By: Marlese Durr
SWS President

This year has been busy as we prepare for our Summer meeting. Unfortunately, Diane Wysocki’s spouse’s illness would not allow her to remain as our new Executive Director. On behalf of SWS I thank her for her service and work on the IT committee during her short time with us. She remains dedicated to SWS. Thank You Diane! Nancy Miller has agreed to continue as Executive Director for an additional year (May 2006). The Executive Council has been discussing forming an ad hoc Search Committee, whose task will be to help us identify candidates for the position of Executive Director. You will be hearing more on this at the summer meeting.

Since our last newsletter, we have worked very diligently with other associations to make changes within our society. For example, SWS has signed the letter protesting the 4uforgovernment website. Susan Chase has worked on discrimination in the tenure process for members, and Mary Vinoche, Ezster Hargitt, Laura Fingerson, Barbara Dukles, Marita McCloskey, Joan Biddle, Judith Lorber, Diane Wysocki, Nancy Miller and Nancy Naples have developed a website policy which you will hear more about at this summer’s meeting.

Our meeting (Marriott Courtyard, 21 North Juniper Street, Philadelphia, August 13-16, 2005) begins what we hope will become an institutionalized, yearly, joint session between ASA/SWS/SSSP/ABS. During our Winter Meeting in Miami, all of the Presidents, including ASA President-Elect Cynthia Fuchs Epstein, met to discuss this first joint session, which will span across our meetings in Philadelphia. The panels planned for this year are: Social Security (ASA), The Elimination of Gender & Race statistics by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and Attacks on Academic Freedom (SSSP).

Nancy Naples has organized the panel on The Elimination of Gender & Race Statistics. Panelists for this session are Philip N. Cohen, Paula England, and Heidi Hartmann. Heidi Hartmann will represent SWS on the Social Security Panel. We thank you Heidi! I also wish to thank the many members who responded to my request for names of persons to serve as panelists representing SWS. Barbara Risman has been asked to represent us as a discussant/respondent on the Solidarity Panel of the SOCIOLOGISTS WITHOUT BORDERS meeting whose theme this year is WHERE SOCIOLOGY MEETS SOLIDARITIES, August 12, 2005 at the Philadelphia Sheraton Society Hotel. Other panelists are: Edward Murguia, Chair, Section on Latina/o Sociology; Benjamin P. Bowser, President, Association of Black Sociologists; and Alberto Moncada, President, Sociologists Without Borders.

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Our own Cathy Zimmer is the Secretary/Treasurer of Sociologists Without Borders. On the heels of the many e-mails and news reports surrounding Harvard, women and work, Barbara Risman and I have worked with ASA to co-sponsor a special session entitled Women & Science: Empirical Responses to the Summer's Controversy. I will act as presider and Mary Frank Fox as discussant. In this session, we have decided to cover the three arguments Summers' made and one that extends to race. We will accomplish this through employing a very interactive panel. Each panelist and the discussant will speak for 5-7 minutes. Then we will open for dialogue. Panelists will end with a summary statement lasting no more than five minutes. Panelists for this session are: Cecilia Ridgeway (University Implicit Bias, Performance, And Perceived Ability In The Workplace); Gail Simmons (The Adaptive Landscape Of Academe: Why Female Scholarly Fitness Is Not Maximized); Bonnie Thornton Dill (Multiplied Jeopardies: Race, Gender, Genes And Science(?); Marta L. Wayne (Vive la variance? On Genetic Differences In Science Aptitude Between The Genders); and Jerry Jacobs, (Limiting The Limitless Academic Work Load).

Our co-sponsored session with SSSP is entitled Attacks on Academic Freedom, moderated by Sherryl Kleinman featuring speakers/panelists: Michael Schwalbe, (What Is Academic Freedom??); Melanie Bush (Contested Meanings Of Academic Freedom And Diversity); Elly Crystall (Malign Neglect: A University's (Non)Response To Heterosexism); and Ruth Milkman (Academic Realpolitik: The Case Of The University of California Institute For Labor And Employment). The Voting Rights co-sponsored session will feature Aldon Morris, Donald Cunnigen, Kenya Covington and Benjamin P. Bower discussing the history of voting rights and potential changes to this precious right. In addition to the joint co-sponsored sessions and women in Science panel, SWS will co-sponsor President Troy Duster's Comparative Perspectives on The Rightward Turn In US Politics. ASA presenters are Lani Guinier and Gerald Torres (The Miner's Canary), Dan T. Carter (From George Wallace To Newt Gingrich: Race In The Conservative Counter-Revolution), Thomas Frank (What's The Matter With Kansas). So we will be busy!

To accommodate this schedule of co-sponsorships, our meeting this year will feature special-topic breakfasts and luncheon panels designed to examine our academic lives. Organized by Abby Ferber and Joan Spade, the chairs of the Task Force on Feminists Transformation of the Academy, and the Awards Committee, "The Life-Trajectory of an Academic Career" will examine the road to tenure, then the slump many women faculty face after tenure on the road to Full Professor. Disrupting the Culture of Silence is an open discussion for SWS members to examine the various issues many of face in balancing our personal and professional lives. Some of the issues we will discuss include battling eating disorders, feeling like a fraud, dealing with difficult colleagues, etc. The goal of this discussion is to provide a venue where we can support each other and share strategies. Recognizing and Rewarding Women's Work in the Academy, sponsored by the Awards Committee, will examine the nomination process for academic awards, why women are less likely to nominate themselves and other women for awards, and how to better market our achievements. Using this meeting format allows all of us to hear Joan Acker our 2004 Feminist Lecturer's talk entitled Inequality at Work: Gender, Race, and Class in the Workplace.

The response to the Transgender 101 session was so great that Betsy Lucal and Tre Wentling have planned Transgender 102. This workshop will focus on raising the visibility of low income people and Persons of Color who experience gender identity discrimination; the homeland security act and how it has affects transgendered persons; foster care and state custody of children who are gender non-conforming; prison environment for transgendered persons; and homeless and domestic violence shelters responses and actions toward transgendered persons.

This is our fourth Sister-to-Sister meeting with the Association of Black Sociologists (ABS) and our second co-sponsored reception with the American Sociological Association (ASA). This year's reception theme is Getting to Know Ourselves and Each Other, reflecting this project's...continued on page 3
advancement to a third step in building and solidifying our relationships. So this year, as the title denotes, we will get to know each other using an ice-breaker format to meet someone we do not know and begin a working relationship (i.e., paper for publication, conferences, etc.). Barbara Risman, Joey Sprague and Bette Dickerson will chair this activity.

Part two of our Sister-to-Sister meeting is our Collaborative Opportunities Roundtables, led by Julia McQuillian. Tables will be organized according to interest in similar projects thus providing an opportunity to discuss ideas and find potential collaborators, collaboration suggestions, and mutual opportunities for increased success. For example, a senior faculty member may want to start a research agenda in a new substantive area, and a junior person may be deep into that area but not have the experience to efficiently get through the publication/grant process. Similarly, someone may be teaching an innovative course and want to write a textbook for it, someone else may have textbook writing experience and want to move into teaching that course. They could discuss writing a textbook or an edited volume together. Denise Copleton and Tamara Smith of the Career Development Committee will offer a breakfast workshop designed to cover the ABC’s of Mentoring, which will discuss how to find a mentor, how to nurture the relationship, and how to gracefully exit the arrangement if it is not working. Attendees will be provided tools with which to assess their own mentor relationships. Testimonials from people in various stages of the academic career will enhance the workshop. The session will conclude with information on how to join the SWS Hand Mentor Program and the SWS Professional-Needs Mentoring Program.

Part three of our continued collaboration has been organized by Marcia Hernandez who has planned our student session with ABS entitled Emerging Scholarship in Sociology: ABS-SWS Student Roundtables. The roundtables will feature research by students who are in varying stages of their academic career, providing them an opportunity to discuss research interests and goals with other students and faculty. A range of research topics including religion, sexuality, family and education will be covered during the session.

Our meetings will be exciting and busy, but wrapped in the goals of our work.

One of the goals of the session is to have a comfortable environment for students to create a relationship with others in their research area. For example, those invited to present may consider forming writing groups to maintain a forum in which they can receive critical feedback, suggestions and encouragement to continue their work.

All students at the conference are encouraged to attend the roundtables and learn about each other's work, offer feedback and join a network of emerging scholars.

Meeting, greeting, congratulating each other and just catching up leisurely will occur during our SWS Banquet Awards Banquet at Zanzibar Blue from 7-10 PM (tickets $40.00). Established in 1990, Zanzibar Blue is Philadelphia’s first and only upscale restaurant and jazz club providing a truly unique experience that combines the very best in international jazz and global cuisine. Located in the historic Bellevue building, on the prestigious Avenue of the Arts, the heart of Philadelphia’s cultural arts and dining district, Zanzibar Blue is heavily credited with the revitalization of Philadelphia’s nightlife. Zanzibar Blue’s stage is home to many talented local musicians as well as nationally and internationally recognized performers. Legends of the jazz world Nancy Wilson, Jimmy Scott, Shirley Horn, Chuck Mangione, Hendricks and Ross and Ahmad Jamal, have graced the Zanzibar Blue stage. But it is also a home for the younger jazz generation and has featured Harry Connick, Jr., Dana Krall, Stacy Kent, Steve Tyrell and Gerald Veasley. Our Awards Banquet will be held at Zanzibar Blue, 200 South Broad Street, just three blocks from our hotel.

To further our talk on the trajectory of tenure and promotion, Mr. Alan Mc Clare, Senior Acquisitions Editor of Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, will be attending our ASA/SWS/ABS Sister-to-Sister Reception and will be available to discuss publishing plans and ideas with you. Rowman & Littlefield now publishes our Gender Lens series. Please make sure to mark your calendars to meet and greet and set up appointments (bring your idea and or proposals as well). Look for a flyer with information on how to make appointments with Alan in advance.

Our meetings will be exciting and busy, but wrapped in the goals of our work. However, as I continue to build the Summer schedule, one or two more sessions will be added, but not so many to obscure our work and compete with the other sessions. See you in Philly!

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SWS Student Concerns Committee

By: Marcia Hernandez

The Student Concerns Committee welcomes all of the new student members to SWS! Thanks to those of you who recently signed on to participate on the SWS student listserv, and to everyone who has taken the time to respond to the email surveys and messages.

If you are a student member, but not on the student listserv, send an email to SWS-Grad@yahoogroups.com or you may contact Jenny Korn (the listserv manager) directly at j-korn@kellog.northwestern.edu.

Ongoing Committee Efforts

The committee has space on the SWS website to post information related to student issues. If you would like to add an item to this page, contact me via email at mdhernandez@hotmail.com. The following items are currently posted on the Student Concerns page: the Student-to-Student mentoring application, the Student Representation survey and Hey Jane! Columns (the Student Edition).

There is need for further discussion among students regarding representation in SWS based on the responses to a survey posted in February 2005. A new, revised survey is now on the Student Concerns link of the SWS website. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey. The results will be presented at the Summer meeting and available online after August.

Student Events at the Summer Meeting

Emerging Scholarship in Sociology: ABS-SWS Student Roundtables

The roundtables will feature research by students who are in varying stages of their academic career. One of the goals of the session is to have a comfortable environment for students to create a relationship with others in their research area. For example, those invited to present may consider forming writing groups to maintain a forum in which they can receive critical feedback, suggestions and encouragement to continue their work. Therefore we welcome all conference participants to attend the roundtable session to learn about other's work, offer feedback and join a network of emerging scholars doing interesting and engaging research. The roundtable session will take place on Saturday, August 13th, the time and room information is forthcoming.

Student-to-Student Mentoring Program

Participation in the student mentoring program is an opportunity for students who are seasoned SWSers to assist new (or junior) student members as they progress in their graduate programs. For junior members, having a student mentor is useful, as students offer an unique perspective regarding the concerns and issues related to comprehensive exams, tips for new teachers, and the challenges of starting a master's or dissertation project. New student members can benefit from other's experiences and wisdom in learning how to network, socialize, and navigate a conference.

Involvement in the Student-to-Student Mentoring Program will not exclude you from signing up for other SWS mentoring programs. This program will not replace the existing mentoring programs organized by the Membership and Career Development Committees that match junior with senior SWS members; instead it will compliment them by focusing primarily on student experiences.

To participate in the Student-to-Student Mentoring Program, complete the application form available on the Student Concerns link or respond to the listserv post regarding the mentoring program. Please return the completed form by July 24th and email it to Rachel Kutz-Flamenbaum (rflamenb@ic.sunysb.edu). Include "student mentoring program" in the email heading. Students will be matched prior to the Summer meeting; participants will be notified by email of their mentor-partner in August.

Student Happy Hour

SWS will sponsor a Student Happy Hour during the summer meetings. This event is open to all SWS students, and mentor-partners are welcome to use it as an opportunity to socialize with each other. The place, date and time will be announced on the SWS listservs.

Job Opportunities

Luther College. The Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work invites applications for a tenure-eligible position as Assistant Professor of Sociology starting late August 2006. Applicants should have completed the Ph.D. in sociology by August 2006. A demonstrated passion for teaching is a must. Specialization in crime or deviant behavior is preferred and experience in teaching sociological theory is a plus. Teaching load will include Introduction to Sociology, Crime or Deviance, Sociological Theory a plus. The sociology program consists of three full-time faculty and seeks to offer students a broad-based curriculum by faculty with diverse research interests. We seek a scholar who is passionate about teaching, is well versed in the fundamentals of the discipline, and is interested in inclusive and innovative pedagogy. Review of applications begins immediately and continues until the position is filled. Applications completed by September 30, 2005 will receive full consideration. Women and members of diverse ethnic backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply. All correspondence, including: 1) letter of application; 2) detailed curriculum vitae; 3) statement of your educational philosophy; 4) three official reference letters, and 5) official transcripts should be sent to: Char Kunkel, Ph.D., Chair, Search Committee, Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work, Luther College, 700 College Drive, Decorah, Iowa 52101-1045, Telephone: 563/387-1624 (office), FAX: 563/387-1107, E-mail: kunkelch@luther.edu. An EEO employer. PO # 115807
Members’ Bookshelf

Heartwood: The First Generation of Theravada Buddhism in America

Theravada is one of the three main branches of Buddhism. In Asia it is practiced widely in Thailand, Laos, Burma, Sri Lanka, and Cambodia. This fascinating ethnography opens a window onto two communities of Theravada Buddhists in contemporary America: one outside Philadelphia that is composed largely of Thai immigrants and one outside Boston that consists mainly of white converts. Cadge first provides a historical overview of Theravada Buddhism and considers its specific origins here in the United States. She then brings her findings to bear on issues of personal identity, immigration, cultural assimilation, and the nature of religion in everyday life. Her work is the first systematic comparison of the ways in which immigrant and convert Buddhists understand, practice, and adapt the Buddhist tradition in America. The men and women whom Cadge meets and observes speak directly to us in this work, both in their personal testimonials and as they meditate, pray, and practice Buddhism.

Still Believing: Jewish, Christian, and Muslim Women Affirm Their Faith.

Women of three religious traditions share stories that affirm the power that faith and belonging have to illuminate life. In these stories, women from several academic disciplines show how faith structures their personal and professional lives and how "belonging" to a tradition remains meaningful. The narratives are arranged according to three ways of remaining connected to the various religious traditions along a continuum of believing and belonging, believing but not belonging, and belonging but not believing. The authors include Nura W. Ammatullah, a Muslim developer of faith-based community initiatives; Kathleen Duffy, a Catholic religious and professor of physics; Rhonda Hustedt Jacobsen, an assistant dean and a professor of psychology; Azza Karam, a director of women's programs for an interfaith organization; Anna Karpathakis, who teaches behavioral sciences; Judith Lorber, founding editor of Gender & Society; Mira Morgenstern, a professor of political science; Vanessa Ochs, a professor of Jewish studies; and Louise M. Temple-Rosebrook, a professor of biology. The book also includes essays by the editors exploring their journeys in feminism and religious belief. An introduction and conclusion frame these socio-autobiographies within the sociology of religion literature and feminist theorizing on religion and sociology.

Negotiating Ethnicity: Second Generation South Asian Americans Traverse a Transnational World

Focusing on second-generation South Asian Americans, Bandana Purkayastha offers fresh insights into the subjective experience of race, ethnicity, and social class in an increasingly diverse America. The young people of Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, and Nepalese origin that are the subjects of the study grew up in mostly white middle-class suburbs, and their linguistic skills, education, and occupation profiles are indistinguishable from their white peers. By many standards, their lifestyles mark them as members of mainstream American culture. But, as Purkayastha shows, their ethnic experiences are shaped by their racial status as neither "white" nor "wholly Asian," their continuing ties with family members across the world, and a global consumer industry, which targets them as ethnic consumers. Drawing on information gathered from forty-eight in-depth interviews this book illustrates how ethnic identity is negotiated by this group through the adoption of ethnic labels, the invention of "traditions," the consumption of ethnic products, and participation in voluntary societies. The pan-ethnic identities that result demonstrate both a resilient attachment to "heritage" and a celebration of reinvention.

Not-so-Nuclear Families: Class, Gender and Networks of Care

In recent years, U.S. public policy has focused on strengthening the nuclear family as a primary strategy for improving the lives of America's youth. It is often assumed that this type of family is an independent, self-sufficient unit adequate for raising children. However, half of all U.S. households with young children have two employed parents. How do working parents provide care and mobilize the help that they need? Hansen contends that working parents must create networks of care - friends, paid caregivers and extended kin - to close the "care gap" for their school-aged children. She debunks the myth that families in the United States are independent, isolated, and self-reliant, and breaks new ground by asserting that networks of care can provide unique and valuable bonds that nuclear families cannot. Hansen's in-depth study is based on extensive interviews with four low, moderate, and high-income white, working families. She chronicles their individual conflicts, hardships and triumphs in constructing networks of care for their children, and gives justifiable weight to the differences in their economic and social resources. She concludes with a series of policy suggestions intended to improve the environment in which working families raise children.

Rape Work: Victims, Gender and Emotions in Organization and Community
By: Patricia Yancey Martin, Routledge, 2005.

After 20 years of feminist protest and legal reforms that were intended to take care of this problem, rape victims are still...
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Pervasively mistreated. One reason is that the officials who process victims in the legal and therapeutic systems of local communities do harm in simply doing their jobs. Martin's book shows how mainstream organizations instruct—and often require—their members to treat victims "unresponsively," in ways that add to rather than alleviate the trauma of rape. For example, they instruct them to remain skeptical, emotionally aloof, and uninvolved and to challenge victims as witnesses whose stories must be validated rather than comfort them as victims deserving of empathy and support. Conditions like these are the focus of this book. Viewing rape victims through an organizational lens, Martin shows how and why even compassionate officials with no intention of doing harm routinely harm victims nevertheless. The book reveals the vital role of rape crisis centers by showing that they not only help victims but they also coordinate the efforts of mainstream organizations and educate the public about rape.

Rape Work argues that officials who work with rape victims are told by their employers to do their work in ways that are harmful to victims. Analysis of the organizational frames and practices behind these dynamics accounts for why this occurs. To make the case, Martin analyzes the range of organizations that work with victims: law enforcement (police and sheriff), hospitals, rape crisis centers, prosecutors, judges, defense attorneys, and juries. The analysis is based on data from 80 mainstream organizations and 25 rape crisis centers in 22 Florida communities gathered through personal interviews, on site observation, and archival sources (e.g., reports, protocols, rape kits). The book shows that people of goodwill treat victims unresponsively when the frames of their organizations orient them to prioritize organizational interests over victims' interests.

PEOPLE AND PLACES

Wendy Cadge is currently serving a two year fellowship through the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholars in Health Policy Research Program where she is developing a number of new research projects about religion and medicine.

Shannon N. Davis (post-doctoral scholar at UNC-Chapel Hill) received the 2004 Kenneth R. Keller Research Award for Excellence in Graduate Research from North Carolina State University.

Shobha Hamal Gurung's photo exhibit on women weavers in Nepal is currently on view at the University of Connecticut. This exhibit was earlier shown in Boston.

Leslie Houts has accepted a tenure track Assistant Professor position starting this fall at the University of Dayton.

Anjana Narayan, a graduate student at the University of Connecticut, was awarded one of two university-wide 100 Years of Women's Scholarship awards. Anjana also received a citation from Governor Jodi Rell for her scholarship and activism for women of color.

Celine-Marie Pascale received the 2005 Multicultural Affairs/International Student Services Award for Distinguished Faculty in recognition of demonstrated scholarly accomplishments and unselfish commitment to the enhancement of cultural awareness at American University.

Rosalie Torres Stone (University of Nebraska) and Bandana Purkayastha (University of Connecticut) were featured in several Nebraska newspapers for their article on Mexican American Earnings in the Midwest.

Rose Weitz won the 2005 Pacific Sociological Association Distinguished Contributions to Teaching Award and won the Special Nominee (finalist) award for the Arizona State University Professor of the Year Award.
SWS Elects New Officers and Committee Members

President Elect - Christine E. Bose is Professor of Sociology at the University at Albany, SUNY, where she also serves as Chair of the Department of Women's Studies (2004-07) and holds a joint appointment in the Department of U.S. Latino, Latin American, and Caribbean Studies. She founded and was the first Director of Albany's Institute for Research on Women (IROW) (1987-91), is an active member of the campus's Initiatives for Women (IFW) Fund-Raising Committee, and co-directed a Ford Foundation Project entitled "Gender Studies in Global Perspective," which has provided assistantships to 15 Master's level students whose research combined gender studies with regional area studies. She is currently working on two edited books, *Global Dimensions of Carework and Gender* (Mary Zimmerman, Jacqueline Litt, and Chris Bose) to be published by Stanford University Press and *Global Perspectives on Gender Research* (Chris Bose and Minjeong Kim) to be published by Routledge. Chris says that she has worked to promote feminist/gender studies and equality for women, with a focus on feminist activism and institution building for more than thirty years. She was elected Chair of the ASA's Sex and Gender Section (1989-90) and has been an SWS member since her graduate school days in the early 1970s. Chris was a member of the committee that established *Gender & Society* (1985-86), and became a reviewer, editorial board member, and Editor (2000-2003) of our journal, where she promoted global gender issues especially by publishing perspectives articles on gender research in a variety of countries. As 2006 President of SWS, she plans to build upon the efforts of previous presidents to further extend our transnational connections and knowledge and to emphasize our diverse constituencies. To begin this effort, Chris has already announced that the 2006 Winter Meetings will be held in San Juan, Puerto Rico from January 26-29, 2006 at the Normandie Hotel. Start looking for those e-saver airline tickets!

Vice President - Cathy Zimmer has been a member of SWS since Barbara Risman started a local chapter when Cathy was a graduate student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. As a feminist sociologist, SWS became her professional home. As a faculty member at North Carolina State University, she helped organize the winter meeting held in Raleigh, NC. Cathy served as Treasurer of SWS from 1999 until 2002. At about that time, she became a statistical consultant at the Odum Institute for Research in Social Sciences and Adjunct Professor of Sociology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Cathy's teaching passion is quantitative analysis; she teaches the first year graduate students in Sociology at UNC how to do quantitative sociology. She also consults with social scientists from all disciplines on how to design and execute quantitative studies. Since her move back to UNC, she has served on the SWS Publications Committee as a member, and for the past two years, as co-chair. In addition, Cathy and Rebecca Bach have organized the annual silent auction for the past several years. As Vice President, Cathy wants to keep the membership momentum going that Jan Thomas has so successfully generated.

Career Development Chair - Denise Copelton is an Assistant Professor of Sociology at SUNY Brockport where she teaches courses in medical sociology, introduction to sociology, and family. Her research areas include medical sociology and gender and she has published articles on the social impact of the legalization of mifepristone (formerly RU-486) and menstrual extraction as a home abortion method. She has been a volunteer member of the Career Development Committee since 2003 and organized a session on CV construction for the 2004 summer meeting. She was also the co-coordinator (with Patti Giuffre, 2004-2005) of the Professional-Needs Mentor Program and oversaw the transition of that program from the Membership Committee to Career Development. Denise is also a member of the Beth Hess Memorial Scholarship Committee and is the Program Chair for the Midwest chapter of SWS.
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Student Representative - Marcia Hernandez is ABD at the University of Albany, SUNY and has recently accepted an offer to be an Assistant Professor in the Sociology Department at the University of Pacific. Her research focuses on women's experiences in historically Black sororities. Marcia's academic interests include race, gender and class in education and popular culture. Marcia has been a member of SWS since 1999 and has attended numerous summer and winter meetings. Some of the SWS events she has participated in include serving as a facilitator for a Faculty-Graduate Student Roundtable in 2000, Sister-to-Sister activities, and the Hand Program. Marcia also serves on the Membership Committee. She has organized various panels and workshops on graduate student experiences for ABA and ASA. As the current Student Representative Marcia works with other students in SWS to increase the ways in which the organization may be of service to students. For example, the Student Concerns committee now has a link on the SWS website where information related to students can be posted. The committee has begun a "Hey Jane!" column for students and a student focused mentoring program will begin in August.

Social Action Chair - Virginia Rutter is the newly-elected chair of the Social Action Committee-working to continue the great success of Tracy Ore, who ushered in the SWS Fact Sheets and to get the word out far and wide about the work of feminist sociologists. It makes sense that Virginia would be involved at this point: before she became a sociologist, she worked for years as a public affairs person for mental health organizations, Congress, publishers, and in higher education. Now, she is a health research scientist at Battelle Centers for Public Health Research and Evaluation in Seattle: she manages the National Couples Survey, a study of how couples' relationships-including power differences-influences their contraceptive choices. For the past five years she has been an instructor in the department of sociology at the University of Washington, where she recently completed her Ph.D. and defended her dissertation, "The Case for Divorce: under what conditions is divorce beneficial and for whom?" Virginia got involved with SWS through one of her advisors, Judy Howard, and got to know the organization when she worked on the SWS Mid-Winter meeting in Seattle in 1996.

Career Development Committee - Jennifer Keys became part of SWS as a University at Albany graduate student. While there, she served as a managing editor of two journals, Sociological Forum and Gender and Society. Her primary areas of scholarly interest are gender and social movements and her dissertation focused on emotion work in women's abortion experiences. Several of her teaching activities and syllabi have been published in various ASA collections. Jennifer held visiting positions at Denison University and Kenyon College. Currently, she lives in Chicago and is an Assistant Professor of Sociology at North Central College. She has served on the Career Development Committee of SWS for a year and a half and has just assumed her new role as the coordinator of the Professional-Needs Mentoring Program.

Publications Committee - Mimi Schippers received her PhD. in sociology from the University of Wisconsin in Madison. Her work focuses on gender and sexuality in everyday cultural practice and interaction. Using multiple qualitative methods, she conducts cultural ethnographies to build theory on gender and sexuality as they intersect and diverge at multiple levels of social organization. Mimi's current research project is a comparative, ethnographic study of the social organization of sexuality in Paris and Chicago. Mimi held a tenure-track position at Albion College in south central Michigan for 5 years, and is currently in the second year of a tenure-track, joint position in sociology and women's studies at Tulane University in New Orleans. At Tulane she teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in the sociology of gender, the sociology of sexuality, and the sociology of the body, and the required graduate course in sociology on contemporary theory. In women's studies, Mimi teaches courses in feminist theory, research in women's studies, and popular culture. Mimi has been a member of SWS since the mid-1990s and has served on the membership committee. For Mimi, SWS has been absolutely central in shaping her identity and work as a feminist sociologist. Mimi feels honored to be able to serve the organization as a member of the publications committee.
SWS Elects New Officers and Committee Members

Publications Committee - Bandana Purkayastha, is Associate Professor of Sociology and Asian American Studies at the University of Connecticut. She was educated at Presidency College (Kolkata, India), University of Calcutta, University of Massachusetts, and the University of Connecticut. She uses a race/gender/class lens to study ethnicity/transnationalism, international and US based marginalized women's organizing, as well as earnings of Asian American and Latino groups (with Rosalie Torres Stone, University of Nebraska). Her peer reviewed articles and chapters have been published in the US, UK, Germany, and India. Among her recent publications are her new research monograph on *Negotiating Ethnicity: South Asian Americans Traverse a Transnational World* (Rutgers University Press) which examines the lives of the children of post-1965, highly educated, non-white, middle-class immigrants from a racialized transnational perspective. Her earlier book, co-edited with Mangala Subramaniam, *The Power of Women's Informal Networks: Lessons in Social Change from South Asia and West Africa* (Lexington Press, 2004) examined the relevance of informal networks and poor women's agency in a globalizing world. She is also the Series Editor for the Asian American Studies Institute on Asian Americans in Connecticut, which includes Census data publications and socio-historical research reports on specific Asian American groups in Connecticut. She is currently working on gender/race and human rights issues. She is a co-Founder of The South Asian Tree, a network focusing on improving and sustaining links between people of different nationalities, religions, and other socially constructed differences. She currently serves on the editorial board of *Gender & Society* and is a member of the publications committee. She is also an executive board member of Research Committee of International Sociological Association. She has won AAUP and State awards for her teaching, a UCONN Woman of Color award for leadership, achievement, and service, and was honored for her research and activism relating to immigrant populations by the Connecticut State Legislature.

Nominations Committee - Rebecca Bach is Director of Undergraduate Studies in the Department of Sociology at Duke University. Her teaching and research interests include gender and sexuality and she is currently at work on a project examining the impact of abstinence-only sex education on adolescent birth and STD rates. She served as President of SWS-South and on the Membership committee of SWS. Along with Cathy Zimmer, Rebecca has coordinated the auction at the past 3 SWS winter meetings.

Awards Committee - Abby Ferber is the author of *White Man Falling: Race, Gender and White Supremacy* (1998); co-author of *Hate Crime in America: What Do We Know?* (2001) and *Making A Difference: University Students of Color Speak Out* (2003); co-editor of *Privilege: A Reader* (2003) and editor of *Home-Grown Hate: Gender and the White Supremacist Movement* (2004). She has served as a panelist for press and congressional briefings on hate crime, and is a frequent presenter and workshop facilitator on diversity issues. Abby also chairs the SWS Taskforce on the Feminist Transformation of the Academy.
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**Membership Committee** - Mary Vimoche is an Assistant Professor at Humboldt State University in Arcata, California. She teaches graduate and undergraduate research, gender and technology courses and coordinates their recently accredited Practicing Sociology MA program. Mary loves walking to work, teaching in the same department as her husband, Josh, and playing with her kids Zachary (6), pictured here, and Noah (1). ■

**Membership Committee** - Heather Laube has been a member of SWS since 1995 when she began work on her master's degree at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Heather is now an assistant professor at the University of Michigan - Flint. Heather says, "SWS has sustained me and I truly don't believe I'd have gotten my PhD without this organization. SWS has given me mentors, friends, connection to great scholars and scholarship, and the feeling of being an "insider" in a discipline that has (and does) not always welcomed a feminist (critical) perspective. And, when I say SWS played an important role in completing my PhD, I mean it in a very concrete way. I interviewed many members for my dissertation and enjoyed every second of it. I've enjoyed introducing new and potential members to the group and the individuals within it." Heather has served as a volunteer member on the membership committee for several years, and was the first student representative (appointed). She most recently worked on the document on the "Impact of Gender on the Evaluation of Teaching" (available on the website and the fall 2004 issue of *Network News*). Heather enjoys promoting SWS to those who are unfamiliar with the organization and is excited to continue the great work that the membership committee has begun. ■

**Awards Committee** - Shirley A. Hill is a Professor at the University of Kansas, where she teaches courses in marriage and the family, social inequality, and medical sociology. Much of her research has focused on African American families; she most recently authored *Black Intimacies: Family and Intimate Relationships* (AltaMira Press, 2005). Shirley has served on many SWS committees over the years, including the Publications Committee and the Social Action Committee. No photo available. ■

**Nominations Committee** - Josephine Beoku-Betts is an Associate Professor of Women's Studies and Sociology at the Florida Atlantic University. Josephine Beoku-Betts' research is primarily interdisciplinary, with area interests in Sub-Saharan Africa, the Caribbean, and the United States. She has several publications addressing gender and cultural identity issues in African-American communities in the coastal islands of Georgia and South Carolina, and women and education in Sub-Saharan Africa, the latter culminating in a co-edited anthology entitled: *Women and Education in Sub-Saharan Africa: Power, Opportunities and Constants* (1998). She teaches graduate and undergraduate courses on Poverty and Society, Feminist Perspectives on Women of Color, Gender, Science and Technology, Global Perspectives on Gender, and Feminization of Poverty. No photo available. ■

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Call for Proposals

The Publications Committee of Sociologists for Women in Society announces a search for the next Editor of our journal, Gender & Society. The Editor will serve a four-year term beginning May 1, 2006, and ending with Volume 24 in June, 2010 (with a possible discretionary fifth year). The Publications Committee seeks an Editor with a vision and strategy for maintaining and strengthening Gender & Society as a prestigious interdisciplinary specialty journal.

The publisher and organization provide significant resources to the editorial office, but the institution that hosts the journal will also be expected to provide support for both the Editor and the office. The proposal should indicate the expected institutional support.

The proposal must also formally specify the details of the proposed editorial structure, including names and qualifications of all Editors who will be actively involved in the reviewing and editing processes. The Publications Committee encourages proposals that specify either a system of Co-Editors or a formally elaborated Deputy or Associate Editor system (or some other creative alternative).

The current publisher (Sage) expects electronic delivery of all accepted manuscripts (including book reviews). The Publications Committee encourages proposals that indicate capacity and willingness to work with the publisher to move toward exclusively electronic systems for submitting, reviewing, and tracking as well as delivering manuscripts.

A preliminary discussion of resources provided and expected is strongly encouraged, either with the Co-Chair of the Publications Committee, Lisa D. Brush (University of Pittsburgh), or with the current Editor, Christine Williams (UT-Austin), or both. Members of SWS are encouraged to apply and/or suggest colleagues who might be encouraged to apply.

Applicants should send a cover letter of application, detailed outline of the proposed editorial structure, documentation of institutional support, and curriculum vitae of the proposed Editor(s) and any Deputy Editors by August 1, 2005 to:

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Electronic submissions and inquiries are encouraged via email to: drbrush@groovy
In April we hosted a discussion on getting through the process of comprehensive exams. A few SWS members who had recently passed their comprehensive exams in different areas, but all with some focus on gender, advised those of us who are preparing to take them in the coming year. Later in April we had an SWS potluck at Rita Gallin's home. We donated requested paper products to our local Safe Place, an on-campus domestic violence shelter. We are looking forward to an active 2005-2006 year with monthly discussion meetings, a new gender faculty member, another search for a gender faculty position, and a new cohort of graduate students!

SWS-South was productive and prosperous at the Southern Sociological Society Annual Meetings in April in Charlotte. We co-sponsored 14 sessions, ranging in topics from sexual education to sociology of film to researching motherhood. Additionally, our silent auction raised an impressive $711.50 to be donated to the ASA Minority Scholarship fund. Finally, we elected three new officers for 2005-2006: Vice President: Angela Lewellyn Jones, Elon University; SWS National Liaisons: Margaret Leaf, Florida State University and Christine Wernet, University of South Carolina Aiken. For more information on SWS-South, including a full list of our officers, membership information, and our recent newsletter, visit our Web site at http://www.irss.unc.edu/cathy/SWS-South/home.htm.

This spring our chapter sponsored two undergraduate students from the University of North Carolina at Pembroke, Helen Warwick and Tara Govan, to attend the Southern Sociological Society annual meetings in Charlotte, North Carolina. SWS-National Membership Committee kindly provided $170.00 to assist us with these expenses. Helen and Tara served as discussants during a presentation on textile-manufacturing job loss. This was their first conference and found the experience rewarding and meaningful, especially in terms of networking and professional development. Helen and Tara send their thanks to SWS for their generous support.

The Carework Network is pleased to announce its 2005 summer event the day before the beginning of the ASA meetings, a plenary and reception on Friday, August 12 from 4-6pm at the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Heidi Hartmann, President of the Institute for Women's Policy Research, will be one of the keynote speakers. All SWS members are invited to attend.

For more information, log onto the Network's website: www.carework-network.org.
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