Hello everyone! I would like to begin by once again enthusiastically thanking everyone who attended, helped plan, and/or participated in our Winter Meeting in Atlanta. If you attended the meeting, I hope you found it rewarding, intellectually stimulating, and maybe had some fun, too! Atlanta is a thriving city and a great setting to discuss our important meeting themes. I left with lots to think about in terms of how we sociologists can work to create more gender equity in the spaces we inhabit. In this political environment, our efforts to battle systemic, institutionalized gender inequality are ever more vital and necessary. I am proud to have an active role in an organization that is committed to and active in this goal.

However, if you weren’t able to make the Winter Meeting this year, do not fret! Next year’s meeting will be in Denver, Colorado at the Embassy Suites Denver Downtown Convention Center. The meeting dates will be February 7-10, 2019 and I’m looking forward to seeing what Tiffany Taylor, President-Elect, has planned.

In the meantime, our Summer Meeting will take place in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to coincide with the American Sociological Association (ASA) Meetings. As many of you know, the Summer Meetings are a bit smaller in scale than the Winter Meetings, but we anticipate having many of the things that make SWS meetings great—workshops, roundtables, and of course, the committee meetings that are the engine of how SWS continues to do important things. Some of the themes we’ll focus on at the Summer Meeting include continuing the discussion of how SWS can work to curb sexual harassment in sociology and academia more broadly, thinking through ways to do effective public sociology, and equipping scholars to be prepared for and deal with trolling and other public attacks. We’ll also have the roundtables that allow members to present their work, and I’m also hoping to have a smaller scale version of our Breakfast with Scholars so that we can continue the tradition of giving members the opportunity to network with more senior scholars and engage in professional development. So please mark August 11-13, 2018 on your calendars and be prepared to connect in Philly!

Apart from this, Council continues to work on making sure SWS’s daily business continues to run smoothly. Committee reports indicate that SWS is making progress in key areas—improving our media outreach and visibility, developing safe spaces for women and non-binary scholars of color within the organization, ensuring our short and long-term financial stability, and many others. I’m confident that progress will continue along this upward trajectory, and thank all of you for all the work and effort you put into this organization.

Adia
Greetings from the SWS Executive Office!

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of you who made the 2018 Winter Meeting such a huge success. Because of President Adia Harvey Wingfield’s vision, all of the committed presenters and participants, and the diligence of all the volunteers who did quite a bit of behind the scenes work for the meeting, I think that our meeting attendees left the 2018 Winter Meeting with lots of energy to go back to their offices and classrooms to continue their spirited feminist work. Thank you all for bringing your energy to the 2018 Winter Meeting. I came away with so many great ideas and with a renewed sense of gratitude for the opportunity to serve this amazing organization as its Executive Officer. I would like to extend a very sincere “thank you” to all of the outgoing officers who made my first year as Executive Officer run so smoothly.

As Adia has noted, planning is currently underway for the 2018 Summer Meeting. The Summer Awards Banquet will take place on Saturday, August 11, 2018 at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown. Members of the Awards Committee are currently reviewing applications for the many awards that we give out at the Summer Meeting.” This is truly a highlight of the Summer Meeting. As we did last year, we will announce the award winners in advance via our listserv so that the winners can invite their colleagues to share in their excitement.

Thanks to some incredible feedback from you and a very supportive and diligent Council, I am embarking on some projects that will make your SWS experience more welcoming and easier to navigate.

Adia has appointed a task force that is looking at improving the relationship between SWS National and the SWS Regional and Local Chapters. Our Regional and Local Chapters do so much important work throughout the year that advances the SWS Mission and I am excited to offer a more streamlined and efficient experience for all who are members and leaders within these chapters. If you are interested in starting an SWS Chapter, please stay tuned for more information to be shared later this year.

We now have a brand-new website with a new look. Thank you for your patience throughout the transition. If you are having trouble logging into the new website, please be sure to clear your cache, restart your computer, and then try logging in again. Please note that you will need to reset your password the first time that you login to the new website. If this doesn’t work, please send me an email at swseo.barrettkatuna@outlook.com and I can help you. There is now an area for you to sign up to be a part of the Speakers’ Bureau. This project is still in its foundational phase and I look forward to enhancing this website capability in the future. Soon, we will have a list of FAQs on our website regarding website navigation.

I am working with President-Elect, Tiffany Taylor on preliminary planning for the 2019 Winter Meeting in Denver. One issue that we are directing attention to now is the issue of convenient, affordable, and well communicated options regarding childcare. Please stay tuned for details regarding childcare at the meeting. We are committed to making sure that parents have the opportunity to plan ahead if they are going to bring their children with them.

I am working with Adia and Tiffany to address the further institutionalization of accessibility awareness in all of the work that we do and the availability of whisper translation services at future SWS Meetings. We want to make our meetings accessible to all and I appreciate all of the wonderful feedback we have received to ensure that accessibility is always a key priority in meeting planning.

Please feel free to reach out to me at any time with any questions, thoughts, or feedback. I truly value your insights and it’s always nice to hear from you.

See you in Philly this summer!

Barret
Information on Future Winter Meetings

As an effort to reduce costs for you and the organization, and workload for the President-Elect, SWS has decided to begin booking our meeting sites in advance.

Here are the locations for our future Winter Meetings:

2019 in Denver, Colorado

*Embassy Suites by Hilton*

Denver/Downtown Convention Center

Thursday, February 7, 2019-Sunday, February 10, 2019

View the hotel website by clicking: [HERE](#)

Hotel Room Cost is $155 Per Night

2020 in San Diego, California

*Paradise Point*

1404 Vacation Road, San Diego, CA 92109

Thursday, January 30, 2020-Sunday, February 2, 2020

View the hotel website by clicking: [HERE](#)

Hotel Room Cost is $179 Per Night

*Some Rooms are available at a Student Rate of $169 Per Night; Stay tuned for details.*

2024 in San Diego, California

*Paradise Point*

1404 Vacation Road, San Diego, CA 92109

Thursday, February 1, 2024-Sunday, February 4, 2024

View the hotel website by clicking: [HERE](#)

Hotel Room Cost is $199 Per Night

*Some Rooms are available at a Student Rate of $189 Per Night; Stay tuned for details.*

We will now have a rotation system where we will rotate among three pre-selected sites for two years at each of those sites, and then will have a fourth non-rotating site.

Thank you to Abby Ferber for help with the site visits for these above meetings and thank you to the Site Selection Subcommittee: Adia Harvey Wingfield, Diane Wysocki, and Vrushali Patil for their assistance in putting this model together.
SWS Winter Meeting Committee Summary Reports

Meeting Minutes from the 2018 Winter Meeting are available on the SWS Website. You must log in as a member to view the minutes.

AWARDS COMMITTEE
Members in Attendance: Marybeth Stalp, Marlese Durr, Laura Logan, Kimberly Kelly, and Ashley Vancil-Leap. After introductions and welcoming everyone to the meeting, we talked about the following items:

1. WE REQUEST A BETTER TIME SLOT FOR THE AWARDS COMMITTEE MEETING DURING SUMMER AND WINTER MEETINGS. With as much time as the Awards Committee was talked about during the general business meeting in Atlanta (Jan 2018), we are very concerned that this committee is scheduled when it is – on Saturday afternoon after the majority of the committees have already met. We believe this late scheduling contributes to the continual low attendance of the meeting and we would like this to change for an open committee meeting.

ACTION STEP: We respectfully ask that the Awards Committee can be scheduled in a more prominent time slot in the overall schedule, so as to give members more opportunity to attend this open meeting.

2. ALL AWARDS NEED TO BE MORE CLEARLY WRITTEN AND CONSISTENT ACROSS THE SPECTRUM WHEN POSSIBLE. We need to provide more consistency across awards. This has been mentioned by council in the past, and we are working on it. In addition to sorting out the financials for each award, we will strive to have consistent applications, and deadlines for awards that can be put up on the website and not have to worry about constantly making revisions to the website for minor items.

ACTION STEP: Stalp will work with committees, SWS EO, and Operating Budget Management Committee.

3. THE AWARDS COMMITTEE IS TOO HOMOGENOUS. The Awards Committee (as well as past awardees) are pretty homogenous, either racially/ethnically, or coming mostly from R1 institutions. We believe that the Awards Committee needs to better reflect the diverse organization that SWS is, and so we will work from both ends, so to speak, on diversifying the Awards Committee in a holistic manner.

ACTION STEP 1: Committee chairs, when possible, work to become more inclusive in membership in all ways discussed above.

ACTION STEP 2: Make contact with Membership Committee (Kimberly and Ashley will attend Hands Orientation and New Member Meeting to recruit new members to the committee in Denver 2019).

ACTION STEP 3: Marlese will meet with Sister to Sister to develop a short session on how to apply for awards.

ACTION STEP 4: Marybeth will work with SWS EO and Operating Budget Management Committee to develop a spreadsheet to understand the monies actually spent on Awards, to become more transparent to the membership.

4. WE ENCOURAGE AWARDS COMMITTEE MEMBERS (AND SWS MEMBERS) TO ATTEND THIS OPEN MEETING. We are in somewhat of a quandary, as although our meeting is publicized, that members who are required to attend the Awards Committee meeting are not attending. We believe we need to revise the Bylaws in order to deal with this appropriately. Claiming service in SWS (without actually doing it) is certainly not supported by SWS.

5. ACTIVIST AND LECTURER CAMPUS VISITS HAVE BEEN AMAZING. We are currently caught up on having all of our Activist and Lecturer Award winners complete their site visits. THANK YOU to everyone involved in helping us to bring the Award winners to campuses. We have also found it successful to have one site visit and one presentation at SWS – this makes it possible for more types of institutions to apply for campus visits.
CAREER DEVELOPMENT
The SWS Career Development Committee met in Atlanta, with 22 people attending; Kelsy Burke took minutes. Reports on activities of the last year:

- Hey Jane activities have included putting finishing touches on Issue 40 (Stacy Williams on advice for finding postdoc opportunities, posted in March 2017), posting Issue 41 (Kathrin Zippel on becoming internationally engaged, posted in May 2017), and preparation of Issue 42 (Jackie Krasas and Stephanie Nawyn on joint appointments). Issue 42 was posted in March 2018. In addition, Issues 5 and 6 on mentoring were revised (by Mindy Fried and Laura Kramer) and reposted in August 2017.
- Mindy Fried stepped away from service as Professional Needs Mentoring Coordinator, and Danielle Currier stepped into that position in the fall, offering an informational meeting in Atlanta.
- “Critique Me” session in Montreal (August 2017) was well attended. Thanks to Shauna Morimoto for organizing and publicizing this perennial favorite, and to Patti Giuffre for facilitating the event itself.

The Committee-sponsored panel in Atlanta on applied sociologists, organized by Mindy Fried, was enthusiastically received. In the coming year, the committee (with the help of the SWS office) will focus on creating a topical guide to all Hey Janes!, highlight on the list serve some archived issues, and pursue the revision of some older issues. The discussion produced a list of topics to consider for new Hey Janes! and possible old Hey Janes! to be updated. It was also suggested that we raise with the SWS leadership the need to clarify the relationship among the various mentoring activities SWS offers: the Hand Program, Sister-to-Sister, and Professional Needs Mentoring. (Submitted by Laura Kramer)

DISCRIMINATION AND ACADEMIC JUSTICE
In 2017, the Discrimination and Academic Justice Committee received six inquiries/requests from members seeking assistance or support with workplace issues. Thus far, none of the six resulted in Allon Fund requests to provide financial support for legal assistance. Two cases resulted in requests for SWS letters to the member’s institution. One of the two letters was a response to a tenure denial, which was successfully reversed. The other letter was in support of a women’s and ethnic studies program at risk of being cut. The outcome is still in process. The co-chairs welcome contact from members with individual concerns that may or may not fit traditional discrimination situations and promise confidentiality and a supportive ear to listen.

This committee is preparing to launch a call for proposals for a small research grant, funded under the third priority of the Allon Fund, for applied or academic research to improve understanding and redress of employment discrimination related to gender and its numerous intersections. A CFP with details will be posted on the website and circulated on the SWS listserv in late April.

At the 2018 winter committee meeting, participants expressed interest in (a) continuing work on issues of attacks on academic freedom, and (b) focusing some attention on sexual harassment within Sociology and at our annual meetings. Both areas will involve collaboration with other committees. The committee welcomes new and old members’ involvement on these issues. (Submitted by co-chairs Katie Acosta and Sweta Adur)

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE
Much appreciation to our chair whose dedication of global integration within SWS motivated and sustained us for the past four years -- Susan Lee!!
1. Subcommittee Reports:
   a) United Nations
ECOSOC (Economic and Social Council) (hara bastas)
DPI (Department of Public Information) (Jennifer Rogers-Brown)
UN Vienna (Daniela Jauk)
US Women's Caucus at the UN (Susan Lee)
b) Global Feminist Partnership Program (GFPP) (Yun Ling Li)
• Visiting Partner from Lima, Peru: Liz Meléndez
• Centro de la Mujer Peruana Flora Tristán
c) International Meetings (IM) (Marcia Texler Segal and Judith Lorber)
• Women's World Congress July 30 - August 4, 2017
• Federal University of Santa Catarina, Florianópolis, Brazil
• NEPEM Symposium, Federal University of Minas Gerais, Belo Horizonte, Brazil
• XIX World Congress of Sociology Toronto July 15-21, 2018
• "Power, Violence, Justice," Maggie Abraham, President
d) CEDAW (Vicky Demos and Solange Simoes)

2. Network News Features:

October 2017 issue:
• "13th Women's World Congress Brazil" pp. 23-24 (Judith Lorber)
• "Introducing a New SWS Global Partnership in Peru: Flora Tristán" pp. 19-21 (Yun Ling Li and Liz Meléndez)
• December 2017 issue:
• "Global Feminist Partnership Program" pp. 4-5 (Yun Ling Li)

3. International Committee sessions at the Winter Meeting:
• Understanding Gender-Based Violence in a Global Perspective
• Presenters: Liz Meléndez, Pamela Newmann, Paulina García-Del Moral, Youngeun Nam
• SWS Global Feminist Partner: Centro Flora Tristán and Feminist Movements in Latin America
• Presenter: Liz Meléndez

4. Welcome to our new chair hara bastas!
(Submitted by hara bastas)

LOCAL AND REGIONAL CHAPTERS

Many chapters were represented at the Winter 2018 meeting with representatives from SWS-Kent/Akron, SWS - Mississippi State, SWS-South, SWS-Tallahassee, SWS-West, and SWS-East. We are trying to institutionalize the integration of the local and regional chapters to SWS-National, beginning with their better representation on our website. We are also trying to facilitate better communication among chapters. (Submitted by Rhacel Parreñas)

MEMBERSHIP

We had a successful orientation program for the Winter 2018 meeting primarily due to the utilization of the Hand Welcome Program. We had 92 mentees sign up and matched with 36 mentors. During the committee meeting, we decided on recommending the elimination of the Ice Breaker scheduled for the Winter 2019 meeting and instead depending primarily on a Welcome Committee to ensure the inclusion of all first-time attendees. (Submitted by Rhacel Parreñas)
NOMINATIONS
The Council and the Nominations committee decided to move to an online nominations process this year, rather than distributing paper nominations forms at the winter meeting. One of our goals is to get a higher response rate. (Submitted by Abby Ferber)

PUBLICATIONS

MEETING I (Saturday)

Social Media and Media Relations Subcommittee (Mindy Fried and Wendy Christensen)
Wendy Christensen was hired as the Social Media person for SWS. The Media Relations Subcommittee currently has no members, although Myra Marx Ferree continues to be the liaison between Media Relations and Pubs. So Pubs needs to consider its composition and reactivate it so the important work of media relations can continue. Mindy and Wendy encouraged Pubs to promote the committee in order to attract new members.

Gender & Society Sage Representative
The report from Sage on Gender & Society is extremely positive. Submissions are up, the impact factor is up, we have an extremely high renewal rate at libraries.
The representative from Sage also discussed the 2nd journal, ideally to be launched next year. We will make a proposal to Sage so that ideally by the Summer Meeting Sage would present us with their package.

Book Review Editor’s Report
Yasemin Besen-Cassino reported that she is making sure everything is prepared for the incoming BRE as she completes her term in the office. Yasemin noted that many of the books coming in now are from different parts of the world.

Gender & Society Editor’s Report
Editor Jo Reger reported:
• There is a healthy backlog of articles
• Jo stressed that members update and make use of the “Gender & Society in the classroom” posts and promote them on social media.
• The special issue on disabilities and gender is currently in process. There were 28 submissions and the challenge of finding reviewers suggests that it is badly needed and hence likely to be an important issue.
• Regarding media coverage of articles, Jo mentioned that it has been difficult to get access to the right media people. But she did discuss the alt-metric scores associated with some of the articles that achieved the highest rankings to talk about how this happened and (maybe) how we can learn from this.
• Review times have been stable and they are also continuing to receive more international work. But still, 74% of the desk rejections come from outside the U.S., so she discussed how she is attempting to meet with scholars outside the U.S. more to help them understand better how to publish in G&S. She hopes for a big turnout at ISA.

Network News Editor’s Report
This report was delivered by current NN Editor, Marjukka Ollilainen
• 1 year in, Marjukka mentioned that things are going well. She asked for reactions from the Publications committee, which were very positive. The issue has moved from a print issue to online and
that has been pretty seamless.

- Some people mentioned possibly doing more on institutional history in the NN issues.

And there was a discussion of whether NN should still be an issue, or whether we should transition to some other kind of model so that individual essays/pieces can be shared without having to share the entire report. This was unresolved.

Before the second publication meeting, the EO, Barret Katuna, had called for a meeting to discuss the role of Media Relations Subcommittee and hiring a media relations expert. Those in attendance included Pubs members, G&S editor, Sage representative, and interested SWS members. They agreed that a media relations expert, either an individual or a firm, needs to be hired who along with the Wendy (our new social media person), EO, and a grad student rep along with Pubs Chair could constitute the new media relations committee. Council will discuss this further.

**MEETING II (Sunday)**

**Book Review Editor Interview**

We interviewed Catherine Richards Solomon for this position at this meeting. After Catherine left, the committee voted unanimously that Catherine be hired as the next Book Review Editor for *Gender & Society*.

**Elect New Co-Chair**

Sharon Bird graciously offered and was voted by acclamation to serve as the new junior co-chair on Publications.

**Second Journal Conversation**

This was the longest discussion at the second Publications meeting. After hearing from Sage, we had a better idea of what was needed to move forward.

- Manisha initiated an action item to form a subcommittee to put a proposal together. Manisha Desai, Heather Laube, and Tristan Bridges agreed to serve on this committee and to have something to submit by March 1, 2018.

**Search for a G&S Editor:**

The search for the next G&S editor will commence this spring and interviews will be carried out at the summer 2018 ASA meeting in Philadelphia.

- Action item: call for editors comes out in March (editorial changes to job descriptions – comments due by Feb 15th). Call out March 1, 2018.
- Form a search committee

(Submitted by Manisha Desai)

**SOCIAL ACTION**

**Winter Meeting Highlights (Complete report available at socwomen.org)**

(1) In 2016, SAC launched a new initiative to support SWS members engaged in social actions. I’m happy to announce that SWS is supporting FOUR AMAZING NEW projects:

- *Maternal and Infant Mortality Screening Event* by Evonnia Woods, Graduate Student, University of Missouri.
Don’t miss out on the next funding cycle (applications were due April 1, 2018). Email the SAC Chair if you would like to discuss your application. The Committee will also host a virtual information and brainstorming session in February or March. Announcements about those events will be posted via the SWS listserv.

(2) Undergraduate Social Action Award recipients:

- Rachel Litchman, University of Wisconsin-Madison, nominated by Myra Marx Ferree for her work with *The Voices and Faces Project: The Stories We Tell Workshop*.
- Joseline Tlacomulco, University of Connecticut, nominated by Ruth Hernandez for her work as activist and community organizer for Connecticut students for Dream, a statewide organization led by undocumented youth to advocate for undocumented students and their families.

Thank you to our members, Crystal Jackson and Andrea (Drea) Boyles, for reviewing all the nominations for this award.

(3) Action Items:

- Proposed changes to Awardee Benefits: instead of providing $700 grant to recipients, SWS will provide (and arrange) round-trip travel to the SWS Winter Meeting and gift a selection of publications by SWS members. This is in addition to one-year free membership to SWS, a certificate or other award memento, listing in the Spring Network News, and all awardees will be eligible for up to $300 reimbursement of SWS Winter Meeting travel costs.
- Need to elect two reviewers for the 2018 award cycle. Nominations and elections will take place at the Summer Meeting.

(4) Committee Communication:

This committee communicates using a Shutterfly Shared Sites. If you are new to the committee and are not receiving those communications through Shutterfly, then please note that on the sign-in sheet so you can be added with an asterisk. We have noted problems this past year with Shutterfly emails getting spammed out following university security updates. The SAC Chair will update the list and send out a “welcome” message post-SWS. A great place to find archived emails and issues that we as a committee have discussed/accomplished. (Submitted by Kristy Kelly)

**SISTER TO SISTER**

The Sister to Sister (S2S) committee is thrilled to report that we had a very successful committee meeting in Atlanta this year! In addition, we hosted a very well attended and productive workshop called “Surviving and Thriving Throughout the Academic Life Course: Advice from Feminist and Anti-Racist Scholars” and a session titled “It is Our Duty to Fight for Our Freedom: Black Transwomen and Black Women’s Organizing and Activism.” Past Chair Corinne Castro, and Co-Chairs Ranita Ray and Andrea Boyles also hosted a fun dinner for the committee! We have already recruited reviewers for the Chow-Green dissertation scholarship! The deadline for applications is April 2, 2018—we are looking forward to reviewing some excellent applications. Additionally, the committee is currently strategizing about increasing participation of people of color at SWS. Resultantly, we are in the beginning stages of creating an online forum/group for women of color sociologists! At the committee meeting, we solicited and acquired some brilliant ideas for future panels and workshops—please reach out to us if you would like to share more ideas! The committee would also like
to invite members to reach out to us at sister2sistersws@gmail.com if you need sister-to-sister mentoring and with other suggestions for the committee and SWS broadly! (Submitted by Co-Chairs, Ranita Ray and Andrea Boyles).

STUDENT CAUCUS

Following the momentum of the Summer Meeting, the Student Caucus was involved in a number of initiatives relating to the annual Winter Meeting. During the December elections, the Student Caucus elected Chriss Sneed to serve a second and final term as Student Representative. This term will finish at the start of the next Winter Meeting. At the Winter Meeting, the Student Caucus hosted its annual Breakfast with Scholars session, which offers students a great opportunity to network with established feminist scholars. Table co-organizers included Kristin Kelley, Annie Russian, Trenton Haltom, Sela Harcey, Jax Gonzalez, Jamie O’Quinn, Maggie Nanney, and Jess Herling – a great many thanks to them and to the scholars who attended. The Student Caucus also sponsored a workshop entitled “Professors-in-Training: Dilemmas & Alternatives for Graduate Student Instructors” on Friday, January 26th. There, PhD candidate Kamryn Warren (University of Connecticut) shared insights and tips for graduate student teaching, prepping teaching material, and assembling teaching portfolios. Later, at the Student Caucus Meeting, students discussed the past year and future goals for SWS involvement. Careful attention was paid to how the Student Caucus could contribute to SWS’ mission of inclusion, feminist research, and professionalization. Some ideas regarding this include: more mentoring opportunities; lowering meeting costs for contingent faculty, graduate students, and other low-income folks; the sharing of syllabi and teaching-related content on the new website; gender inclusive language; Student Caucus collaboration with other committees; along with research funding initiatives or grants. Additionally, the Student Caucus discussed how to institutionalize the professionalization funds that were allocated to students wishing to attend a hosted dinner during the 2018 Winter Meeting. In addition to these activities, the Student Caucus also hosted their annual student reception. (Submitted by Chriss Sneed)

TREASURER’S REPORT

Angie Hattery, SWS Treasurer, gave the Treasurer’s report at the first Business meeting on Friday, 26, 2018 in Atlanta. After offering her thanks to many who have come before her, especially Past-Treasurer Mangala Subramaniam, and those who contributed to the report, especially Executive Officer Barret Katuna and SWS Bookkeeper Jennifer Black, Hattery was pleased to report that SWS is in good financial shape. Specifically, the move from a faculty EO to a permanent, full-time EO has saved SWS significantly in both wage and office costs. Other cost savings measures include signing multi-year contracts with hotels for future SWS Winter Meetings and responsible budgeting practices of the previous several SWS presidents. Hattery reminds SWS members that the SWS funds are “our” money and our future and all of us, from the treasurer to committee chairs to members, must continue to engage in responsible budgeting practices so that SWS can survive in perpetuity and prosper, even if things change with publishing and with Sage in particular. As such, OBM will be regularly meeting with committee chairs to discuss responsible budgeting practices for committees. Everyone seeking money, both committees and individual members, will be asked to assess the impact of the funds they receive. Working together, Hattery was pleased to announce that SWS is in a financial space to now begin making annual, fixed contributions of $50,000 per year to our investment portfolio, Feminist Futures. She concluded by noting that SWS is in good hands with the new Treasurer, Ronni Tichenor. (Submitted by Angela Hattery)
Members' Bookshelf


In just a few decades, sport has undergone a radical gender transformation. However, Cheryl Cooky and Michael A. Messner suggest that the progress toward gender equity in sports is far from complete. The continuing barriers to full and equal participation for young people, the far lower pay for most elite-level women athletes, and the continuing dearth of fair and equal media coverage all underline how much still has yet to change before we see gender equality in sports. The chapters in No Slam Dunk show that this is not simply a story of an “unfinished revolution.” Rather, they contend, it is simplistic optimism to assume that we are currently nearing the conclusion of a story of linear progress that ends with a certain future of equality and justice. This book provides important theoretical and empirical insights into the contemporary world of sports to help explain the unevenness of social change and how, despite significant progress, gender equality in sports has been “No Slam Dunk.”

Angela Hattery & Earl Smith, Policing Black Bodies interrogates the myriad ways in which Black Bodies are policed both literally and symbolically. Harnessing the theoretical lenses of intersectionality and color blind racism, Policing Black Bodies provides a framework for connecting every kind of policing from the incarceration of more than a million black bodies on any given day in the United States to the exploitation of these Black bodies through prison industries, to the role that riots play as a form of organized protest, to the school to prison pipeline and the policing of both women’s bodies and trans bodies. Policing Black Bodies clearly demonstrates the systematic policing of Black bodies, from police killings of unarmed Black men and women to the decades in prison that the wrongly convicted endure not only unnecessarily but as a violation of their human and civil rights. Policing Black Bodies connects the dots between Trayvon Martin and the protests in Ferguson to the high rate of wrongful convictions in Chicago; all are outcomes of a system of racism that takes as its primary objective, the policing of Black bodies. Finally, we offer a set of recommendations that will have both immediate and systematic impact.

This spring, Mindy Fried is launching a “Who Cares?” new podcast that will open a dialogue about caregiving through storytelling and information-sharing. It will include interviews with caregivers who provide care 24/7 and those who provide care from afar; practitioners like geriatricians and social workers who support families and create connections among elders to reduce isolation; and activists talking about their work fighting for good wages and working conditions for low-wage care workers. It will also feature “care work” scholars who conduct cross-national research on aging and end-of-life issues; elders who talk about what keeps them engaged and how they deal with setbacks - and more… The creation of this podcast is inspired by conversations while touring with Caring for Red: A Daughter’s Memoir. Stay tuned for more information!

Kristin J. Wilson’s new book, Others’ Milk, draws on 83 personal accounts of less-expected breastfeeding experiences including sharing milk, inducing lactation, and exclusive pumping. As these exceptional breastfeeders persist through a host of bodily challenges, they confront gender essentialism, medicalization, and kinship norms. Their stories of negotiating conflict and forging grassroots solidarity offer new perspectives—some of them queer—on contemporary mothering.

Career Announcements

Maricela Martinez-Cola accepted a position as Assistant Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology, Social Work, and Anthropology at Utah State University.

Mangala Subramaniam’s research on inequality and social movements in India was featured in the Annual Review 2016-17 of Purdue University’s Executive Vice President for Research and Partnerships. In the story about her projects that focus on poor women, transgender people, sex workers, and other marginalized people, she remarks, “women are learning ways to address power and coercion, and to alter gender relations in their family, home and community.” The report can be found at the following URL, and the feature on Mangala on p. 17. http://www.purdue.edu/research/publications-data/docs/annual-reports/report_2017.pdf
Congratulations to Adia Harvey Wingfield, SWS President

Adia Harvey Wingfield, current President of SWS, has been awarded the Public Understanding of Sociology Award (2018) by the American Sociological Association (ASA). This award honors a person or persons who have made exemplary contributions to advance the public understanding of sociology, sociological research, and scholarship among the general public. In addition to her SWS service as President and Vice President, Adia has held a variety of leadership roles in the Southern Sociological Society and American Sociological Association. Her work has been featured or cited in *The New York Times, The Atlantic, Pacific Standard, The Guardian, Inside Higher Ed, Fortune, and Slate.*

Adia Harvey Wingfield is currently a Professor of Sociology at Washington University in St. Louis, and received a Ph.D. in sociology from Johns Hopkins University. She specializes in research that examines racial and gender inequality at work. Her research has been published in several peer-reviewed journals including *Gender & Society, Social Problems, and American Behavioral Scientist.* She is the author of several books, and her most recent book, *No More Invisible Man: Race and Gender in Men’s Work,* has won several awards.

Auction Funds Raised for Reproductive Justice

The 2018 Winter Meeting Auction raised more than $4,000 for [Sistersong](http://www.sistersong.org), the Women of Color Reproductive Justice Collective. This year’s auction proceeds totaled $4,063.85, which beat last year’s total dollar amount raised by over $300. This year’s new method of credit card payments made up almost half of the total raised. SWS Executive officer, Barret Katuna, notes “using credit cards really saved time and lots of people rounded their total contribution up to make for increased donations.” Thanks to all who donated, bid on items, or gave cash during the Auction. Thanks to everyone who made the Auction such a huge success including Ophra Leyser-Whalen and Georgiann Davis.
The Undergraduate Social Action Award is given annually to recognize students making a substantial contribution to improving the lives of women in society through activism. SWS initiated this award in 2003. The work honored by this award is central to the SWS goal to foster activism for women.

As you know from the Winter Meeting Program, or perhaps through meeting our amazing awardees yourselves, we have two inspiring awardees this year: Rachel Litchman, nominated by Myra Marx Ferree, and Joseline Tlacomulco, nominated by Ruth Hernandez. Both Rachel and Joseline were honored at the SWS Winter Meeting Banquet in Atlanta, GA.

The committee would like to extend a special thank you to Social Action Committee members Crystal Jackson and Andrea (Drea) Boyles, who reviewed all of our excellent nominations this year.

**Rachel Litchman** is an undergraduate at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. An alumnus of The Voices and Faces Project *The Stories We Tell Workshop*, she believes stories have the ability to dismantle controlling images. Through artwork, dance, writing, journalism, film, and spoken word, she is part of a team of 400 artists working to “shift the national and international discourse on rape and abuse—a discourse in which victims are too often blamed, perpetrators too infrequently held accountable.” Her current project is a collection of cross-genre work on the topic of childhood trauma and sexual violence. Select essays and poetry from her work can be found in *Colorado Review*, *Anomaly*, and online at *Columbia College Chicago Young Authors Blog*.

Her latest project will be displayed this spring as part of an interactive art project titled “Complex Trauma: A Memoir” in Chicago. It evolves out of work she started at age 13 when she began a personal memoir. It has since evolved into a series of creative engagements through a diverse range of activism and public testimony on the subject of sexual violence. In her work, as she explains it, she strives to dismantle the misconception that sexual violence is a single incident with a single implication. She relates trauma to a complex math problem made up of variables. In this way, trauma can be viewed as a “point” in life whose value is not defined by the trauma itself but defined instead by approaching the trauma from either side, past and present….By thinking about trauma in this way, as an incident (or series of incidents) whose value is made significant by everything before and after, the reader begins to understand what trauma means in the context of a life.

As her recommenders own words: “She draws links between structural and individual social issues, helping foster an intellectual environment in which her fellow students (from a variety of cultural backgrounds) are challenged, yet respected….Rachel takes initiative, contributes new perspectives, and demonstrates both humility and passion in her pursuit of social change…through her through her artwork, poetry, and prose in collective form, Rachel works to challenge misconceptions about rape, empower survivor voices, and promote public empathy by telling stories. Her intrepid honesty and gentleness toward others makes her a person in whom SWS can see our own commitment to social action exemplified as she engages difficult and thorny subjects with remarkable precision and understanding. She can truly inspire us all.
Joseline Tlacomulco was born in Tlaxcala, Mexico, and migrated to New Haven, Connecticut at eight months of age with her parents. Her story as a baby carried across borders and deserts has inspired her to become involved and passionate about issues regarding immigration as it affects her life as an undocumented woman of color. Currently, she is an undergraduate attending the University of Connecticut double majoring in Political Science and Human Rights. In addition to being an undergraduate student, she is also an activist and community organizer for Connecticut students for Dream, a statewide organization led by undocumented youth to advocate for undocumented students and their families. Joseline organizes primarily at the UConn-Storrs campus by working with the administration and students to further develop resources to aid undocumented students.

Here are a few of the things that her recommenders said about her – you will soon understand why Joseline is such an inspiration to her peers and faculty advisors, and so deserving of this award.

“On the dark gloomy day that followed the inauguration of President-elect Donald J. Trump, Joseline Tlacomulco, a junior at the University of Connecticut stood tall and valiantly organized a large crowd of 500 students, faculty, and staff as they marched through the university, demanding with powerful chants that justice needed to be served. Immediately following the event, various media outlets published news stories about this organizing effort. At an academic conference not too long after this rally, an administrator from a different university said to me, “I saw the headlines about the recent protest, there was a young woman leading the march, that is great that your school organized that.” I proudly replied, “that student is in my class.” This vignette serves as testament to the strong organizing efforts Joseline Tlacomulco is involved in. She is known not only by her friends, colleagues, professors, and administration at UConn, but is a nationally recognized leader and activist in the “United We Dream” movement led by immigrant youth across America.”

“Having Joseline in class is like having a scholar and expert versed in many areas. As an undergraduate she is already excelling far beyond academic expectations outlined in university curriculum. She is an expert on immigration law, history of undocumented student mobilization in Connecticut, and applied organizing work. In addition to this, Joseline is gifted in connecting academic material to personal stories in a deep reflexive way. Her powerful testimony goes far beyond the normal framing of personal stories as an anecdote at the beginning of a presentation, or closing vignette to personally capture the audience’s attention, but is presented as a carefully woven story that contextualizes intersecting inequalities in our society.”

“Joseline inspires other students through her stories and actions, through her personality and positive spirit.”

“I view Joseline as a mentor. From Joseline I have learned that attending protest rallies is just one aspect of activism. To really make a difference we need to work with the state to promote legislation, we need to have meetings with administrators to talk about steps to alleviate issues within our institution, and finally we need to be aware of how institutions disproportionately affect different communities even within the same population. Joseline’s knowledge of the immigration system is extensive; she is a student who has successfully tied her organizing efforts to make a difference in her own community. As Dean Eleanor Daugherty states in her letter, Joseline has worked extremely hard to make institutional change happen within her university. Her story and efforts are a legacy that will live on in the history of our nation. During this contentious and political divisive time activists like Joseline give us hope, faith, and courage.”
Feminist Activism Awardee Kris De Welde visits
Texas State University, San Marcos
By Patti Giuffre

Be an accomplice, not simply an ally. If you see something, say something. Move the needle from inequality to equality and justice. Faculty, staff, and students who attended Dr. Kris De Welde’s two talks in our department came away with these take home points and much more.

We were honored to have Dr. Kris De Welde, 2016-2017 Feminist Activism Award recipient, at Texas State University, San Marcos in February. Kris is the Director of Women’s and Gender Studies at the College of Charleston, an academic justice accomplice, and co-editor (with Andi Stepnick) of Disrupting the Culture of Silence: Women Navigating Hostility and Making Change in Higher Education (2015), which received a 2015 Choice award for Outstanding Academic Title. Kris was amazing, and her visit demonstrates how important it is for campuses to apply for a Feminist Activism Award visit.

During her visit, Kris graciously agreed to dinners, breakfast tacos at a locally-owned tex-mex café, and two presentations. The first presentation was an informal lunch dialogue in which I asked her, then the attendees, to discuss the meaning of academic justice. The second was entitled, “The Relevance, Reward, and Risk of Feminist Activism in the Academy.” Of course, there were many sociology faculty, staff, and students in attendance but there were also faculty, students, and a Dean from STEM programs who do not have as many discussions about inequality as we do in sociology. During the Q & A after the second presentation, one of the graduate students from a STEM field who attended asked, “How do we do this in STEM? How do we increase awareness?” I could hear and see the student’s frustration with sexism she has experienced and witnessed but I could also see her hope after Kris’s talk. I bought two copies of Disrupting the Culture of Silence for drawings at the two presentations. At the second presentation, I drew the name of one of our Deans who attended. She could have kept the book for herself, but instead, she gave it to the STEM student who wondered how to implement social justice in STEM fields. This was Kris’s talk in action: Take small steps, but take them. Take them when you can.

Kris’s presentation had an immediate effect on us. Students, staff, and faculty who attended shared the following with me:

Dr. De Welde’s presentation gave me the inspiration to re-think my understanding of activism, and understand how I can be an accomplice in every-day life. She was incredibly inspirational!

My biggest “fire starters” were (1) Activism doesn't have to be a big gesture. It can come from small, meaningful acts; and, (2) It isn't enough to be an ally. You need to put something on the line to really make a difference.
One of the most impactful parts of her presentation for me was her call for us to be more than just allies—but to become accomplices. We need to do more than just support—we need to act and assist in the fight against injustice.

Her emphasis on subtle forms of activism was important. Most of us think activism means we have to be out on the street marching and protesting, but she made it clear that there are more subtle actions we can take, across a number of different roles, that can make a difference. I had never thought of it that way and it was really useful.

My main takeaway is that there are many different forms of feminist activism that can be both personally fulfilling and lead to improved conditions for women and other minorities. Broadening our thinking on what constitutes "activism" really opens things up and makes the concepts a lot less intimidating to implement in our day-to-day lives.

Dr. Kris De Welde opened my eyes to a whole new world of activism within the academy, giving me insight into concepts and ideas I have not thought of before. Her presence at Texas State was necessary, given all of the negative—and oftentimes scary—activity happening here recently. The implementation of her ideology and work is pivotal not only on our own campus, but on campuses nationwide, especially when taking into consideration our current political climate.

Her presentation was meaningful because it gave me affirmation that even a little bit of activism is better than none at all. It reaffirmed the fact that my efforts are meaningful even if they don’t feel they are at the time.

Leadership and activism are lonely spaces. It is always humbling and refreshing to hear you aren’t alone. On a day when I was feeling exhausted, hearing her lecture renewed hope and encouraged me to remain grateful for small wins. I think we are our harshest critics. I appreciate her willingness to recognize small wins and movements (of the needle).

Kris’s talks were exactly what we needed. For one of the dinners with Kris, I invited some incredible alumni/former mentees who took my undergraduate gender class several years ago. They are dedicated activists, and they are tired. The dinner was very special to us because it reminded us that we are doing important work and we have accomplices. Frankly, Kris’s visit was what I needed. I grapple with the pendulum of hope and despair that I know many of us feel each day when we read the news, particularly over the last year. Kris’s talks and conversations were invigorating, rejuvenating, and inspirational.

I am/we are grateful to SWS, Kris De Welde, and the co-sponsors (The Center for Diversity and Gender Studies, the Sociology Department, the Philosophy Department, the College of Liberal Arts’ Series @justicetalkTXST, The Office of Student Diversity and Inclusion, and the Women in Science and Engineering Initiative in the College of Science and Engineering) for this event. Please consider ordering Kris and Andi’s edited book. It takes an intersectional approach to inequalities in higher education, and provides a “toolbox” for assessing programs, departments, and/or universities and realistic solutions to eradicating inequalities in the academy. Lastly, consider applying for a Feminist Activism campus visit!
SWS Helps Launch New Organization: Society of Gender Professionals
By Kristy Kelly

The Social Action Committee is pleased to announce the successful launch of the Society of Gender Professionals at the SWS Winter Meeting in Atlanta.

Over 35 SWS members came together to help launch the Society of Gender Professionals (SGP) on Thursday, January 24, 2018. SGP is an international non-profit organization of gender practitioners, academics, and activists dedicated to promoting feminist action and applied research and raising the profile of gender expertise in the US and around the world. We launched SGP with a day of workshops bringing together SWS academic expertise and SGP applied research and professional practice. All workshops were livestreamed via the SGP Facebook page and are now available for viewing on the SGP YouTube Channel.

*Introduction to the Society of Gender Professionals.* We started the day with an introduction to the Society of Gender Professionals. Founding members of SGP, which includes SWS members, introduced the organization, its leadership team, its mission and goals, and provided information on how people could get involved. SGP members stayed throughout the remainder of the SWS winter meetings to answer questions and find ways to connect our work.

*Working as an International Gender Specialist.* The second session was a frank and open panel discussion with international gender specialists who shared their experiences getting into the field and offered tips to newcomers interested in working in applied settings. Panelists included: Pat Morris, Gender Equality and Social Inclusion Expert, Morris Consulting; Dani Jauk, Institute for Masculinity Research and Gender Studies, Graz/Austria; Kristy Kelly, Columbia University | Drexel University; Karine Lepillez, Inclusive Societies; Jenn Williamson, Senior Director of Gender and Social Inclusion, ACDI/VOCA. The panel was moderated by Christina Gordon, AMIDEAST. Attendees included graduate students interested in conducting applied research or moving into professional gender careers upon graduation, and SWS faculty interested in sharing their research and publishing expertise with gender practitioners.

*Theory and Practice of SGP Circles.* We then hosted a session to introduce SGP Circles which will be organized to activate spaces for members to build and share issue-based, skill-based or geographic interests and expertise with others. These Circles are founded on feminist principles of communities of practice and engaged learning. The goal of forming Circles is to help members learn from each other, coordinate local action, pursue diverse collaboration, and share resources to advance the field of gender expertise. SGP Circles play a key role in shaping the direction, goals and foci of the organization. This interactive session introduced the theories and practices developed for operationalizing SGP Circles and offered participants an opportunity to join or start their own. The session was led by Angela Hartley, School of International Public Affairs, Columbia University.

*Gender Analyses, Audits and Assessments in International Development.* In the field of international development, gender consultants are often called upon to conduct three basic analyses: gender analyses, gender audits, and gender assessments. In this session, expert panelists presented the US government policies that frame and guide these analyses in the context of USAID development programs, and tools commonly used to conduct them. Panelists included: Emily Hillenbrand, Team Leader, Pathways to Empowerment Program,
CARE; Laura Groggel, Gender Integration Technical Advisor, Catholic Relief Services; Patricia Morris, Independent Gender Equality and Social Inclusion Expert; and Jenn Williamson, Senior Director of Gender and Social Inclusion, ACDI/VOCA. This lively session was moderated by Karine Lepillez, Inclusive Societies.

**How to Publish Your Applied Gender Research.** This important session was led by Myra Marx Ferree, University of Wisconsin – Madison, who provided useful tips to gender professionals interested in finding academic journals to disseminate their research. She focused on how to craft a manuscript, strategies for identifying appropriate journals for applied research, and she provided an overview of the review process. This was an especially important session for connecting SWS members with SGP and assisting in the dissemination of applied gender research beyond the grey literature of internal evaluations, studies and reports where much of the useful applied research lands.

Following the successful day of SGP Workshops, the Social Action Committee hosted a Friday night dinner for SAC members and SGP members to gather, share their experiences and plan future collaborations. SAC and SGP are grateful to SWS for their continuing support of social action and look forward to future opportunities to connect to offer joint workshops.

For anyone interested in getting involved in SGP, our first membership meeting is April 9th. We will hold two virtual meetings and one face-to-face in Washington, DC. You can join SGP [here](#) and register to attend one of membership meetings [here](#). If you would like more information about SGP or would like to introduce SGP to your campus, email us at [info@genderprofessionals.org](mailto:info@genderprofessionals.org).

**Four Projects Awarded for Social Action Initiative**

By Kristy Kelly

In 2016, SAC launched a new initiative to support SWS members engaged in social actions. Based on two funding cycles per year, awards are given to proposals that promote the mission of SWS. I’m happy to announce that SWS is supporting four amazing new projects as part of our fourth cycle of funding opportunities designed to promote U.S.-based social actions through the Social Action Committee. I would like to express a special thanks to our team of SAC volunteer reviewers – Ilana Cousineau, University of Kansas, and Jennifer Whitmer, Stanislaus State University – who helped with the difficult selection process. **Note that the applications for the next funding cycle were due April 1, 2018.** Email the SAC Chair if you would like to discuss your application.
The 2017 Social Action Initiative Award Winners are:

**Maternal and Infant Mortality Screening Event**

Evonna Woods, Graduate Student, University of Missouri. This project will support Reproaction to organize a series of events across Missouri to raise awareness about maternal and infant mortality. Eight events will be organized for public screenings of the documentary ‘The Naked Truth: Death by Delivery’ followed by panel discussions with healthcare experts. The experts include doctors, nurses, direct-entry midwives, a professor, doulas, a policy director, and activists/organizers who will speak about infant and maternal mortality from their perspectives. Scheduled events include two at universities or with a focus on student recruitment, and the rest in or adjacent to predominantly Black communities. The purpose of the events is to raise awareness on racial disparities between white women and women of color in general, but Black women specifically. Maternal mortality rates in Missouri are on par with the national average which places Black women as 3-4 times more likely to die from pregnancy-related issues, regardless of wealth and education. Attendees will be called to action; which has been to sign petitions to the governor and/or to participate in a subsequent direct-action protest.

**Ella Baker Day 2018**

Beth Williford, Faculty, Manhattanville College. This project supports the Sociology and Anthropology department at Manhattanville College to organize a public event in 2018 celebrating the life and work of Ella Baker. The event is comprised of two portions: the day will feature students presenting research and policy posters to the campus community, and the evening will culminate in a keynote speaker or panel discussion of faculty and community experts engaged in social justice and action to counter oppressive discourse. The theme for Ella Baker Day 2018 will be “Arts and Activism,” and will focus upon the important ways that art can communicate the pain of oppression as well as resistance and collective action.

**Greene School Library Project**

Susan Lee, Faculty, Boston University. This project will support the Greene Elementary School library in Fall River, Massachusetts, in resuming library services for its students by supporting Greene Street staff in purchasing books that show gender and racial balance and incorporate some of the foreign languages spoken in community members, especially Spanish and Portuguese. Green Street Elementary is located in a low-income neighborhood notable for its high proportion of female-headed households and households that pay more than 30 percent of their income in housing costs. The Greene School library has been out of operation for several years due to budget cutbacks that eliminated the position of librarian. This project builds on the work of community volunteers from St. Luke’s Church and the local Niagara Neighborhood Association who have been working to organize a check-out system, and staff the library several days a week to allow the library to open.

**Association of Gender Professionals Collaborative Platform Development**

Karine Lepillez, independent SWS member, is working with other SWS members to found an organization for promoting the development of intersectional gender expertise for professional practice. Key to the group’s ability to increase collaboration between practitioners, academics, and activists dedicated to feminist action, they develop a user-friendly online platform that is disability accessible, easy to use in developing countries, and culturally respectful. This project will support the initial development of the platform by engaging a web designer to ensure the platform is structured from the start to be inclusive and accessible.
SWS West at the PSA Meeting in Long Beach

SWS West hosted its annual networking event at The Sky Room - a 1920s Art Deco bar and restaurant with panoramic views of Long Beach. While in past years SWS West hosted a 7 am networking breakfast, this year members old and new gathered for Happy Hour -- which was a welcome change for those who are not early risers. SWS provided appetizers for the event. The small gathering allowed for extended conversations, the renewal old friendships, and the introduction of new members into the SWS community. SWS West awarded gift memberships to one junior faculty member and two students.

Congratulations and welcome to the new SWS members:

Katie Wullert, Graduate Student, Stanford University
Molly King, Graduate Student, Stanford University
Christina Sanchez Volatier, Assistant Professor, Western New Mexico University

See you in Philadelphia!