I hope everyone’s 2017 is winding down as pleasantly and productively as possible. We are certainly in the midst of trying times as feminist sociologists, with assaults on health care, the environment, women’s rights, LGBTQIA equality, and so many others. That notwithstanding, I hope we can approach 2018 with some optimism and that we can put our professional (and personal, if applicable) efforts for feminist change forth to enact some results!

The 2018 Winter Meeting in Atlanta will be a great place to refresh, reconnect, and re-energize along these lines. We have an amazing lineup of exceptional plenary speakers--Dana Britton, Brittney Cooper, Tressie McMillan Cottom, Beverly Guy-Sheftall, Kimberly Kay Hoang, Zakiyah Luna, Lauren Rivera, Mignon Moore, Bandana Purkayastha, and Kayla Reed. If you are not familiar with the non-sociologists on the panels, Brittney is a Rutgers professor of Women and Gender Studies who is cofounder of the blog Crunk Feminist Collective and writes regularly for Salon and Cosmopolitan. Kayla’s efforts to combat police brutality in St. Louis and Ferguson along with her work as a field organizer for the Organization for Black Struggle make her a perfect fit for the overall meeting theme, “They Persisted: Feminism, Work, Activism, Resistance.” And Beverly, recently elected into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, is a pioneer of black feminist thought, having developed some of the early texts in this area and brought the first Women and Gender Studies department to a historically black college or university (shout out to my alma mater, Spelman College!).

But do not come to the meeting just for the plenaries! There are also a number of ways to get involved in SWS and help shape the organization in key ways. Save for the Publications and Investment Committees where members are elected or appointed, all committees are open to the membership, and I really want to encourage everyone to get involved. Whether you are interested in social action, career development, building membership, media relations, or something entirely different, there is a committee for you at SWS. Our organization is what it is because of our exceptional members, and being active on a committee is a surefire way to network, enact feminist change, and foster your professional development.

Finally, our regular activities will remain on the program for the Winter Meeting. We’ll still have the Hand Program, Breakfast with Scholars, and of course, our legendary banquet. Mary Osirim will deliver the SWS Distinguished Feminist Lecture after the Welcome Reception on Thursday evening. And for those of you who are coming from the west coast (or just like to sleep in a little), I am happy to share that on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday you can look forward to the program having a later start time of 9 am this year. I look forward to seeing everyone well rested, ready to engage, and persisting!

-Adia
Greetings from the Executive Office!

It has certainly been an incredibly busy year in the Executive Office. I would like to thank all of you who welcomed me as Executive Officer and who have given so much of your time and expertise to SWS. I am excited to share some exciting news surrounding just some of what you can expect in 2018!

At the 2018 SWS Winter Meeting, we are excited to welcome Charis Books and More, an independent feminist bookstore in Atlanta, Georgia. We will be featuring many SWS members’ books and other Charis Books and More staff picks. You can purchase books with cash, credit card, and US check on Friday and Saturday at the hotel. If you have time, you can also check out Charis Books and More in person; it is located at 1189 Euclid Ave, NE Atlanta, GA 30307. Please come prepared to support your colleagues and this feminist bookstore. There will also be a book-signing on Saturday, January 27 where one of our featured plenary participants, Brittany Cooper, will be available to sign *Beyond Respectability: The Intellectual Thought of Race Women* (University of Illinois Press, May 2017).

We are putting the finishing touches on the website redesign and we will be sharing more details as soon as they are available. Some new features include: mobile-friendliness (you will now be able to view the website on your smartphone or iPad device), a member directory that will be searchable via a variety of search options including location and interest in speaking engagements, ADA accessibility, and a Winter Meeting Travel Subsidy Form that will be accessible on the website. Thank you all for your patience with the website challenges. We are going to find a fun way to officially introduce you to our new website in Atlanta. Our new website is going to make it possible for us to strengthen our presence as an organization and will facilitate new opportunities for our membership.

President-Elect, Adia Harvey Wingfield and the Program Committee, chaired by Anna Branch, have put together an amazing program this year. Pre-registration closes on January 10, 2018, so be sure to mark this on your calendar. In addition, please note that the name of the 2018 Winter Meeting hotel has changed (as of December 1, 2017) and it will be The Whitley, A Luxury Collection Hotel, Atlanta Buckhead. I am looking forward to welcoming you all to Atlanta.

I hope you all have a wonderful end to 2017 and I look forward to seeing you at the end of January. Please let me know if you have any questions. I am always happy to receive calls, texts, and emails.

Best wishes,

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Message from the President, Abby Ferber:

There is Too Much that Needs to Be Said . . .

We are living in a unique moment, as sexism and racism seem to be more visible now to everyone than at any other time in my life that I can remember. SWSers are and should continue to contribute to how these dialogues are playing out in the media.

We are uniquely situated to share the research documenting how common sexual harassment, assault and abuse are in the workplace. I have not talked to a single woman surprised by the almost daily outings of well-known men, but what about all of the men whose names we don’t know? How can we take advantage of this opportunity to shift the discussion to the daily, at times mundane, but nevertheless dangerous practices of average men?

SWSers can also offer critical analyses of Trump’s attacks on every marginalized group in this nation and his ever more urgent displays of masculinity that are threatening global relations and pointing us towards war with North Korea.

SWSers can interrogate why no connections are being made between the revelations of sexual harassment and abuse and the outpouring of hate speech, hate crime, and overt racism we are experiencing. Now is the time for intersectional analyses. Keeping these various issues separated mystifies the institutional nature of both gender and race inequities, and it keeps us focused on individual “bad guys.”

There is too much that needs to be said, so I leave the rest to you, our members, feminist scholars, teachers, practitioners, and activists well positioned to make a difference in multiple arenas. Let’s get to work! And please share your efforts and accomplishments on the listserve.

I had planned on focusing this column on the many accomplishments we have made over the past year. We have two important achievements to celebrate: SWS membership just voted overwhelmingly in favor of the revised by-laws, now in effect. A great deal of time went into this process over the past two years. Second, Barret Katuna, our full time Executive Officer completed her first year! The office transition went incredibly smoothly, along with higher than predicted cost-savings. In addition, we welcomed two new interns to the executive office, and changed our site selection process for winter meetings so they can be planned further in advance. We institutionalized the media relations ad hoc committee as a subcommittee of pubs (new members needed and welcome!) and introduced numerous accessibility best practices at SWS conferences. Furthermore, a Sister to Sister representative now sits on search committees, and we are working on a proactive plan to respond when members come under attack from the alt-right (just another white supremacist group trying to rebrand its message and reach a younger audience).

It has been a pleasure and an honor serving this organization as President this year, and I am looking forward to my new role as Past President. While it is easy to feel helpless and hopeless at times, that is when we need to turn to our sisters and brothers in SWS for support, encouragement, and ideas. The most important message I want to conclude with is this: Get more involved in the active committees and governance of SWS! EVERYONE is encouraged to join a committee. SWS is what WE make it. Serve SWS so SWS can better serve you and fulfill its mission.

Abby Ferber
SWS Has New Bylaws

Effective December 5, 2017

Thanks to All Who Helped with the Bylaws Revision Process.
A Special Thank You to Wanda Rushing Who Led This Year's Effort
Click [Here](#) to Read the SWS Bylaws

Global Feminist Partnership Program

Yun Ling Li

**Announcement:**

Global Feminist Partnership Program, a sub-committee of International Committee, is pleased to announce that Liz Meledez from Centro de la Mujer Peruana Flora Tristan will join SWS 2018 Winter meeting in Atlanta, GA. International Committee sponsors one workshop and one session featuring Liz Meledez’s work: The workshop will focus on feminist movements in Latin America, and the session will discuss gender violence in Latin America. All SWS members are welcomed to join.

Global Feminist Partnership Program is strives to strengthen SWS’s international ties, particularly to the global south, and share resources and experiences across national and disciplinary lines. Please consider nominating research and activist centers, programs, institutes or collectives working on feminist and gender issues as our partner.

**Call for Partnership**

The Global Feminist Partnership Program (GFPP) is inviting SWS members to nominate global feminist partners in different countries. We are looking for partners from whom we can learn regarding their research, scholarship, and activism as well as with whom we can share our own research expertise, scholarly findings, and activist projects. We define partners as research and activist centers, programs, institutes or collectives working on feminist and gender issues. We seek to establish partnerships with at least two partners from each of the following regions: Asia, Africa, Europe, Latin American/Caribbean and the Middle East. Currently, we have one partner, Korean Women’s Institute (KWI) and Asian Center for Women’s Studies (ACWS) in Seoul, Korea, and one partner, Flora Tristan Center in Lima, Peru.

To be considered, a center, collective, or research program must be nominated by one or more current SWS members. The nominating member will be responsible for working with the organization to establish the partnership by:

- Working as a liaison and coordinator for activities between the partner and SWS
- Working with the organization to submit an article to SWS’s Network News
- Maintaining contact with the organization to determine how both the partner and SWS can benefit by the partnership.
- Helping the partner with a bilateral review at the end of the term

As part of the program, SWS offers:

- Annual organizational membership to SWS
- Continued subscription to Gender & Society
• Subscription to the SWS Listserv
• Support to attend a SWS Winter meeting (and be showcased) dependent on the availability of funding.
• Space in Network News for article(s) about the center and its region, particularly on the specific issues confronting women in that area.

To apply or any inquiries about nomination process or partnership in general: please contact GFPP subcommittee chair: Yun Ling Li at yunling_li@uml.edu

Members’ Bookshelf


**Allison McKim.** *Addicted to Rehab: Race, Gender, and Drugs in the Era of Mass Incarceration.* (Rutgers University Press 2017)

After decades of the American “war on drugs” and relentless prison expansion, political officials are finally challenging mass incarceration. Many point to an apparently promising solution to reduce the prison population and stem the opioid crisis: addiction treatment. In *Addicted to Rehab*, Bard College sociologist Allison McKim gives an in-depth and innovative ethnographic account of two such rehab programs for women, one located in the criminal justice system and one located in the private healthcare system. In them, she finds two very different ways of defining and treating addiction. By situating rehab in the governing strategies of the punitive turn in American criminal justice, McKim shows how treatment reflects its race, class, and gender politics. Her study reveals a two-tiered system where addiction is a racialized and gendered category that has reorganized the relationship of punishment to welfare provision. While many reformers hope that treatment will help women overcome gendered constraints in their lives, McKim argues that the framework of addiction further stigmatizes criminalized women and undermines our capacity to challenge gendered subordination. Click here to order, and use discount code “02AAAA16” for 30% off.


How far have we really progressed toward gender equality in the United States? The answer is, “not far enough.” This engaging and accessible work, aimed at students studying gender and social inequality, provides new insight into the uneven and stalled nature of the gender revolution in the twenty-first century. Honing in
on key institutions—the family, higher education, the workplace, religion, the military, and sports—key scholars in the field look at why gender inequality persists. All contributions are rooted in new and original research and introductory and concluding essays provide a broad overview for students and others new to the field. The volume also explores how to address current inequities through political action, research initiatives, social mobilization, and policy changes. Conceived of as a book for gender and society classes with a mix of exciting, accessible, pointed pieces, Gender in the Twenty-First Century is an ideal book for students and scholars alike. Click here to order.


In The Making of a Teenage Service Class, Ranita Ray uncovers the pernicious consequences of focusing on risk behaviors such as drug use, gangs, violence, and teen parenthood as the key to ameliorating poverty. Ray recounts the three years she spent with sixteen poor black and brown youth, documenting their struggles to balance school and work while keeping commitments to family, friends, and lovers. Hunger, homelessness, untreated illnesses, and long hours spent traveling between work, school, and home disrupted their dreams of upward mobility. While families, schools, nonprofit organizations, academics, and policy makers stress risk behaviors in their efforts to end the cycle of poverty, Ray argues that this strategy reinforces class and racial hierarchies and diverts resources that could better support marginalized youth’s efforts to reach their educational and occupational goals. Click here to order.

Click here to watch a Facebook Live interview with Ranita Ray regarding her book: The Making of a Teenage Service Class: Poverty and Mobility in an American City.

Angie Carter published "Changes on the Land: Gender and the Power of Alternative Social Networks" in Land Justice: Re-imagining Land, Food, and the Commons (Food First). The research was also featured in a Food First issue brief of the same name.

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita made landfall less than four weeks apart in 2005. Months later, much of New Orleans and the Gulf Coast remained in tatters. As the region faded from national headlines, its residents faced a dire future. Emmanuel David chronicles how one activist group confronted the crisis. Founded by a few elite white women in New Orleans, Women of the Storm quickly formed a broad coalition that sought to represent Louisiana’s diverse population. From its early lobbying of Congress through its response to the 2010 BP oil spill, David shows how members’ actions were shaped by gender, race, class, and geography. Drawing on in-depth interviews, ethnographic observation, and archival research, David tells a compelling story of collective action and personal transformation that expands our understanding of the aftermath of a historic American catastrophe.

“Women of the Storm pulls back the analytical curtain on one of the most unusual post-Katrina political movements. Drawing on firsthand observations and in-depth interviews, David reveals how privileged white New Orleans women used their philanthropic and volunteer skills to create a genuinely interracial alliance that could effectively pressure members of Congress to invest in the city’s and the whole coastal region’s revival. Here is a book for anyone doing intersectional digging into gendered social movements, congressional lobbying, or postdisaster politics.”—Cynthia Enloe, author of Seriously! Investigating Crashes and Crises as if Women Mattered.


The gender wage gap is one of the most persistent problems of labor markets and women's lives.

Most approaches to explaining the gap focus on adult employment despite the fact that many Americans begin working well before their education is completed. In her critical and compelling new book, The Cost of Being a Girl, Yasemin Besen-Cassino examines the origins of the gender wage gap by looking at the teenage labor force, where comparisons between boys and girls ought to show no difference, but do.

Besen-Cassino's findings are disturbing. Because of discrimination in the market, most teenage girls who start part-time work as babysitters and in other freelance jobs fail to make the same wages as teenage boys who move into employee-type jobs. The "cost" of being a girl is also psychological; when teenage girls work retail jobs in the apparel industry, they have lower wages and body image issues in the long run.

Through in-depth interviews and surveys with workers and employees, The Cost of Being a Girl puts this alarming social problem—which extends to race and class inequality—in to bold relief. Besen-Cassino emphasizes that early inequalities in the workplace ultimately translate into greater inequalities in the overall labor force. Click here to order.
Career Moves

Shannon N. Davis will be serving as Interim Senior Associate Dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences at George Mason University until July 2018.

Jenny Korn is now a Fellow at The Berkman Klein Center for Internet & Society at Harvard University. (Left)

Angie Carter recently began a new position as Assistant Professor of Environmental & Energy Justice at Michigan Technological University in Houghton, MI. (Right)

Mary Frank Fox (Georgia Institute of Technology) has been elected a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). She is honored for "distinguished research on women and men in scientific organizations and occupations, and for national leadership on issues related to diversity, equity, and excellence in science."

The Beth B. Hess Memorial Scholarship

History and Overview

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

The Scholarship carries a stipend of $15,000 from Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS) with assistance from the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) to be used to support the pursuit of a Ph.D., as well as one-year memberships in SWS (including a subscription to Gender & Society) and SSSP. The first award payment of $7500 will be given at the SWS Summer banquet, with the second $7500 payment to come at the SWS Winter meeting. Recognizing Beth Hess’s significant contributions to the American Sociological Association (ASA), ASA joins SWS and SSSP in supporting and celebrating the awardee at their Annual Meeting.
The awardee’s economy class airfare, train fare or driving mileage/tolls will be paid jointly by SWS and SSSP.
ASA also supports applicants for this award via their student travel award program (more than one such award may be given, but students must apply to ASA separately). Each association will also waive its meeting registration and provide complementary banquet and/or reception tickets for the awardee.

What We’ll Be Looking For

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

- Commitment to teaching, especially at a community college or other institution serving less-privileged students.
- Research and/or activism in social inequality, social justice, or social problems, with a focus on gender and/or gerontology being especially positive
- Service to the academic and/or local community, including mentoring
- High quality research and writing in the proposal and letter of application.

The Application

Applications for the award should be sent electronically as a single Word or RTF file via e-mail attachment to: Sarah Bruch (sarah-bruch@uiowa.edu).

Applications must contain in the following order:

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

2. A letter of application (no more than 2 pages) describing the student's decision to study sociology, commitment to teaching, career goals, research agenda, dissertation project, service and activism that would help the committee to see how the Scholarship would be a fitting honor. Approximately one page should be devoted to a dissertation summary statement including progress to date.

3. Full curriculum vitae, including all schools, degrees awarded, dates/years of study, and full or part-time status in each.

4. (Optional) A one-page letter describing a community/technical college faculty member who contributed in a significant way to the decision to study sociology or pursue higher education.

Applicants should also arrange for the following to be sent directly either electronically via e-mail attachment or in hard copy:

1. A letter confirming advancement to candidacy (ABD status) in a sociology Ph.D. program and aid award, if any. ABD status is required.

2. A letter of recommendation from a sociologist.

3. Transcript (official or unofficial) from the community or technical college attended.

Only the enrollment confirmation, letter of recommendation, and transcript will be accepted in hard copy. **Electronic copies of these materials are preferred** and should be sent directly by the individual or institution.
The University of Kentucky premiered the documentary Beauty Bites Beast on September 13th. The film screening was followed by Q&A with the film-maker and producer, Ellen Snortland. The documentary concerns relationship violence and the lack of policy attention to empowerment or self-defense initiatives in the U.S. It challenges ideas about female helplessness as women undertake the transformative experience of learning verbal, emotional, and physical empowerment-based self-defense. The event’s organizer and SWS member, Margaret McGladrey, reported that more than 50 people attended the showing. In the audience were undergraduate students from a range of disciplines, including gender and women’s studies, social work, finance, nursing, and international studies. They were joined by graduate students, faculty members, and members of The Girl Project community (high school-aged alumni and their parents) as well as by staff members and students from Eastern Kentucky University and Georgetown College.

The event continued the following night as officers from the University of Kentucky Police Department led a Self-Defense Tactics and Risk-Reduction (S.T.A.R.R.) class. Dr. Emily Bonistall-Postel, a self-defense instructor and postdoctoral fellow at the UK Center for Research on Violence Against Women, introduced women's self-defense strategies for the group of 10 who were inspired by Beauty Bites Beast to learn self-defense.

McGladrey thanked SWS for its support of these campus events.
“We can’t tell you how much we appreciate your support of these events, which initiated an intergenerational, campus-community dialogue about self-defense as the missing piece of the conversation about ending sexual assault.”

Atlanta’s Top Ten Reasons to Visit

1) The Food

Atlanta provides outstanding experiences the “foodie” in you. From elegant dining to hole-in-the-wall gems, your palate will be satisfied in one way or another. Atlanta is home to 12 Top Chef Contestants, several with their own restaurants including:

- Richard Blais, owner of Flip Burger Boutique
- Heather Hurlburt, HH Desserts
- Kevin Gillespie, Revival
- Hector Santiago, El Super Pan in Ponce City Market

Other must-eat places in Atlanta are:

- Flying Biscuit
- Mary Mac’s Tea Room
- Fox Bros. BBQ
- The Vortex
- Aria
- Atlanta Fish Market
2) **Woodruff Arts Center**
Located in the heart of the city and a MARTA ride away you will find The Woodruff Arts Center, a visual and performing arts center that houses The Alliance Theatre, Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, and the High Museum of Art.

3) **National Center for Civil & Human Rights**
First imagined by civil rights leaders Evelyn Lowery, Andrew Young and former Mayor Shirley Franklin, the NCCHR dream was realized in 2007. Home to permanent exhibit of the American Civil Rights Movement, “visitors are immersed in a visceral experience of sights, sounds, and interactive displays depicting the courageous struggles of individuals working to transform the United States from Jim Crow law to equal right for all.” One of its most powerful features is the interactive lunch counter where visitors put on headphones and sit in stools to experience what the brave students sat down at various lunch counters across the South only to be harassed.

4) **Georgia Aquarium**
Known as the largest aquarium in the Western Hemisphere, the Georgia Aquarium features some of the most beautiful and engaging galleries featuring local marine life, dolphins, and tropical sea life. You cannot leave Atlanta without visiting the breathtaking Ocean Voyager Exhibit.

5) **The Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change**
The gem of the Historic “Sweet Auburn,” The King Center is “the largest repository of primary source materials on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the American Civil Rights Movement in the world.” In addition to exhibits featuring materials from the Civil Rights Movement, you can visit Freedom Hall, Dr. & Mrs. King’s Crypt, and The Eternal Flame.

6) **Archives! Archives! Archives!**
Atlanta is home to several archives, but there are two in particular you may want to visit. The Stuart A. Rose Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Book Library at Emory University contains impressively curated archival collections that draws researchers from around the world. It houses the Robert Langmuir African American Pho-
tograph Collection, the papers of Pulitzer-Prize winning author Alice Walker, and the papers of human rights activists Frances Freeborn Pauly and Eliza K. Paschall to name a few.

You can also take a historic stroll into the powerful civil rights history of the South by visiting the Atlanta University Center Archives Research Center located near the historic institutions of Morehouse, Spelman, and Clark Atlanta University. Among the collections you will find the Chautauqua Circle Collection, a civic organization for Black women, Countee Cullen-Harold Jackman Memorial Collection, and Maurice Pennington’s Political Cartoon Collection.

We encourage researchers to search the finding aids of the Rose Library and the AUC Archives to determine if registering for SWS can also be a research opportunity.

7) Music

The music scene of Atlanta echoes with the diverse sounds of the South. From Jazz to Country, you can find any kind of music in and around the eclectic neighborhoods of Atlanta. Many contemporary artists were cultivated in the heart of Atlanta including, but not limited to, Usher, Indigo Girls, Sugarland, and Gladys Knight.

8) Shopping

For those who believe wholeheartedly in retail therapy, Atlantic Station, Ponce City Market, Little Five Points, and Phipps Plaza are the places to browse. From high-end shops to quirky, chic thrift shops, Atlanta offers opportunities to shop for all budgets.

9) Buford Highway

Just north of Atlanta, Buford Highway offers approximately three miles of road that travels through neighborhoods representing the world’s diversity. In one car ride you will find the food, market, and restaurants representing Vietnamese, Chinese, Korean, Mexican, Colombian, and other cultures. You can choose to feast on a
Cuban sandwich from Havana Sandwich Shop, the aromatic curries of Panahar, or the fusion Cajun and Vietnamese-Cambodian seafood at Crawfish Shack.

10) LGBTQ+ Neighborhoods

The Advocate named Atlanta one of the Queerest Cities in America for 2017 and “the epicenter of the gay South.” There are several LGBTQ+ friendly neighborhoods within the city of Atlanta such as Virginia Highland, Decatur, Candler Park, Little Five Points, Old Fourth Ward, Inman Park, and Edgewood. Midtown also has several of the city’s most popular gay bars like Burkhart’s Pub, Bulldogs, My Sister’s Room, and Swinging Richards. Each neighborhood has its own little community within a community.

SWS Winter Meeting Auction Tradition – Fundraising for Feminist Organizations

Over the years, the Winter Meeting Banquet & Auction has provided memorable moments and featured SWS legends, including the original auctioneers Arlene Kaplan Daniels, Beth Hess, and Carla Howery. The personalities of these remarkable women live on in the auction long after they are gone. Myra Marx Ferree remembers Arlene Kaplan Daniels, one of the originators of the fundraising effort, passing her famous hat around to collect donations. SWS members have both donated and won pieces of SWS—and gender sociology—history. Mary Frank Fox recalls bidding on, and acquiring, Judith Lorber’s notebook of her editorship in the inaugural months of launching Gender & Society. Others have picked up small treasures, such as a copy of Institutional Ethnography with a dedication by Dorothy Smith or some more experiential items, such as $1 hugs from Esther Ngan-ling Chow.

SWS President, Abby Ferber, sees the Auction as an important way to contribute to the different communities that host the Winter Meetings. “Since I joined SWS, it has always made a statement to me about SWS values. I see it as part of a social justice footprint we strive to leave behind us wherever we go. It is one small way we
can connect with women in the local community so that we are not simply popping in and out as tourists. Wherever we organize a conference, we have an economic impact on the city, but as an organization it is essential that we make some effort to also impact some of the most marginalized in that community.”

President Ferber reminds us that the goal of the auction is to be inclusive and to encourage everyone to participate in some way. “Many of the most unique or special items are those made by our own members—hand knit scarves, homemade chocolates or photographs by Tracy Ore, and I always enjoy making beaded earrings to donate.” Items come at all price levels, so that everyone can afford something. “No one should ever feel ANY pressure to bid.”

Once again, there will be an auction at the Winter Meeting in Atlanta. It will raise funds for the local feminist organization Sister Song that works with women of color to advance an intersectional vision of reproductive justice. Please bring an item to donate and come prepared to experience a unique event that makes SWS Winter Meetings so special and so memorable.

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**Tenure-Track Faculty Position**

Assistant Professor of Race/Ethnicity
Department of Sociology California State University, Los Angeles. As a federally recognized Hispanic-serving and Minority-Serving institution, Cal State LA recognizes the transformative power of education and embraces its duty to identify and serve the needs of all of its students.


**Tenure-Track, Nine-Month Faculty Position**

The Department of Sociology at Appalachian State University invites applications for a tenure-track, nine-month faculty position at the rank of Assistant Professor or Associate Professor beginning August 2018. **To apply, please email a letter of application and a current CV with references to socsearch@appstate.edu. Three letters of recommendation should be submitted by your referees to the same email address.** Only electronic submissions will be accepted. Initial application review will begin immediately, and continue until the position is filled.

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