journal requirements. Mary is working on
software and security precautions.

Budget. There was a general discussion of the
budget and the difficulty of tracking funds using
the current reporting system. Pat agreed to work
with Mary to get a more useful report.

Local arrangements. It was agreed that better
coordination from year to year is needed. The
procedures need to be updated and followed.

The SWS Mentor Program......is looking for You!

If you are a junior SWS member (including students) who could use some help from a colleague with more experience in the field, the SWS Mentoring Program
is for you. We will match junior and senior SWSers for a variety of projects such as: job hunting, paper writing, dissertation support, tenure and promotion
review, and general support and career development. Matches may be project-specific or more open-ended depending upon the desires of the partners. If you
are a junior SWS member interested in having a mentor, or a senior member who would like to serve as a mentor, fill out the appropriate form below
and send to: Beth Rushing, Department of Sociology, University of Tennessee-Martin, Martin, TN 38238; e-mail rushing@utm.edu; phone 901-587-7513;
fax 901-587-7514.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>I am looking for a Mentor</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Name ____________________</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Affiliation ___________________________________________________</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Address ________________________________</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>City, State ______________________</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Zip __________ Phone __________</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Areas of Interest ________________________________________________</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>I would like to be a Mentor</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Name ____________________</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Affiliation ___________________________________________________</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Address ________________________________</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>City, State ______________________</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Zip __________ Phone __________</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Areas of Interest ________________________________________________</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Preferences (e.g. minority; assistant professor, etc.) __________________________</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Minutes of Business Meeting, NY Sheraton Hotel, Monday, August 19, Betty H. Morrow, Secretary

By-laws Amendments. Betty Morrow. With over 200 members mailing in ballots, all of the proposed by-laws amendments passed by very large margins.

Membership Committee. Verna Keith. (See report.) The new committee reported an increase in membership. Strategies the committee recommends include targeting Sex & Gender or ASA members and taking SWS membership materials to regional meetings. The committee has organized the SWS goals identified at last midyear into categories and asked for feedback from members. These will be used in the new brochure.

Awards Policy Committee. Mary Ellen Yates. (See report.) A new version of the Cheryl Miller award has been adopted. It will go to a person working in the field of women and work. Her parents are funding it, at least for the next two years. Effective with the by-laws change, all awards will be under the umbrella of an Awards Policy Committee. Separate chairs will still head each individual committee (feminist lectureship, feminist activist award, mentoring award, Barbara Rosenblum award, Cheryl Miller award, minority scholar award), and each chair will also serve as a member of the Awards Policy Committee. The committee will be working to clarify the qualifications and procedures for each award.

Feminist Lectureship. Mary Ellen Yates for Karen Potter. (See report.) The following motion passed: Starting next year the Feminist Lectureship will not be named for any person. The 1997 award will go to Verta Taylor. The deadline is being moved forward in order to give the recipient more time to arrange the campus lectures. It was clarified that the current policy is for the schools to pay travel funds.

Feminist Activist Award. Mary Zimmerman. Two awards were given this year: one award to Carla Howery and one joint award to BarBara Scott, Susan Stall and Martha E. Thompson.

Mentoring Award. Wendy Simonds. Two awards were given this year, to Judith Lorber and Mary Rogers.

Minority Scholar Committee. See report.

Finance Committee. Pat Ulbrich. (See report.) There are currently three endowments in Fidelity Funds. Some did not do as well as they could, so Pat is making some changes. The investment account has been accumulating about $10,000 each year. She will put $20,000 in an aggressive growth fund and the rest in a money market account. Pat is working with Wright State to see if arrangements can be made to provide benefits and pay employer taxes for EO employees through the host university.

Executive Office. Mary French. (See report.) The current membership is 980. Of these, 835 receive the journal. This provides a cushion of 35 over Sage's requirements. The EO is currently working on a computer information system.

Publications. Susan Farrell. (See report.) A contract was signed with Sage for a fourth reader. Susan encouraged others to submit proposals for special issues of Gender & Society, as well as for readers. Verta Taylor will be editing a reader on Social Movements. The new book review editor is Marietta Morrissey. There is currently no backlog of manuscripts for Gender & Society. A new editor for Network News must be found soon. Susan pointed out that the procedures for Network News are well organized and should ease the workload of the next editor.

Annual Meeting Committee. Ruth Rubinstein. Registrations totaled 245 and 150 attended the banquet. Suggestions for next year included badge ribbons and a volunteer form in the pre-registration materials. Ruth thanked the local arrangements committee and Mary French. The program changes instituted at this meeting were briefly discussed, including the advantages and disadvantages of the one-page flyer instead of a more elaborate program with ads. There was general agreement that the decision to eliminate papers and concentrate on workshops had been successful. Members were asked to give their suggestions to Mary Zimmerman.

Social Action. Roberta Spalter-Roth. The committees program grew out of the Institute for Women's Policy Research recommendation concerning coalitions with other organizations around the welfare reform issue. This program is now at the Women's Bureau at the Department of Labor and a committee will be meeting in Washington to set it's agenda. Information will be placed in the next issue of Network News. On the previous day the Social Action committee had organized a demonstration outside the NY Hilton where President Clinton was staying, asking him to veto the welfare bill. They were on the local television news for about six seconds. The committee will continue to use the e-mail news list. The suggestion was made that the committee collect WWW information to communicate over SWS list. Roberta reported on the need for good transition between chairs to promote better work flow from year to year.

Discrimination. Joan Spade. (See report.) Joan commented that this had been a rather depressing job since too many people are fighting discrimination of various forms. The committee has chosen to be more proactive. It is putting out a call for information about discriminatory incidents. The committee will then summarize these situations (minus names) into an article for Network News so that others may find strategies and support in the stories of others. It currently is working on several cases, one of which will probably go to court. It will make recommendations at the spring meeting or, if that is not timely, it will make an executive report. It was recommended from the floor that SWS become more involved in the Working Group on Older Women and other groups addressing this issue. The problems of parents of young children getting tenure was also brought up to be placed on the agenda for the winter meeting.

Nominations. Mary Lou Wylie. The nominations procedure will now reflect the new bylaws. Self-nominations are encouraged. Elections are in the fall and terms begin with each calendar year.

Vice President's Report. Rose Weitz for Mary Frank Fox. There was a high response rate from ASA candidates who answered our questionnaires this year. Weitz attributed this both to Mary's excellent research methods and to candidates' perception that SWS is a force to be reckoned with.

Archives Committee. Pam Roby. (See report.) This ad hoc committee made the following recommendations concerning the archiving of SWS records, the first three of which require no funds: That a copy of all newsletters be sent to the Arthur and Elizabeth Schlesinger Library on the History of Women in America at Radcliffe College; that a printed list be made of all accessions (procedures are given in the report); that printed and computer records be kept (procedures are given). A motion passed that the first three recommendations on the SWS Archives Committee Report dated August 1996 be accepted. As a result of the discussion of recommendation number four, a motion passed giving Sharlene Hesse-Biber permission to hire a student in the Boston area to work on the...
continued from page 14
collection, paying $6.25-$10.00 an hour (cost estimated $400-$500). Mary Ellen Yates will work with Boston SWSers to look at what’s there before the group makes any decision to spend funds for formally processing the collection.

A motion passed supporting recommendations five and six not to formally process the collection right now, but to encourage submissions.

Winter Meeting. Mary Lou Zimmerman and Eve Winfield will head local arrangements for the winter meeting which will be held in Charleston from February 20-23.

Committee Reports

SWS Archives Committee Report

Background. In Spring 1996, we accepted Rose Weitz’s invitation to serve as a committee to examine the status and make recommendations concerning the SWS National Archives. We have now read all the correspondence and records dating back to August 5, 1975 pertaining to the SWS Archives. One of us (Pam Roby) has also talked several times by phone and corresponded with Anne Engelhart, Associate Curator of Manuscripts, Schlesinger Library, about the Archives.

We would first like to state that we believe that the Arthur and Elizabeth Schlesinger Library on the History of Women in America, Radcliffe College, Harvard University continues to be the best place to house the SWS Archives for the following reasons: 1) the library now holds the archives of many feminist associations and is a site of much feminist research; 2) the archives are kept in a climate controlled, fire protected vault (unlike many archives including most of federal government archives which are terribly dusty and unprotected); 3) the archives are easily accessible being that they are in Boston and not far from a major international airport (unlike those of Pennsylvania State University where the American Sociological Association’s Archives are to be housed).

Members of SWS began donating their SWS related records to the Schlesinger Library in August 1974. The SWS Archives are “temporarily restricted” which means that their use is restricted to SWS members with the permission of the SWS president until such time as the Schlesinger Library staff fully processes the collection. As of May 30, 1996, SWS members had contributed 12.5 linear feet of records (accessions number 74-203 dated 8/19/74 through 93-M104 dated 7/6/93). The Library charges $600 per linear foot to process a collection. Thus fully processing the SWS collection at this time, with no additional accessions, would cost $7,500.

With the apparent exception of SWS Network, Vol. 13, No. 1 (1983), the Library appears (from its computer printout) to have one copy of all issues of the SWS Newsletter (1971-1979), SWS Network (1979-1984), and SWS Network News (Vol. 1, No. 1 = 1984 to the present). These are housed in the Library itself and are available for use by all scholars using the Library. A second copy of approximately half of these issues are also kept in the Library's fire-protected, climate controlled vault. (Some of these issues were taken by the Library staff from cartons donated by SWS members to the Archives. For financial reasons, the Library Staff stopped going through and pulling issues out of donated cartons a decade or so ago.)

Recommendations:

1.) The Library Staff and we recommend that one copy of all issues of the SWS Newsletter, SWS Network, and SWS Network News be obtained, placed and kept in the Library's fire proof and otherwise protected vault in addition to the copy of all (except one and possibly more) issues that the Library has available to all scholars who use it.

2.) We also recommend that a printed list be made of which SWS member donated each accession along with the accession number, the date donated, and the location of each item. With the exception of the name of who donated the material, all of this information is now available on four hand written Library Accession cards. The name of the member who donated each item could be placed to the left of the accession number.

3.) We recommend that once the information recommended in item No. 2 is complete, that a list of the accession contributors, accession numbers, dates donated, amounts (a folder, a box, etc.), and locations be entered into a computer and printed. One printed copy of the SWS Archive list should be kept in the Library's vault with the SWS Archives, a second copy should be kept in the Library (outside the vault), and a third copy should be printed as part of a SWS Archives Report in the Spring 1997 SWS Network News so that all SWS members may easily obtain a general sense of what is and is not available in the SWS Archives.

4.) We recommend that SWS allocate $400 for a Boston area SWS member to hire a meticulous student during fall semester 1996 at $6.25/hour to: a) look through and pull out of the SWS Archives (boxes and files) copies of all issues of the SWS Newsletter, SWS Network News and SWS Network that are missing from the Library's vault collection; b) place these in order; c) determine which issues are missing from both the collection in the vault collection and the additional copies obtained from the Archives and files; d) carefully xerox on acid free paper issues contained in the Library that are missing from the vault collection and the files/archives so that these may be added to the vault collection (e.g. those listed under "a.e" above); e) go through the Library's annual accessions books (for accessions from all organizations and individuals), locate the SWS accessions (this is fairly easy to do because we have the SWS accession numbers), and record the name of who donated each accession for the purpose of #3 above.

We note: a.) July 29, 1996 Anne Engelhart, Associate Curator of Manuscripts, told Pam Roby that the Library would provide the acid free copying paper and use of a xerox machine at no charge (normally the per page copying charge is quite high); b.) Anne Engelhart also said that she would meet with this student and explain to her what she is to do in terms of the copying; c.) Anne additionally said that she would show this student assistant how to use the Library's accession book for the purpose of #3 and #4. above.

We further note and appreciate that SWS member Sharlene Hesse-Biber, Professor of Sociology, Boston College (hesse- sc@hermes.bc.edu; 617-552-4139W) has agreed to search for and hire in September 1996 a meticulous student assistant to do the above if the SWS membership votes to approve the proposed salary for this student (we note that because this is neither a year long nor a semester long job, it will be more difficult to find a student; on the other hand the job has potential benefits for a student interested in feminist research, sociological history or archival work).

5.) Given the many demands on SWS’s scarce resources and given that any SWS member, with the permission of the SWS president, may now use the SWS Archives, we cannot recommend that SWS spend the $7,500 that would be required for the Library Staff to "process" the SWS Archives. At the same time, we note that if this recommendation is approved by the SWS membership, it should not preclude a SWS member or members who see fit donating money to SWS for this specific purpose.

continued on page 16
AUGUST 1996 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES & COMMITTEE REPORTS

continued from page 15

6. We encourage SWS officers, committee chairs and members who have SWS records and other materials of historical, scholarly significance to continue to contribute these to the SWS Archives.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Kirschner, Kent State University
Pamela Roby,
University of California-Santa Cruz, Chair

Judith Lorber speaks after receiving the SWS Mentoring Award at the August banquet in NYC from Brenda Seals (left).

Minority Scholar Committee Report
Bernice McNair Barnett, Chair

The Minority Scholar Committee is one of several standing committees of SWS, consisting of an elected chair, members selected and appointed by the Chair, and the SWS Treasurer (ex-officio). This Committee is charged specifically with: (a) overseeing, planning, and executing fundraising strategies supporting doctoral study for a female minority scholar designee each year and (b) facilitating integration of SWS minority women scholars into the organization. Since 1986, SWS has sponsored one woman graduate student of color in the American Sociological Association’s Minority Fellowship Program, which informs SWS of its scholar designee after the annual MFP fellowship competition. Through the committee, especially via the annual meeting’s SWS Minority Scholarship Fundraiser in August, the Committee of 100, and other fundraising strategies throughout the year, SWS is able to strengthen the ASAs support of women feminist scholars of color, five of whom were appointed to this committee and who are at various stages of their academic and professional career. The Committee for 1996-97 are: Bernice McNair Barnett (Chair, U. of Illinois-Urbana), Judy Aultette (UNC-Chapel Hill), Arlene Kaplan Daniels (Northwestern & California), Carla Howery (ASA), Judy Kim (U of Illinois-Urbana), Vivian Lew (UCLA) Cynthia Nakashima (UC-Berkeley), Mary Pardo (California State), Ziaodan Zhang (California), Hailing Tran (San Francisco State), Schuana Tucker (U of Illinois-Urbana), Elisa Valdez (California State), and Dana Vannoy (U. of Cincinnati).

1. Congratulations to Vivian Lew (UCLA)!!!!!!!
Vivian is the very first Minority Scholar sponsored by SWS in 1987. She successfully defended her dissertation, completed her doctorate this Spring, and accepted a position at UCLA! It has been a long hard struggle for Vivian, but she has persevered and succeeded! Her determination to earn her Ph.D. degree should be applauded by all of us. More to come later on Dr. Vivian Lew’s wonderful achievement! In the meantime, let us all convey to Vivian our warmest wishes for passing this milestone and never giving up!

2. The things which SWS minority scholars seem to have need of the most are (1) mentor-mentee relationships, (2) writing partnerships, (3) meetings travel support, and (4) job search or promotion tips.

3. Fundraising for the Minority Scholarship Fund continues to be a concern. Ideas on strategies are welcome.

4. This year, the minority scholarship fundraiser will be held on Sunday morning 8-11am, August 18, instead of at night. While the change from nighttime to daylight has been considered for quite a while because wine bought from hotels is too expensive for the night fundraisers and because attendance at night fundraisers is poor, it was decided that a Sunday morning Minority Scholarship Fundraiser Breakfast in which admission requires a donation rather than a Saturday night Unwind Fundraiser, would be much more suitable due to the anticipated number of conference attendees having other plans for Saturday night in the Big Apple. Thanks to Carla Howery, Ruth Rubenstein, Carol Wharton, Judy Aultette and others for facilitating this event.

Feminist Lectureship on Women and Social Change
Karen Porter, Chairperson

1. The namesake and the lecturer for the 1997 SWS Feminist Lectureship on Women and Social Change will be chosen during the committee meeting in New York City and announced at the SWS banquet on Sunday, August 18th.

The 1996 Feminist Lectureship, named for Muriel Goldsman Cantor (1923-1995), was awarded to Ronnie J. Steinberg, Professor of Sociology, Temple University, who delivered her lecture, “The Economic War Against Women: The Material Bases of Rhetoric and the Politics of Containment” at:

* SWS Midyear Meeting, University of Washington, Seattle, February 23, 1996

Professor Steinberg will be visiting three additional campuses this fall in her role as SWS Feminist Lecturer:

* Indiana University Southeast, New Albany, IN, on October 17, 1996
* Lycoming College, Williamsport, PA, on October 15, 1996
* University of Tulsa, OK on October 25, 1996

2. The committee is accepting applications from schools or consortia wishing to host the 1997 Lecturer. As there are no longer funds to cover any of the Lecturer’s travel expenses, host schools must agree to pay for all travel and on-site expenses. SWS continues to pay the Lecturer a $500 honorarium.

Awards Policy Committee
Submitted by: Mary Ellen Yates, Chair

The primary activity of the award policy committee this spring has been to establish and finalize the arrangements on the new Cheryl Miller Award in Women and Work. This award will be presented at the August 1996 meeting to a graduate student or recent graduate who does feminist work in the area of women and work. The committee for the new award consists of Barbara Reskin, Irene Padavic, and Toni Calasanti.

Cheryl Miller, was a member of SWS who died of cancer in 1984, just as she was starting her career. Her parents, Ernie and Sally Miller have pledged $500 for the award for 1996 and 1997 and are considering a larger amount for future years. They are very adamant about wanting to support the kind of work Cheryl did and would have continued with had she lived.

continued on page 17
The second activity of the awards policy committee has been to identify what the role of the Award Policy or Award Committee will be. The by-laws should soon reflect a modification of the current by laws in terms of awards, and should streamline the committee work involved in awards. These modifications are the result of a survey taken by Barbara Chesney 2 years ago, conversations with committee members, chairs of specified award committees, and the by-laws committee.

Current Awards
As of this time there are a number of awards and award committees. They are:
1) Feminist Lecturer Award - given to a senior scholar who has made a major contribution.
2) The Feminist Activist Award - given for work in the community or at the activist rather than purely academic level.
3) The Mentorship Award - given to a person who has provided excellent mentorship.
4) The Barbara Rosenblum Scholarship Award - given as a scholarship to an advanced doctoral student doing dissertation research in the area of breast cancer.
5) The Cheryl Miller Scholarship - given to an advanced graduate student or recent graduate (within two years) doing work in the area of women and work.
6) The Minority Scholar Award.

With the exception of the Barbara Rosenblum award, which is given every two years, the awards are given each year. The first three awardees are chosen by nomination from the membership of SWS to the award committee, then the committee decides on the final selection. The two scholarship awards are by application to the committee, and have specific criteria in regards to the substance and quality of the work. The Cheryl Miller Award also takes into consideration the need of the applicant.

Questions concerning the 1997 SWS Feminist Activism Award nomination process should be directed to Mary Ellen Yates, Chair of the Awards Policy Committee, e-mail maryellin@NERI.org.

Finance Committee Report
Pat Ulbrich, Treasurer
The 1995 decisions and activities of the Finance Committee were reported by Dana Vannoy in the committee report of the mid-year meeting. Since then, two issues have been raised.
First, noting the poor performance of our mutual funds in 1995, Dana Vannoy surveyed Finance Committee members as to whether we should stay with Fidelity Asset Manager Funds or transfer our money to more promising funds in the Fidelity family. Based on the responses of the committee members and further reports on the promise of the Fidelity Funds, I have instructed Mary French to transfer both the Natalie Allon and Barbara Rosenblum Funds from Fidelity Asset Manager in equal proportions to Fidelity Equity Income and Fidelity Growth and Income Funds. This is a fairly conservative approach since these funds invest in either bonds or a combination of stocks and bonds. Fidelity has replaced the manager of the Asset Manager Growth Fund and expectations for performance are more optimistic. I suggest that we maintain the Feminist Future Fund in Asset Manager Growth and evaluate the performance at the end of 1996.

Second, the Executive Officer's report FY 1996 shows that we carried over $30,560.75 in our checking account. This is the result of accumulating approximately $10,000 per year in the operating account since 1992. While we distribute 25% of earnings from the Feminist Futures Fund to the operating budget each year, most of the accumulation is due to the fact that our income exceeds expenses. Based on discussions with the President and Executive Officer, I suggest that we invest $20,000 of this balance in mutual funds: $5,000 in Fidelity Equity Income and $15,000 in Fidelity Contrafund. The income fund is invested in bonds, while Contrafund is a growth fund which is invested primarily in common stocks for long-term capital appreciation and is market dependent.

SWS Publications Committee Annual Report
Since the Midyear Meeting, a contract was signed with Sage for the fourth SWS Reader. Feminist Foundations: Toward Transforming Sociology will be edited by Cynthia Anderson, Kristen Myers, and Barbara Risman. We now have three readers published by Sage and one by Temple. All are doing well thanks to the publishers and members who continue to support this SWS project. Ideas and proposals for additional SWS Readers are welcome by the committee.
Kathy Feltey is stepping down as editor of Network News and a search has been started for a new editor. We’d like to find someone as soon as possible so as not to interrupt publication of the newsletter.

Beth Schneider is looking for reviewers for Gender & Society in several areas of increasing interest: methods, popular culture, development, social psychology, and theory. This is a good indication of the strength of the journal as more diverse articles are being submitted. It also demonstrates the diffusion of gender analysis throughout a variety of sociological disciplines. We are also encouraging new ideas for special issues.

The new Book Review Editor for Gender & Society was chosen. Marietta Morrissey will be working with Beth and we welcome her addition to the journal.

The publications committee thanks two of our members whose terms are up for their hard work and support. Essie Manual Rutledge and Shirley Hill are rotating off. Lori Bex Lempert, Barbara Ryan, and Mady Segal are beginning their terms of office.

Susan A. Farrell
Chair

Report of the Discrimination Committee
The committee is just getting under way. During the past six months, we were contacted by three persons who may file discrimination cases. In two of these cases, the parties soon will know whether an earlier decision has been overturned in their favor. The third person is waiting is waiting to determine how to proceed. My first instinct when contacted about a possible discrimination case is to put the person in touch with another SWS member who has recently filed such a case. My own background is limited, and I believe the person needs the support and advice of someone who has fought discrimination. I want to thank those individuals who have taken the time to work with others, learn about their circumstances, and provide advice. I also want to encourage others to provide whatever support and assistance they can give to ANYONE fighting discrimination and capricious decisions within and outside of academia. Fighting organizations is a lonely task and an isolating one, fighting discrimination is particularly lonely because the person waging the battle is fighting charges against their own credibility and worthiness. If we don’t stand by them, we are all in danger.

Because discrimination is focused on personal behavior, it becomes very individualistic. However, as sociologists, we look for patterns. This committee decided to become more proactive and put a call out for examples of
b. Placed a call to ASA to inquire about the cost of mailing lists. The ASA makes lists available to ASA-associated organizations at a cost of $50.00 per list. Thus, if SWS wants to target both the ASA membership and the Sex and Gender Section, the cost will be $100.00.

—There are approximately 4,000 student ASA members. That list, or some modification of if such as graduate students only, is also $50.00.

Carla Howery also suggested a mailing to directors of graduate programs as an avenue for student recruitment. In response, I consulted the 1996 ASA guide to graduate programs. There are approximately 344 departments (290 in the U.S. and 54 outside the U.S.)

This issue has been pending for some time. We need to decide who to contact so that estimates can be made and a budget submitted to Rose Weitz.

II. Activities Planned For the Coming Year

1. The previous Membership Committee began work on a revised brochure. The goal is to make the brochure less wordy and more easily scanned by using bulleted items. Feedback was given at the Midyear meeting. The current committee will take up the issue immediately following the annual meeting.

2. The committee also plans to once again ask volunteers to carry brochures and membership forms to professional meetings. Consistent with past activities in this area, we will arrange for Mary French to send packets of information to the volunteers. Although this effort has not been as successful as expected, the previous committee feels that it should be continued.

3. As Elaine Hall noted at the Midyear meetings, the Membership committee is called upon to deal with issues regarding the current and future goals of SWS as it prepares solicitation letters and brochures. In response to this need to continually evaluate and set priorities for the organization, the previous committee created a one-page document that summarizes the goals of SWS into four categories. Elaine Hall had suggested that the document be distributed via the newsletter and the sws-list in an effort to get feedback from the membership. The current committee expects to follow up on Elaine's suggestion, and requests a special session at the 1997 Midyear meetings for discussion of the document.

Gender & Society Book Review Report

Submitted by Marietta Morrissey, Book Review Editor

The Book Review office is now located in the Department of Sociology at the University of Toledo. My three year term as book review editor began in May, 1996. I want to thank Elizabeth Higgenbotham, immediate past book review editor, and her assistant Melissa Herbert, both of the University of Memphis, for their assistance and support in the transition.

We continue to receive reviews solicited by the University of Memphis office. We expect reviews that we solicited (approximately 10) to begin arriving in the future. We have received positive responses to about half of our initial invitations to review a book or set of books. About one-fifth of those contacted have declined to review and another two-fifths have failed to respond to our queries (summer is a bad time for rapid responses!) On receiving a negative reply, we make contact with another potential reviewer. With the journal appearing six times a year, and several reviews appearing in each issue, we need to keep up the pace of requesting books and soliciting reviews. And we hope that SWS members will honor our requests to review books and get reviews in promptly.
SWS WINTER MEETING

February 21-23, 1997
Charleston, South Carolina

Registration Form
PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name ____________________________

Address: __________________________

______________________________

Phone: Home ____________________ Work __________________ Fax ____________________ E-mail ____________________

CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP ATTENDANCE:

_____ Will attend the SWS Winter Meeting, Feb. 22-23.


_____ Number attending the Saturday evening banquet. (Non-members and children welcome. Banquet registration is available only if POSTMARKED BY JAN. 15. Some banquet tickets may be available at the meeting.)

_____ I will need assistance entering older buildings without ramps or elevators.

CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP FEES:

Registration: SWS Winter Meeting: (if sent by Jan. 15) $10 students, $25 all others (if sent after Jan. 15) $15 students, $35 all others ___ $______

Workshop (Feb. 21): $20 ___ $______

Box Lunch (Feb. 21): ______ Vegetarian $7 ______ Non-Vegetarian: $7 ___ $______

Banquet (Feb. 22): Grad Students ______ # banquet tickets, at $20 each ___ $______

Other Adults ______ # banquet tickets, at $28 each ___ $______

Children ______ # Children over the age of 5, at $10 each ___ $______

TOTAL ___ $______

HOUSING & AIRPORT SHUTTLE

Rates at Quality Inn, Heart of Charleston are $46 single, $51 double, $56 triple, $61 quad (plus 12% tax). Please make your own reservations (800-845-2504). Specify Sociologists for Women and Society to get the conference rate. Room availability and rates are guaranteed until Jan. 20. Check-out time is 11a.m. The hotel has facilities to hold luggage until your departure. A continental breakfast will be served in the hotel meeting room. Rooms have coffee pots and irons may be checked out from the front desk.

Airport transportation is available from LowCountry Limousine. Advance reservations are required. Please make your reservations by calling (800-222-4771). The one-way fare is $9 per person, plus driver gratuity.

Return this form with your check made out to SWS and mail by Jan. 15, 1997 to: SWS Registration, c/o Idee Winfield, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, College of Charleston, 66 George St., Charleston, SC 29424. On site registration also available.

For program information, contact Mary Zimmerman (913) 864-3258, e-mail mzimmerman@Rx.Pharm.ukans.edu; for local arrangements information, contact Idee Winfield (803) 953-4899, e-mail winfield@cofc.edu.
**I WANT TO JOIN SOCIOLOGISTS FOR WOMEN IN SOCIETY**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Last name only</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>First name</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>M.I.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dept., Box, Apt. No., etc.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Street address</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>City and state or province</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Type of work</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Phone</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Three areas of interest</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Membership year 19_____
Check one: ☐ Renewal, same address ☐ Renewal, new address ☐ New membership

Make checks payable to SWS and send to: SWS Executive Officer, Mary French, Wright State University, Dayton, OH 45435

**Member Fee (check one):**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Income</th>
<th>With Journal</th>
<th>Without Journal</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Less than $15,000</td>
<td>☐ $22</td>
<td>☐ $10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$15,000 - $19,999</td>
<td>☐ $32</td>
<td>☐ $17</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$20,000 - $29,999</td>
<td>☐ $42</td>
<td>☐ $27</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$30,000 - $39,999</td>
<td>☐ $52</td>
<td>☐ $37</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$40,000 - $49,999</td>
<td>☐ $57</td>
<td>☐ $42</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$50,000 or more</td>
<td>☐ $62</td>
<td>☐ $47</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sustaining member</td>
<td>☐ $100</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Network (libraries)</td>
<td>☐</td>
<td>☐ $17</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

---

**SWS Reader Available for Classes**

Race, Class & Gender: Common Bonds, Different Voices, edited by Esther Ngan-Ling Chow, Doris Wilkinson and Maxine Bara Zinn is now available from Sage.

Contact: Sage, 2455 Teller Road, Thousand Oaks, CA 91320; phone (805) 499-0721.1S

---

**Sociologists for Women in Society**

Kathryn M. Feltey, Editor
Department of Sociology and Anthropology
The University of Akron
Akron, OH 44325-1905

---

KATHLEEN C. SLOBIN
401 HORN AVENUE
MCCREHEAD, MN. 56560-4911