From New Orleans to New York was both a dramatic shift and yet a continuation of the story of the contemporary crisis of the US state, in particular the increasing privatization and corruption of the state’s security and reconstruction roles. While the attack in New York, six years ago, marked the beginning of this crisis, New Orleans represented the depth of this crisis. The SWS meeting in New Orleans showcased how every day men and women in New Orleans were building solidarities across borders to rebuild even as the state had abdicated its responsibilities. The US model of privatization of state roles was also evident in the cases of India and Nicaragua where people faced with similar natural disasters exposed even more festering social disasters compounded by their respective state’s roles.

The meeting in New York was organized to continue the focus of the winter meetings on Solidarities Across Borders. I was really pleased with the attendance at our sessions. There was standing room only at Doing Gender: 20 Years Later which honored Candace West and Don Zimmerman's classic article in Gender and Society. Similarly the panel, Straight Up No Chaser: Challenges Women of Color Face in the Academy, and Evelyn Nakano Glenn's SWS Feminist Lecture, Yearning for Whiteness: The New Global Marketing of Skin Whitening Products, were well attended and led to animated discussions. I also took advantage of our location in New York City and organized jointly, with ASA and Women Make Movies, a day-long women's film festival. It was a first for SWS and I hope we can continue it at future meetings.

As in past years we capitalized on the simultaneous meet-
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President’s Message:
March On Washington: plus ça change plus c’est la même chose

By: Manisha Desai
President

My fourteen year old son and I joined thousands of marchers in Washington on Sept. 15th 2007 to protest the war in Iraq. This march was the first in which Iraqi veterans against the war and their families led the protest. I was struck by how some things have changed even as others have stayed the same. What has changed is the technology of organizing and the repertoires of protest. Most of the information and planning of the event was done online. ANSWER, Act Now to Stop War and End Racism, (http://answer.pephost.org), the umbrella organization that sponsored the event is a national network with many local affiliates. The event itself consisted of a rally at Lafayette Park, across from the White House, a march on Pennsylvania Avenue from the White House to the Capitol, and ended with a “die-in” at the Capitol Steps. The use of the internet and the cell phone have transformed the organizing of such large events. We signed up and paid for our bus on line. We were sent information about the departure, details of the event, and the cell phone numbers of the local and national ANSWER activists by emails. The emails were also embedded with multiple links to organizing groups and current status of the events. Cyberspace has become an efficient way to accomplish a lot of the nitty-gritty of mobilizing people.

We rode with about 40 marchers from Hartford and arrived in DC about five hours ahead of the rally which was to begin at noon. But the park was already filling up with marchers, souvenir vendors, and various groups participating in the event. Many of the participants had come as individuals and not as part of a group or organization. The technologies of organizing facilitates such participation. While many of the repertoires of protest remain the same, there were many variations.

For example, a group of men and women, dressed as cheer leaders, performed skits critiquing the IMF/World Bank/WTO. Gender bending and camp were the norm as highlighted by the performances of Code Pink, www.codepink4peace.org, which uses “humor and joy to “wage peace.” The ‘die-in,” which began a few months ago in many local rallies and protest is now spreading and represents the growing number of new symbolic repertoires.

It was thrilling to see the park fill up with people, young and old, flamboyant and sedate, veterans and civilians. But despite this apparent diversity what struck us was how we, people of color, were among the minority. It was predominantly a white event. When the rally began, however, many of the speakers were men and women of color. The message was also more global and made explicit linkages between war and occupation of Iraq and other struggles such as those in Palestine, Haiti, and Afghanistan. Most of the messages also made connections between economic and social justice and peace. This was indeed heartening. But what explains the continuing whiteness of the peace movement in the US? Even Codepink which defines itself as a grassroots movement for social and economic justice and peace. This was indeed heartening. But what explains the continuing whiteness of the peace movement in the US? Even Codepink which defines itself as a grassroots movement for social and economic justice and peace. This was indeed heartening.

Two of the papers we read daily, the New York Times or the Hartford Courant, covered the march on their front pages. Both devoted a quarter page to it and the focus was the confrontation between the pro-war supporters, who lined part of Pennsylvania Avenue, and the marchers and the arrests of about 100 protestors who pushed the barricades at the Capitol steps. And while both papers noted the numbers of protestors in the thousands, ANSWER’s own web site notes that 100,000 people marched.

Despite the continuities of the issues and the limitations of our organizing, there is still reason for hope. For many young people marching for the first time, it was a radicalizing and inspiring moment. As Gramsci noted, we have to maintain a skepticism of the intellect and an optimism of the will as we work towards establishing counter hegemonies.
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Invoices of SSSP, ABS, and ASA and organized several co-sponsored sessions. Among them were: Teaching Gender Through Film; The Praxis of Academics' Activism; and Gender Research: Linking the Global and Local for Social Change. In addition there were sessions organized by several of our committees such as The Employment Package: Critique Me; Feminist Teaching Portfolio; and Dissertation Research: International Fieldwork/Research Abroad.

What was exciting about the other meetings this year in NYC is that both ASA’s and SSSP’s presidents are SWS members and in the case of SSSP, a past president of SWS. I doubt that our foremothers would have predicted this level of change when they decided to channel their frustration with ASA by starting SWS. Both ASA and SSSP programs were animated by a sociology linked with the struggles that we face at this conjuncture of US hegemony. The ASA program included activists and other non-professional sociologists among its plenary speakers. This revival of public sociology was also visible in the First Conference of Sociologists Without Borders on Sociology and Human Rights held at Columbia University on August 15th.

The business of SWS is in good hands as indicated by the committee reports that follow. I want to highlight a couple of issues of interest to our membership. We continue to be in a strong financial condition and plan to undertake an investment and spending plan for the organization. We voted, unanimously, to create a new standing committee on The Feminist Transformation of the Academy. Abby Ferber, who made the case on behalf of the committee, agreed to further clarify its mission, think of a name to reflect that mission, and consult with the Career Development and Social Action Committees. The second vote on this motion will be held at the winter meeting. Joey Sprague, announced the creation of a new task force, Mainstreaming Feminist Sociology, and gave us a preview of the upcoming Winter Meeting in Las Vegas.

As always we ended with a banquet, held at the Jewel of India, where excellent food and camaraderie were the order of the evening. At the summer banquet we present our awards and this year we had two new awards: The ASA/SWS Minority Fellowship and the Women of Color Dissertation Award. In addition to celebrating our members' individual professional and personal achievements, we also, for the first time, celebrated the retirement of our members. Let’s continue with such celebrations.

We invite SWS members to submit papers or extended abstracts for presentation in one of our two research roundtable sessions. Detailed abstracts (2 pages) are acceptable. To be considered for presentation, abstracts or brief (15 page) presentation papers must be received by October 20th, 2007. Papers and abstracts should be sent via surface mail or email attachment (Microsoft Word, rich text format, or pdf documents preferred).

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Looking forward to seeing you in Las Vegas!
By: Joey Sprague  
President Elect

Thanks for your confidence in choosing me as President-Elect. As I said in my candidate statement, I see the most important role of SWS as making it easier for feminist sociologists to be feminist in how we do the sociology we do—research, teaching, service, and/or practice. While we must remain flexible in addressing the varied flare-ups of social injustice, I think we could be even more effective as feminist scholars, teachers, and activists if we were a little more focused and strategic as an organization. I promised that if I were elected, I would work to facilitate that process and I have designed the coming Winter Meeting in Las Vegas, February 7-10, to give us a running start. As a result, this Winter Meeting will be a little different from what many of us are used to so I wanted to fill you in a bit.

Some traditional winter meeting components will be reprised. We’ll begin on Thursday at 5 with a welcoming reception and will continue the tradition of finding fun ways to get to know each other. Then we will sign up to go out in groups of 8-10 to sample some great Las Vegas restaurants. We’ll have open roundtables on Friday and Saturday mornings so we can catch up on one another’s research. And, of course, we’ll have a couple of sessions for committees to meet.

However, this meeting will be a departure in a couple of ways. We will spend most of Friday being trained to think like community organizers by Jackie Kendall of the Midwest Academy. On Saturday morning, we will learn from a panel of our colleagues about strategies they are using to make their research, teaching, and/or community service a bit more like community organizing and get some feedback from Jackie Kendall too. Then we will use the bulk of the business meeting time applying the strategies we have learned to discussing what our key goals are as an organization and how we can make SWS more effective at accomplishing them.

It won’t be all strategy and scholarship—we’re going to be in Vegas! Our top notch local arrangements committee is exploring getting a group rate to see a Cirque du Soleil show on Friday night and we have a dynamite banquet (including dancing) planned for Saturday night. And I hear there is a nightlife in Vegas that some astute sociologists may want to do field research on. (More of that in the next issue of Network News.)

I have a request of the new mothers among us. SWS is exactly the kind of conference where breastfeeding is welcome—we’re hoping that mothers will feel comfortable nursing wherever they please during the conference. The Alexis Park hotel is small enough that it will be easy to move from the meeting to a guest room with comfy chairs, a sink and a fridge. However, if anyone has a particular need for a specified lactation space please let us know. Send an email to sws-meeting@ku.edu.

I hope you are as excited as the local arrangements committee and I are about this winter meeting. We plan to both learn a lot and have a good time while we lay the groundwork for feminist social change!
THINKING LIKE ORGANIZERS
AS WE DO OUR WORK

Most of us entered sociology because we wanted to help make the world a better place and we in SWS are committed to that cause. Community Organizers have a lot to teach us about ways to be more effective in supporting feminist social change both as an organization of feminist sociologists and in our local work and community lives. The Midwest Academy is the premier trainer of community organizers in the U.S. and its director, Jackie Kendall, will teach us the basics of community organizing and how to think strategically as an organization. Building on this introduction will be a session geared to help us make our research and teaching more empowering for the communities we want to serve.

We will also have regular paper sessions, the usual fun organizational work, an incredible banquet and, of course, some free time to enjoy Las Vegas.

The Alexis Park Resort is an oasis of calm and beauty across the street from the Hard Rock Café and just a ½ hour walk or a short shuttle ride from the big casinos on “The Strip.” All of the rooms are recently remodeled suites and we have an incredible rate for this location--$109 for one person and $20 for each additional person up to a maximum of 4 in a room. Make sure to mention SWS to secure this rate, which extends for 3 days before and after our meeting.

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atricia Yancey Martin, Professor of Sociology and Department Chair, at Florida State University, is the 2007 recipient of ASA’s Jessie Bernard Career Award. Pat Martin has a terrific and well-deserved reputation as an activist, mentor, and scholar, whose work is at the forefront of studies of gender. Her career has been path-breaking in helping us to understand gender as an institution, rather than as simply a form of stratification. Martin’s research on masculinity in her studies of fraternal gang rape and her writings on gender and complex organizations stand as classics in the field. She has tirelessly nurtured several generations of future scholars, has established a reputation as a particularly active mentor of women scholars even of her own generation, has fought for pay equity for women in her own university, and has promoted gender equity through her service to a wide range of regional and national professional organizations. Martin has also been an active contributor to public sociology through consulting with numerous agencies focused on sexual violence, and her research illustrates that it is possible to combine the advancement of basic knowledge with a commitment to social justice.

In the 1970s, she led the way in studies of what were then called sex role attitudes; in the 1980s she broke ground in studying the conditions that foster violence against women; in the 1990s, she became a leader in studying organizational process, gender relations and identity. Her work on gender has also long been noted for the inclusion of studying men as being at least as important as studying women. Her current research on masculinity as used in corporate settings for a variety of collective goals is a continuation of this interest. Looking at how men in groups do not “see” women in the way that women perceive and accommodate to men and their interests gives rise to a variety of interesting new questions about gender perceptions and organizational processes.

Her newest book, *Rape Work* is an outgrowth of her decades of study of rape processing in organizations, assessing the factors that contribute to making local communities more responsive to the victims in rape cases. Pat Martin shows how the organization of hospitals, police stations and courts has unanticipated consequences. Those few hospitals who use nurse-practitioners to administer the rape kit are therefore more responsive to rape victims’ needs, not because of the gender of the care-giver (women doctors are often least responsive), but because the organizational factors allow prompter responses and more time with the victim.

Martin has been recognized nationally for her gender work. In 2006 she received the Feminist Activism Award, from Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS), and in 2001 she was awarded the Distinguished Feminist Lecturer Award, also from SWS. She has an accomplished service record in the American Sociological Association, has served as President of the Southern Sociological Society in 2002-2003, and is a prominent and well-regarded member of SWS, the Society for the Study of Social Problems, and the International Sociological Association. She also has an admirable record of service at the university, community and state level.

Pat Martin’s teaching contributions to gender scholarship have been tremendous. She has helped to prepare a new generation of feminist scholars, not only at her own institution but by mentoring and supporting young scholars around the country. At Florida State, for example, Martin has chaired 20 dissertation committees and served on over 50 others; she has also chaired 9 thesis committees, and served on over 20 additional ones. With four university-wide teaching awards under her belt, she clearly knows how to teach, but note also that this acclaimed teaching comes in both research methods and gender courses and at both the graduate and undergraduate level. She frequently publishes with her students and continues to support them as junior faculty in other schools. Junior faculty members report that Martin congratulates them whenever she sees progress they have made, and has always been willing to assist them, despite her own busy research, teaching, and administrative life.

Patricia Yancey Martin is the sort of eminent gender scholar whose entire career has demonstrated the depth of her commitment to feminist ideals. Her scholarship on the gender practices of both men and women, on the politics of rape, and on the organizational contexts in which male dominance is institutionalized (and yet can still be challenged) has been at the forefront of the field for thirty years and remains the gold standard. Her teaching, mentoring and community activism at the state and university level have been crucial in improving women’s lives. Martin’s career reflects the generosity of spirit, the personal integrity, and the commitment to public sociology for which Jessie Bernard stood. Jessie would certainly have been proud of her.
Editor’s Note:
It has been mentioned that there are many SWS members who are not familiar with the work of Jessie Bernard and her contributions to feminist scholarship. With the announcement of the 2007 ASA Jessie Bernard Award recipient, long-time SWS member Pat Martin, Network News provides background on the life and work of pioneer Jessie Bernard. This article first appeared in the International Encyclopedia of the Behavioral and Social Sciences in 2000. Network News appreciates Jean Lipman-Blumen’s permission to reprint her article.

By: Jean Lipman-Blumen

Both Jessie Bernard’s life history and her sociological contributions emanate reasonable, but unyielding, defiance—defiance of family tradition, life styles, occupational trajectories, sociological paradigms, and popular myths, as well as age-related patterns. In the 14 solo books, 7 coauthored or edited volumes, 5 chapters for other authors’ or editors’ books, and the 60-odd journal articles, her humane, but unflinching, examination of the “givens” of sociological, and often psychological, historical, and political, phenomena bespeak challenge and critical analysis of the status quo.

Bernard’s unpretentious style, in her written work as well as in her personal and professional life, has created a medium in which her often defiant, even radical, message ultimately is attended without arousing resistance. Her private history may be read as a contrapuntal theme of amiable, but undaunted, rebellion against the expectations that family and society pressed upon a female born shortly after the turn of the century and living through two world wars and the subsequent societal upheavals that were to mark the second half of the twentieth century.

Early background. Born in Minneapolis, June 8, 1903, to parents of Romanian Jewish heritage, Jessie Bernard was the third of Bessie Kanter and David Solomon Ravitch’s four children. Her maternal grandmother, Bettsy Kanter, set an early model of feminine pioneering (a topic which later was to concern Bernard in her own research on academic women, black women, and early American frontier women) by her emigration to the United States as a young widow in the late 1880s. Leaving her two grown sons behind in Romania, Bettsy Kanter traveled from Transylvania to New York, accompanied only by her preadolescent daughter, Bessie. Bessie Kanter, later the mother of Jessie Bernard, worked as a young girl in the New York garment district, demonstrating her own pioneering mettle by marching for women’s suffrage and chafing against her mother’s refusal to let her join the union.

Almost six years later, when the brothers in Romania had arranged a suitable marriage for their sister, both Bessie Kanter and her mother returned to their native country, where Bessie married David Solomon Ravitch, a local candle maker. Shortly thereafter, the young couple and Bettsy Kanter returned to the United States, this time, as the 1900 census records, settling in Minneapolis, where the bridegroom’s brother lived (a pattern of immigration which Bernard describes in an anonymously authored article, “An Analysis of Jewish Culture” (1942b)). Even after Bessie and David Ravitch had their own family of four children, Bettsy Kanter reigned as the “cheerful, industrious, pious” matriarch of the family.

Bernard’s Jewish cultural heritage, dispensed—in daily prayers and rituals—by her grandmother, was counterpointed by the “Americanization” practices which her older sister, Clara, another pioneering influence, brought home from public school. The acculturation Bernard experienced through her sister, whom she regarded as second generation (compared to her own second-and-a-half generation status) (1978, p. 327), served as a firsthand model for understanding and empathizing with the American acculturation experience of black generations in the postslavery years. It was Clara Ravitch who “pioneered the way” (1978, p. xix) for Bernard, not yet 17 years old, to enter the University of Minnesota, in January 1920, where she was a student of Pitirim Sorokin, Alvin Hanson, N. S. B. Gras, and Karl Lashley, all before they left for teaching posts at Harvard University.

Adulthood, marriage, and social positivism. In her freshman year, Jessie Bernard audited a sociology class of another prominent sociology professor, Luther Lee Bernard, 21 years her senior, whom she served as a research assistant and, in 1925, married. The marriage occurred in defiance of her family’s serious objections to age and religious differences. During the 21 years of their marriage, L. L. Bernard created a personal and intellectual milieu infused with social positivism within which Bernard grew to maturity, but then ineluctantly renounced. L. L. Bernard, with whom Jessie Bernard, as a graduate student at Washington University, coauthored Sociology and the Study of International Relations (1934) and Origins of American Sociology (1943), was a sociological heir to Auguste Comte’s nineteenth-century social positivism. She received her Ph.D. from Washington University in 1935.

It was on this intellectual foundation of social positivism that L. L. Bernard based his belief in social science’s potential—through scientific, particularly mathematical, methods—for objectively determining “the best way to achieve desired societal ends” (1978, p. 130). Thus, social positivism was to transfuse Jessie Bernard’s personal and sociological perspective for almost two decades, from her undergraduate days and early graduate work at Minnesota through her doctoral work at Washington University, where she was trained “strictly in the measurement tradition” (personal communication, 1979). Only the mid-1940s, the shock of the Nazi Holocaust ultimately evoked her disbelief, denial, and defection—intellectually, from the social positivist paradigm, and emotionally, from her mentor-husband, who personified that position.

The death of 69-year-old L. L. Bernard in 1951 left Bernard responsible for their three young children. Thus, she personally became a reluctant pioneer in new sociological territory—the female-headed family, which was to become a major family pattern of the future, as well as a focus of her own research. Again, Bernard’s personal life as widow and female family head provided the experiential background for empathetic and insightful understanding of a major emerging sociological problem.

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The beginnings of an independent career. Since her arrival with an aging scholar-husband at Pennsylvania State University in 1947, Jessie Bernard had been assisted in academia by another sociologist, Seth Russell, the chairman of the sociology department and later, Associate Dean. Under Russell’s protective guidance, Bernard “shot . . . up the academic ladder to the top in record time” (1978, p. 5). During L. L. Bernard’s declining days and last illness, Russell developed a closed relationship with the family, becoming a father surrogate, particularly to the youngest child. During the ensuing two-and-one-half years, Bernard relied on Russell for emotional and familial help; however, by the fall of 1953, with her youngest child in tow, Bernard had left for Europe to study postwar trends in sociological research and to mend her emotional wounds.

Before coming to Pennsylvania State, Bernard published her first solo book American Family Behavior (1942a), and in the early years in College Park, Pennsylvania, she wrote American Community Behavior (1949a). In both volumes there is a “preview of things to come,” a foreshadowing of later work in the early efforts to measure how well the American family was performing its several functions, success in marriage, and the degree of “institutionalization” of marriage and family norms, topics in which Bernard would maintain a lifelong, but expanding interest.

Renunciation of social positivism and academia. Bernard’s first major intellectual defiance—against social positivism—had left a permanent residue of skepticism about social science’s potential for changing the social order according to any rational plan. The trail of Bernard’s disenchantment with the “social-salvation-through-science creed” is traced in a series of articles between 1947 and 1950 (1947; 1949b; 1949c; 1949d; 1949e; 1950a; 1950b). Later, in Self-portrait of a Family (1978), she recall her disillusionment in a “faith” she had not questioned for more than 25 years: “It took a catastrophe as overwhelming as the Nazi Holocaust to shake that faith. A whole network of intellectual, emotional, and moral roots were dug up and exposed in the process. The faith on which I had built a life was shaken, the nineteenth-century faith in the benign nature of science, a belief that it was intrinsically good” (p. 131). Although her faith in social science’s capacity to shape the social order was extinguished, Bernard’s reliance on research findings as the best, or only available, evidence remained a hallmark of her scholarly treatises on dating, marriage, mating, motherhood, divorce, remarriage, and female culture.

After Bernard’s year in Europe, she returned to Pennsylvania State, where she continued to work on two new volumes, the first study of Remarriage: A Study of Marriage (19570) and Social Problems at Mid-century: Role, Status, and Stress in a Context of Abundance (1957b). A year as a visiting professor at Princeton University (1959/1960), the first year in which women were allowed to enter the front door of the university library, proved to be a lonely and difficult experience. She later recalled smiling in the faculty club at faces that did not smile back. The next year, Bernard moved to Washington, D.C., where she spent her sabbatical year. From 1962 to 1964, she commuted from Washington to teach her classes at Pennsylvania State; however, by 1964, she had decided to abandon the constraints of academic life, where she sensed it was necessary to “censor [her] ideas to fit the pattern of ideas surrounding [her]” (personal communication, 1979).

Academic women and a new intellectual thrust. Bernard’s break from academia came almost simultaneously with the publication of her most significant work to that time, Academic Women (1964). This study of women in academia, which received the Pennsylvania State University Bell award and later the Kappa Gamma honorary award, heralded a new thrust in intellectual energy and direction; however, as Bernard herself perceived, the academic Establishment responded initially with “a great big yawn” ([1964] 1974, p. xxvii).

Academic Women explored the condition of women who taught and conducted research in academe, dispassionately examining the evidence for and against discrimination. In addressing the question of discrimination ahead of the tide, it pre-saged Bernard’s later attempts to identify and deal with significant social issues—abortion, battered women, child abuse, the culture of poverty, female-headed families, and sexism—before they had become the incendiary social questions of the day. Among her most influential works, both despite and because of the feminist criti-cism leveled against it. AcademicWomen scrutinized the factors—both formal and informal—that accounted for women’s subordinate role in academia, before concluding that sex was more salient than role as a status determinant. Bernard accounts for women’s unequal condition in terms of their propensity to teach in colleges rather than universities, to teach rather than undertake research, to act as bearers or transmitters of established knowledge rather than “men of knowledge,” to follow patiently rather than innovate boldly—without tracing the discriminatory prac-tices that force women into such “choices.” Bernard recognizes that scientific productivity is a function of a researcher’s position in the communication system rather than of his or her sex. And she describes the “stag effect,” a subtle, process excluding women from the informal communication system along which emerging scientific knowledge is disseminated. Although Bernard described the palpable procedures and processes of sexism (a term not yet coined), she fell just shy of recognizing them as the informal underpinnings of discrimination. Despite highlighting the informal mechanisms by which women in academia were prevented from developing their natural academic potential, she concluded that no formal or structural discrimination existed in the Halls of Ivy. Bernard’s analysis of the “stag effect’s” preclusion of women from the informal academic communication network and her awareness of the relationship between innovation and a public of peers did not yet include an unequivocal recognition of the underbelly of discrimination. In Academic Women, Bernard senses the presence, but does not yet perceive, as she will in her later works, the crippling relationship between the informal practices and attitudes of sexism and the formal structural manifestations of discrimination. Academic Women touched the beachhead of concern about women’s condition in society just ahead of the swelling wave of feminism. The radical feminists railed against Bernard’s conclusion that no formal discrimination existed and identified the informal and subtle processes she had sensed and described—but not recognized—as “sexism.” After her own conversion to a feminist perspective, Bernard would side with her critics and applaud their deserved critique. But Academic Women was the beginning of a new surge...continued on page 9
of intellectual strength, which even the male-dominated academic Establishment could no longer ignore.

**Major themes and patterns.** Over the next 14 years, Bernard’s work gained a new momentum, eventually breaking through the functionalist (although not Parsonian) paradigm that had held mainstream sociology in its thrall and entering the new terrain of the feminist perspective. (Parenthetically, it is relevant to note Bernard’s defiance of the mythology about age and creativity.) Beginning in her sixth decade, long after conventional wisdom would have us believe creativity is quelled, she began to mine a new, related, richer sociological vein that would prove to be her strongest and most prodigious intellectual contribution.

A chronological review of four decades of Bernard’s work reveals complex recurrent patterns. Themes touched upon in her early work reemerge later, each time with greater maturity and enlarged understanding. The seeds of later books can be seen as they are unconsciously planted, often three or four volumes earlier. Ideas and insights first appear, as grains of sand in an oyster, or four volumes earlier. Ideas and insights first appear, as grains of sand in an oyster, then begin to expand, creating an irritating, deteriorating effect of housework and total responsibility for child care on women’s mental health; homosociality; sex differences between males and females; the function of stereotypes as mechanisms for papering over the lack of fit between gender roles and individual differences; tipping points and turning points; social policy as an instrument for alleviating the disadvantages women face; the historical youthfulness of the nuclear family; and the “cichlid effect.”

This recurrent and intensified exploration of themes, particularly since the appearance of *Academic Women*, represents a relentless search for new understanding, even when that enhanced perception would require relinquishing comfortable metaphors and previous interpretations. Thus, in *Women and the Public Interest: An Essay on Policy and Protest*, Bernard discusses the pervasive influence of the “stroking” or supportive function performed by females.

Although Bernard marshals evidence that both males and females are capable of stroking (or expressive) as well as instrumental behavior, she notes that women’s specialization in stroking in most cultures throughout the world contributes to their subordinate position. Harking back to the Bales (1950) instrumental—expressive dichotomy, she describes stroking as expressive, supportive behavior in which the stroker “shows solidarity, raises the status of others, gives help, rewards, agrees, concurs, complies, understands, passively accepts” (1973, pp. 88-89). Such stroking behavior, Bernard argues, is incompatible with high-level occupational roles, in which instrumental, aggressive, and often competitive behavior is required.

Bernard then introduces the “cichlid effect,” stemming from Lorenz’ description (1963) of cichlid fish, a species in which the male’s sexual drive is extinguished by fear of his partner, and the female’s sexuality is similarly affected by lack of awe for her male partner. Women, she argues, are denuded of their aggression, held in awe of males by their assignment to the subordinate stroking or supportive role—all in the name of sexuality, male and female alike. Bernard traces the crippling that depriving women of aggression inflicts on their achievement and creative potential and suggests that very high achieving women are the primary victims. Why, she asks, do all women have to sacrifice sexuality by subordination and dependency? Why do women have to sacrifice achievement vis-à-vis men with whom they have no sexual relationships?

Stroking, the behavior that addresses the cichlid effect, is not single-handedly responsible for women’s inequality, according to Bernard; however, “taken in conjunction with other aspects of the ‘sphere of women’ . . . [stroking] is a recipe for subservience” (1971, p. 94).

By the very next year, Bernard had moved beyond the cichlid effect in her explanation of women’s subordination and its link to the stroking function. In *The Future of Marriage* (1972), she makes an important distinction between the physical power of men and the male mystique, which identifies it with sexuality . . . If power is measured as the ability to conquer a woman and if masculinity is defined as such power, the subjugation of women is demanded for potency. And, in fact, such a definition of masculinity has characterized the male mystique for centuries. From time
Feminist paradigm shift. Replacing the clichéd effect concept with the equation between masculine power and subjugation of women was an insight born of her breakthrough to a feminist paradigm. As she recounts in the autobiographical note in The Future of Marriage (1972, afterword, pp. 329-330), during the gestation of that work, she had her consciousness painfully and wrenchingly raised to the feminist perspective. In the late 1960s, a growing feminist consciousness had begun to infuse the scholarship of radical women, the same radical scholars and activists who had taken her to task for failing to take that important next step in Academic Women. Just as Bernard had moved agonizingly, but irrevocably, from the social positivism of her first two decades of scholarship, now she was able to make an analogous quantum leap from a functionalist to a feminist perspective. After this new paradigmatic shift, she was able to look back at Academic Women, describing it as a study "conceived, researched, and written in the old-fashioned scientific and scholarly tradition, quite well-mannered and subdued" [(1964) 1974, p. xxvii].

Surveying sociological phenomena through a feminist prism, she was able to see a more vivid spectrum of colors than Bernard had seen before. The cool "objectivity" of social science could now be perceived more objectively as a distortion, a rationalization for remaining emotionally uninvolved in the fundamental inequities and moral dilemmas of social life. Value judgments implicit in the selection of research topics suddenly became obvious, and social scientists' responsibility for helping to redress the gaping social disparities could no longer be denied—a new variation on an earlier social positivism, an integration of previous positions. Social science now could be diagnosed as part of the problem, the same social science that, in its scholarly cool, dispassionate stance simply studied social problems and implicitly accused, rather than helped, the victims.

Social science, long the bastion of Establishment male dominance, had possessed only the male lens through which to study society. Male and female researchers alike had to view society, record its ills, but remain aloof, through that single distorting lens. Missing, until the feminist perspective developed, was the female lens, the second lens essential to complete the social stereoscope through which the images of the two worlds could be combined to produce the realistic depth, compassion, and involvement of reality.

Since that important paradigmatic shift, Bernard has studied the female world through the feminist prism, insisting upon showing her audience, reasonably but firmly, previously unseen structures. Deliberately casting only occasional glances toward the male world, Bernard reports the new feminist historical discoveries, speaking boldly for the emerging options that will reduce the loss of women to meaningless relationships and empty, literally maddening lives. The Female World is an incisive examination of the worlds in which women have lived separated from men—their own world of family, friendships, education, occupations, childbirth and illness, politics, art, and death. Bernard concludes the ambience of the female world is sadness; however, she makes no apologia for women or for the sex differences whose irreducibility she has insisted upon both before and after her feminist conversion.

The Female World is a serious, documentary celebration of women's unique strengths and differences, on which Bernard rests the chances for the future salvation of both men and women in a postindustrial society. Sex role transcendence and shared roles may be the wave of the future as Bernard predicted (1972; 1974; 1975; Lipman-Blumen & Bernard 1979), but now the entire panoply of the female world with its complicated structure and ethos, past and present, is dealt with in still well-mannered, but this time unsubdued, tones.

An eclectic perspective ahead of her time. Earlier in this essay, Bernard's propensity to move ahead of her time in addressing the key issues that were to concern scholars and policy makers was noted. Her research was groundbreaking, not simply in terms of issues per se, but also with respect to the strategies by which she attacked her subject. Here, again, we see her most salient intellectual characteristic—critical defiance of conventional beliefs and myths.

A case in point is Marriage and Family Among Negros in which she laid bare the fallacies of the "black matriarchy" and debunked the notion that black family structure was typically "broken." By careful, scholarly use of census data, she demonstrated that the modal black family structure consisted of a marital union between original spouses living with and caring for their own offspring. She traces the profound influence of the history of slavery and racism on the relationship between black women and men. Although she perceives the black female as an unwitting participant in the travail of black men, she more properly attributes the condition confronting blacks to urbanization, with its crowding, mobility, and discontinuities, as well as to unemployment and poverty. Bernard's empathetic analysis of black society within a white environment (echoing her earlier writing about immigrant Jews)—albeit with some interpretations she would now reject—led a number of her black readers to conclude that Bernard herself, was black. She hails the importance and predicts the rise of black racial pride and suggests that the self-emancipation of blacks is the critical treatment for the black male's wounds.

Another major myth that Bernard explodes is the fiction that marriage and motherhood are desirable for women. In The Future of Marriage and The Future of Motherhood (1974), Bernard, with Durkheimian precision, carefully demonstrates that marriage benefits men more than women and that the Western, postindustrial structure of marriage, as well as motherhood, is deleterious to women's mental health.

Analogous to her foresight in identifying timely substantive issues is Bernard's anticipation of methodological strategies ahead of the trends. As early as 1966, she advocated investigations of the differential experiences of groups born or socialized at different points in history, the method to be raised to recent prominence under the label of "cohort analysis." Her early call for longitudinal studies to offset the distortions of cross-cultural research was ahead of the vogue. Earlier still, in 1964, Bernard was using cross-national data to make key comparisons among academic women in the Soviet Union, France, Italy, Britain, and the United States—again, a methodological approach which has since gained an impressive following.

Bernard's scholarship is eclectic, spreading over a wide range of substantive areas and using a complicated palette of method...continued on page 11
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ologies. Stemming from her training in measurement, Bernard’s earliest work, such as American Family Behavior (1942a), through The Future of Marriage utilizes macrodata, including macrostatistics from census and other government reports, to compare the patterns of various sociological groups and to gauge the strength and trends of sociological phenomena. Later, she turned to microdata in the form of personal documents, the letters she and her children exchanged over more than 25 years, in a courageously self-revealing effort to chronicle the intimate infrastructure of family life. In her work on black marriage and family structure, as well as her most recent research on the female world, Bernard focuses on blacks and women, respectively, deliberately giving scant attention to comparisons with whites and men. Thus, she intentionally eschews measurements of blacks compared to whites, women compared to men. In defiance of traditional social science canons, Bernard makes a conscious effort to see blacks as blacks (not as would-be males). In The Sex Game, Bernard moves easily to an interactionist (although neither a Meadian nor Goffman disciple) perspective. And her shift from social positivism to non-Parsonian functionalism to feminism ultimately seems a humanistic integration of the strengths of each paradigm.

Awards and Honors. Recognition of Jessie Bernard’s work as a major contribution to the discipline, as well as to the education of general audience, has come from every quarter. Ironically, her ability to speak lucidly and incisively to a larger public, as well as to her social science colleagues, probably delayed her inevitable professional recognition. (She once facetiously warned a colleague whose work had been cited in the popular press to “shield your co-workers from this; how good can a sociologist be if she is worth quoting in a popular magazine?” [personal communication, 1978]).

Amiably defying professional customs and mores. Bernard declined nomination to the presidency of the American Sociological Association, as well as to a host of other organizational positions. Nonetheless, in recent years, she has been the recipient of the Kurt Lewin award presented by Pennsylvania State University (1976); the outstanding achievement award from the American Association of University Women (1976); honorary doctorates from Hood College, Northwestern University, Washington University, and Radcliffe College; the Stuart A. Rice merit award from the District of Columbia Sociological Association (1974), as well as the merit award of the Eastern Sociological Society and the Burgess award from the National Council of Family Relations (1973).

Several awards have been established in Bernard’s name, awards designed to honor those, who, like Jessie Bernard herself, have contributed intellectually, professionally, and humanely to the world of scholarship and feminism. Thus, the Jessie Bernard awards, annual prizes established by the American Sociological Association in 1976 and the District of Columbia Sociologists for Women in Society in 1978, reflect the esteem in which her contributions-intellectual eclecticism, personal courage, reasonable defiance, unpretentious humanity, and feminist sisterhood-are held.

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The 2007 Feminist Activism Award to Professor Carroll Estes

On behalf of the members of SWS, the Awards Committee is pleased to present the 2007 Feminist Activism Award to Professor Carroll Estes.

Carroll, now Professor Emerita in the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences and the Institute of Health and Aging (IHA) at UC-San Francisco, is probably best known for her pioneering work and extensive scholarship in the field of gerontology.

As a young UCSF faculty member, she established the Aging and Health Policy Center within the School of Nursing and, under her guidance, it evolved into the Institute of Health and Aging. IHA is now a UC-system wide research unit that houses five research centers, among them the first national Lesbian Health Research Center. Carroll served as Director for IHA between 1979 and 1998 and her involvement with IHA, which now has more than $14 million in funding, has continued. Nearly one-fourth of the IHA budget is devoted to research on women’s health, and more than 50% to aging and long-term care, issues that greatly affect women because they make up the majority of the elderly population. And, as one letter of recommendation noted, it has fostered the careers of many women:

“Because of [Professor Estes’] extraordinary leadership, the IHA has served as the beginning of interdisciplinary research careers and the home to countless women scholars in the areas of aging, long term care, child health, health economics, health & diversity, and substance abuse policy.”

In addition to her work at IHA, Carroll has held many professional leadership positions. For example, between 2001 and 2007 she was Senior Technical Advisor on Health Aging at the California Endowment; from 1981-1992 she was chair of the UCSF Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, and in 1996 and 1997 she served as a Consultant to the Commissioner of the US Social Security Administration. In recent years, Carroll has also been an active member of the Women’s Task Force of the Gerontological Society of America, holding several leadership positions, and of the Older Women’s League.

Carroll has particularly been an activist in working to protect Social Security. She served as Vice-Chair on the Board of Directors of the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare, and is a member and co-founder of the activist group, Concerned Scientists in Aging and Students for Social Security. Carroll has provided testimony and consultation for three decades to the US House and Senate Committees, and is currently consulting with Congressional representatives Nancy Pelosi and Barbara Boxer on how women might be affected if social security is privatized. As one nominator wrote: “I am continually inspired by Carroll’s tireless energy for social justice, her vision of gender equality, her generosity of spirit and, of course, her incredible scholarly and professional record.”

We are, too, and it is our honor to present to Professor Carroll Estes the SWS 2007 Feminist Activism Award.

2007-08 SWS MFP Scholar

The 2007-08 SWS MFP Scholar is Zandria F. Robinson. Zandria is a doctoral student in the Department of Sociology at Northwestern University. A native of Memphis, Tennessee, she earned the Bachelor of Arts in English and African and African American Studies in 2003 and the Master of Arts in Sociology in 2005 from the University of Memphis. Her general research interests include epistemology and social theory, urban sociology, race, class, gender, and sexuality, and the sociology of culture. Zandria’s current research projects focus on regional cultures and young black women’s reproductive decision-making processes.


Zandria is also a classically trained violinist and taught violin throughout high school and college to children who traditionally do not have access to such lessons. She has a daughter, Assata, age 4.
Cecilia Ridgeway is the Lucie Stern Professor of Social Sciences at Stanford University where she has taught since 1991.

Specializing in social psychology and gender, Cecilia has been the leader in rethinking the social psychology of gender and move it beyond a simplistic sex roles socialization model to understanding the interactive effect of the social environment (in the form of diffuse and group-specific social status) with the mental processes of individuals in that environment (in the form of norms and beliefs about gender and gender specific expectations about the self). This focus on interaction produces a complex and dynamic model that she has developed theoretically and tested empirically in a large number of articles and synthesized in several books as well. In effect, Cecilia has taken the key issue of the “performativity” of gender and concretely operationalized this in ways that allow her to study interaction in the lab as well as in naturally occurring settings.

This contribution has been noted and rewarded in the discipline at large, though such honors as being elected chair of the social psychology section of ASA and being selected to edit its journal, Social Psychology Quarterly, serving as president of the Pacific Sociological Association, and as a council member for the Theory section and on the editorial board of Sociological Theory. Her work on gender has been recognized as theoretically significant for the overall social psychology of the person rather than left marginalized in a corner, in part because Cecilia herself has always insisted on the generalizability of her claims about status value and expectation states. This means that her work is also well designed to incorporate race, class and other forms of inequality in social status gender and other forms of group status, and the interactions between gender and other forms of power and entitlement, her research has provided a sound empirical base for challenging these relationships in practice. Moreover, her empirical work has extended beyond the laboratory to consider how the status issues intertwined with gender are played out in practice in workplaces, both corporate and academic, and considered explicitly what kinds of policies for change would be more or less effective given what we understand about the social psychological dynamics that anchor current gender relations. Her review essay in Contemporary Sociology (2000) is just the most tight and trenchant example of an overall argument about how feminist change can effectively happen in the social groups where we live most of our lives.

Her research on gender is also a great model of feminist scholarship in the ways in which she has engaged her graduate students in joint ventures and trained the next generation of feminist social psychologists. A cursory look at her vita since 1990 shows she averaged close to an article per year co-authored with one of her students, and several of her students have gone on to be leading voices in the new wave of feminist scholarship on the social psychology of gender. So her establishment of new ways of looking at gender in interaction is not going to be ephemeral, but is already rooted in the discipline through the ways her students and others have taken up the models and tools that she has provided and extended and applied them.

SWS 2007 Women of Color Dissertation Scholarship Award

SWS is pleased to announce that Maria Olivia Salcido is the first recipient of the Women of Color Dissertation Scholarship Award. The award includes $15,000 in order to complete the dissertation research. Ms. Salcido is currently a doctoral candidate in the school of Justice and Social Inquiry at Arizona State University.

Her dissertation is a comparative analysis of both Latina and non-Latina U.S. born and Latino foreign-born women who are survivors of domestic violence. She hopes to gain a greater understanding of how the criminal justice system responds victims and survivors of domestic violence. Ms. Salcido’s dissertation raises important questions about immigration and its connection to criminal justice policies. Her long-term goals are to pursue an academic career while also using her research to develop and promote forums that link the needs of immigrant communities to resources at both the domestic and international level.
Linda Grant and Barbara Risman
2007 SWS Feminist Mentoring Award Recipients

This year the SWS Mentoring Award Committee - Lora Lempert, Judith Wittner, Kathleen Slobin, and Ann Goetting - had the honor and pleasure of unanimously selecting two co-recipients for this award. In the opinion of the committee, both Linda Grant and Barbara Risman embody the depth and breadth of ways in which feminist mentoring is practiced. Their mentoring practices include not only anticipating needs and providing concrete guidance and feedback for junior colleagues, but also compassion and guidance with regard to feminist concerns; helping colleagues (junior, peer, 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); and embracing a philosophy and practice of inclusion inside academia, especially with those most marginalized.

Linda Grant’s service to her fellow scholars and the academy is exemplary and defining of all of the above. The committee was impressed by Professor Grant’s scholarly and personal support of women within academia at all levels, her capacity and skill at creating institutional practices that effectively link academics at all levels, and the ways in which she combines the best of intellect and passion to inspire achievement and personal growth and change among women in all locations within the academy. The following quotation from one of her nominating letters illustrates the general tenor of the others:

“She so keenly understands the complexities of being an academic and an activist, a sociologist and a feminist, a nice person and an incisive critic, an intellectual and a flea market scavenger.”

The committee was likewise inspired by Barbara Risman’s formal and informal support of students, colleagues, and lay women; her demonstration of considerable skill and savvy in academic appointments where she created institutional practices that were on-going and self-sustaining, and her positioning as both a ‘mover and shaker’ in institutional settings and in the broader fields of sociological influence. One of her nominators summarized.

Choosing them for this highly competitive award illustrates just how impressive their consistent, compassionate, and important work is for their colleagues, their universities, and their surrounding communities. The contributions of Linda Grant and Barbara Risman are fruitful both interpersonally and for sociology. Linda and Barbara are generous and hard-working in their mentoring of others, as well as in their teaching and research contributions.

As evidence of their clear and continuous service, scholarship, and general goodwill on behalf of women, the committee offers a brief selection from the nominating narratives of these two outstanding mentors. Their nomination letters reflected contributions from sociologists all over the country and at various stages in their careers, demonstrating yet again their wide ranging inclusivity.

About teaching:

Linda Grant: “I learned how to teach difficult courses and maintain high and reachable expectations at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Gender courses have great potential to raise student ire, and Linda demonstrated calmly and surely the importance of employing multiple attempts to teach course concepts, patience with the unevenness of student comprehension in the classroom, and provided clear ways with which to deal with student hostility.”

Linda Grant: “When I get impatient with the demands of teaching and want to take shortcuts so I can get back to my ‘real’ work (i.e., research), I think of Linda, and how her door is never closed to me or any other student, and how she seamlessly incorporates teaching, research, mentoring, and scholarship. This is what it means to be a feminist teacher, and I strike to emulate Linda in this regard. I’ve stopped short of sporting a ‘WWLD?’ bracelet, but the thought has occurred to me.”

Barbara Risman: “The heart of mentoring is interpersonal relationships – between teachers and students and among colleagues. The best mentors move their students into colleagues and this is the theme underlying every interaction I have observed between Barbara and her current and former students. I know she spends a...continued on page 15
Barbara Risman: “Her students serve on national committees, submit papers to national and regional conferences, participate in numerous ways to develop a professional identity; Barbara’s active encouragement underlies most of these efforts.”

**About mentoring:**

Linda Grant: “I cannot count the number of times that I have stepped into her office feeling like a failure and like my ideas had no worth, only to leave with a renewed sense of self and a fresh confidence in my abilities.”

Linda Grant: “I have never known a person like Linda Grant. I would be such an idiot right now if I have not had the opportunity to learn from her.”

Linda Grant: “Linda was simply a model feminist colleague. She constantly demonstrated for me how to be a great mentor. She read my papers, gave me thoughtful comments, and strategized with me about my career and how to find the right kinds of publication outlets for my scholarship.”

Linda Grant: “In terms of mentoring, what is amazing about Prof. Grant on this point is that she always pulls students into the projects she is doing, and she always gives us credit for it… On every project we worked on together, she invited me to participate, she regularly expressed gratitude for my work, and she publicly lauded my contributions, however meager they were.”

Barbara Risman: “Attentive to the challenges that new junior tenure-track faculty may face, she has always made it a point to ‘check in’ with me to see how my transition from graduate student to faculty member was going, while highlighting opportunities for professional growth.”

Barbara Risman: “It does not matter if you are in the same institution or where you are in your career, she is always there to listen and if needed, advise… when it comes to mentoring, she is the ‘real deal’.”

Barbara Risman: “She has provided individual support when needed by answering questions that I was too embarrassed to ask anyone else, by giving me objective advice, and by telling me the hard truth when I needed to hear it. But equally important, she has opened doors for me and pushed me through them when necessary.”

Barbara Risman: [mentee voluntarily matched with Prof. Risman at annual meeting] “Though the meetings only lasted a few days, Barbara provided more mentoring to me in that time than did most of my advisors in graduate school. Little did I know that this was simply a foreshadowing of the mentoring she would provide in the next couple of years. Barbara was absolutely central to my landing a job at a research institution.”

**About institutional practices:**

Linda Grant: “What she really did… was to create a border culture, where those of us who didn’t completely fit into our chosen disciplines could come to collectively struggle with concerns that were larger than these disciplines could contain.”

Linda Grant: “She seeks feminists out, almost like she can smell them from across campus. And then she doesn’t overwhelm them or recruit them or bombard them. She simply makes space for them. She includes them in the ‘we’s. She introduces them to other ‘us’es. She creates community and makes that community the most interesting place on campus (in town, in Georgia, in sociology).”

Barbara Risman: “Barbara practices what she preaches. In doing so, she has been an inspiration to me. Barbara has worked tirelessly to promote sociology, both within and outside the discipline, with local, regional, national, and international communities. She never turns down an opportunity to use sociology to make a difference in our world. And along the way, you can be sure she will prepare a cadre of students and junior faculty to lead sociology in the future.”

Barbara Risman: “In the past two years [at UIC], she has taken the department through an institutional change process that has healed the open wounds and rallied department members around a collective vision for the future. I believe that her devotion to mentoring has been at the core of this transformation…”

Barbara Risman: “In addition to encouraging feminist scholarship, Barbara has consistently encouraged students to become a part of the feminist transformation of the academy. More specifically, she nominate or encourages self-nomination of students for elected positions in professional associations.”

Barbara Risman: “Barbara is one of a core of people who are at the heart of the most exciting institutional change within SWS and in Sociology that I have experienced in my career: the Sister-to-Sister network which bridges the divides of race/ethnicity and class by creating opportunities for honest and direct talk about race and discrimination and for working on developing strategies for ending it.”
Each year the committee selects a student for this scholarship who exemplifies Beth’s commitments in the broadest possible way – her contributions to scholarship on gender, aging, and social disadvantage, her dedication to her community college students and mentoring more generally, and her whole hearted activism to correct social injustices of class, race and gender. Each year the scholarship committee is confronted with the difficult task of choosing among a group of highly talented individuals who began their education at a community college and have progressed to a Ph.D. program. This year was no exception – we had 14 wonderful applicants from all over the country with a variety of activist commitments and research agendas, all of which would have made Beth really proud. We ended up, unusually, selecting not just one awardee, but also two students for honorable mention.

Honorable mention Jackie Gabriel
Jackie started her higher education at Muscadine Community College in Iowa, received a BA at the University of Iowa and an MA at the University of Nebraska at Omaha with a thesis on “Organizing Latino Immigrant workers in the South Omaha Meatpacking Industry.” She is currently writing her dissertation at Colorado State University on “International framework agreements as a strategy for global labor organizing.” Jackie worked for two years as a community organizer in the meat packing industry and has published several papers on this topic.

Honorable mention Elizabeth Sternke
Elizabeth started her education at Pensacola Junior College in Florida, completed her BA in Cultural Anthropology at the University of West Florida and her Master’s at Purdue, where she is now writing her dissertation on “Unruly bodies: the narrative of the disabled female body and the incapacity to become pregnant.” Her research focuses on infertility and social class, looking not only at the self-labeling of women as infertile but also their struggles for insurance payments for treatment. Elizabeth has served as the campus-wide director for Purdue’s Take Back the Night Events and is an active participant in her local Sexual Assault Prevention Coalition, the Clothesline Project, and the women’s studies program.

2008 Beth B. Hess Memorial Scholarship Winners

2008 Beth B. Hess Memorial Scholarship Winner, Mairead Eastin Maloney
Mairead began her education at Young Harris College in Georgia, received a BA from Wofford College in Spartanburg, SC, and completed her MA at the University of North Carolina, where she is currently working on a dissertation entitled “It puts you on an uneven playing field: experiences of disclosure, accommodation and stigma management among working women with disabilities.” Mairead worked for four years at the Institute for Community Inclusion in Boston, on the issues of gender, work and disability, which became her research agenda. She has co-authored several papers on aging and the new economy, and on mentoring students with disabilities. This award will help her to complete her dissertation this year, especially the qualitative portion of the study. Her commitment to research in aging and gender, which were Beth’s passion, make her an ideal recipient for this award. Moreover, her desire to mentor students from non-college backgrounds would have made Beth extremely proud.

Cheryl Allyn Miller Award Presented to Laura West Steck

The winner of this year’s Cheryl Allyn Miller Award for award for graduate students and recent Ph.D.s working in the area of women and work went to Laura West Steck. Laura received her Ph.D. in 2006 from the University of Connecticut and is now an Assistant Professor at York College. In her paper, titled “Parenting and Postsecondary Schooling: Weaving the Gendered Work Practices of Everyday Life,” Laura employs an expanded notion of "work" in examining how student-parents negotiate the competing demands of parenting, postsecondary schooling and paid work. Laura employs Acker’s theory of gendered organizations and Garey’s conceptualization of "weaving" work and motherhood to illuminate the ways in which gender organizes expenditures of time, effort, energy, and physical labor as student-parents navigate family, schooling and employment responsibilities. Laura is currently building on this research to develop recommendations for expanding campus resources for student-parents at York College.
THE 2008 BETH B. HESS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Beth B. Hess Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a new or continuing graduate student who began her or his study in a community college or technical school. A student accepted in an accredited PhD program in sociology in the United States is eligible to apply if she or he studied for at least one full academic year at a two-year college in the US before transferring to complete a BA.

The Scholarship carries a stipend of $3500 from Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS) to be used to support the pursuit of graduate studies, as well as a one-year student membership in SWS (including a subscription to Gender & Society), Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) and the American Sociological Association (ASA). The Scholarship will be awarded at the Annual Meetings of SWS, ASA, and SSSP in Boston, MA, August 1-4, 2008. The awardee’s economy class airfare, train fare or driving mileage/tolls will be paid by SSSP, SWS and ASA (applicants for this award should also apply for an ASA student travel award, more than one such award may be given). Each association will also waive meeting registration, and provide complimentary banquet or reception tickets for the awardee.

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.

**An application for the award should contain:**

1. a letter of application (no more than 2 pages) that describes the student's decision to study sociology, career goals, research, activism and service that would help the committee to see how the Scholarship would be a fitting honor
2. a letter confirming enrollment in or admission to a sociology Ph.D. program (and aid award if any)
3. a letter of recommendation from a sociologist (in a sealed envelope, signed on the seal)
4. full curriculum vitae, including all schools, degrees awarded, years of study, and full or part-time
5. (Optional) a one-page letter describing a community college faculty member who particularly contributed in a significant way to the decision to study sociology or pursue higher education
6. A cover sheet with:
   - Name and full contact information, including phone and email
   - Current academic or organizational affiliation, with years
   - If not currently enrolled, future Ph.D. program and date of entry
   - Community college attended, with years and credits taken OR transcript
   - Name and contact information for references
   - If included, name of honored faculty member

**Six complete copies of the application should be submitted to:**
Prof. Myra Marx Ferree
Department of Sociology
University of Wisconsin-Madison
1180 Observatory Drive
Madison, WI 53706

To be considered applications must be postmarked no later than March 31, 2008
For further information contact Myra Marx Ferree -- mferree@ssc.wisc.edu

Hand Program

The Membership Committee would like to thank all of the “senior” members who volunteered to be mentors in the Hand Program at the 2007 Summer Meeting. We had more senior members who volunteered than we had junior members needing mentoring, which is the best kind of inequality we can think of! We also wanted to publicly acknowledge the 14 women who served as mentors.

Denise Copelton
Susan Ferguson
Lara Foley
Carla Howery
Jennie Jacobs Kronenfeld
Heather Laube
Lora Lempert
Marita McComiskey
Stephanie Nawyn
Barbara Risman
Sarah Sobieraj
Tracey Steele
Jan Thomas
Ronni Tichenor

Note: we will be sending out a call for participation in the Hand Program for the Winter Meeting soon. Junior folks, or those of you who will be attending your first Winter Meeting, don’t hesitate to request a mentor. Know that this organization and its members all take mentoring seriously and that we’ll do what we can to ensure your Winter Meeting experience is warm and welcoming.
Executive Council Meeting  
Summer 2007 Meeting
Saturday, Aug. 11, 2007
Minutes respectfully submitted by Tina Fetner, Secretary, with additional note-taking from Tracey Steele.

Present: Manisha Desai, Minjeong Kim, Joey Sprague, Cindy Andersen, Tina Fetner, Tracey Steele, Chris Bose, Kathleen Slobin, Jessica Holden Sherwood

Meeting called to order at 3:13pm.

1. Existing business
   a. International research center collaborations
      We had voted previously to reach out to researchers on gender issues by establishing links with 10 research centers giving memberships to SWS, including *Gender & Society* subscription, and in return, international scholars would publish news in the *Network News*. Some delays happened over the past few years, and we want to get it back on track. Trina Smith will make announcements at the Business Meeting, and we will formalize the process there. SWS Members will nominate international scholars for this intellectual exchange.

   b. Motion to sign on to the American Association of University Professors 1940 Statement on Academic Freedom and Tenure
      We had some discussion over whether this should be voted upon to the membership, or whether the EC should invite input from the membership and take responsibility for the decision.
      The EC decided to post the document on the SWS website, invite comments from the members until Nov 1, and the EC will make a decision after November 1.

   c. Maloney and Ginsberg Parry High Court Ruling
      Chris Bose was asked to give an opinion on this ruling. The EC declined to submit an opinion to the court on this matter.

   d. Discrimination Committee request re: Romanienko case
      Romanienko requested funding for litigation, asking to apply to SOROS under the auspices of SWS. The EC decided that while we can offer support and offer some funds for her litigation case, it is not appropriate for SWS to become the institutional home for her case. The Discrimination Committee will address this in its usual capacity. Manisha will email Shirley Jackson, Discrimination Chair, to inform her of the EC’s decision.
      Chris Bose raised a question about the Discrimination Committee budget and how the committee chair should recruit its membership. Jessica will look it up and email the EC.

   e. Feminist Transformation of the Academy Task Force Proposal to become CIA committee
      The EC reviewed the proposal to create a Creating Inclusive Academies committee.
      Questions were raised about the overlap between the Career Development Committee, Social Action Committee, and the Publication committee.
      It was suggested that rather than create a new standing committee, the focus of the Career Development Committee can be re-imagined to include transforming the academy be a part of its mission.
      The EC decided to make this recommendation to the membership and discuss it in that setting.

2. Potential new projects
   a. Action Alliances
      Joey Sprague wants to establish key alliances to help SWS do activism, to facilitate rapid response without overwhelming the organization or its members. Joey recommends starting with a few groups and reviewing in a year.

   b. Women’s Suffrage Action
      The EC decided to make this recommendation to the membership and discuss it in that setting.

   c. Consider calling for SWS historians
      Kathleen Slobin recommends that we create a Task Force on the Recovering SWS History, to create a more elaborate history of the SWS. The Task Force would take one year to identify projects that would be appropriate.
      Chris Bose noted that one of the things that would be important would be to upload all of the historical documents of SWS onto a member-only part of the website.

   d. Moms Rising
      Joey Sprague is concerned with getting feminist scholarship out to the mainstream press. Joey proposes establishing a Task Force on Mainstreaming Feminist Sociology to explore various ways to do this. This should include someone from Publications committee to act as liaison.
      Joey Sprague will write up a one-page mission statement for the Task Force, and set a date to review the Task Force.

   e. Explore carbon pass for conferences
      The EC discussed the idea that we offset our carbon use by purchasing carbon passes. The Council decided not to take this action at this time.

***Tina Fetner exits meeting at this point. Tracey Steele records minutes from this point forward***

3. EO-related business
   a. Bylaws change in EOB composition
      Council agreed to bylaws change in EOB composition
      Suggestion brought forward to change the composition of EOB:
      -remove publications committee
      -add president elect
      Procedure is to bring it to membership at meeting this time and winter (requires 2 suc-
cessive votes to change)

b. SWS/ASA Minority Scholar
Jessica indicated that she spoke with J. Shin regarding our memorandum of understanding regarding the SWS contribution to the ASA minority scholar program. She confirmed to him that council gave it the green light. Will indicate that this has been done at meeting.

All EOB members are invited to MFP benefit reception—SWS contribution will be recognized at the reception. Will be held Sunday at 9:30 pm in the Riverside Ballroom at the Sheraton

c. Investment options and spending plan
Organization has a lot of money that could be invested more wisely (e.g. about $700,000 is currently in a money market), also need to diversify.

EOB & Budget Committee met to discuss this and other matters regarding finances (e.g., spending plan) and reported to EC.

EC recommended that at the site visit in the fall a summary of current expenditures be produced (Kathleen Slobin or “KS” will take lead on this). This will be presented at the winter meeting to council (and at business meeting to the membership) to show where our money is currently being spent. This should serve as starting point for creation of a spending plan. Other issues that will be considered are determining investment priorities, use of an investment manager, and oversight of investments.

JS agreed to see if she can find out what other large organizations (e.g. ASA) are doing with their $/investments

KS handed out a copy of the current budget, noted that we spend less than we get in revenues, reiterated need for spending plan

***Joey Sprague exits the meeting at this point.***

d. Relocating our archives from Schlesinger to Penn State
Our archives are being stored at Schlesinger. They have indicated it will cost considerable money per foot to catalogue. They have recently changed their policies, which caused some issue with one family who donated papers to the collection.

ASA Executive Officer informed us that Penn State probably would archive our records for free, as they do for ASA. The switch would probably involve moving costs, though we have the money.

KS indicated that in past SWS wrote a letter of censure involving a case at Penn State—question of how long that should be in effect.

The decision was made to look into what Schlesinger would charge to do the cataloging before we made any decision. JS will find out and report back.

e. Renting our mailing list: does it need a policy or procedure?
There is not a lot of demand for this. The procedure used in past is that EO approves straight-forward cases and emails council if unsure.

Council agreed this policy was fine.

f. ASA staffer on listserv or comp membership
Current policy is to receive email must be an SWS member, but we would like to have this person on list. To work out the exception this staffer will be listed as having been given a complimentary membership so that they can get on listserv.

We will adopt as policy for the future similar to the one for the mailing list discussed above (i.e. EO approves except in questionable cases).

g. Recommendation for an HR liaison
Complete discussion is recorded in internal files. Summary: HR issues for the EO staff were discussed. It was agreed that the HR liaison would be the SWS President or Treasurer, since the latter is chair of the EOB committee.

h. Ohio Secretary of State Issue
SWS is incorporated in RI. Ohio Secretary of State contacted us and indicated there were gaps in our SWS incorporation in Ohio.

Will cost total of $75 to fix ($50, 25 to restate and then remove us). Approved.

Meeting adjourned.

Summer 2007 Business Meeting
August 13, 2007 3pm
Minutes respectfully submitted by Tina Fetner, Secretary
President: Manisha Desai, President

1. Welcome and Report from President
Banquet tickets are still available for $36. Please come.

2. Pending business
A. Feminist Transformation of the Academy task force proposal to become a standing committee
Abby Ferber and Danielle Currier presented the proposal to make the Task Force on Feminist Transformation of the Academy to a standing committee. They reported that this task force met with the Career Development Committee (as previously recommended by the Executive Council), where many issues were raised and discussed. The two groups agreed that it should not be made a subcommittee of the Career Development Committee.

This task force continues to recommend forming a new standing committee.

The mission statement was read to the members.

The new title of the committee might be Transforming the Academy or Creating Institutional Change in the Academy.

Manisha reports that the EC initially felt that another standing committee might be too burdensome, and there might be overlaps with the Career Development Committee. Further, transforming the academy is to some degree embedded in the mission of all standing committees, as one of the major goals of the organization overall.

With this feedback, the committee has further refined the mission statement, met with the Career Development Committee, and made clearer the role of the proposed standing committee.

Several members expressed their support for the mission of the proposed standing committee. There was some discussion over whether this work was best done by a task force or committee.

Abby Ferber proposed that we vote in principle on this committee.

Tina Fetner seconds.

The motion passed with one abstention.

This motion requires a second vote in the Winter 2008 business meeting, by which time the details of the proposal and the exact change to the bylaws must be made explicit.

3. Reports
A. Treasurer
Kathleen Slobin presented the Treasurer’s Report (available in a separate document). As reported there, this organization is in a strong financial position.
B. Executive Officer

Jessica Holden Sherwood reports that Candace Hindle will leave next month, to continue working through the end of the year in a limited capacity.

Kristen Baxter will replace Candace in the EO.

The SWS website will have an online database, including elections.

One of the features of the new website is a bulletin board. Jessica will initiate this board with a discussion about whether SWS should sign on to the AAUP Statement on Academic Freedom and Tenure.

The banquet tonight is at the Jewel of India, on 44th St between 5th and 6th. Arrive between 6 & 7pm.

C. Committees

Awards

Tracy Ore reports that we will give 7 awards tonight at the banquet, including our 2 new scholarships: the SWS/ASA MFP scholarship and the Women of Color Scholarship.

Feminist Lecture Award

Thanks to Susan Farrell for chairing this award. Mary Zimmerman will take over next year. Deadline will be changed to Dec 15.

Tracy proposes that we give all Feminist Lecturers of the past a plaque. We could not afford them in the past, and now that we can, we should make it up to them. This would amount to 15 plaques. There is general agreement for this proposal; no vote is taken.

Cheryl Allen Miller Award

Cindy Anderson has stepped down as the chair for this award. Ivy Kennelly may take over this.

Mentoring Award

Tracy Ore reports that we have discussed that mentor award get $1000. If there are multiple winners, this amount is to be split among winners.

Judith Lorber moves that the mentor award get $500, in addition to travel money.

Discussion ensued. The point was made that the award should be valued similarly to the Feminist Lecturer Award. Others made the point that the Feminist Lecture Award includes compensation for work requested for the year the award is granted.

The motion carries unanimously.

The awards committee will pursue getting SWS awards into Footnotes and the awards booklet.

Finally, the Awards Committee proposes that our major scholarships recognize honorable mentions in addition to the award winners. This would be for the Beth Hess and the Women of Color Scholarships. Honorable mention recipients would receive a current and next-year SWS membership, banquet ticket, meeting registration, and a plaque. Further, we should add a current and next-year membership to the Beth Hess Award winner.

The motion carries unanimously.

Career Development

Tamar Smith reports that the committee had two workshops.

The junior members of SWS are very eager to receive career development advice, but the senior members do not always fill those needs through the current system of soliciting volunteers.

The committee requests that SWS establish a senior member as a liaison to the Career Development Committee.

Erin Anderson has had 6 professional needs mentorship and has made 4 matches.

Some discussion of the role of the Hey Jane! columnist ensued. Currently, this is a two-year position, and the Career Development committee recommend that this change to a one-year position. Some members made it clear that this was not a matter of by-law prescription, but a practice, and there is room for the committee to change the practice without a by-law change.

Tamar Smith passed around sign-up sheets for senior people to volunteer.

Discrimination

no report

Gender & Society

Dana Britton introduced the editorial staff: managing editors Laura Logan and Cindy Whitney; Andrea Bunt, a student who has been working hourly on several projects through the summer, and deputy editors Bandana Purkayastha and Sharon Bird.

G&S has come up online, and submissions have increased. We will receive over 300 manuscripts this year. Between January 1 and July 31 2007, we received 65 more manuscripts than during the same period in 2006.

The acceptance rate is 8%. The journal now has a fully online review system.

We have a guest-edited symposium coming up. The symposium is framed around Margaret Andersen’s essay on the past 20 years of feminism. One junior and one senior scholar has each written on race, class, and sexuality respectively. Margeret Andersen will have a response, and guest editor Jessie Daniels will comment.

Special issue: Gendered Borderlands.

Please submit and note in your cover letter that it should be considered for the special issue. Deadline is October 1, 2007.

A second special issue will be on sexuality and bodies, to be discussed at the Winter 2008 meetings.

G&S has seen a 50% increase in Impact Factor. It is ranked 22 among 94 sociology journals. 6 out of 26 in Women’s Studies journals. The most cited article had a maximum of four citations, meaning that every cite counts. See G&S report for full statistics.

International

Susan Lee spoke for Trina Smith, chair. The committee asks for nominations for research centers to establish partnerships with SWS. This will involve an SWS membership and subscription to Gender & Society, and in return, they would send us a report on their research.

Nominations by SWS members should be sent to the International Committees, which will have a subcommittee to select research centers.

Susan Lee moves that any of SWS’s seven UN representatives be authorized to sign onto any petitions if they are consistent with the SWS mission.

Manisha reports that this has been discussed in the past, and the decision has been that the UN representatives should consult the President, who is the only one authorized to sign on behalf of the organization.

One member recommends that the issue of expanding the International Committee’s role be discussed at the Winter 2008 meetings.

The motion was withdrawn.

Membership

Cindy Anderson reports that we have about 1000 members. The committee’s budget is $1300, which mostly goes to regional groups for recruitment events.

Network News

no report

Nominations

Chris Bose handed out a call for nominations to the members. Longer descriptions are available on the SWS website. The official deadline to submit is September 30, but please try to nominate/self-nominate earlier.

Scholarship & Human Rights

Chris Bose reports that letters were drafted regarding Imus’s racist and sexist comments.
Several other letters were written and petitions signed.

Publications
Toni Calhoun requests that members update their information on the online system. [http://mc manuscrip tcentral.com/gendoc]

New book review editor is to begin a 3-year appointment. The committee has been formalizing the job descriptions of the various roles involved with publications.

Leslie Hossfield’s position will end January 2009.

Online access to SAGE journals has not been available in the past, but will be in November.

Sister to Sister
Patricia Warren reports that this committee hosted a workshop this morning, called “Straight Up No Chasers.” It was a very successful panel. Barbara Risman continues to match mentors and junior people in the Sister to Sister mentoring program.

Social Action
Marybeth Stap reports that the committee did not meet. They co-sponsored panel on activism with SSSP. They are beginning some work on maintaining the lactation room with the ASA. If you have stories or concerns, please contact the committee.

The fact sheet process is in place. The committee is deciding on topics.

One member requested that we coordinate with SSSP and ABS for future summer meetings to create more options for hotels and to keep costs as low as possible.

Student Concerns
The student concerns committee hosted their usual activities.
Student happy hour had 28 attendees, and a raffle.
Student roundtables were successful.
Student concerns committee has 16 active participants, which is much larger than in the past.

The committee is concerned about the history of the SCC, which the committee is working to develop.

The committee will call for proposals from regional chapters to do work for students in their regional meetings in the next Network News.

4- New Business
A. Changing composition of EOB (Exec. Office & Budget) CMTE in Bylaws
Manisha moves that we adopt the bylaw change as written in the “Proposed Bylaws Change” attachment.
Myra Marx Ferree seconds.
The motion carries unanimously.

B. Call for Task Force on Mainstreaming Feminist Sociology
Joey Sprague announced her intention to spearhead a new Task Force. She will put an announcement on the listserv, so please consider whether you would like to participate in this.

5- Winter 2008 meeting preview
Joey Sprague announced that the Winter meeting is February 7-10 in Las Vegas Nevada. Please come!
The text of the announcement is as follows:
Most of us entered sociology because we wanted to help make the world a better place and we in SWS are committed to that cause. Community Organizers have a lot to teach us about ways to be more effective in supporting feminist social change both as an organization of feminist sociologists and in our local work and community lives. The Midwest Academy is the premier trainer of community organizers in the U.S. and its director, Jackie Kendall, will teach us the basics of community organizing and how to think strategically as an organization. Building on this introduction will be a session geared to help us make our research and teaching more empowering for the communities we want to serve.

We will also have regular paper sessions, the usual fun organizational work, an incredible banquet and, of course, some free time to enjoy Las Vegas.

The Alexis Park Resort is an oasis of calm and beauty across the street from the Hard Rock Café and just a half-hour walk or a short shuttle ride from the big casinos on “The Strip.” All of the rooms are recently remodeled suites and we have an incredible rate for this location—$109 for one person and $20 for each additional person up to a maximum of 4 in a room. Make sure to mention SWS to secure this rate, which extends for 3 days before and after our meeting.

The deadline for reservations is January 8, 2008. However, we may have a larger attendance than usual so we strongly advise you to reserve your room by early December to make sure you get a room in our block.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10pm.

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Successful Requests for a Reference Letter

By: Judith Lorber
Professor Emerita, Brooklyn College and Graduate Center.

This past summer, I received three requests to serve as a promotion referee. I had to turn them all down because I was too busy the whole summer and fall to undertake a review of sociological work with which I was unfamiliar. I was asked because I am an “expert” in their general fields, but in order to write a truly supportive reference letter, I feel that it is important to be able to demonstrate a familiarity with the particulars of the work of the scholar as a whole and especially the most recent.

I felt badly about having to turn down three worthy people, and I thought about what would have made it possible for me to serve as a reference for them. I’d like to suggest the following to faculty coming up for promotion who would like a supportive letter from someone who does not know them very well, if at all. During the academic year before you are coming up for promotion review, email your current CV to those you plan to list as your referees or include in a submitted list of possible referees. Request permission to list and suggest that if permission is granted, you will send a selection of recent publications soon after. Indicate who will be requesting the letter and when it is likely to be needed.

This way, the request for a reference letter does not come “out of the blue,” and the referee has had a chance to look at your materials over a longer period of time. It is then much easier to send a detailed supportive letter when requested. At least for me, it also ensures that I am much more likely to agree to serve as a referee.

The same procedure is also very useful if you are looking for a position, or plan to do job search to make a change. It also works if you are going to suggest someone to a publisher as a good reviewer for a book proposal. The only time you should not alert someone with a “prequel” is if you hope the person will be sent a journal submission for blind peer-review.
Summer Meeting 2007
Committee Reports and Meeting Minutes

I. Executive Office
   By Jessica Sherwood

EXECUTIVE OFFICE REPORT, SUMMER 2007

1. AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
   Candace Hindle will be leaving the executive office in September. Through the end of 2007, though, she will maintain our database of members and continue to issue circulation reports for the newsletter and journal. Meanwhile, Kristen Baxter will replace her. Kristen is here at her third SWS meeting, and we’re glad to have someone come in with a “head start” on the job. Kristen will take over the sws@etal.uri.edu email, and we will find a work-study student to field the swsasst@etal.uri.edu email. Our 2006 Review by a CPA is now complete. We are keeping up with bookkeeping, and are looking forward to a simpler 2007 Review.

2. MEMBER SERVICES
   One of the final steps of our overhauled website is integrating a new online database. This is in development this Fall, and we will call for online renewals for 2008. Kristen will learn this new process, with support from the local woman developing the new database. We will offer online meeting registration again for Winter, and appreciate your patience as we work out those kinks. Elections will be conducted online again, this Fall. The 2007 Members’ Directory will be produced in the Fall, once we’ve added the memberships gained here in New York. It will be available by email upon request.

3. NEW FORM FOR COMMUNICATION & AAUP STATEMENT
   Our website has the capacity for a bulletin board, which has not yet been used. http://socwomen.org/phpbb/index.php. The first time you visit, click “Register” on the upper right – “Log In” won’t work, yet. The first use for this bulletin board is as follows: to consider SWS’ signing on to the AAUP Statement on Academic Freedom and Tenure. Please visit our bulletin board for the link to the Statement, and then post your opinion to the board by 11/01/07. I will post this to the Listserv. I recommend that anyone starting a topic on the bulletin board also announce it on the Listserv, since we are not (yet?) in the habit of checking the board.

4. MISCELLANEOUS: COSSA MEETING
   SWS is a member of the Consortium of Social Science Associations. We seek a volunteer to attend COSSA’s annual meeting on behalf of SWS. It is Monday 12/03/07 in Washington DC. SWS will pay your registration, but you must fund your own travel (if any). Please see www.cossa.org for more information, and email the EO if interested.

5. PROGRAM OMISSION/ADDITION - Many thanks to Gail Wallace for compiling the list of 2007 books by SWS members.

II. Treasurer’s Report
   By Kathleen Slobin

The SWS accounts and budget for 2007 continue to be in a very good position. Our Fidelity accounts are continuing to do well, even as the present market volatility has deflected their growth to some extent. Taken together our investments in the Feminist Futures Fund, the Barbara Rosenblum Fund, and the Natalie Allon Fund show moderate growth of 2%, posting $253,959.72 at the close of 2006 and $258,744.72 as of August of 2007. Our substantial growth in assets is reflected in our primary Citizens Bank interest earning money market account that now totals $749,025.99. Gender & Society royalties from our Sage contract (the 2005 Sage contract for Gender & Society provided SWS an annual non-returnable advance against royalties of $200,000.00 beginning in 2005 and ending in December, 2011. These monies are in addition to a signing bonus of $100,000.00 and substantial monies for the editorial office support) continue to increase our assets and have permitted us during the last year to undertake two major new funding projects: The Women of Color Scholarship and the SWS/ASA Minorities Fellowship Program. As of the beginning of August, SWS had a total of $1,055,240.25 in assets that included $258,744.72 in investment income and $796,495.53 in bank accounts.

The budgeted revenue for 2007 is $417,858.71. For this year the budgeted revenue exceeds the budgeted expenses of $314,074 by $103,784.71. Similarly, the actual revenue for eight months into 2007 of $336,743.50 exceeds our expenses of $182,981.25 by $153,762.25. I have projected $403,201.66 in revenue for 2008 and $236,439.22 in expenses. While it is expected that we may have additional expenses in 2008, our present projected budget will increase our assets by at least $122,163. These figures show the strength of our organization’s financial position.

Because of our increase assets over the last several years, SWS is now in the process of constructing both a spending policy and an investment policy. At our Executive Office Site visit this coming October, the EOB Committee will draft an outline of principles for consideration of these policies by our members. Regarding our investments, we will look at 1) proper diversification of funds (asset classes); 2) whether to engage an investment manager or advisor; 3) which funds we do or do not want to own as they relate to our definition of socially responsible; and 4) expense ratios of various family funds. At this time we would like any member who has had experience in oversight or management of funds in other non-profit organizations to give their names to the SWS President Manisha Desai to help form a spending and/or investment task force in the near future.

Finally, I want to thank Jessica Sherwood and her assistant Candace Hindle for their careful stewardship of our assets, revenues, and expenses. Please contact me at kathleen.slobin@ndsu.edu if you have questions about our budgeting process.
III. Student Concerns Committee Report
By Minjeong Kim

1. The Student Concerns Committee (SCC) Events at the 2007 Summer Meeting

[A] 3rd Annual ABS-SWS Student Roundtables: Emerging Scholarship in Sociology

We had another successful ABS-SWS Student Roundtables. In the Roundtables which was held at the Whitney Room of the InterContinental Barclay Hotel on August 11, 2007, 20 students presented their papers discussing various interesting topics including racial identities, immigration and gender, gendered and sexualized bodies, social movements, families, social networks, and gendered citizenship. In addition to the presenters, I thank Sarah Swider and Jodi Ross, SCC members, and Zandria F. Robinson, the ABS Student Representative for organizing the roundtables, and seven advanced graduate students and faculty members who served as discussants. As planned, all ABS participants received a free ticket to our Happy Hours, and again I thank Marcia Hernandez, the Membership Committee (Chair, Cindy Anderson) and the Sister-To-Sister Committee (Chair, Patricia Warren) for their ideas and support for this recruitment effort.

[B] SCC-Sponsored Dissertation Workshop

The SCC organized another session on dissertation process entitled “Dissertation Research Abroad & International Fieldwork.” Four presenters discussed various aspects of dissertation research abroad: Astrid Eich-Krohm on recruiting participants using social networks and the Internet; Minjeong Kim on considerations of local culture and customs in IRB process; Myra Marx Ferree on dissertation research abroad from a professor’s point of view; and, Sarah Swider on issues in a “less than democratic” environment. The presentation was followed by questions and discussions on relevant issues. I thank all presenters and attendees who made the workshop informative and useful.

[C] Student Happy Hours

Student Happy Hour was again very successful. Like last year, each student member received two drink coupons at the registration desk, one for themselves and the other for non-member guests. About thirty students including a few non-members attended and enjoyed their time being acquainted with other student members. Unfortunately, no ABS students who participated in the ABS-SWS Student Roundtables were able to attend, but I hope that an effort to bridge SWS student members with students of other organizations will continue. Meanwhile, a raffle made it a more exciting time. Five prizes were given – 2 banquet tickets, 1 membership, 1 registration for 2008 summer meeting, and 1 winter meeting discount ($50). I thank Betsy Lucal for donating 2 banquet tickets, Marianne Noh for her idea of a raffle, and Laurel Westbrook for being a great host at the Happy Hour.

[D] SCC Meeting

The SCC Meeting had 10 students in attendance including the Chair, SCC members and other SWS student members. The meeting started with the introduction of those who were present and SWS committee members by student liaisons, followed by discussing the proposed issues.

(1) Updating the SCC history: Marcia Hernandez, past Student Representative, wrote a brief history of the SCC, which is available on the website. Stephanie Jo Farrell, and Myra Marx Ferree. Below are the items discussed:

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(2) In order to form a network between the SCC and regional chapters and utilize SCC budget in a more constructive way, the SCC decided to provide support for regional chapters in their efforts to provide events that would benefit students. Five regional chapters (initially four chapters – Eastern, Midwest, Pacific, and Southern – were included and the North Central was added after the meeting) are eligible and upon request, the SCC will provide $200 to each regional chapter (Please see below). With this support, I hope that more students participate in regional chapters and the SCC and there will be an active network between the SCC and regional chapters at a student level.

(3) Laurie Chancey who served as a manager of the Grad listserv for the past year and half has asked to be replaced. Some members expressed the concern over inactivity of the listserv and even suggested that the listserv be closed. However, in the further discussion after the meeting, SCC members decided to retain the listserv as a space where students can discuss their own issues and to find ways to make it more active. Laura Bunyan will replace Laurie as a new listserv manager.

I thank Laurie Chancey for her dedicated service as a listserv manager and Laura Bunyan for volunteering to be a listserv manager.

2. Other Issues

In addition to the listserv, SCC members are still looking for ways to utilize the SCC webpage as a way to share information and form networks among students.

Also, the SCC has closed the Student-to-Student Mentoring Program which has been inactive since last year and is looking into a way to provide a student-to-student support program.

3. Closing Remarks

The SCC events at the summer meeting could not have happened without Jessica Holden Sherwood whose assistance made SCC events possible. I also thank all SCC members for their thoughts, opinions, and efforts to make our committee active. In addition, I thank Rachel Kulick for designing a nice SCC flier and Carolyn Corrado and Astrid Eich-Krohm for taking minutes at the SCC meeting.

Student Concerns Committee Support for Students of Regional Chapters>

Regional chapters that would like to initiate a program or activity to serve their student membership can submit a request to the SCC by November 10, 2007. Proposal should explain their plans that could benefit students at 2008 regional meetings. Regional chapters will receive up to $200 of the SCC support and they will be required to submit a report to the SCC after regional meetings by May 10, 2008. These reports will be reviewed before the SWS summer meeting and based on the review, the SCC will decide if it will continue this program and/or if and how the program should be modified.

IV. Awards Committee Report

By Tracy E. Ore

The Awards Committee met in New York on Saturday, August 11. Those in attendance were Cynthia Anderson, Susan Farrell, and Myra Marx Ferree. Below are the items discussed:

Feminist Lecturer Award: Susan Farrell will be stepping down as chair of this com-
and we are in need of replacing her. Susan and Tracy will approach Mary Zimmerman to see if she is willing to take on the role of chair. In addition, we are in need of at least two, if not three, people to volunteer for this committee. If you are interested in serving, please contact Tracy Ore at tore@stcloudstate.edu. The deadline for submitting applications for campus visits will be changed to November 15 to facilitate coordinating the lecturer’s schedule. Finally, it was suggested that all past award recipients be given plaques to recognize their work. This action was approved at the business meeting.

Beth Hess Memorial Scholarship: The committee chose to grant honorable mention in this category and requested that the person in this category receive a plaque, banquet ticket, and meeting registration. This action was approved at the business meeting.

Cheryl Ann Miller Award: Cindy Anderson will be stepping down as chair of this committee. The committee appreciates her service. Ivy Kennelly is likely to replace Cindy as chair.

Mentoring Award: At the Winter meetings the Awards committee requested that a monetary award of $500.00 be added to the mentoring award in order to have consistency among awards. The minutes of the meeting don’t indicate that the membership voted and approved this amount so we are raising this issue again. This amount was agreed to at the subsequent business meeting. Members present agreed that in the case of two or more awardees that the proportion of junior faculty and graduate students makes it difficult for the committee to organize career sessions aimed at these groups. We brainstormed a number of strategies to attempt to increase senior membership on the committee including directly inviting individuals to serve on the committee, asking the SWS executive committee to appoint a senior member, and requesting that a new elected position on the committee be created that would be reserved for a senior faculty.

Committee members discussed the proposal from the Executive Committee to designate the Feminist Transformation of the Academy/Creating Inclusive Academies (FTA/CIA) taskforce as a subcommittee of the CDC. All in attendance agreed that this may not be the best fit (i.e. the CDC focus on professional development at various stages of members’ careers, whereas the FTA/CIA has a much broader, structural focus on transforming the academy). There was also consensus that there would be a much better fit between the Social Action Committee and the FTA/CIA.

VI. International Committee Report

By Trina Smith


1) After welcoming members to the meeting, the chair Trina Smith informed the committee that nominations are needed for a new International Committee chair for 2008-2010. Nominations are requested by September 2007.

2) UN representation: SWS is credentialed as an NGO to the United Nation’s Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and the Department of Public Information (DPI). To maintain our credentials, authorizing letters have to be processed through SWS’s central office. Committee members raised concerns that this paperwork be handled expeditiously in order to maintain our status with the UN. The UN bureaucracy takes some time to process paperwork once they receive it, so our own SWS papers have to be sent in promptly.

Other UN work was discussed, including the possibility of SWS signing on to petitions and documents circulated during the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) meetings in March. Participating as a signatory would raise SWS’s visibility at the CSW and enable us to advocate for SWS social issues. Committee members discussed ways to authorize such signatures and agreed to inquire at the Business Meeting for some autonomy for the five CSW representatives. The committee then
discussed the value of UN publications and events as teaching resources and raised the possibility of facilitating student participation at the UN.

3) Collaboration with international women’s research centers: The International Committee has permission to send Gender and Society subscriptions to five international women’s research centers. The hope is to begin an official relationship with these centers including publication of articles about their work in Network News. The committee discussed criteria and processes for selecting the centers. Trina Smith was delegated to draft a document on selecting the centers to be presented at the Business Meeting. The committee suggested that centers with financial need be given preference as they would probably not be able to subscribe to Gender and Society on their own. The centers should have enough capacity, however, to maintain a link with SWS. The committee expressed the hope that SWS members who nominate a research center for this collaboration would commit to maintain contact with the center on behalf of SWS.

The International Committee meeting was followed by a panel presentation given by SWS UN representatives concerning their experiences at the United Nations and possible future work there.

VII. Membership Committee Report
By Cindy Anderson

Early in the year, I completed the 2007 Survey of ASA Candidates and posted on our website for members to review. Almost all candidates responded to the survey; the response rate was 89%. We did not hold a SWS new member event this year because past years events have been poorly attended. We continue to acknowledge new members with light purple ribbons. Current members get dark purple ribbons. MFPs are recognized by silver ribbons.

We currently have approximately 875 members; the Executive Office estimates getting another 200 by the end of the year. This should be slightly more than the 1020 members we had at the end of 2006.

MFP Liaison Report, July 30, 2007
Submitted by Denise A. Copelton,
Membership Committee Liaison to MFP

At the 2007 winter business meeting in New Orleans, Chris Bose and I were charged with working with Jean Shin, the ASA Minority Affairs Director, to craft a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between SWS and ASA to address member concerns on continued SWS funding of a minority fellow. Member concerns included the use of the term “fellow,” selection of the awardee, and funding issues. To address these concerns, Jean agreed to revise the draft MOU written by Heather Laube, former MFP Liaison. We held a conference call in early July to discuss the MOU draft, and with significant input from the SWS Executive Officer, Jessica Holden-Sherwood, finalized the MOU. It was then approved by both ASA and SWS Council. SWS agreed to contribute $15,000 annually to fund one award through 2011, which is also when the current G&S contract with Sage expires. Any changes in stipend amounts during this time would be discussed at the winter meetings. In addition to those benefits already established by ASA, SWS agreed to offer the awardee complimentary membership in SWS for each calendar year of affiliation (2 years total), complimentary registration and banquet tickets at both the winter and summer meetings, and $500 in travel support to attend the winter meeting. SWS also agreed to offer formal and informal mentoring to the awardee throughout the award period. Awardees will be chosen from new or continuing MFP cohorts by the ASA Minority Affairs Director in consultation with the SWS EO and the Membership Liaison to MFP. The awardee’s scholarly work should be in keeping with the SWS mission of improving the lives of women. Finally, to address member concerns regarding the use of the term “fellow,” we elected to refer to the award/awardee as the SWS MFP Scholar within SWS.

The 2007 SWS MFP Scholar is Zandria Robinson. I contacted Zandria to congratulate her on the award, to invite her to the summer awards banquet where she will be introduced and presented with a plaque, and to inform her of the many perks SWS will provide her. She was thrilled and plans to attend the banquet. I will also submit a short write-up on Zandria to Network News.

Local & Regional Chapters Report, August 6, 2007
Submitted by Ana Prokos

I heard from most chapters about their activities and requests. Five chapter reports are still not in, and may yet arrive. I will try to follow up with whomever I can.

Got no response from Akron, Kent State, and SWS-South. I may have incorrect contact information (perhaps Cathy Zimmer knows about south)

I flubbed e-mails to SWS-East and North Central. I may be hearing from them soon. If we end up with three more regional requests and two local requests, it could be a much higher budget.

Total chapter funds requested: $750-$1000.

If any chapter representatives show up, I would like a few pieces of information from them!

Are their contacts on the web the correct contacts? Please send updated information to me. (aprokos@iastate.edu)

Is there anything else about their chapter that should be changed/updated on the web. I will be submitting several changes at once after ASA.

Please let me know if you close your chapter!

Anyone interested in forming a chapter, please let me know so I can link you up with others in your area

VIII. Social Action Committee Report
By Marybeth Stalp

Attendees: Gayle Sulik and Marybeth Stalp

Agenda Items

*SSSP/SWS Activist/Academic Panel Discussion

Rachel Kutz-Flanembaum and Marybeth Stalp organized this session which was co-sponsored by SSSP and SWS. The panel discussion went very well, and resulted in good discussion during and after the session.

*Fact Sheets for 2008

With an extended July 15th deadline, we received 16 proposals. We received two submissions each for two categories, 0 submissions for two additional categories, and 12 submissions for the new open category. The committee is reviewing submissions and hopes to make final decisions for 2008 fact sheets no later than September. We are working to update the SWS website and to have all fact sheets available on the
Lactation at ASA/SWS meeting

With the help of Jessica and SWS, SAC was in communication with ASA about providing appropriate breast feeding space at the meetings. SWS did promote the lactation space at the ASA, and we look forward to hearing feedback regarding these services, in order to better provide quiet spaces for members.

New Business—Rapid Alliance Allies (RAA)

SAC via email is considering establishing the Rapid Alliance Allies, which includes the intentional monitoring of like-minded activist organizations, to keep SWS in the know on certain events. The RAA is a way in which the SAC can establish a connection between activist organizations and themselves in terms of keeping SWS up to date with who is doing what, who has responded, etc. For example, using the Imus controversy as our most recent event, the Feminist Majority Foundation (FMF) responded quickly to the situation and posted a statement on their website—this is part of what their organization is about—this type of action is not necessarily what our organization does, but we can certainly support the FMF (and other similar organizations) in their efforts. Thus, should an event happen, SWS can depend upon members of SAC to keep SWS abreast of what specific and like-minded activist organizations are up to, and how we can support them by promoting their statements on such events. We are considering appropriate organizations at this point, and an efficient way to monitor these organizations. We plan to have an update for SWS at the Winter meetings.

IX. Publications Committee
By Toni Calasanti and Kerry Ann Rockquemore

Since New Orleans, Toni Calasanti and Kerry Ann Rockquemore have worked together as Co-Chairs for the Publications Committee. The committee has selected a new Book Review Editor for Gender & Society, Martha McCaughey, and the transition to her editorship is complete. Gender & Society continues to thrive under Dana Britton’s direction, and Network News is flourishing. Finally, we are working to make various editorial jobs within the organization clearer at the outset (as well as the work of this committee) by writing descriptions and agreements that can be passed along in the future.

Gender & Society

Dana Britton reported that Gender & Society is doing well, with both submissions and visibility continuing to grow. Now in her second year, Dana and her staff have developed an efficient and smooth-running editorial office. Dana will submit a separate publication and budget report. One aspect of the editor’s report that we would like to highlight is in relation to impact factors. Although this measure may have some problems, Sage representatives noted that a journal’s impact factor is key to revenues, and thus Gender & Society’s is important to the health of SWS. Dana reported a 50 percent jump in the Gender & Society impact factor (reflecting articles that appeared in 2004 and 2005 that were cited in 2006)—a noteworthy increase for a journal already doing well. SWS members can play an important role in this measure by remembering to cite articles from the journal when appropriate, no matter where an article will appear. Every citation makes a noticeable difference in the measure. In terms of upcoming special features of the journal, Dana reported that the call for the special issue on “Gendered Borderlands” is on line at http://gas.sage.pub. In addition, the guest edited symposium of invited papers responding to Maggie Anderson’s 2004 feminist lecture on intersectionality, edited by Jessie Daniels, will appear in the Feb. 2008 issue.

We are pleased to welcome our new Book Review Editor for Gender & Society, Martha McCaughey, from Appalachian State University. Martha began her three-year term (to end August 15, 2010) on May 15, and has hit the ground running. She has further professionalized her duties, and has instituted a system of tracking books and reviews that also makes clear where books fit in terms of the policy established by the Publications committee concerning how to prioritize books to be reviewed. Thanks to the hard work of both Martha and the previous Book Review Editor, Barbara Ryan, the transition has gone smoothly, and Martha has developed an excellent stream of reviews for future issues. Finally, in an effort to clarify the job of the Book Review Editor and expedite transitions in future years, the Publications Committee approved a letter of agreement.

Network News Editor’s Report
By Leslie Hossfeld

Editorial Staff
The journal’s Managing Editors are Cindy Whitney, Laura Logan and Andrea Button. Cindy Whitney is a PhD student who works 20 hours/week. Laura Logan is a second-year master’s student who also works 20 hours/week. Andrea Button is student summer hourly, working 20 hours a week as well. Deputy Editors Bandana Purkayastha and Sharon Bird assist in the editorial decision process by providing initial reviews of manuscripts, choosing reviewers, and providing assessments of reviewed manuscripts. Each handles approximately 25 percent of the total number of papers we receive, from Jan – July 2007 Dana has handled 124 manuscripts and each deputy editor approximately 50. The deputy editor system is working well, and certainly makes it easier to deal with our ever increasing volume of manuscripts.

Cover Art
Julie Reid, a University of Texas graduate student in sociology, worked closely with Sage to design the most recent cover, which includes a picture of a statue by an Inuit woman artist. We have decided on a new image for 2008. I am pleased to say that Julie will continue to design the cover for the journal.

Statistics
From January 1, 2007 to July 31, 2007, Gender & Society received 223 submissions; 188 new and 35 revised manuscripts. This is up from 158 manuscripts (111 new and 47 revised) for the same time period in 2006 (Jan – July). We sent 294 review packets out to reviewers, 237 were returned. The average reviewer response
time was 29 days.

Through July 31, 2007, there have been 219 editorial decisions. This includes 17 accepts, 15 conditional accepts, 28 revise and resubmits, and 159 rejects. Our acceptance rate on the year is eight percent. The average time from submission to editorial decision is 34 days. The average time from submission to editorial decision for externally reviewed manuscripts is 66 days. The range of decision was 1 days (min.) to 107 days (max.).

X. Scholarship and Human Rights Committee
Submitted by Christine E. Bose, Past President, SWS

The Scholarship and Human Rights Committee is chaired by the Past President and frequently, as in this year, has no other committee members unless the work demand requires additional volunteers. The primary task of this committee has been to write letters on behalf of human rights violations related to scholars.

However, in April 2007, with input from many SWS members, I wrote several letters in SWS’s name about the Imus controversy. These included letters to CBS and MSNBC (supporting their refusal to air the show), and eventually firing him), to Fox (supporting their refusal to air the show), and others, at the behest of Scholars at Risk (SAR), on behalf of Dr. Haleh Esfandiari, a prominent international scholar and director of the Middle East Program at the Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars, who was arrested and detained without any clear basis. SAR believes this incarceration is part of a wider attempt to intimidate intellectuals and limit academic freedom in Iran. In the same month, we sent a letter in support of the Sociologists Without Borders (SSF) “Resolution on Imperiled Sociologists,” written in response to the arrest of sociologists in Russian and Iran.

XI. Nominations Committee
Submitted by Christine E. Bose, Chair

This year’s Nominations Committee members are Chris Bose (Chair), Diane K. Everett, Tina Fenner, Kecia Johnson, Milian Kang, and Sarah Sobieraj. For the Fall 2007 elections we seek nominees for many officer and committee positions. The officers we seek are a President-Elect (2008-2011), Secretary (2008-2010), Deputy Treasurer (2008-2012), and Student Representative (2008-2009); and the committee positions include Awards Committee Chair and one committee member (2008-2010); one International Committee Chair (2008-2010); two Membership Committee Members (2008-2010); two Nominations Committee Members (2008-2010); and two Publications Committee Members (2008-2011). These position openings and our procedures are described on the SWS website. We are seeking nominations and self-nominations, both through the website descriptions and a Summer 2007 meetings flyer, with a deadline of September 30th. The final ballot will be available later in the fall.

People and Places

Mary Frank Fox (Georgia Tech) has been appointed to the Science and Engineering Human Resources Expert Committee, Directorate for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences, National Science Foundation.

Judith Lorber, Professor Emerita, Brooklyn College and the Graduate Center, CUNY, gave a keynote address entitled “Sport: The Playing Ground of Gender,” at the World Congress of the International Society for the History of Physical Education and Sport (ISHPES) and the International Sociology of Sport Association (ISSA), Copenhagen, Denmark, August 4, 2007.

Betsy Lucae, Indiana University South Bend, is the new Chair-Elect of ASA’s Section on Teaching and Learning in Sociology.

Anne Lincoln, Southern Methodist University, and Elaine Howard Ecklund, University at Buffalo, SUNY, received a grant of $299,334 from the National Science Foundation for a three-year study entitled “Perceptions of Women in Academic Science.”

Karyn Losocco, University at Albany, received the College of Arts and Sciences Dean’s Award for Teaching in May 2007 for her service in preparing graduate students to teach, her commitment to quality undergraduate education, and her teaching about race and gender inequality in the wider community.

Jennifer Reich’s book, Fixing Families: Parents, Power, and the Child Welfare System was awarded the ASA Race, Gender, and Class Section’s 2007 Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Book Award.

Laurie Schaffner, SWSeR since grad school in the 1990s, won the American Sociological Association’s 2007 Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Award from the Section on Children and Youth for her work, Girls in Trouble with the Law (Rutgers, 2006).

Jean-Anne Sutherland started a position as assistant professor of sociology at the University of North Carolina Wilmington this fall.

Heike Trappe started a position as professor of sociology with focus on family demography at the University of Rostock, Germany.

Kris De Welde accepted a position in the Social & Behavioral Sciences department at Florida Gulf Coast University in Fort Myers, and started a position in the Sociology Department at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Kathrin Zippel received tenure and was promoted to Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Northeastern University as of July 1st 2007. She is the co-winner of the 2007 American Political Science Association Victoria Schuck Award for the best book published on women and politics in the year 2006 for her book The Politics of Sexual Harassment: A Comparative Study of the United States, the European Union and Germany, published by Cambridge University Press.
The Caveman Mystique: Pop-Darwinism and the Debates Over Sex, Violence, and Science
By Martha McCaughey Routledge, 2007

Has evolution made men promiscuous skirt chasers? The Caveman Mystique traces such claims about men's irrepressible heterosexuality through evolutionary science and popular culture. After outlining the social and historical context of the rise of pop-Darwinism's assertions about male sexuality and their appeal to many men, Martha McCaughey shows how evolutionary discourse can get lived out as the biological truth of male sexuality. Bringing together insights from the fields of science studies, body studies, feminist theory, and queer theory, The Caveman Mystique offers a fresh understanding of science, science popularization, and the impact of science on men's identities, making a convincing case for deconstructing, rather than defending, the caveman.

Gendering Bodies
By Sara Crawley, Lara Foley and Constance Shehan Rowman and Littlefield, 2008

In Gendering Bodies, Crawley, Foley and Shehan demonstrate how gendered messages about bodies and the social world shape our physical bodies and social selves. At work, in sports and during sex, gendered messages constantly organize our common, everyday settings through a feedback loop of confirmations and disruptions in everyday talk and interaction. This book is an accessible, yet comprehensive, theory of a sociology of the gendered body.

Out of Play: Critical Essays on Gender and Sport
By Michael A. Messner State University of New York Press, 2007

From beer ads in the Sports Illustrated swimsuit issue to four-year-old boys and girls playing soccer; from male athletes' sexual violence against women to homophobia and racism in sport, Out of Play analyzes connections between gender and sport from the 1980s to the present. The book illuminates a wide range of contemporary issues in popular culture, children's sports, and women's and men's college and professional sports.

Each chapter is preceded by a short introduction that lays out the context in which the piece was written. Drawing on his own memories as a former athlete, informal observations of his children's sports activities, and more formal research such as life-history interviews with athletes and content analyses of sports media, Michael A. Messner presents a multifaceted picture of gender constructed through an array of personalities, institutions, cultural symbols, and everyday interactions.

Surrogate Motherhood and the Politics of Reproduction
By Susan Markens University of California Press, 2007

Susan Markens takes on one of the hottest issues on the fertility front -- surrogate motherhood-- in a book that illuminates the culture wars that have erupted over new reproductive technologies in the United States. In an innovative analysis of legislative responses to surrogacy in the bellwether states of New York and California, Markens explores how discourses about gender, family, race, genetics, rights, and choice have shaped policies aimed at this issue. She examines the views of key players, including legislators, women's organizations, religious groups, the media, and others. In a study that finds surprising ideological agreement among those with opposing views of surrogate motherhood, Markens challenges common assumptions about our responses to reproductive technologies and at the same time offers a fascinating picture of how reproductive politics shape social policy.

Taking the Stand: Rape Survivors and the Prosecution of Rapists
By Amanda Konradi Praeger Publishers, 2007

Rape is one of the most under-reported crimes in the U.S., and yet it is one of the most vicious, devastating, and violent of all crimes. But getting justice for victims has not always been easy. Often the victim is criminalized, demonized, sexualized, or otherwise attacked for her own part in the rape. But over the years, laws have changed and prosecuting rapists has become more common. Taking the Stand describes the criminal prosecution of rapists from the perspective of the women who survived their violence and explores if, when, and how the criminal justice process can work for them. Walking through the various responses rape victims have had to the criminal justice process, Konradi's vivid analysis provides new information to help raped women decide whether and how they should participate in prosecution, to help friends and family assist them, and to improve criminal justice practice for crime victims generally. Taking the Stand follows 47 rape survivors of varied ages and ethnicities, from the terror and trauma of rape through reporting to law enforcement, police investigation and indictment, hearings for probable cause and trials, plea bargaining, and sentencing. It focuses on women's experiences throughout the process and demonstrates how every experience is different. The problems that rape survivors face in the criminal justice process are not simply the result of the adversarial nature of court, defense tactics, or their own emotional reactions to violent sexual domination. Problems emerge from: (1) the social networks in which survivors are situated, (2) their variable access to emotional and financial resources, (3) their lack of knowledge about the formal and informal practices of courtrooms, (4) their lack of structural power in the criminal justice process, and (5) standard procedures employed by prosecutors and police. By recognizing individual differences in rape survivors, and their rape experiences, criminal justice personnel can better serve victims, and by understanding the layers of criminal investigation and prosecution, survivors and their families can play a more active role on their own terms in an effort to bring about justice. A rape survivor herself, Konradi exposes in the raw language of the victims the very sensitive nature of the topic and the personal obstacles survivors face. By addressing each stage of the criminal justice process, she makes it easier for those who seek justice to make decisions and choose behaviors that will positively affect their outcomes and their personal experiences with the system.
News from Local Chapters

Florida: Tallahassee
By: Janice McCabe

The Tallahassee chapter met three times in 2006-07. In the fall we met to discuss Linda Hirschman’s book Get to Work: A Manifesto for Women of the World and to hear about the research of the two new members of the FSU Department of Sociology faculty, Verna Keith and Janice McCabe. Our spring semester meeting focused on the topic of gendered bodies and included watching an episode of the series Trans-Generation and hosting a transgendered guest speaker. At the first meeting this fall the group will make plans for the next academic year. Find out more about us at our new website: http://www.sociology.fsu.edu/sws/

Michigan: Michigan State University, Lansing
By: Julie Hartman

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North Central (NCSA)
By: Kathy Feltey

At our meeting this year (the NCSA/Midwest Joint Meeting in Chicago) we co-hosted a reception for Carla Howery and co-sponsored a number of gender research sessions. At the NCSA meeting in 2008 in Cincinnati we will be co-sponsoring sessions again and holding an SWS luncheon (which has become an annual event).

SWS-East
By: Laura West Steck

The Eastern Region chapter of SWS had a productive meeting in Philadelphia at the Annual ESS Meetings. Members in attendance contributed a variety of ideas for ways in which the chapter can meet our primary objective: to serve as a networking resource for SWS/ESS members. Proposed chapter activities included the following: 1) An “intergenerational” networking dinner to be held annually at ESS meetings. The chapter would invite renowned SWS members to dinner, offering others the opportunity to communicate and connect with influential women sociologists. Our focus on “intergenerational” places emphasis on years of experience and influence in the field rather than age; 2) A regional extension of the Hand Program, which will connect senior ESS/SWS members with junior ESS/SWS members during both annual ESS and SWS meetings. As is the tradition in the national SWS Hand Program, “senior” members are defined as any SWS member who has attended a meeting in the past; 3) A strategically placed SWS table at annual ESS meetings, which will provide information about the national organization, the Eastern Region chapter, and serve as recruitment/welcoming tool for SWS; 4) A strategically placed SWS hospitality suite at ESS meetings to serve as a gathering space for SWS members attending ESS meetings and as a recruitment/welcoming tool for SWS; 5) Co-sponsor workshops, panels, sessions with standing ESS committees (i.e. Committee on the Status of Women, Committees on Graduate and Undergraduate Education, Committee on the Status of Minorities) focused on networking issues, strategies, and tips. On another note, Emily Mahon, Executive Office Director of ESS, donated several new copies of Arlita Russel Hochschild’s book THE TIME BIND for the SWS-East chapter to sell for $5 a piece as a fundraiser. We raised $165 for our chapter.

Midwest SWS (MSWS)
By: Angie Moe

The Midwest chapter of SWS (MSWS) is quite busy at present. At last spring’s Midwest Sociological Society (MSS) meetings (Chicago, IL April 4-7), we once again co-sponsored over two dozen sessions and workshops, and we have at least this many planned for next year’s MSS meetings. At our annual business meeting (also held during the MSS conference), we selected a full slate of officers and committee chairs: Past President - Cheryl Childers; President - Angie Moe; President-Elect - Sheri Hink; Program Chair - Trina Smith; Program Chair-Elect - Sarah Bickerton; Treasurer - Sue Wortmann; Secretary - Gene Deerman; Membership Committee Chair - Angela Simon; Hospitality Suite Organizers - Angela Simon & Jessica Edel; Communications Committee Chair - Sharon Bouna; Tapestries Newsletter Editor - Angie Moe; Listserv Mistress - Phyllis Baker; Website Developer/Mistress - Cheryl Childers; Honors and Awards Committee Chair - Gina Pettoni; Networking Committee Chair - Julie Raulli; SWS Liaison - Julie Raulli; MSS Women in the Profession Committee Liaison - Gina Pettoni; Midwest Feminist Papers Editors - Michelle Hughes Miller & Marcie Schumaker. As noted, our Program Chair, Trina Smith, has been very busy developing our slate of co-sponsored sessions for next year’s conference. Website Developer and Past-President, Cheryl Childers, has created a prototype of a website, which we hope to have up within the next year. Treasurer, Sue Wortmann, has spent many hours transitioning and updating financial accounts from our past treasurer. Secretary, Gene Deerman, has begun the process of archiving our records for future use and reflection. Listserv Mistress, Phyllis Baker, continues to add members and update information on our listserv, which is our primary means of communication outside of the annual meeting. Honors and Awards Committee Chair, Gina Pettoni, has developed a call for papers for our graduate and undergraduate competition. Our Midwest Feminist Papers Editors, Michelle Hughes Miller and Marcie Schumaker, have put together a very interesting CFP on harassment within academia. And finally, Angie Moe, upon assuming editor duties of our newsletter after the sudden and unfortunate resignation of past editor, Naomi Lacy, just assembled the summer issue, which MSWS distributes three times annually. One of our main goals this year is to update and reinvigorate our membership. Anyone interested should contact Treasurer, Sue Wortmann at swortmann2@unl.edu. Membership is just $10 ($5 students).

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University of California, San Diego

The Department of Sociology at the University of California, San Diego (http://sociology.ucsd.edu/) invites applications for the newly endowed Daniel Yankelovich Chair in Social Thought beginning July 1, 2008. The substantive areas of the chairholder’s research will be open. However, the holder of the Yankelovich chair should be a senior scholar whose research and teaching clearly demonstrate the ability to transcend the constraints of their discipline in understanding important issues and problems; the ability to place their research and thinking in the larger context of society; and the ability to communicate cogently and clearly, with a view to exercising influence in both the academy and the world beyond the academy. Interested individuals should send a description of research interests, a curriculum vitae, publications, and three letters of reference (under separate cover) to: Richard Madsen, Chair, Department of Sociology University of California at San Diego, 401 Social Science Building – SWS, 9500 Gilman Drive, La Jolla, California 92093-0533. The review of applications will begin January 31, 2008 and will continue until the position is filled. Salary commensurate with qualifications and based on UC pay scale. Applicants are also invited to provide comments about their leadership activities and/or contributions to diversity. The University of California is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer with a strong institutional commitment to excellence through diversity.

University of Illinois at Chicago

The Department of Sociology at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) seeks to hire one or more Assistant Professors. We invite applications for full-time, tenure-track positions, at the assistant professor level beginning in August 2008, pending final budgetary approval. Candidates with research specializations in Sociology of Health and Medicine, and Sociology of Work, Labor Markets, and Organizations are encouraged to apply. At least one of the positions will require interest in teaching graduate and undergraduate theory. Applicants must have completed their Ph.D. by the time of appointment and have strong commitments to research, teaching, and supervising student theses and dissertations. Salary is competitive and commensurate with experience. More senior faculty may be considered. Applicants should submit a letter of application, curriculum vitae, writing sample and three letters of recommendation to: Faculty Recruitment, Department of Sociology (MC312), University of Illinois at Chicago, 1007 W. Harrison St., Chicago, IL 60607-7135. To ensure full consideration, applications should be postmarked by October 15, 2007. However, consideration will be given to applications until the position has been filled. UIC is a Carnegie Doctoral/Research-Extensive University located in the heart of one of the nations’ largest metropolitan areas. It is a comprehensive public university with a diverse student body of more than 25,000 undergraduate, graduate and professional students. As an AA/EOE, UIC encourages applications from women, minorities and people with disabilities. The University of Illinois is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

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The Institute of Government and Public Affairs and the Department of Sociology of the University of Illinois at Chicago are seeking candidates for a joint, tenure-track position at the assistant professor level beginning August 2008. The ideal person will have expertise in the sociology of health and/or medicine, strong research skills, a research agenda that focuses on the policy aspects of significant health issues, and a doctorate in sociology by the time of appointment. Applicants must have strong commitments to research, teaching, public service, and supervising student theses and dissertations. Salary is competitive and commensurate with experience. More senior faculty may be considered. To ensure full consideration, applications should submit a letter of application, statement of research and teaching interests, curriculum vitae, writing samples, and three letters of recommendation to IGPA@UICalifornia.edu by November 1, 2007. Materials may also be mailed to: Cedric Herrin and Robert Kaestner, Co-Chairs, IGPA/Sociology Faculty Search Committee, Institute of Government and Public Affairs (MC 191), University of Illinois 815 West Van Buren Street, Suite 525, Chicago, IL 60607-3525. The Institute of Government and Public Affairs is a tenure granting policy research institute with a dual mission of research and service to improve public policies. The Sociology Department at UIC is an energetic community of scholars committed to teaching, research, and using sociological expertise to engage with the world for the public good. UIC is a Carnegie Doctoral/Research-Extensive University located in the heart of one of the nation’s largest metropolitan areas. It is a comprehensive public university with a diverse student body of more than 25,000 undergraduate, graduate and professional students. As an AA/EOE, UIC encourages applications from women, minorities and people with disabilities. The University of Illinois is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

University of Kansas

The Department of Sociology at the University of Kansas invites applications for a tenure-track, Assistant Professor in Economic Sociology expected to begin August 18, 2008. Specific research interests are in political economy, organizations, and/or work. The ideal candidate will be trained in the quantitative analysis of global and local markets, networks, associations, and hierarchies. This hire would also contribute to strengthening instruction in core courses in statistics and quantitative methods at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Salary is competitive with those at other research universities. Applicants are expected to have a Ph.D. or terminal degree in Sociology by start date of appointment, plus an exceptional record of research and teaching or demonstrated potential for such performance. For full position description, see: http://www2.ku.edu/~clas/employment/. A letter of interest (including explanations of academic training and current research agenda), vitae, graduate transcripts, selected publications/papers, teaching portfolio (with evaluations or summaries), and three letters of reference should be sent to: Professor Eric Hanley, Department of Sociology, University of Kansas, Fraser Hall, 1415 Jayhawk Blvd. Room 716, Lawrence, KS 66045-7556. (785) 864-9412 (hanley@ku.edu). To ensure full consideration, materials must be received by October 22, 2007. EO/AA Employer. Women and minorities are urged to apply.

University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC)

The UMBC Department of Sociology and Anthropology invites applications for a tenure-track assistant professor position beginning August 2008. Primary research and teaching interests are open; however, preference will be given to those contributing to the department’s areas of focus in health and aging; diversity, gender & culture in global perspective; and, applied social science research and statistics. Candidates are expected to have an active pro-
program of research. The department has 17 full time faculty members with over 250 undergraduate majors and about 40 graduate students. The department consists of three undergraduate major programs (sociology, anthropology and health administration and policy) and an MA program in Applied Sociology. Faculty also participate in three interdisciplinary doctoral programs in Gerontology; Public Policy; and Language, Literacy, and Culture. Faculty may also be affiliated with UMBC’s Erickson School (a new professional school focusing on integrated studies of aging, management, and policy) and its Center for Aging Studies. UMBC is classified by the Carnegie Foundation as a Research University – High Research Activity. It has a diverse student population of 12,000 graduate and undergraduate students and is located in the dynamic Baltimore-Washington corridor. Salary and benefits are competitive. Applicants should submit a letter of interest and qualifications and a CV, and have three letters of reference sent. Pending final approval, review of applications will begin on October 15, 2007, but applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Send materials via email to cohen@umbc.edu or to Professor Jere Cohen, Recruitment Chair, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, UMBC, 1000 Hilltop Circle, Baltimore, MD 21250 (www.umbc.edu/sociology). UMBC is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. Minorsities, women and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

University of Minnesota

The Department of Sociology in the College of Liberal Arts at the University of Minnesota announces two faculty openings. Appointments are to begin no earlier than August 25, 2008. For the first position, we invite applications from sociologists researching issues of migration, race and/or ethnicity, broadly defined. The appointment will be at the rank of tenure-track assistant professor. Faculty seeking a higher rank may also be considered, depending upon qualifications and consistent with Collegiate and University Policy. For the second position, we seek an outstanding senior scholar, area of specialization open. For complete job descriptions and application procedures, visit <www.soc.umn.edu/events/>. Priority will be given to completed applications received by October 15, 2007; later applications may be reviewed as needed. The University of Minnesota is an equal opportunity educator and employer.

University of North Carolina Greensboro

The Department of Sociology invites applications for a full-time tenure-track position at the rank of Assistant Professor. Substantive research and teaching fields may include: Social Change, Family, Gender, Sexuality, Culture, Social Psychology, and/or Media. Primary teaching assignment will also include either Theory or Statistics. Candidates must hold or anticipate a Ph.D. in Sociology by August 1, 2008. UNC Greensboro is a growing research university with 16,700 undergraduate and graduate students and has recently been awarded a Carnegie classification of a university with “high research activity.” It is located in a metropolitan area of 1.2 million in the Piedmont region of North Carolina between the Atlantic Ocean and the Appalachian mountains. The Department of Sociology offers the B.A. and M.A. degrees and currently has fourteen full-time faculty. UNC Greensboro is especially proud of the diversity of its student body and we seek to attract an equally diverse applicant pool for this position, including women and members of minority groups. We are an EEO/AA employer with a strong commitment to increasing faculty diversity and will respond creatively to the needs of dual-career couples. Representatives of the Department will be available at the American Sociological Association conference in August. To apply, send a letter of application, curriculum vitae, a writing sample, and at least three letters of recommendation to: William T. Markham, Search Committee Chair, Department of Sociology, University of North Carolina Greensboro, P. O. Box 26170, Greensboro, NC 27402-6170. Initial review of applications will begin October 15, 2007 and continue until the position is filled.

University of the Pacific

Associate Professor Position, to begin August 2008. Appointment is in the five-person Department of Sociology with the expectation that the successful applicant will rotate into the position of Department Chair. The Department is especially interested in applicants committed to pursuing issues of inequality and diversity throughout the curriculum. The successful candidate will teach five four-unit courses per year including social psychology and an introductory major core course, with research and teaching experience in at least three of the additional following areas: urban; environment; immigration; globalization; criminal/social justice, social service delivery and policy. In addition, applicants should provide evidence of collaborative efforts with community groups with the goal of providing in-depth, applied learning opportunities for students. Other related teaching and research areas may be considered based on the need of the Department. The University of the Pacific is committed to experiential learning and undergraduate research. The successful candidate should bring an active research agenda in one or more of the above areas and be prepared to engage undergraduates in research and
off-campus field settings consistent with the missions of the Department. This faculty position also includes administrative responsibilities such as advising students. The Sociology Department values diversity and appreciates the perspective that members of a diverse community can bring to the enhancement of learning. Additional information describing the Department is available on the Sociology pages of the University of the Pacific website (http://www.pacific.edu/college/sociology/). Applications should include: 1) a letter describing teaching and research interests; 2) curriculum vitae; 3) evidence of research agenda and evaluation of prior teaching, if available; 4) examples of scholarship, but no more than three publications or manuscripts; 5) names and addresses of three references. Send to: Chair, Department of Sociology; University of the Pacific; Stockton, Ca 95211. The University of the Pacific is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer, encouraging excellence through diversity.

University of the Pacific

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St. Norbert College

Department of Sociology seeks a Ph.D. or ABD for tenure-track assistant professor position with particular expertise in (1) sociological research methods with strong computer skills, and (2) social stratification complemented with race and minority relations in the U.S. Among the additional specialties that would strengthen a candidate’s application are urban sociology or a comparative-international focus.

Commitment to excellence in teaching undergraduates in a congenial sociology-anthropology department with significant numbers of majors and a commitment to the General Education Program is essential. Normal teaching load is three classes per semester. SNC is a thriving Catholic, liberal arts college, embracing the Norbertine vision of community. We welcome candidates from all faith traditions who can address how they might contribute to the College’s mission. Please visit the website at www.snc.edu/mission. The College features General Education, Honors, and Faculty Development Programs, and extensive overseas study opportunities. SNC is selective in admission with a stable enrollment of over 2000 students. Please send curriculum vitae/resume, cover letter, three recommendation letters (or names of three references with contact information and email addresses) to: Dr. James Benton, Associate Dean, Social Sciences Division, St. Norbert College, 100 Grant Street, DePere, WI 54115. Applications by email attachments are welcome: send to james.benton@snc.edu, and copy to tom.faase@snc.edu. Review of applications to begin on October 22, 2007; position open until filled. SNC is an E.O.E.

State University of New York – Fredonia

SUNY Fredonia invites applicants for a tenure-track Assistant Professor position beginning fall 2008. Ph.D. in Sociology expected no later than September 1, 2008. College teaching experience expected. Must have a specialization in deviance (with a sub-specialization in an area such as substance abuse, women in crime/prison, violence) and be able to teach a course in sociological theory (classical and contemporary). Must also be prepared to offer courses of relevance to Criminal Justice and Social Work majors. Other duties include advising students, conducting and publishing research and participating in university service. Application procedure available at: http://www.fredonia.edu/humanresources/faculty.htm. Review of applications will begin on October 15, 2007 and will continue until position is filled. An affirmative action/equal opportunity employer, SUNY Fredonia encourages and actively seeks applications from minorities, women, and people with disabilities.

University of Texas at El Paso

The Department of Sociology and Anthropology invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor of Sociology (higher ranks considered) with a specialization in gender beginning Fall 2008. Applicants whose research interests also include health, demography, environment, crime, Latina/o, or U.S.-Mexico border populations are especially encouraged to apply. The department is building research capacity and seeks scholars who demonstrate the potential for research publication and external funding. The department offers an MA in Sociology and potentially an interdisciplinary PhD in transnational studies. The position will also support an active and growing Women’s Studies Program through cross-listed courses. The successful candidate must feel comfortable in a department with faculty from anthropology and geography as well as sociology. Collaborative opportunities exist at nearby schools of medicine and public health, as well as other units within the University, Universities in Cd. Juárez (Mexico), and in the bi-national community at large. El Paso/Ciudad Juarez, with over 2.2 million people, is the largest border metropolis in the world, offering outstanding opportunities for social science
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