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Upcoming Winter Meeting in Tamaya!

When Denise Segura persuaded me to run for SWS President, I did not wholly appreciate the joys of working with a feminist group. We went through some major changes this year; Pat has described these in her column. It has been a truly amazing opportunity to work on SWS matters *this* year.

I have been enjoying the privilege of being an SWS-er at every turn this year. Each time I asked people for help, they stepped up and took on responsibilities cheerfully, in the midst of ever-increasing work loads, stress and anxiety about elections, challenges in the midst of Sandy. I hope we can come together during our meetings to collectively celebrate ourselves.

We are getting closer to our Winter Meetings in Tamaya, New Mexico, Feb. 7-10, 2013. Many SWS-ers are busily putting together parts of the conference. We are all sure to have a great time. You can catch up with friends, develop and strengthen your networks, learn about the latest trends in teaching, activism, cutting edge research. Be sure to leave some time for yourself—to breathe, to go for a walk, to watch the sun rise or set.

Here are brief updates on the Winter meeting:
As you plan your travel, here are

some dates and times to keep in mind.

We will have an opening reception, 5-7 p.m., on Thursday, the 7th of February, 2013. The organized sessions, plenaries, and business meetings are scheduled for Friday, Saturday, Sunday; the meeting ends at 11.45 on Sunday (Feb 10th).

View of Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort & Spa



(Please note, I am planning an orientation for newly elected and current officers of different committees from 2-5 p.m. on Thursday, Feb 7th; the Budget and Executive Council members have meetings all day Thursday. I will contact each one of you separately).

Program updates:

As you know, we will enjoy the pleasure of listening to several renowned international plenary speakers. Our plenary speaker, Amina Mama, will be talking about the challenges facing feminist researchers and publishing based on her experiences with Feminist Africa. Our plenary speaker, Jane Bennett, will speak about the

politics of gender and sexualities in contemporary African contexts. Our plenary speaker, Margaret Abraham, will be talking about social justice. And, yes, Cecelia Ridgeway, ASA President, will be joining us for the Sunday plenary. THANKS to Kate Berheide for making this possible.

The Program Committee—ShobhaHamaGurung (University of Southern Utah), VrushaliPatil (Florida international university), and Ronnie Tichenor (SUNY Utica)—have done an amazing job in weaving your proposals together. This program will not only focus on big ideas, it will serve as a platform to exchange ideas and models for sustaining our feminist base. As the recent elections demonstrated, ideas and world views matter; we have to keep building feminist imaginations among our undergraduate students as they go forth (continue on page 2)

Tamaya continued:



to different jobs around the nation. We have to continue to support strong graduate students— make sure they are well supported by feminist networks—so they can take up feminist challenges throughout their careers. These Winter meetings have served as THE gathering place for us to build and sustain strong feminist networks, for early career, mid career and senior SWS-ers to build networks and get re-

energized.. This Winter meeting will be no different. The graduate students are busy organizing the breakfast with Scholars. I hope you will support their efforts. I'll announce the details in a couple of weeks, but it will be a program with sessions that are back by popular demand and many new ones. There will be some time for you to go and explore the area too.

Let me introduce our local arrangements committee: Jane Hood (University of New Mexico), a long time member of SWS is joining the local arrangements committee along with Ophra Leyer-Whalen (University of Texas El Paso) and Barbara Gurr (University of Connecticut). They have put together a packet of very important information to make your trip to Tamaya very enjoyable.

Please renew your membership and register for the conference. Our (interim) EO, Shirley Jackson, has designed a new form that combines your meeting registration and membership. This appears on our updated website. THANKS Shirley! Our membership committee has come up with letters you can use to help recruit people. You will notice our membership rates are very reasonable. As in other years we have various levels of registration fees for the conference.

Many of you know that other organizations often say "SWS has money." We have successfully built up some reserves, thanks to the endless time, commitment, and effort of our members. We spend this money mostly on our membership. Our registration fees for our meetings never cover our expenses; our reimbursements cost a lot of additional money. Thanks to our outstanding journal and the sheer number of people hours you put in —your expertise, your volunteer time on countless tasks, your kindness, caring and support—we are able to keep SWS vibrant and strong. I feel very honored to be part of an organization that turns the money back to all of us, so we can come to the meeting, get a lot out of it, and leave refreshed.

To-do list:

Please book your rooms. The link will appear on our website as long as there are rooms available. The sooner you book your rooms, the better your chances of getting rooms. There are very few hotel options in Bernalillo where Tamaya Hyatt is located, so we want to make sure you are able to get rooms in the hotel.

The silent auction committee is busy. We already have Arlene Kaplan Daniels' hats and books, a beautiful Native American pot (thanks to Gaye Tuchman's expertise on this subject). We are looking for other items from you. Please contact Miho Iwata (Miho.Iwata@uconn.edu) or one of the other co-chairs will send out another announcement. Tracy

Ore, is our auctioneer, back by popular demand.

While we have some money, we are very prudent fiscally. Could you help SWS to keep the costs of the meeting down by asking your publishers to advertise your work in the program? Perhaps you want to tell us about your academic program? Jazmyne Washington, our wonderful AO, is coordinating the ads. The rates are \$100 for a full page and \$50 for a half page. The program is printed in black and white.

And, yes, we will need volunteers for the registration desk. Please contact Jazmyne Washington, to volunteer.

The summer program arrangements are also in process. I have a program committee for the summer meetings in NYC. Thanks to Kristy Kelly, Julie Winterrich, DaniJauk, Shweta Adur and Barret Katuna for volunteering. Shirley, Jazmyne and I, with a lot of help from SWS-ers in NYC, are busy arranging our banquet site as I write this. (continued on page 3, with Looking Ahead)



Looking ahead to 2013-2014:



Dr. Bandana Purkayashtha

I see us continuing as a dynamic organization that is able to meet the challenges we face today. If you read the upcoming meeting announcements, you already know that we will enjoy listening to several international scholar activists at Tamaya. While we are increasingly connected to scholars elsewhere, I know from my own experience in other countries, there are vast swaths of scholarship and activism that we miss. Our speakers will help us to think about many circles of knowledge and activism. I am sure they will inspire you. In summer 2014, we will enjoy the company of some of our global partners and reflect on the impact of the United Nation's focus on addressing "Violence Against Women." Our international committee has worked for years to maintain our meaningful presence at the UN. Last year, they stepped up the level of

involvement; next year will bring us even more visibility.

We are all experiencing the structural changes in our academic institutions. The 2012 elections and the feminist issues that were supported and contested have reminded me that we have to continue to build and inspire our base. Our undergraduate students who move into a variety of jobs and careers in different parts of the country: How do we actively engage their feminist sociological imagination? Are we conveying core feminist principles in a language they understand, using the technology that is second nature to them?

Are we working in academia and elsewhere so our graduate and undergraduate students are able to be in family friendly workplaces? I hope to foster many such conversations during our winter and summer meetings.

As an voluntary organization that organizes meetings twice a year for several hundred members, we are going to have

"... we have to continue to build and inspire our base."

to reflect on the guidelines we use to engage with other activists—for instance, those who stand up for labor or other human rights. How are we to position ourselves as an organization? How are we positioned relative to a variety of political issues that come up. As an individual I know where I stand politically but we need to discuss our directions as an organization. These discussions will help our future presidents guide our organizational decision-making on meeting sites, statements we send out, and resources we direct to one cause or another.

Our Task Force has been working for over a year on our mission, by-laws, and long term vision. Thanks to them and all of you who continue to volunteer for the countless tasks as we continue to build and remain an organization that works hard to maintain transparency and uphold the principle of collectivity. We do this even as we have to develop bureaucratic rules to help us function efficiently. By the time this newsletter is in print, we will have a full slate of newly elected officers. To them, and all SWSers who decided to run for office, our thanks.

Thanks for an Amazing Year!

As my term as President ends, I am happy to report that the state of the union—that is, of Sociologists for Women in Society—is sound. SWS has 880 paid members (and if we count lifetime memberships, guest members, partner members, the total is higher). More than 540 SWSers subscribe to our Listserve and *Gender & Society* is thriving, according to Web of Knowledge, with an impact score of 2.4+ placing it seventh among sociology journals worldwide. We owe our editors—past and present—immense thanks for this result. We are proud to know that the journal is widely read and we are grateful for the financial stability it provides.

By SWS President Patricia Yancey Martin

In late 2011, then-President Tracy Ore appointed a Strategic Planning Task Force, chaired by SWS Vice-President Leslie Hossfeld, that is working on three issues: (a) an updated mission statement, (b) a revision of bylaws, and (c) a set of long-term goals. In February 2013 the Task Force will have been working for one year. We anticipate getting a final report from them by our Summer Meeting in New York and, afterwards, recommendations will be submitted to Council and the membership (for an online vote). Immense thanks to Task Force members

who have worked hard (and are working hard) to fulfill their charge.

When I was elected SWS President-elect in November 2010, (continued on page 4) I had just had a heart experience that required three weeks in hospital and major surgery. I nearly resigned because I did not know if my health would hold. Also, I knew that the other nominee for President-elect, (continued on page 4)



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“doing feminism on the street” . . . is fluid, dynamic, and far from consensual.”
- Pat Martin

Bandana Purkayastha, would do a wonderful job if I stepped aside. Judith Lorber and other long-time friends said, “Why not wait? You can resign if you need to but maybe you’ll be fine.” So, I waited. In the event, I am glad. Yet, to be honest, I had no clue of the exciting times that lay ahead: Up, down, all around; it was eventful.

At the St. Pete meeting (February 2012 which now seems a decade ago), the SWS Search Committee (and many others of us) interviewed three applicants for our Executive Officer (EO) position. Council had embraced a shift from a part-time EO only model to a part-time EO with a full-time Administrative Officer (AO), along the lines of SSSP thus the job was slated to differ from the past. The Search Committee recommended a candidate and Council concurred. In the event, when Council and the candidate failed to agree on an appointment, a decision was made to hire an Interim EO. Dr. Shirley A. Jackson stepped up for a one year term; we agreed to a contract starting July 1, 2012 and, in late summer, a formal contract was signed with Southern Connecticut State University for the 2012-2013 academic year. Soon after taking office, Shirley hired Jazmyne Washington as Administrative Officer and they were off and running. The office had to be moved from Rhode Island to Connecticut. The new officers—Jackson and Washing-

ton—had to learn their jobs while dealing with the raft of issues that emerge when moving an office and making changes in cities/states, personnel, and organizational structures.

When I agreed to run for President, I said my goal was to help SWS become more effective and enhance its status as a feminist organization. Only time will be the judge of whether these were done. Anyone who has participated in a feminist organization knows that definitions of feminism vary and being part of SWS, with its diverse systems and goals, means that diplomacy and negotiation are rules of the day. I learned that service in SWS requires patience, persistence, and forgiveness (of self and others). I also learned (although I knew it from the 1970s in consciousness-raising and NOW and ERA-social movement groups) that “doing feminism on the street” (as Jane Mansbridge characterizes our work) is fluid, dynamic, and far from consensual. We of necessity “make it up” as we go. And make it up, we/you did!

I want to end with a humongous thank you to all who “made it up” and “made it work” over this year. You “made up” a fascinating program for St. Petersburg; thanks Heather Laube and the

many students, faculty, and non-academics who contributed in critical ways. Our EOB and Council members “made up” policies and decisions which they believed were in the best interests of SWS. Committee chairs and members performed countless hours of work to fulfill their obligations and move us toward realization of our feminist ideals. Our new staff helped us change organizational structures, cleaned up our membership lists and listserve, recruited and hired new folks to do Network News, Social Media, and Press Releases, and much much more. [See details of various appointments and achievements in the recent past elsewhere in this issue.] Prior to their ascension, Jessica Sherwood and associates kept us going in 1001 ways—thus thanks to Jessica for six years of demanding service.

All in all, it’s been an amazing year. I am happiest for the chance it gave me to get to know so many of you. Thank you for the opportunities the year gave me to learn and grow. Thank you for letting me serve as your President.

See you in Tamaya and New York and so on down the road.

Gender Equality: Utopian and Realistic



Judith Lorber
SWS President, 1980-82

After the last election, the number of women in the U.S. Congress went up to 20 senators and 78 representatives. But women are 53 percent of voters, so we are still far from gender equality. At the ASA meetings I addressed the issue of gender equality, asking what we mean by it.

Do we mean equal numbers of women and men at all levels of governments and other major institutions? In the workplace, equal salaries and open access to all jobs? In the family, shared parenting? Cultural productions and media that feature women's perspectives and values as often as men's? Don't we also mean protection of women and children from sexual exploitation and domestic violence? Economic access and reproductive rights for women throughout the world?

Does gender equality refer only to women? Wouldn't perfect equality between women and men mean advantaging some men? Which women and men are not equal? Who gets compared? Do we want gender equality or gender transformation? Might we go so far as to mean doing away with the gender

binary entirely – eradicating the division of so much of society into men's spheres and women's spheres and the devaluation of women's spheres? Could we mean dismantling the legal and bureaucratic structure of gender? Or would it be enough to accept and even encourage multiple genders and sexualities?

I would like to see a woman president of the United States – to break the male hegemony over the power and prestige of that office. In fact, I'd like to see a woman prime minister of Russia and China. But given the experience other countries have had with women leaders who were "iron ladies" and who ruled just like men, I want more – I want a woman leader who would be a feminist – but what kind of feminist?

Different visions of gender equality and different aspects of gender inequality need different political strategies. Mainstreaming works within the current gender system. Radical feminism undercuts patriarchal privilege by valorizing women. Queering gender pushes against conventional mores and modes of femininity and masculinity. Ultimately, we need to go beyond the gender binaries because the automatic division of people into what becomes two unequally valued categories causes the persistence of gender inequality. This gendering needs to be challenged for lasting social change, with the long-term goal of not just minimizing, but of doing away with binary gender divisions completely. That means dismantling the matrix of domination embedded in the major social statuses – gender, social class, racial, ethnic, and sexual identity.

In actuality, feminists use all these strategies – monitoring policies and practices so they do not penalize women, promoting and encouraging women and girls to break glass ceil-

ings and gender boundaries, flouting gender norms and expectations, and treating children and adults as if they had no gender.

I applaud this mix of feminist practices, but we need to be aware of the inherent contradiction between women's feminism, which wants the valorization and advancement of women, and gender feminism, which focuses on attacking gender boundaries and challenging gender differences. The contradiction is reflected in our identity as sociologists for women in society and the deconstructionist research and scholarship on gender and society published in our journal. In our practices, we may work for the advancement, visibility, and parity of women in every area of social life. But our research may incorporate all the intersecting statuses that fragment gender as a category – racial, ethnic, social class, religious, bodily, and sexuality divisions. In short, we both reinforce and undercut gender as a social status.

The same contradiction emerges in transgendering. Crossing from one gender to another acknowledges and reinforces the strength of the binaries. Yet the ability to adopt a new gender fully or partially undercuts the naturalness of gender itself. It both maintains and severs the bodily link between genitalia and gender categories.

With these further divisions, the binary gender categories inevitably multiply. Eventually, I expect that two legal and bureaucratic gender categories will be formally challenged and our birth certificates and other documents of identity will no longer identify us as "female" or "male," "woman" or "man." But by the time that happens, I expect that gender will have long lost its relevance to order our lives.

“Ultimately, we need to go beyond the gender binaries because the automatic division of people into what becomes two unequally valued categories causes the persistence of gender inequality.”
- Judith Lorber

From the Executive Office:



Shirley Jackson,
SWS EO

2013 Winter Meeting Related

The Winter 2013 meeting is coming up soon, so please make sure you register in advance for the meeting and book your hotel room at the Hyatt Tamaya Resort. When you register, make sure you select the correct number of rooms and people sharing a room. Go to the SWS website for more on the conference. There you will find a link to the conference hotel where you can make your reservation.

In addition, when completing your membership for 2013, consider using the form on the SWS website that allows you to renew, while also giving you an opportunity to select a committee with which you would like to participate, give money to a particular SWS fund, register for the winter meeting and make your winter meeting banquet selection. Some of you have already renewed using the automated form that shows up automatically when you login, however, there is a more comprehensive form. It has also been included in this edition of *Network News*.

We will be utilizing a small number of volunteers for the winter meeting. A call will go out to the listserv if volunteers are needed as well as the “perks” of volunteering.

Technological Matters

It appears that some members are still unaware of the change in the listserv. This is posted on the website, was sent out in email a few months ago, and is being reiterated again here. If you are a paid member of SWS, you will be added to the listserv. Student members of SWS have another listserv where they can share and post information. Finally, if you are a chair or officer, you have a newly created listserv that replaces the one that was at University of Rhode Island (URI). If you have questions about the main or studentlistservs, they should be sent to Jazmyne Washington, SWS Administrative Officer at swsadminofficer@socwomen.org and NOT to Heather Parrott who previously assisted with the listserv when the SWS office was located at the University of Rhode Island. We are sure Heather will appreciate your prompt attention to this request. If you are a chair or officer, please let Shirley know if you have questions (swseo@socwomen.org).

It is possible that we will be changing the company or product that we have been using behind the scenes for our website. It is a bit “clunky” and while we have managed to figure out a lot on our own, there are still some things that require a complete overhaul due to the outdated system. We will keep you posted in the event that the website is down for updating.

Membership Activities

Do you have a story to share about SWS? We are looking for members who have a great story to share. These stories will be posted under “From Our Members” on the SWS website and may be featured on the front page. Please include with your statement a photo and email to Jazmyne Washington.

Did you know that there is a membership raffle going on? Tiffany Taylor of the Membership Committee has worked on a fun and new plan for you to win something if you refer a new member to the organization. How easy is that?!



Sociologists for
Women in Society

**2013 MEMBERSHIP AND WINTER
MEETING REGISTRATION**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

MEMBERSHIP (January 1—December 31, 2013)

- \$14 Income less than \$15,000
 - \$21 Income \$15,000 - \$19,999
 - \$31 Income \$20,000 - \$29,999
 - \$41 Income \$30,000 - \$39,999
 - \$46 Income \$40,000 - \$49,999
 - \$56 Income \$50,000+
 - \$1800 Life Membership*
- (*payable in equal installments over 1, 2, 3, or 4 years;
\$900 for 2 years; \$600 for 3 years; \$450 for 4 years)

MEETING PRE-REGISTRATION (includes welcome reception, Thurs.; all breaks and continental breakfasts, Fri, Sat, Sun; lunch Fri, Sat; and banquet on Saturday. Buffet banquet will include vegetarian, vegan, non-dairy, and gluten free options)**

- \$140 Income less than \$25,000
- \$160 Income \$25,001 - \$35,000
- \$180 Income \$35,001 - \$45,000
- \$200 Income \$45,001 - \$55,000
- \$220 Income \$55,001 - \$65,000
- \$240 Income \$65,001 - \$85,000
- \$250 Income more than \$85,000

(**on-site registration is not guaranteed and will be higher \$)

GIFT MEMBERSHIP (enter recipient's information)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Make my gift membership anonymous (check here)

COMMITTEE INTERESTS: I am interested in serving on the following committees (Your name will be forwarded to the chair(s) of the committee(s) you have selected):

- Discrimination Committee
- Feminist Activism Award
- Distinguished Feminist Lectureship
- Mentoring Award
- Membership Committee
- Undergraduate Social Action Award
- Chow-Green Dissertation Scholarship

REFERRED TO SWS BY:

Name: _____

CONTRIBUTION OPTIONS (enter amount)

- \$ _____ SWS operations
- \$ _____ Natalie Allon Fund (discrimination support)
- \$ _____ Rosenblum award fund (cancer-related dissertation)
- \$ _____ Beth Hess Scholarship
- \$ _____ Feminist Activism Award
- \$ _____ Distinguished Feminist Lectureship
- \$ _____ Mentoring Award
- \$ _____ Undergraduate Social Action Award
- \$ _____ Chow-Green Dissertation Scholarship
- \$ _____ SWS-MFP (ASA Minority Fellowship Program)

TOTAL PAID	\$ _____
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Election Results:

A very appreciative thank you goes to all of the candidates who ran for office this year. From the Executive Office, Council, EOB, and membership, thank you, thank you, thank you! We appreciate the fact that you were willing to show your SWS sisterhood spirit by running!

Please take time to congratulate the winners on being elected into their respective offices or committees when you see them at the Winter meeting in February or send them a thank you note or a phone call. Also, support them when they take office next year. SWS needs all of our support because after all, we are all in this together!

Executive Council

President Elect: Mary Bernstein

Vice President: Tiffany Taylor

Treasurer: Sharon Bird

Committee Chairs

Academic Justice Committee Chair: Heather Laube

Career Development Committee Chair: Sarah Sobieraj

Sister-to-Sister Committee Co-Chair: Gail Wallace

Social Action Committee Chair: Crystal Jackson

Committee Members

Academic Justice Committee Member: Anastasia Prokos

Awards Committee Member: Melanie Heath

Career Development Committee Member: Andrea D. Miller

Membership Committee Members: Hae Yeon Choo & Kecia R. Johnson

Nominations Committee Members: Nikki Jones & Abigail Saguy

Publications Committee Members: Katja M. Guenther & Patricia Richards



Mary Bernstein



Tiffany Taylor



Sharon Bird

“Critique Me Session” at the SWS Summer Meeting in Denver 2012: “The Big Mystery of Writing Cover Letters, CVs and Surviving the Job Market”

When I was on the job market some years ago I highly appreciated the help I received from the “Critique me Session” – a regular session offered by the Career Development Committee to help jobseekers get feedback on their job market materials, so this year I volunteered to give advice. The session was wonderfully organized by Orit Avishai who, with Sara Crawley, made sure that the speed dating format lasted exactly 20 minutes per review. I had the chance to answer the questions of four job seekers who needed mostly advice on their CVs. I realized that writing a CV is somewhat of a mystery because even though there are rules, there are also the individual accomplishments for each person that might not fit these rules exactly.

Fortunately there is help! The Career Development Resource page on the SWS homepage has some very useful PDFs: “The Basics of CV Writing” with a CV Template very informatively composed by Denise Copelton. “Navigating the Job Market” are helpful notes of a session held by Mary Beth Stalp, Laura Fingerson and Denise Copelton as well as “Preparing for Job Interviews” important tips from Laura Fingerson, Heather Sullivan-Catlin, Joey Sprague, and Idee Winfield. Soon there will be a PDF of “Compiled Resources for Being on the Job Market” with Internet resources provided by Debra Guckenheimer.

But wait there is more. I decided to ask the “Critics” from this year’s session to email me the most important advice they gave. Here are the replies I re-

ceived. Laura Kramer suggests that you shouldn’t mix together relatively impressive accomplishments with very minor local ones (e.g., getting some dissertation funding external to one’s home institution should be separate from getting invited to talk at the local high school on feminist sociology). Make it easy for anyone reading your CV to find out who you are and what is important/strong about yourself, so this should be featured early. If the Ph.D. is not complete, be specific about progress in the cover letter (and be realistic - don’t say in November that you are almost done with data collection and will defend in June). When you make changes in a letter/CV to suit a particular job opening, double check that you have taken out inappropriate points and inserted everything you intended.

For Bernice Pescosolido it is important that you “do your homework” about jobs you are applying for (who is there, what do they do especially if you get an interview). That serves two functions: 1) It lets them know that you are prepared and that you have a real interest in THEIR department, not just a “job”; and 2) It allows you to answer the proverbial question: “Do you have any questions for me?” during the interview.

Everyone has told you everything they know; and by this time, you are most likely exhausted. To turn this question to their own research and teaching is a pleasant surprise (and relief for the candidate).

Mary Nell Trautner compiled the following list: 1) Cover letters should be no more than two single-spaced pages. 2) Use standard fonts (Times) and margins; don’t full-justify. 3) Incorporate “boilerplate” and “customized” sections so that each

letter you send is unique to a given department. 4) Make sure you address why you’re the best person for the job advertised. 5) Use department letterhead for page 1 of cover letter (and only page one!). 6) Don’t talk about why you love sociology or influential books. This is not a personal statement to get into graduate school. 7) On the CV, saying “selected” anything (e.g., “selected presentations”) makes the committee wonder what you’re leaving out and why.

Scott Melzer suggests that candidates applying to liberal arts colleges familiarize themselves with those somewhat unique environments. LAC departments are small and often interdisciplinary, so candidates need to demonstrate their scholarly breadth and depth and convey that they’re able to work with students and faculty within and outside of sociology.

Carla Corroto spoke with job seekers about “getting your second job.” My advice included: (1) how to frame why ‘you are pushed from current job and pulled to hiring college/university’ in the cover letter; and (2) if landing the interview, how to discuss your current position without offering a number of negative sentiments, instead how to describe the interviewing university in a positive light.

I hope that the session and this special column will help all job seekers to demystify the application process.

Good luck,

Astrid Eich-Krohm

“Do your homework about jobs you are applying for.”

- Bernice Pescosolido

Local Chapters in Action!

Kent State and Akron SWS

We have had an exciting semester of activity around Akron and Kent Ohio! We hope sharing our recent activity will inspire other chapters and will help us continue our enthusiasm for our local work.

We began the semester with our second annual school supply drive for an area network of domestic violence shelters in two Ohio counties. Obviously school supplies are crucial for learning and for fitting in, but these items also are overlooked in donations to shelters.

We continued the drive for a month and collected hundreds of school supplies ranging from pencils to backpacks. Many of our department and university colleagues gave to the drive. For those interested in conducting similar drives, we have found collecting cash and then shopping for donors to be a very effective way to greatly increase the amount of donations we receive from colleagues. We try to make donating as easy as we can for people.

In October we organized the world premiere of a video documentary by Dr. Sol Haring on aging female artists, "No Time to Get Old." It was a great experi-

ence to collaborate with community nonprofits and to use public library space. Nearly 100 people came out for the film. It is a very inspirational, well-made piece on female artists (various genres) circling age 50 from Little Rock, AR and Akron, OH.

The film is also great for teaching and a 30 minute version of the documentary has just been published online as a strategy to counteract the mis(sing) representation of older women online and in new media. The filmmaker, Dr. Sol Haring, is an Austrian feminist researcher and videographer. She specializes in feminist theory, gerontology and new media, and has published and filmed widely in these fields.

Link to documentary <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j4FVZb9nIDk>

More info on Dr Sol Haring <http://solways.mur.at/>

More info on the film and

featured artists <http://videography.mur.at/>

In early November, 6 members of the Kent State University/University of Akron SWS Chapter participated in a local event called "Senior Day of Service." An annual event that seeks to unite community groups with seniors living in their community, Senior Day of Service involves a commitment from volunteers to go meet local senior residents at their homes and rake their yards.

This year, more than 100 volunteers participated in the event and raked lawns in both Ravenna and Kent, Ohio. Pictured at the event (from left to right) are Marci Cottingham, SWS Faculty Advisor Tiffany Taylor, Katrina Bloch, Christi Gross, Meghan Novisky, and Kara Whaley.

Before the semester ends, about 20 members of our local chapters will volunteer at the Akron Canton Regional Foodbank to assist in sorting food and other activities. Additionally, for the holidays we will "adopt" several area Domestic Violence shelters, gathering donations in our departments that will assist them in their important work.

This has been an amazing semester for our local chapters and we hope to carry this enthusiasm into next semester when we will host local speakers and have a series of professional development brown bags in addition to continuing our work in our community. We would love to hear what other chapters are doing and look forward to the winter meetings!!

— Tiffany Taylor,
Kent State Univ.



Bay Area Symposium

On September 28, 2012, the Bay Area [California] SWS chapter held its second annual symposium. The symposium showcased research by Bay Area SWS members and provided opportunities for attendees to network, provide research feedback, and socialize. We had 27 presenters and over 35 attendees.

Leora Lawton (UC Berkeley) kicked off the symposium with an invited talk on alternative academic paths, focusing on how to fund a career through grants. The rest of the day was devoted to sessions of 5-minute presentations in which presenters gave a quick snapshot of their work. The presentations ran the gamut, from presentations of research design, to preliminary findings, to polished analyses; from informal to scripted and power-



point-assisted; on a fascinating range of topics.

We had three general interest sessions and two special topics sessions: one on non-academic careers and one on work-life balance. We generally skipped group Q&A in favor of extended discussion periods during which presenters and attendees could follow-up on presentations of interest to them.

The symposium took place at RTI International, which contributed meeting space, beverage costs, and supply costs. The UC Berkeley Population Center also con-

tributed funding for refreshments. Lunch was paid for through the SWS Membership Committee, which allots funds to SWS chapters.

The event was a huge success. It brought in fifteen new members to the chapter, and strengthened the Bay Area SWS community.

- Katrina Kimport,
University of California,
San Francisco

To access the most up-to-date list of local chapters with contact names and emails, please visit this website:

<http://www.socwomen.org/web/about/chapters.html>

Call for Nominations—Feminist Activism Award

History & Overview:

In 1994 Carla Howery proposed the Feminist Activism Award to annually recognize a SWS member who has made notable contributions to improving the lives of women in society, especially through activism. While scholarship is not unimportant for a nomination, the clear emphasis is on a member's advocacy work that reflects the goals of SWS. The key rationale for the award was that no such award existed in other sociological groups and associations for this critical, but often unrecognized work -work that was consistent with SWS goals. (Much of the information in this history was excerpted from the Proposal for the Feminist Activism Award as published in the 1994 issue of Network News.)

The award was approved by the membership at the winter meeting in 1994 and first awarded in August 1994. At the 1994 SWS summer business meeting, the members in attendance voted to name the award for its first recipient, Pauline Bart. In 2000, Pauline Bart asked that her name be removed from the award and her request was honored. The award will remain unnamed, unless a proposal for naming this or any other award is presented to and approved by the Awards Committee and ultimately the membership.

Criteria for Selection:

The recipient of the Feminist Activism Award should be a SWS member who had consistently used sociology to better the lives of women. The individual is honored as an activist, rather than as a function of her place of employment or academic achievements. Thus, recipients could include volunteers, non-volunteers, academicians, and private/public sector employees. The emphasis of this award is on advocacy and outreach efforts.

Nature of the Award:

The award was designed to honor a SWS member whose efforts embody the goal of service to women and the identifiable improvement of women's lives. While those efforts are directed toward women, they need not exclude children, men, and special populations. The award honors SWS members, not to exclude other activists, but instead to honor individuals who might not otherwise receive acknowledgement.

Nomination Procedures:

While there are no set guidelines for a nomination packet, a winning packet tends to have these elements: A document (e.g. curriculum vitae, brief biography) providing an accounting of the activist contributions and their impact, testimonials from those benefiting from or witnessing the activism, and any other supporting documents, such as newspaper clippings. Most importantly, the nomination packet should clearly indicate how these activities have improved conditions for women in society. Packets should be sent to the SWS chair as specified in the award announcement posted in Network News (deadline is March 1st). The SWS award chair will distribute copies of the packets to her/his committee. The committee chair will acknowledge nominations received, notify recipients, and communicate the selection process outcome to all nominees.

Campus Visits

The awardee visits two universities, to celebrate and enhance feminist scholarship and social activism on campus. See the [Call for Campus Visit Applications](#) for further information. (see page 18)

For additional information, please contact Danielle (Dani) MacCartney:

dmaccartney12@webster.edu

SWS Feminist Mentoring Award — Deadline: MARCH 1, 2013

The mentoring award was established in 1990 to honor an SWS member who is an outstanding feminist mentor. While the word "mentoring" is commonly used to describe a faculty-student relationship, this award has shown the breadth of ways that feminists do mentoring. In establishing the award, SWS recognized that feminist mentoring is an important and concrete way to encourage feminist scholarship.

Feminist mentoring includes not only anticipating needs and providing concrete guidance and feedback for students and junior colleagues, but also:

- compassion and guidance with regard to feminist concerns,
- helping students and colleagues (junior and senior) to write and effectively communicate as authors, activists and teachers;
- providing support, strategies and models for balancing family and work;
- offering gendered understandings of institutional biases and strategies for overcoming them;
- building formal and informal institutions that support feminist interests (personal, career research, and teaching);
- a philosophy and practice of inclusion inside academia, especially with those most marginalized.

Eligibility. The nominee must be a current member of SWS. Current officers and officers-elect of SWS are not eligible for nomination for

this award, nor is the Editor of *Gender & Society*.

The award will be presented during the SWS summer banquet during the ASA Annual Meeting. SWS awards the recipient a one-time honorarium of \$500.

The nomination packet should include:

- The nominee's CV
- One central nomination letter highlighting and summarizing the supporting materials
- No more than 10 supporting letters should be included in the nomination packet. One appropriate option is for a group of people to write one nomination letter and all sign it

All nomination letters should be submitted as **one** Word or pdf attachment to Joya Misra misra@soc.umass.edu by March 1, 2013. Nominators should include their complete contact information (e-mail, surface mail and telephone) in the packet.

Please note: Nominators can submit the same file for three years in a row; please ensure that the date of the letter reflects the first year the material was submitted. A new nomination can be made after a one-year break. It is the nominator's responsibility to make a nomination each year, files will not be automatically brought forward.



Wendy Simonds



Laura Kramer

Who is missing? Nominate a feminist mentor today!

Previous Winners of the SWS Mentoring Award:

2012 — Laura Kramer and Wendy Simonds

2011 — Nancy Naples and Sarah Fenstermaker

2010 — Joya Misra

2009 — Kum Kum Bhavnani and Michael Kimmel

2008 — Marcia Texler Segal

2007 — Linda Grant & Barbara Risman

2006 — Judith Wittner

2005 — Lora Bex Lempert

2004 — Joey Sprague

2003 — Bonnie Thornton Dill

2002 — Allison Tom

2001 — Sara R. Curran

2000 — Esther Ngan-ling Chow

1999 — Irene Padavic

1998 — Eleanor Miller & Barbara Reskin

1997 — Myra Ferree & Beth Hess

1996 — Judith Lorber

1995 — Barbara Katz Rothman & Verta Taylor

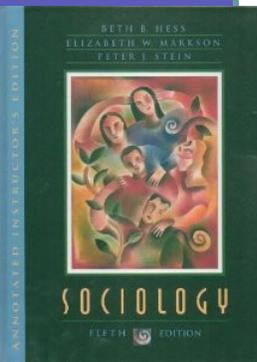
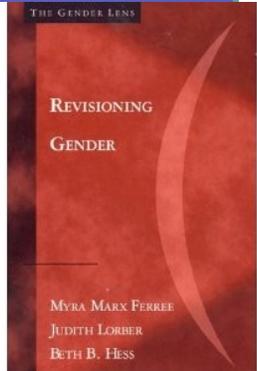
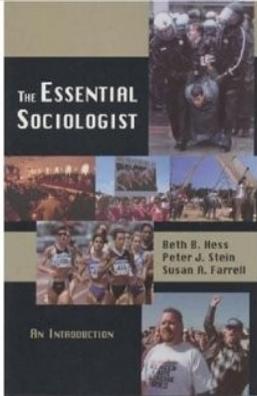
1994 — Donileen Loseke

1993 — Barrie Thorne

1992 — Rachel Rosenfeld

1991 — Rachel Kahn-Hut (1st award)

Call for Nominations – Beth B. Hess Memorial Scholarship



History and Overview

The Beth B. Hess Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to an advanced sociology Ph.D. student who began her or his study in a community college or technical school. A student advanced to candidacy (ABD status) in an accredited Ph.D. program in sociology in the U.S. is eligible to apply if she or he studied at a U.S. two-year college either part-time or full-time for the equivalent of at least one full academic year that was not part of a high-school dual-enrollment program.

The Scholarship carries a stipend of \$15,000 from Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS) with assistance from the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) to be used to support the pursuit of a Ph.D., as well as one-year memberships in SWS (including a subscription to *Gender & Society*) and SSSP. The first award payment of \$7500 will be given at the SWS Summer banquet, with the second \$7500 payment to come at the SWS Winter meeting. Recognizing Beth Hess's significant

contributions to the American Sociological Association (ASA), ASA joins SWS and SSSP in supporting and celebrating the awardee at their [Annual Meeting](#). The awardee's economy class airfare, train fare or driving mileage/tolls will be paid jointly by SWS and SSSP. ASA also supports applicants for this award via their student travel award program (more than one such award may be given, but students must apply to ASA separately). Each association will also waive its meeting registration and provide complementary banquet and/or reception tickets for the awardee.

What We're Looking For:

To honor Beth Hess's career, the committee will be looking for:

- Commitment to teaching, especially at a community college or other institution serving less-privileged students.
- Research and/or activism in social inequality, social justice, or social problems, with a focus on gender and/or gerontology being especially positive

- Service to the academic and/or local community, including mentoring
- High quality research and writing in the proposal and letter of application.

The Application

Applications for the award should be sent electronically as a single Word or RTF file via e-mail attachment to:
dcopelto@brockport.edu

Applications must contain in the following order:

1. A cover sheet with:
 - Name and full contact information, including phone and email
 - Current academic affiliation, with years
 - Community college or technical school attended, with years and number of credits completed
 - Name and contact information for graduate faculty reference
 - If included, name of honored faculty member

A letter of application (no more than 2 pages) describing the student's decision to study sociology, (continued on p.15)

(Hess Scholarship continued)

2. commitment to teaching, career goals, research agenda, service and activism that would help the committee to see how the Scholarship would be a fitting honor
3. Full curriculum vitae, including all schools, degrees awarded, years of study, and full or part-time status in each
4. (Optional) A one-page letter describing a community/technical college faculty member who contributed in a significant way to the decision to study sociology or pursue higher education

Applicants should also arrange for the following to be sent directly

either electronically via e-mail attachment or in hard copy:

1. A letter confirming advancement to candidacy (ABD status) in a sociology Ph.D. program and aid award, if any
 2. A letter of recommendation from a sociologist
 3. Transcript (official or unofficial) from the community or technical college attended
- Only the enrollment confirmation, letter of recommendation, and transcript will be accepted in hard copy. *Electronic copies of these materials are preferred* and should be sent directly by the individual or institution supplying them. Hard copies can be mailed directly to:

Dr. Denise Copelton
Department of Sociology

The College at Brockport, State University of NY
350 New Campus Drive
Brockport, NY 14420

To be considered, all application materials (electronic and hard copy) must be RECEIVED by April 1, 2013.

For further information contact
Denise Copelton–
dcopelto@brockport.edu.

Building National SWS Membership through Local and Regional Chapters: Advice from Successful Chapters

At the summer meetings this year, the membership committee hosted a session entitled "Building National SWS Membership through Local and Regional Chapters: Advice from Successful Chapters." Session participants were Janice McCabe from SWS Tallahassee, Trina Smith from SWS Midwest, Shannon Davis from SWS South and Daniela Jauk from the University of Akron SWS chapter. Panel participants shared information about their chapter's events, goals and organizational structures - providing us with a better understanding of how they each fit into the larger mission of SWS National. Some chapters focus on increasing the visibility of SWS at the regional meetings through hosting hospitality suites and organizing sessions. Other chapters serve as the first point of contact for graduate students interested in SWS. These chapters are serving as a bridge connecting new graduate students to SWS National. For others, the main goal is to create a local SWS community at their universities and build connections with local activists. Panelists also shared some of the obstacles their chapters face. These include maintaining a consistent membership base, struggling to obtain university support of their efforts, and encouraging members to move beyond solely participating at a local or regional level to becoming active in SWS National. In the larger panel discussion, attendees brainstormed ideas for how to help local and regional chapters address some of their obstacles. The membership committee hopes to host another session at the winter meetings in New Mexico specifically geared towards helping members reinvigorate inactive chapters and finding ways to better support chapter efforts. We hope to see you there.

- Katie Acosta, Tulane University

Call for Nominations – Cheryl Allyn Miller Award



Photo of Cheryl Allyn Miller, courtesy of her family

Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS) has established an award for graduate students and recent Ph.D.s working in the area of women and paid work: employment and self-employment, informal market work, illegal work. The award is supported by a bequest from the family of the late Cheryl Allyn Miller, a sociologist and feminist who studied women and paid work.

The purpose of the award is to recognize a sociology graduate student or a recent doctorate whose research or activism constitutes an outstanding contribution to the field of women and work. This contribution may take the form of scholarly or policy research or activism. It may be completed work or work in progress, but should not be a proposal for future work, and should be sufficiently close to completion that the applicant can concisely describe and contextualize the contribution to the field.

The award is \$500, and will be presented at the Banquet at the August SWS meeting (held in conjunction with the annual meetings of the ASA). In addition to the \$500 award, air

travel to the meeting and a ticket to the banquet will be paid by SWS.

Guidelines for Application

Deadline for submission is April 1, 2013. Applicants must be graduate students or have received their Ph.D. in 2011 or 2012. Applicants must belong to SWS, and may join at the same time they apply for the award. For membership information go to [Become a Member](#).

Submissions must include a 2-3 page curriculum vitae, a cover page with the author's name, affiliation, and contact information, an abstract and paper of article length (no more than 30 double-spaced pages, including bibliography) in a style suitable for submission to a scholarly journal. The abstract/cover page should include applicant's name, address, telephone number, email address, and, for applicants with their Ph.D., the date the Ph.D. was completed. Applicants must submit materials on their own behalf. Do not include any nominating letters.

Call for Nominations – Distinguished Feminist Lecturer Award

The SWS Distinguished Lectureship was founded in 1985 as a way of recognizing members whose scholarship employs a feminist perspective, and of making this feminist scholar available to campuses that are isolated, rural, located away from major metropolitan areas, bereft of the resources needed to invite guest speakers, and/or characterized by hostility to feminist scholarship. A key goal of the program is to provide a feminist voice on campuses where such a perspective is unusual and/or unwelcome.

The lecturer must commit to presenting his/her lecture at the summer SWS meeting and on two US campuses that meet the above noted criteria. A written version of the lecture will be published in *Gender & Society*.

NOMINATION PROCEDURES

No more than 10 nomination letters should be included in the nomination packet. One appropriate option is for a group of people to write one nomination letter and all sign it.

All nomination letters should be submitted as one pdf attachment.

Nominations will be kept current for three years, after which they will be put aside for a year and brought in again if requested by the nominator. The nominators will keep the records and see to their currency. It is the nominators' responsibility to contact the lecturer award committee chair annually to make sure the file is being considered and current.

Receipt of nomination packages will be acknowledged with a brief email.

BENEFITS OF AWARD

Plaque (awarded at summer awards banquet)

\$1000

Summer meeting registration and banquet ticket

Summer travel reimbursement (at member rate)

EXPECTATIONS FOR AWARD WINNER

Attendance at Summer Awards Banquet to receive award

Two campus visits during academic year one year AFTER year in which award is presented (e.g. 2012 winner will complete visits in 2013-14)

Present lecture at Summer Meeting following the year in which award is presented (e.g. 2012 winner will give lecture at summer 2013 meeting)

Serve on Awards committee for 2 years (e.g. the 2012 winner will participate in the decision of the 2013 and 2014 winner and the campus visit decision of the 2013 winner)

Contact: Shannon N. Davis (sdaviso@gmu.edu)

Deadline: March 1, 2013



Gayle Sulik,
2013 Distinguished Feminist
Lecturer



Jeanne Flavin,
2013 Feminist
Activism Winner

2013 Call for Applications for Campus Visits

Distinguished Feminist Lecturer, Gayle Sulik, and Feminist Activism Winner, Jeanne Flavin

Due March 1, 2013

During the 2013-2014 academic year, each award winner will visit two campuses. These campus visits are intended to celebrate and enhance feminist scholarship and social activism on college campuses.

The **Distinguished Feminist Lecturer** visits campuses that are isolated, rural, located away from major metropolitan areas, bereft of the resources needed to invite guest speakers, and/or are characterized by hostility to feminist scholarship.

The **Feminist Activism Awardee** visits campuses with departments with a focus on feminist activism, social movements, sociological practice, and/or activist research.

The selection committee will look especially favorably on campuses that are committed to gaining the widest possible audience for these visits. This may be demonstrated by evidence of collaboration with other departments and programs on campus, multiple-campus cooperation, and/or community partnerships.

SWS will pay at least a portion of the expenses for the two site visits; institutions should not let resource scarcity prevent them from applying. (See the detailed reimbursement levels and guidelines.) SWS awards the Distinguished Feminist Lecturer and the Feminist Activism Awardee a one-time honorarium of \$1000.

If you are interested in hosting a campus visit send your application by **March 1, 2013** to:

Distinguished Feminist Lecturer Committee Chair Shannon Davis
email: sdavis@gmu.edu; phone: 703-993-1443

Feminist Activism Award Committee Chair Dani MacCartney
email: dmaccartney12@webster.edu; phone: 314-968-7016

The application should include the following information:

An explanation of your interest in hosting a campus visit and the merits of awarding a campus visitation to your school.

A description of the type of presentation you are interested in hosting (this is particularly important in the case of the Feminist Activist).

The number of days you will ask the awardee to stay.

The audience to which the presentation will be targeted.

A description of how local costs will be met.

Tentative dates.

Guidelines for Arranging and Funding Campus Visits for the Feminist Lecturer and Feminist Activist Award Winners

Communication and Planning

The host and speaker will communicate *directly* about travel arrangements, accommodations, scheduling, and any other details of the site visit. This communication should occur in a timely fashion to facilitate reasonable airfare and flight schedules (including best local information about alternative airports). The SWS Executive Office is *not* responsible for travel arrangements or scheduling.

In the event that the award winner is based internationally, the committee choosing the host institutions should work with them to attempt to schedule talks so only one international flight is necessary.

SWS does not pay costs upfront. The host and speaker are responsible for all payments and must submit receipts for reimbursable expenses to the SWS Executive Office within 30 days of the visit.

The speaker should not incur any financial costs for these trips.

Funding

SWS reimburses up to a total of \$750 for domestic travel (airfare and ground) or \$1500 for international travel (airfare and ground) and lodging at each site if needed.

SWS reimburses only the cost of coach airfare (up to the \$750/\$1500 limit). If the speaker prefers to fly first or business class, she or he (or the host institution) is responsible for paying the difference compared to the coach class fare.

If airfare, major transportation, and lodging exceed the funding limits, SWS will match the host institution's expenditure dollar-for-dollar, to a maximum of \$250.

The host is responsible for local transportation, food, and any other hosting expenses in excess of the reimbursable limit (as described above).

We are accepting ads for the Winter 2013 meeting program booklet. If you would like to advertise your book, program, or congratulate someone, please send us your document in a Word, PDF, or image document. The price for ads are: \$50 for a half-page ad; \$100 for a full-page ad. An ad on the outside back page will cost \$150. The program ads will appear in black and white.

Ads will be accepted until January 14, 2013. Please make your check payable to: Sociologists for Women. Checks should be mailed to: Sociologists for Women in Society, Department of Sociology, Southern Connecticut State University, 501 Crescent Street, New Haven, CT 06515. Please let us know if you have questions by emailing Jazmyne Washington, SWS Administrative Officer at swsadminofficer@socwomen.org.

Chow-Green Women of Color Dissertation Award - 2013

The Sociologists for Women in Society Sister to Sister Committee invites applications for the 2013 Esther Ngaling Chow and Mareyjoyce Green Scholarship, formerly known as the Women of Color Dissertation Scholarship. All applications are due no later than April 1, 2013. Please contact Sister to Sister co-chair **Kris De Welde** at kdewelde@fqu.edu with applications or questions.

Scholarship Purpose:

Sociologists for Women in Society, has worked hard to build a coalition of women scholars who share concerns about the status of women both domestically and internationally. In keeping with that mission, SWS established a Women of Color Scholarship at its annual meeting in February 2007. The primary purposes of the scholarship are:

- To offer support to women scholars who are from underrepresented groups and are studying concerns that women of color face domestically and/or internationally.
- To increase the participation of students of color in SWS.

Selection Criteria:

- Student must be a woman from a racial/ethnic group facing racial discrimination in the United States.
- Applicant must demonstrate the project's grounding in sociology and intersectional scholarship, and its relevance to women of color.
- Student must be in the early stages of writing a dissertation.
- Student must be "All But Dissertation" (ABD) by the time the term of the award begins. (Must be certified by the student's advisor in the recommendation letter)
- Applicant must demonstrate a financial need for the award.
- Domestic and international students are eligible to apply.
- Additional details can be found on the Sister to Sister website (<http://www.socwomen.org/web/awards/3006-Women-of-Color-Dissertation-Scholarship.html>)

Funding:

The winner will receive a \$15,000 scholarship, a plaque and SWS membership for one year. In addition the recipient will receive free registration for both the summer and winter meetings, along with an additional \$500 grant to enable attendance at the winter meeting.

Fun times in Denver!



2013 Barbara Rosenblum Dissertation Scholarship for the Study of Women and Cancer — Call for Applications

We are currently accepting applications for the 2013 Barbara Rosenblum Dissertation Scholarship for the Study of Women and Cancer. The scholarship fund was established by Sociologists for Women in Society with a bequest from Dr. Barbara Rosenblum, an active and longstanding member who died from breast cancer in 1988. The purpose of the scholarship is to encourage doctoral work focusing on women's cancers, particularly women's diverse experiences. Doctoral work can be in Sociology, Anthropology, Psychology or related fields (e.g. Ethnic Studies, Women's and Gender Studies).

Eligibility: The candidate must identify as a woman with a feminist orientation who is *sensitiveto* studying women's cancers and their impact on diverse groups of women, including those of diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, language, religion, geographical areas, and other cultural perspectives. The candidate must have an **approved prospectus** for doctoral research. The topic should be useful academically and should also have pragmatic and practical applications such as informing and empowering women, demystifying the disease, and/or having implications for the breast cancer epidemic more broadly. The scholarship is intended for researchers who plan to present their findings and applications to lay audiences as well as social scientists.

To apply please send the following to gayle.sulik@breastcancerconsortium.net:

1. electronic copy of the application form [Click to access printable [application form](#).]
2. electronic copy of your CV
3. electronic copy of your dissertation proposal or prospectus

Please do not send more than 15 pages. If the full proposal is longer, select the section or sections which most clearly describe what you are doing, who your subjects will be, and what methods you will use. If you are near completion, please include a brief statement describing the above and major findings.

Application materials are due no later than April 1, 2013.

IRWG Senior Scholar Visitor Program

The purpose of the IRWG Senior Scholar Visitor program is to bring accomplished senior faculty presently employed in academic institutions outside the University of Michigan to IRWG for up to a year to engage in research that advances our understanding of women/gender and/or sexuality. Visiting Senior Scholars are expected to offer a public lecture, hold one master class meeting with dissertation students, and participate in the intellectual environment of the institute. In selection decisions we consider the applicant's field of interest, scholarly achievement, plan of research, and fit with the institute's current interests and intellectual

community. In addition to office space, IRWG will provide a \$5000 stipend per term and \$1000 for research/professional expenses. Applications should include a statement of research plans and a curriculum vita. It is presumed that candidates will be able to coordinate a sabbatical leave with the time spent at IRWG. Please include a statement confirming such coordination. Individuals may apply as much as a year in advance of their sabbatical plans. The application deadline is February 15, 2013.

Please send applications to:

IRWGVisitingScholars@umich.edu

For questions please contact:

Professor Deborah Keller-Cohen
dkc@umich.edu

Senior Associate Director

Institute for Research on Women and Gender

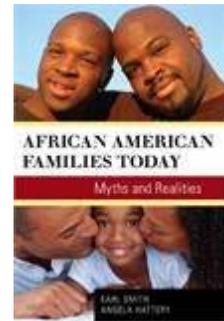
University of Michigan

Members' Bookshelf

African American Families Today: Myths and Realities

Angie Hattery and Earl Smith; Rowman & Littlefield, 2012.

From teen pregnancy and single parenting to athletics and HIV/AIDS, myths about African American families abound. This provocative book by two acclaimed scholars of race and ethnicity debunks many common myths about black families in America, sharing stories and drawing on the latest research to show the realities.



African American Families Today examines the well-being of African American families around topics including marriage, health, education, incarceration, wealth, and more. Authors Angela J. Hattery and Earl Smith show that even though the election of the first African American president, Barack Obama, has been symbolically important for African Americans, his presidency has not had a measurable impact on the daily lives of African American families. As the book shows, racial inequality persists—we're clearly not in a "post-racial" society.

The Gender Trap: Parents and the Pitfalls of Raising Boys and Girls
Emily W. Kane; NYU Press, Fall 2012

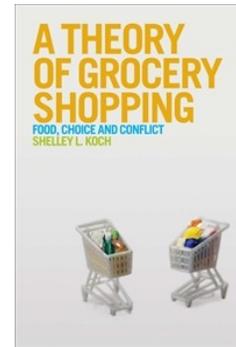
From the selection of toys, clothes, and activities to styles of play and emotional expression, the family is ground zero for where children learn about gender. Despite recent awareness that girls are not too fragile to play sports and that boys can benefit from learning to cook, we still find ourselves surrounded by limited gender expectations and persistent gender inequalities. Through the lively and engaging stories of parents from a wide range of backgrounds, *The Gender Trap* provides a detailed account of how today's parents understand, enforce, and resist the gendering of their children. Emily Kane shows how most parents make efforts to loosen gendered constraints for their children, while also engaging in a variety of behaviors that reproduce traditionally gendered childhoods, ultimately arguing that conventional gender expectations are deeply entrenched and that there is great tension in attempting to undo them while letting 'boys be boys' and 'girls be girls.'



Members' Bookshelf

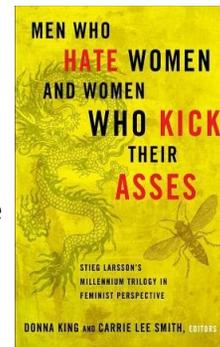
A Theory of Grocery Shopping: Food, Choice and Conflict.
Shelley Koch; Berg Publishers, 2012.

A Theory of Grocery Shopping: Food, Choice and Conflict explores the social organization of grocery shopping by linking the lived experience of grocery shoppers and retail managers in the U.S. with information on how to shop disseminated by nutritionists, government employees, financial advisors, journalists, health care providers and marketers. These institutional agents not only influence the ways we think about and perform the work of shopping for a household's food but often send conflicting messages about how to accomplish this task. This book challenges the consumer choice model that places responsibility on the shopper for making the "right" choice at the grocery store, thereby ignoring the larger social forces which determine what products are available and how they get to the shelves. <http://www.bergpublishers.com/?tabid=15890>



Men Who Hate Women and Women Who Kick Their Asses: Stieg Larsson's Millennium Trilogy in Feminist Perspective.
Donna King and Carrie Lee Smith, editors.; Vanderbilt University Press, 2012.

Stieg Larsson was an unabashed feminist in his personal and professional life and in the fictional world he created, but *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*, *The Girl Who Played with Fire*, and *The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest* are full of graphic depictions of violence against women, including stalking, sexual harassment, child abuse, rape, incest, serial murder, sexual slavery, and sex trafficking, committed by vile individual men and by corrupt, secretive institutions. How do readers and moviegoers react to these depictions, and what do they make of the women who fight back, the complex masculinities in the trilogy, and the ambiguous gender of the elusive Lisbeth Salander? These lively and accessible essays expand the conversation in the blogosphere about the novels and films by connecting the controversies about gender roles to social trends in the real world. <http://www.vanderbiltuniversitypress.com/books/449/men-who-hate-women-and-the-women-who-kick-their-asses>



New Social Media Representative



Wendy M. Christensen,
William Patterson Uni-
versity

I am thrilled to serve as the new Social Media Representative for SWS. As a long-time member of SWS, and a self-described “Internet junkie” with research interests in political participation, gender, and online technology, I find this work to be especially exciting and rewarding.

Basically, what I do as the Social Media Rep is to scour the Internet for feminist news. I keep an eye on our Twitter and Facebook feeds, follow various academic and feminist blogs, and watch for international news related to feminism, gender, and equality. I also watch our Listserv for links, and news about members. My favorite news items to post to Twitter and Facebook feeds are those that highlight the wonderful work our members do—media appearances, blog posts, and new books. I have four goals for our social media presence; (1) to increase the visibility of SWS inside and outside academia, (2) to help spread the word about the amazing work that our members do, (3) to share relevant and helpful news items, blog posts, videos and images with our members and followers, and (3) to ensure that SWS is part of a larger, international conversation about feminism and equality.

Our past Executive Officer, Jessica Holden Sherwood, left fantastically healthy and active Twitter, LinkedIn, and Facebook accounts for me to work with. As of writing this, we have about 3,700 fans on Facebook. Our posts, when they are shared on other people’s Facebook timelines, reach as many as 20,000 people. Our LinkedIn professional group has

more than 1,700 members worldwide. We have about 2,400 followers on Twitter, some of whom have quite a bit of Twitter clout (as measured in the number of followers they have). For example, our Twitter feed, @SocWomen, is followed by:

The Nation:	202,000 followers
Inside Higher Ed:	42,000 followers
Ms. Magazine:	37,000 followers
Feminist Majority:	11,000 followers
Women’s Media Center:	25,000 followers
Racialicious:	18,000 followers
Women in Higher Ed:	15,000 followers

Most importantly, I believe that our social media accounts belong to *all* of our members. If you have anything that you would like shared, you can email me directly (christensenw@wpunj.edu), or post links and info to our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/SocWomen), or tweet them at us (@SocWomen) on Twitter. You can also post to our discussion board on LinkedIn. I look forward to hearing from you about how to make our Social Media work even better for our organization!

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Gender & Society Press Release Program

Early this Fall, SWS approached the Council on Contemporary Families to take on writing *Gender & Society* press releases while a search to hire a permanent media person is underway. The Board of CCF agreed to the match, and the outcome is that Stephanie Coontz and I-- the media team for CCF--agreed to write and promote *G&S* news releases. A consulting fee will be given as a donation to CCF.

For over a decade, Stephanie and I have done press relations and public information for the Council on Contemporary Families, and we have been able to give the organization and our issues ever increasing visibility. I have two decades of doing media relations in the U.S. Congress and national organizations and developing press campaigns for book publishers and individual authors. Along with having her own highly effective voice in the media, Stephanie has established a method for assembling highly reliable and authoritative social science research on current issues. In our media projects, we seek to thread the needle: we want to tell a story that is gripping and understandable to general audi-

ences, and yet retain the nuance of the underlying work. It isn't so different from teaching: Stephanie is a professor of history and women's studies The Evergreen State College and I am a professor of sociology at Framingham State University.

As I write this update for *Network News*, we are working on our first *G&S* press release. We are featuring Emily Kazyak's "Midwestern or Lesbian? Gender, Rurality, and Sexuality" from the December issue. As we do for CCF, we are assembling key additional contacts to include in the release from a wider circle of sources of SWS members on issues related to changing attitudes towards same-sex relationships and towards gay, lesbian, and bisexual people, and the diversity in GLBT communities. We will list links to other *G&S* articles from recent years on related topics. Using CCF's resources, we will circulate the release to our media list, to a national media list, and to a niche list of journalists and bloggers who cover GLBT issues and reach GLBT communities. We hope you'll see our results in the news!

As a non-governmental organization (NGO) with special consultative status at the United Nations, SWS has the opportunity to submit a written statement every year to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). This year the theme for the 57th annual session of the CSW is violence against women and girls. Statements address the theme and the responsibilities of governments to improve women's position in their countries. This statement was composed for SWS by Susan Lee, Hara Bastas, Manisha Desai, Shobha Gurung, Dani Jauk, and Kristy Kelly.

SWS CSW 57 STATEMENT

Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS) is an American non-profit scientific and educational organization of sociologists dedicated to improving women's lives and creating feminist social change. Through our teaching, research, publications, and activism, we educate and sensitize the sociological profession, other scholars, and the public to the social, political and economic situation of women. We publish a highly regarded professional journal, *Gender & Society*, and engage with a network of sister organizations on several continents through our Global Feminist Partnership program. Two of our Feminist Partners, the Center of Women's & Family Studies at Zhejiang Academy of Social Sciences in Hangzhou, China, and the Centro di Studi Interdisciplinari di Genere in Trento, Italy contributed to this statement.

Sociologists for Women in Society affirms the comprehensive definition of violence against women in the *Beijing Platform for Action (A/CONF.177/20)* developed at the Fourth World Conference on Women. Physical, sexual, and psychological violence against women and girls occurs in the family, the general community, and in state institutions. Women belonging to minority groups, indigenous women, refugee women, migrant women, women living in rural or remote communities, destitute women, women in institutions or detention, female children, women with disabilities, elderly women and women in situations of armed conflict are particularly vulnerable to violence (para. 116).

Violence against women is one of the crucial social mechanisms by which women are forced into a subordinate position compared with men (*Beijing* para. 117). It is a manifestation of the historically unequal power relations between men and women which have led to domination over and discrimination against women by men and to the prevention of women's full advancement (para. 118). Violence against women derives from traditional and customary practices that perpetuate the lower status of women in the family, the workplace, community, and society as well as media images of violence against women and women's lack of legal protection (para. 118).

In view of the widespread persistence of gender-based violence articulated in the *Beijing Platform*, SWS urges Member States to institute laws criminalizing violence against women and girls to protect their right to life, safety, and property including their domestic domicile. Police and court personnel should receive specialized training to ensure proper and effective response to women and girls who report violence, including violence perpetrated by intimate partners and other family members. Police departments should actively recruit and train female officers and develop specialized units to respond to violence against women and girls. Municipalities should take steps to coordinate services to victims of gender-based violence among police, courts, prisons, probation officers, social services, and health care providers. Member States should provide generous funding for networks of shelters and counseling centers for women and girls fleeing from violence and dealing with its physical and emotional ramifications.

To protect women and girls, Member States should actively cultivate a culture of peace, paying special attention to violence perpetrated in state institutions such as partner and sexual violence in the military and violence by police and prison officials, especially towards minority group women. We urgently demand that UN peace-keeping missions eliminate sexual violence by UN peacekeepers and safeguard women and girls in refugee camps. We deplore and condemn the use of sexual violence as a tactic of war to achieve military and political objectives as acknowledged by UN Security Council Resolutions 1820, 1888, and 1960. We recognize that women and girls are often associated with fighting forces as combatants, field operations supporters, or sex slaves and forced 'bush wives.' We encourage Member States to identify women ex-combatants as resources for implementation of resolution 1325, aimed at developing women police officers and soldiers with the capacity to challenge dominant patriarchal approaches to security. We urge Members

states to support the UN's 7 Point Action Plan on Gender-Responsive Peace building as discussed in the UN Women Sourcebook on Women, Peace and Security.

One of the most effective means of reducing violence against women and girls is through educational efforts that seek a better understanding of the causes of violence, shape public opinion concerning gender-based violence, engage men as partners for equality, and promote services addressing the needs of victims. We encourage Member States to develop and fund educational programs challenging female subordination and promoting equitable gender relationships at all stages of life. Since women and girls experience high rates of violence in every aspect of their lives -- in their homes, in schools, in work and in their communities -- educational programs that focus on supporting equitable gender relationships will contribute to new norms to safeguard the human rights of women and girls. School-based educational programs at primary and secondary levels hold special promise in helping youth establish equitable gender relationships and providing a safe place for girls and boys to recognize and report violence and to strategize alternatives. Community education programs offer women a place to learn about available services and deal with abusive relationships, and they allow men to examine the role that hegemonic masculinity plays in perpetrating violence against women and girls. To protect women and to improve gender norms, more programs to re-educate violent men are needed. Programs aimed at the media can help set ethical guidelines for reporting violence against women and girls to avoid re-victimization.

The issue of international trafficking for the purposes of the sex trade, as well as the issues of forced prostitution, rape, sexual abuse and sex tourism, (*Beijing* para 122) remain significant problems. Sex trafficking is the most pervasive and illicit manifestation of globalization and global capital expansion, structured in multiple and multilevel inequalities. As a global gendered issue, trafficking manifests across boundaries on a worldwide scale, with young girls and women the majority of victims and survivors. Over the past decade scholars, activists, and policy-makers have defined a comprehensive human trafficking paradigm that sees it not as a single event but as processes with various steps that begin with recruitment, movement of the person, the trafficking harm, and through recovery and integration. This thinking highlights the need to focus on the safety and security of women and children as well as development policies and opportunities in the origin countries to ensure economic and financial stability. We urge Member States to cooperate on a regional and sub-regional basis to stem the flow of international trafficking, providing trafficking victims with social, economic, and political protection. Non-residential victims in particular need legal assistance to deal with complex immigration and visa issues.

Violence against women and girls includes violence based on the expression of gender identity and sexual orientation. In all regions of the world, transgender individuals face multiple forms of violence on a daily basis. As the Human Rights Council has noted, seventy-six countries retain laws that are used to criminalize people on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity (A/HRC/19/41 2011). In all UN Member States, transgender individuals face civil harassment, violence and sexual assault; in some, state-perpetrated violence through death penalty, death threats, and torture occurs (Human Rights Watch 2009, O'Flaherty and Fisher 2008, A/HRC/19/41 2011).

Individuals facing violence based on their expression of gender identity or sexual orientation are protected under current human rights law as shown in the Yogyakarta principles <http://www.yogyakartaprinciples.org>. A recent publication of the United Nations Human Rights Commissioner, *Born Free and Equal* (HR/PUB/12/06), urges Member States to protect people from transphobic and homophobic violence, prevent torture and degrading treatment, repeal laws criminalizing homosexuality and fluid gender expression, prohibit discrimination, and safeguard freedom of expression. We urge the Commission on the Status of Women to integrate agreed language concerning sexual orientation and gender identity from CEDAW Recommendation 28 which states that "the discrimination of women based on sex and gender is inextricably linked with other factors that affect women, such as race, ethnicity, religion or belief, health, status, age, class, caste, and sexual orientation and gender identity" (para. 18, CEDAW/C/2010/47/GC.2).

The absence of adequate gender-disaggregated indicators on the incidence of violence makes the elaboration of programs and monitoring of changes difficult (*Beijing* para 120). Statistics on violence against women and girls make violence visible by raising awareness of the extent of the problem, guiding policy reforms, and monitoring progress in violence prevention (Jansen 2012). As sociologists, we encourage Member States to prioritize the adoption of internationally comparable indicators on violence against women and girls such as those proposed by the UN Statistical Commission. The indicators should measure the prevalence, severity, and frequency of physical, sexual, and psychological violence against women and girls by age and relationship of victim to perpetrator, including intimate partner violence, child sexual abuse, and spousal homicide, including due diligence indicators to measure prevention efforts by (continued on p. 28)

Member States (Ertürk 2008). The WHO Multi-Country Study on Health and Domestic Violence against Women is a useful model for the development of standardized surveys including training of interviewers and safety of respondents. The UN Office on Drugs and Crime should develop standardized -disaggregated indicators for use by police departments and court systems to assess the effectiveness of Member States in responding to violence against women and girls.

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Announcements, Celebrations, Accomplishments, and More!



Rachel Ellis, doctoral student at the University of Pennsylvania, won the 2012 Student Paper Award from the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion for her paper, "Marketing to Whom? Desired Members and Jewish Denominational Niches, 1913-1920."

Jenny Ungbha Korn was the only student in her university cohort to present at the 2012 conference of the Association of Internet Researchers (AoIR)  on "#FuckProp8: How Temporary Virtual Communities Around Politics and Sexuality Pop Up, Come Out, Provide Support, and Taper Off" in Manchester, England.



Jazmyne Washington, SWS Administrative Officer and graduate student at Southern Connecticut State University, successfully completed her Master's thesis defense!



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New Network News Editor

Angela Lewellyn Jones is an Associate Dean of Elon University's College of Arts & Sciences, and an associate professor of social justice in the Sociology & Anthropology department. She received her Ph.D. in Sociology from North Carolina State University in 1999, and has been a member of the faculty at Elon University since 1998. She teaches courses related to Social Problems, Violence in Families, Criminology, Social Deviance, and Sociology of Gender.

Prior to becoming an associate dean, she served for six years as the chair of Sociology & Anthropology at Elon. She also held a variety of other leadership positions, including academic coordinator of Elon's Civic Engagement Scholars program and Coordinator of Elon's

Women's & Gender Studies program. She has been actively involved in SWS-South since her graduate school years at NC State, serving as both the Vice-President ('05-'07) and as the Newsletter Editor/Membership Chair ('00-'04).

Angela's scholarly interests are two-fold. Her most recent work focuses on the scholarship of teaching and learning as it relates to academic service-learning. She also continues to work on projects related to domestic violence and gender relations. When not pursuing these scholarly interests, keeping up with her associate dean responsibilities, or preparing for her courses, she is kept quite busy by her three children (8 year old Téa, 5 year old Sam, and 3 year old Cady Grace) and husband, David, of 19 years.

She is honored to be serving as *Network News* Editor, and looks forward to receiving much exciting information from all the membership to highlight in every issue!



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