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When I first got my full time job in academia, the only woman of color in our department, a dear colleague, who knew what it felt like to be one of very few faculty of color on campus, gave me a piece of advice. He said, don’t treat this job as a sprint, treat it as though you are running a marathon; the course will keep changing, and that you will have to keep developing new strategies for keeping yourself stable. I have been reminded of his advice many times this year as we accomplish many significant tasks that are necessary for SWS during this stretch of the course. We have been pioneers in transforming our discipline; our challenge is to find ways to sustain our momentum within changing contexts.

It seems to me that a key challenge we face now is to figure out smart ways to balance our principles of a participatory feminist collective as we get formally enmeshed in web of laws that expect us to operate—at least organize some parts of our operational structures—as a bureaucracy. For instance, the IRS expects us to operate in specific bureaucratic ways to maintain our status as a not-for-profit corporation. Our status requires we create structures that are compliant with labor and contract laws. At times, our feminist wish to do the right thing seems to be in conflict with the way these rules expect us to operate. We encountered several challenges this year, but thanks to two wonderful feminists, Nancy Mancini our CPA and Sally Geertz, our lawyer, we have been able to balance our overall goals with the rules we have to follow. As we have grown as an organization, we have learned a lot about good legal and financial practices for our organization. During my term as an officer I have been grateful for the self-less, invisible work of some amazing SWS-ers, and your strong support, that helped us to get us to this place. I feel really good about our future, but I also know that we will have to review how we operate regularly and make sure we do this in ways that ensure the long-term health and stability of SWS: the collective, and the effective bureaucracy.

We have been doing several things that will help us in this direction. As you all know, the Strategic Task Force has been working for over a year. Many of you participated in the Task Force’s meeting at Tamaya this year. The Task Force has developed recommendations that emphasize our goals now, and they will recommend some structural changes that are likely to move us forward. They have been consulting with a lot of people. They will share their findings with members in Nashville in February 2014, so that we can all participate in working out our best strategies for action during this phase of our collective lives.

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SWS Winter Meetings & The Role of the President-Elect

I would like to say what an honor it is to serve as president-elect of SWS. As president-elect, my pri- mary responsibility is to organize the winter meet- ings and I’m excited about our upcoming meeting in Nashville which will be held at the beautiful Hutton Hotel. We were able to secure great rates for singles, doubles, triples, and even quads which should make it more affordable for everyone.

The theme for the Winter Meetings is “Gender and Multi-Institutional Poli- tics.” The inspiration for this theme came from noticing that despite feminist challenges to gender inequality in almost every institutional setting, gen- der inequality persists. While some people work to theorize the reproduction of inequality and others seek to explain how inequality changes over time, my goal is to sort out why some aspects of inequality are successfully challenged, while others remain intransigent. What can we learn about gender ine- quality when we examine multiple institutions? How do race, class, sexuality, and nation influence these challenges? Do destabilizing some inequalities shore up other inequalities? What do comparative and transnational approaches reveal about these processes?

In addition to myself, my fabulous program committee includes Orit Avashai (Fordham University), Youngjoo Cha (Indiana University), Afshan Jafar (Connecticut College), Nancy Naples (University of Connecticut), CJ Pascoe (University of Oregon), and Gayle Sulik (University at Albany (SUNY)). We have had several meetings to flesh out these themes and the committee has come up with some great ideas for how to organize a series of exciting plenary panels designed to address the conference theme. In addition, standing SWS committees are organizing a series of workshops aimed at professional development, networking. SWS’s international organizing, critique me sessions, feminist activism, breakfast with schol- ars, and more! And finally, our by-laws committee has been working extremely hard to develop new by-laws to better reflect and structure our current organization. They will unveil their ideas at a plenary meeting during the Winter Meeting to solicit input from the membership.

The local arrangements committee has almost convinced me to move to Nashville with their wonderful ideas and enthusiasm for their town. The committee consists of Terrie Spetal- nick, Chair (Vanderbilt University), Pallavi Banerjee (Vanderbilt University), Laura Carpenter (Vanderbilt University), Barbara Gurr (University of Connecticut), Kumiko Nemoto (Western Kentucky University), and Andi Stepnick (Belmont University). They have been hard at work organizing the hosted dinners, which will include options for live music, restaurant lists, suggested walking tours, and a gradu- ate student happy hour. In addition, they have arranged for Vanderbilt Sociologist Larry Isaac to conduct a “civil rights tour” for the first 40 people who sign up, showing where some of the most important events of the civil rights movement took place and explaining their sociological significance.

I have also decided that SWS should follow NPR’s lead and try to reduce the on-air fundraising time for the auction. So in addition to the silent auction which we will still hold, we have devised two supplementary ways to raise money. First, when you register for the conference, you will have the opportunity to purchase an SWS fitted t-shirt. The sale of these t-shirts will benefit three great organizations: Triple Thread Apparel who makes the t-shirts and Act Like a Grrrrl and Magdalene House, our two auction recipients who will receive the profits from the sale of the t-shirts. Please see the article by Barb Gurr for more details on these three great organizations! We will also be conducting an online auction prior to the confer- ence for gift cards to local restaurants and museums. Thanks again to the local arrangements committee for their creativity and hard work and for ensuring that this will be a fabulous meeting!

In addition to the program and local arrangements committee, I am fortunate to have UConn graduate student Devon Goss to help organize the conference and to make sure that everything gets done! Devon, along with UConn graduate students Brenna Harvey and MJ Taylor will be organizing the roundtables.

We hope to open registration by mid- to late-October.

So finally, I leave you with a list of highlights about Nashville created by the local arrangements committee:
16 SWEET EXPERIENCES UNIQUE TO NASHVILLE.

Within a mile of the Hutton Hotel:

- Centennial Park. Home to a full-scale replica of the original Parthenon, a 42 foot high gilded reconstruction of the long lost Athena Parthenos statue, and original photographs from the 1897 Tennessee Centennial Exposition.

- Frist Center for the Arts. Gorgeous Art Deco building (formerly Nashville's main post office), varied exhibitions and installations.

- Station Inn. Live bluegrass, hot popcorn, and a good time.

Vanderbilt/Belmont area (1.3 miles south of the Hutton)

- The historic namesake mansion that graces the campus of Belmont University.

- The National Arboretum that is the campus Vanderbilt University.

- Belcourt Theater, one of the best indie art houses in the U.S.

- Coffee and a paleta (gourmet popsicle) at Fido, or Hot & Cold (or at Bongo Java, another half mile southeast, or Bongo East, 4.5 miles east of the Hutton).

- Pancake Pantry and its famous wait to get seated. A little before 8am, the line forms and eventually wraps around part of the outside of the building, fueled by breakfast cravings (like sweet potato pancakes, yum!) and the chance of a celebrity sighting.

Downtown (about a mile and a half northeast of the Hutton):

- Honky tonks on Lower Broad, especially Robert's Western World and Layla's.

- Ryman Auditorium, former site of the Grand Ole Opry. Exquisite acoustics make the Mother Church of Country Music one of the world's top venues for live music.

- Hatch Show Print, one of the oldest letterpress print shops in the country.

- Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum. The "platinum" tour adds a trip to Music Row for Nashville’s only historic studio tour (of RCA Studio B).

- Civil Rights Collection of the Nashville Public library. Housed in the lovely "modern classical" main branch building, the collection is a key site for research of African-American history in general and civil rights history in particular. Also must see the 80 hammered copper relief panels that creatively re-tell the history of Nashville.

More than a couple but less than a dozen miles from the Hutton:

- Singer-songwriter clubs. Bluebird Café (4 miles south) and other listening rooms, all over Nashville, all sorts of genres.

- Cheekwood Botanical Garden and Museum of Art (7 miles southwest). Stroll the gardens, sculpture trail and museum. Varied indoor and outdoor exhibitions and installations.

- Radnor Lake wildlife sanctuary (9 miles south), Percy Warner Park (12 miles southwest). Hike and commune with nature at these and other area parks and greenways.

See ya'll in Nashville!
The Program Committee for the 2014 Winter Meetings invites you to submit abstracts for papers or panels to present at the meetings. The deadline for consideration is Monday, November 4th.

Please Consider Submitting One of the Following:

⇒ Paper On Any Topic Related to Gender
⇒ Panel Related to the Conference Theme (See Below)

These sessions will focus on questions and extensions of major themes. Panel proposals should include a list of 3-4 panelists who have agreed to participate. The panel itself may take different forms: a) It may consist of a series of questions about gender inequality in specific locations related to the conference theme that panelists respond to or b) of brief position papers submitted by participants. The goal of these panels is to promote dialog on the conference themes.

Please indicate whether you are submitting a paper or a panel. Please send the title, abstract, and at least 3 key words of your paper or panel to the following people:

Devon Goss (devon.goss@uconn.edu)
Brennat Harvey (bmb.harvey@gmail.com)
Malaena Taylor (malaena.taylor@uconn.edu)

T-shirt sales at SWS Nashville meeting to support local organizations

For this year’s annual meeting in Nashville, SWS is offering an additional opportunity to raise funds for THREE worthy local organizations – AND get your SWS pride on! When you register for the conference, you will find an opportunity to purchase one (or more!) t-shirts commemorating our organization and this year’s conference. T-shirts will be available in a variety of sizes and all the proceeds will benefit Act Like a Grrrl and Magdalene House.

Act Like a Grrrl provides mentoring for local girls from a variety of socio-economic backgrounds, schools, cultures, and faiths, fostering confidence and skills in a supportive, grrrrl-positive atmosphere. See http://actlikeagrrrl.org/

Magdalene House provides safety through housing, medical care, and job training to women who have survived lives of prostitution, addiction, trafficking, and homelessness. See http://www.thistlefarms.org/index.php/about-magdalene

T-shirts are made by Triple Thread Apparel, a local non-profit organization which provides training, employment opportunities, and references for former offenders. Your purchase benefits them, too! See http://triplethreadapparel.com/
Summer Meeting
Moments to Remember

Banquet Photos throughout the issue courtesy of Tracy Ore
2013 Membership Form

Name: ____________________________________________________________________________________________________

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MEMBERSHIP (January 1—December 31, 2013)

$14  □ Income less than $15,000
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$_____ Natalie Allon fund (discrimination support)
$_____ Rosenblum award fund (cancer-related dissertation)
$_____ Beth Hess Scholarship
$_____ Feminist Activism Award
$_____ Distinguished Feminist Lectureship
$_____ Mentoring Award
$_____ Undergraduate Social Action Award
$_____ Chow-Green Dissertation Scholarship
$_____ SWS-MFP  (ASA Minority Fellowship Program)

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

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

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From the Executive Office:

The search process for the EO reminded me of how lucky we in SWS are to have talented and thoughtful people who volunteer their time and energy to serve us and work so hard to be responsible, ethical and true to feminist principles. I want to thank all the members of the search committee, especially chair Manisha Desai, and all the members of Council, especially president, Bandana Purkayastha, for their effort and for their vote of confidence in me. I promise not to let you down.

The biggest thank you goes to Jazmyne Washington who officially became our Administrative Officer on 8/1. After an extensive search resulting in more than 60 applications and 6 interviews, Jaz clearly rose to the top of the stack. I am so grateful to her for being willing to move halfway across the country to continue to do the great work she has been doing for SWS on an acting basis since January. We are lucky to have her!

The KU office opened on 8/1 and the SWS List serve here went up the same day (see page 44 for more information on the listserve). We faced some initial challenges because the database on our website has not been accurately reporting paid up members and the CT list serve was shut down before we could send test messages from each so members would know if they had successfully migrated to KS. **If you’re not getting list serve messages, please contact Jaz at swsao@ku.edu so she can check your status.**

By far, the biggest challenge has been the website. The CMS (think operating system) hadn’t been updated in more than 2 years which made us vulnerable to getting hacked which happened sometime last spring. We’ve had it cleaned and taken measures to protect it. On the glass half-full side, the site was so out of date it was cost efficient to do a total site rebuild in a better CMS (WordPress). After seeking the advice of officers and chairs on website needs, Jazmyne and I worked with professional web developers to develop a plan that EOB has fully supported. Before long we will have a website that allows signing up for or renewing memberships, searches of the member data base and Fact Sheets, online elections, meeting registrations, and using a Wiki to organize teaching, mentoring, research and just plain life resources that get generated on the List Serve.

Don’t miss these:
- In October: **elections.** Paid up members will get an email with a link to a webpage with information about the requirements for each office and statements from the (wonderful, kind-spirited) candidates. Voting in this election is an easy yet powerful way to help enact your vision for feminist sociology -- so do it!
- October or early November: **registration** for the Winter Meeting (see page 2 for more information)
- In November and December we will be running a **membership drive.** Please be part of it—join and recruit others to join. (see page 41 for Tiffany’s comments on the membership drive).
Business Meeting Minutes
Summer Meeting 2013
August 11, 2013, 12:00-1:30pm

This is a summary of the Business Meeting Minutes. For the complete version, please consult the SWS website.

President’s Report: Bandana Purkayastha

Major transitions took place in the past years. SWS chose to go with a new structure with a part time EO and full time AO. More operations are now in house as opposed to hiring consultants as in the past. Joey Sprague is the new Executive Officer. SWS uses the advice of our CPA, Nancy Mancini who ensures SWS stays on the straight and narrow. Sally Gibbs, the lawyer for SWS, gives us guidance on how to follow policies consistent with US laws and regulations. The Strategic task force is charged with revising the by-laws to ensure transparency within the organization.

Treasurer’s Report: Wanda Rushing

We are a multi-million dollar organization and therefore must follow more regulations. We have been provided and are being provided the guidance that is needed.

At the 2012 Site visit, our accountant Nancy’s duties expanded to compilation services. This permits Nancy to become more involved in training to the AO, and confirmation that EO files and documents comply with state and federal regulations. We maintain a 501 C 6 status with the IRS and are currently incorporated in Rhode Island.

Secretary

Minutes from the Winter Meeting were sent to the listserv. Please approve these minutes. They have also been submitted to NN. Tracy Ore requested have a motion to approve the minutes. Unanimously approved.

Gender & Society Editor

A main project is to create a G&S blog. They are also working on expanding G&S in the classroom. The journal is reaching out to gender NGOs. An additional goal is working on the translation of some articles into other languages. Feedback is welcome.

Network News Editor - Angela Lewellyn Jones

NN is available online and in print. Everyone is encouraged to submit articles for the newsletter. Send submissions via email. The deadline is always the 15th. More information available online.

Social Media Coordinator- Wendy Christensen

We currently have 1700 members in our Linkedin group, 4100 followers on Twitter, and over 6100 fans on Facebook. Our reach on Facebook is 50,000. Wikis will soon be implemented. Contact Wendy with any questions.

Task Force: Leslie Hossfeld

The Task Force has been working diligently and will give a final report to everyone at the Winter Meeting. The proposal will then go to council for next steps.

Executive Office: Joey Sprague and Jazmyne Washington

The move from SCSU to KU went smoothly and successfully. The website is being temporarily protected and rebuilt. The listserv has moved from SCSU to KU and now has digest mode available; more information can be found on the listserv webpage.

President-Elect: Mary Bernstein

The Winter Meeting will be Feb. 6-9 in Nashville TN. Online bidding for the auction will be available. SWS will also be selling T-Shirts by Triple Thread who will be a partial beneficiary.
Publications Committee: Jennifer Reich

G&S is robust. A goal is to increase the number of issues instead of pages per issue. Sage would like SWS to consider an open access journal for gender. The Publications committee is currently accepting applications for Book review editor; the deadline is Dec. 1. Denise Copelton advises you to speak to her about the position.

Awards Committee: Marjukka Ollilainen

There are language changes to various award applications, and there will be co-winners for the mentoring award.

Discrimination: Roberta Villalon

No new cases or updates. All institutional memory has been digitized. More resources are now available on the Discrimination Committee webpage.

Career Development Committee: Sarah Sobieraj

The CDC is looking for mentors. Any members willing to be a potential mentor please contact Sarah Sobieraj.

Academic Justice

Creating a lavender report card- want to assess how friendly various departments are to the LGBTQ community.

Membership

Retaining and recruiting are the two big goals of the committee and they need your help. New SWS brochures are now available. Hae Yeon Choo is now in charge of the Hand program while Kecia Johnson is now in charge of the regional chapters.

Sister to Sister

The STS theme for the Winter Meeting is “Women of Color on the Job Market”. They will be including a Q&A of frequently asked questions. The STS committee is also asking the membership for feedback regarding the mission statement of the committee. The mentoring board and sister to sister hotline are still works in progress.

International Committee

The United Nations call received many applicants, but the IC could only accept 20. The Global Feminist Partners program now has nine partners from eight countries. The IC was able to invite two GFPs to the Summer Meeting: Dr. Barbara Poggio from Italy, and Dr. Jinling Wong from China. Look for more news in the listserv and website.

Social Action Committee

Looking to update factsheets: gay marriage and LGBTQ issues factsheets in particular. SAC urges members to think of students to nominate for the Undergraduate Service Award. The call for proposals will be going out in the fall. Contact Kylie Parrotta with questions.

Submitted by Jazmyne Washington
Local Chapters in Action!

Updates from the University of Akron & Kent State University

Keeping a local SWS chapter going can be a difficult and time consuming task. Here at the University of Akron and Kent State University, we are lucky to have a joint graduate program and therefore a joint SWS chapter. This allows us to pool resources and work together with bright, hard working feminists on both campuses. Through our combined efforts, we organized a number of events for the professional development for our members and feminist activism in our local community.

In early fall, our joint chapter conducted a back-to-school supply drive for the Battered Women’s Shelter of Summit and Medina Counties. We set up boxes at a number of sites around both campuses and accepted monetary donations in person and via Pay Pal. The drive was a huge success. As a result, we were able to donate over 1,500 essential back-to-school items (e.g., backpacks, notebooks, binders, pen, and pencils) and other items (e.g., tampons, tissues, and cleaning supplies).

Later in the fall, our joint chapter cosponsored a showing of the documentary, No Time to Get Old. In this film, feminist sociologist and filmmaker – Dr. Sol Haring – explores the lives of women artists “circling 50 +/-” years old. After the film, SWS member – Daniela Jauk – led a panel discussion featuring the filmmaker and many of the artists featured in the documentary. Cosponsoring the film provided not only an opportunity to support feminist scholarship, but also drew attention to works of marginalized women artists.

Throughout the semester, our members volunteered at the Akron-Canton Regional food bank. We volunteered to sort food in the warehouse once every semester. These events were well-attended by faculty and students from both campuses, a few of whom were not SWS members but came to help nonetheless. Much to the chagrin of our vegetarian and vegan members, we were asked to sort thousands of pounds of meat on our first day. Our work with the foodbank has given us the opportunity to volunteer for the Hunger in America survey. Four of our members are volunteering to collect data for this national survey of hunger relief efforts.

In early Spring, we focused on professional development for graduate students. We organized a brown bag, where Dr. Taylor discussed time management skills. Our joint chapters also raised money to attend the SWS Winter Meeting. To raise these funds, we sent out a call asking for faculty and students to donate their old textbooks. We were able to sell many of these textbooks, both online and to vendors. We are also grateful for the support we received from both sociology departments and SWS National’s generous reimbursement program. With these funds, we were able to send seven of our members to the 2013 Winter Meeting. For four of our members, this was their first SWS Winter Meeting. Three of our members presented at roundtables or panels. All seven of us found the SWS Winter Meeting to be an engaging learning and supportive professionalization experience.

To wrap up the academic year, we coordinated a Domestic Violence Donation Drive with help from the local Alpha Kappa Delta chapters, KSU’s Graduate Student Senate, and some of Kent’s regional campuses. During this drive, our members advertised the drive across campuses, set-up donation boxes, sought out donations from hotels and other businesses, and held a raffle at the year-end banquet. The Akron Racers, a local, professional soft ball team, allowed us to table at a weekend long high school
softball tournament. The turnout was overwhelming. We collected over $900 and enough goods to donate to nine domestic violence and homeless shelters in Ohio.

Through these events we have helped our members and other students develop important professional skills. We have put our feminist ethics into action and helped foster connections between the KSU and UA campuses and the surrounding community. We hope to continue to cultivate our connections to the community and support local social justice efforts.

As we look back on this year we are thankful for all our members and the hard work they have put into making this year possible. We are grateful for the service of the executive officers on both sides; Corey Stevens, Meghan Novisky, Will LeSuer, Christi Gross, Kelsey Risman, Brianna Turgeon, and Kara Whaley. We are especially grateful for the help and support of our faculty advisors, Dr. Kathy Feltey and Dr. Tiffany Taylor. All and all, we could not have done it without our smart, organized, and active team of feminist scholars. We are looking forward to another year of feminist activism and solidarity.

- Corey E. Stevens & Brianna Turgeon

**SWS-South Stands Against Human Trafficking “T-Shirt For A Cause” Day, April 2014 Charlotte, NC**

SWS-South is happy to announce that we will be spearheading a national campaign in SWS to spread awareness of the inhumane practice of human trafficking. The goal is to make scholarship and activism around human trafficking visible and impactful in our home cities and in those cities where sociologists hold our meetings. Our flagship event will be our “STAND against SEX Trafficking” campaign held in conjunction with the SSS Annual Meeting in Charlotte North Carolina April 2-5th, 2014. We are partnering with a Charlotte organization that works to prevent victimization of women and girls who are trafficked through this corridor. Jillian Mourning is the founder of our chosen organization All We Want is Love and was herself, a victim of sex trafficking. Our effort is two-fold: 1) we will be placing one thousand wristbands inscribed with the Trafficking hotline toll-free number in local gas stations, schools, strip clubs and conference hotels with the hope of these pens getting into the hands of a victim; 2) a 5-month “T-shirt for a Cause” campaign which kicks off this November and goes through the annual meeting date in April. We encourage members to purchase a T-shirt through our site and forward the link to family, friends, and colleagues on other listservs to do the same. We are hoping to sell 500 T-shirts by the annual meeting date of April 2nd 2014. 100% of the proceeds will go to All We Want is Love to fund the work they do. SWS-South (and hopefully other SSS members) attending these meetings will all wear their T-shirts on the “T-shirt for A Cause Day” on Thursday April 3rd, 2014 (also the day of our auction). We will wear our T-shirts throughout the conference sessions and during sightseeing to increase awareness of our stand against sex trafficking of girls and women everywhere, including Charlotte, on this day. So please look out for follow-up announcements and purchase in advance your “SWS-South Stands...against Trafficking Women and Girls...And I Do Too!” T-shirts through the SWS-South website (www.swssouth.org). For more information about our programming at the conference, including our T-shirt fundraiser, contact Sancha Medwinter, SWS-South Vision Committee Chair (sld28@soc.duke.edu). For more information about SWS-South, including membership opportunities, contact Julie Wiest (jbwiest@gmail.com).

- Vision Chair, SWS-South, Sancha Medwinter
Call for Nominations

Undergraduate Social Activism Award

Call for Applications
Sociologists for Women in Society Undergraduate Social Activism Award
Deadline for Submission: November 1, 2013

Submit Applications to Crystal Jackson, crjackson@jjay.cuny.edu with “SWS USA [nominee’s name]” in the subject line.

History and Overview
The Undergraduate Social Activism Award is given annually to recognize a student or team of 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.

Nature of the Award
SWS recognizes that action “for women” does not mean that the work was done “with women” or even “by women.” Substantial need exists for social action working with men, boys, LGBTQIA communities and other groups where change will benefit women and can be understood as feminist action. Therefore, SWS recognizes work done in this spirit regardless of applicant gender identity.

The Award Reward
The Undergraduate Social Activism Award includes a $700 travel stipend that may be shared among a team of applicants who have worked collectively on a substantial social action project. In addition, awardees will have their registration fees and banquet ticket fees waived and may submit travel expenses to receive up to an additional $300.00 each to defray costs of travel and lodging. The award is also accompanied by a plaque or other physical memento. The awardee will be featured in the Winter Meeting Program and will receive a one-year SWS membership and related benefits. The SWS Social Action Committee may select up to three awardees each year.

Eligibility and Criteria for Selection
A candidate for the Undergraduate Social Activism Award must be nominated by an SWS member. The work for which the candidate is nominated must have been undertaken during the undergraduate career. Nominations are acceptable for candidates up to one-year after they complete their BA. The candidate is not required to be a member at the time of nomination. A recipient may be honored for a collection of ongoing activism for women/gender issues or for a substantial single action that has affected positively the lives of women.

At least one member of a social action team must attend the Winter meeting to retain award eligibility. The awardee will also be asked to prepare and share a short presentation about the activism recognized by the award.

Nomination and Application Procedures
At a minimum, an SWS member must nominate a candidate for the award with a letter written to the awards committee. Beyond the nomination letter, a winning application packet tends to have these elements: an overview document (e.g. curriculum vitae or resume, biography) and a 3-5 page essay written by the activist describing the activist
contributions and their impact (see below). Nominees may also include testimonials from those benefiting from or witnessing the activism and support documents such as newspaper clippings or an event program.

Guidelines for Essay
1) Describe the organization(s) and/or project(s) structure, goals and funding
2) Identify challenges in action work and any changes made to address challenges
3) Discusses connections between the action work and educational experience and knowledge
4) Report contribution to women’s lives and/or feminist social change
5) Reflect on experiences

Applicants are encouraged to prepare some or all of the nomination in the form of an “electronic portfolio” (ideally in ONE pdf file) or direct the committee to the appropriate URL where materials can be found.

Committee Process
All materials must be submitted electronically by November 1 to the Chair of the Awards Committee. Please include “SWS/USA: [Nominee’s name]” in the subject heading.

The Chair will forward information to the committee members. The committee chair will acknowledge nominations received and communicate the selection process outcome to all nominees. Award decisions will be made in December allowing recipients several weeks to make plans for travel to the Winter Meeting. Award information will be available ongoing on the SWS website and announced in the Fall Network News.

The Award Presentation
The Undergraduate Social Activism Award is presented annually by the Chair of the Awards Committee at the SWS Winter Meeting. The Awards Committee will share information about the award recipient with the full membership by preparing a short feature article for the Spring Network News.

2013 Recipients
Marna Clowney-Robinson: for her work in developing an organization, the Eating Disorders Recovery and Support Network, and a website for women struggling with eating disorders.

Emily Mumford: in recognition of her creation of an alternative spring break (ABS) service-learning option that sought to advance feminist action by making visible the continued deep-rooted social problems of racism, particularly in the Deep South.

Danielle M. Story: for her work to revitalize the defunct gender equality student group on her campus, Morehead State University.
Call for SWS UN Representatives to the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)

The International Committee is seeking SWS members to fill two opening as representatives to the United Nations Economic and Social Council (UN ECOSOC). We encourage members interested in active engagement with the UN process and enthusiasm for building SWS’s participation in the UN to consider becoming a representative. Requirements for serving include:

* One year prior membership in the International Committee
* A three-year commitment to serve as UN representative
* Willingness to fulfill responsibilities and duties as follows:
  - Attend some portion of the annual session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) in New York in February/March
  - With other SWS UN Representatives, prepare annual report for Network News on CSW sessions
  - Report to International Committee meetings on CSW sessions
  - Assist in preparing SWS’s Quadrennial Report to the United Nations
  - Participate in other SWS UN activities such as preparing statements, etc.
  - Relay pertinent UN communications to SWS newsletter, listserv, and meetings

Current SWS UN representatives to ECOSOC, Barret Katuna and Daniela Jauk, will be stepping down as their terms end. Shobha Gurung, Kristy Kelly and Hara Bastas are in the middle of their terms. The International Committee will review applications for the open position at the SWS Winter Meeting in Nashville.

If you are interested in applying, please send your contact information and a paragraph explaining your interest to Minjeong Kim, mjkim@vt.edu, by November 30, 2013.
Off the beaten ASA meeting path: An excursion to NAPW

Following an invitation from SWSer Jeanne Flavin (Chair, National Advocates for Pregnant Women - "NAPW"- board of directors, and 2013 recipient of the SWS Feminist Activist Award) and Lynn Paltrow (Founder and Executive Director of NAPW), a small group of sociologists, researchers, and activists gathered in the NAPW office on W. 36th Street on Monday, August 10th, morning for an info-breakfast.

NAPW seeks to protect the rights and human dignity of pregnant people and parents especially those who are most vulnerable to arrest and state control because of poverty, race, or drug use. It stands out among pro-choice organizations in that it has a decidedly more inclusive approach to reproductive rights beyond the narrow focus on abortion. NAPW also prides itself on its connections to other public health and social justice movements, including the fight to end the war on drugs.

NAPW accomplishes its work using an integrated strategy of public education, organizing, and legal advocacy work. Visitors learned about NAPW's caseload, as well as their efforts to address the stigma and stereotyping that often surrounds discussions of women who use drugs. For instance, NAPW produced a short video, "Mothers Speak Out Against Project Prevention," challenging a program that pays $300.00 to sterilize women who use drugs. That video is available at: http://vimeo.com/38633373. NAPW publishes rich resources on its website, such as fact sheets, articles, friend of the court legal briefs and carefully researched reports that can be used for further scholarship, as well as for activism and in the sociology classroom.

Also of interest may be the 2013 article Lynn and Jeanne wrote, “Arrests of and Forced Interventions on Pregnant Women in the United States, 1973–2005: Implications for Women’s Legal Status and Public Health,” published in the Journal of Health, Politics, Policy and Law. They report on 413 cases from 1973 to 2005 in which a woman’s pregnancy was a necessary factor leading to deprivations of a woman’s physical liberty and actual endangerment of the fetus. The study reveals a disturbing range of punitive state actions directed at pregnant women. The study found, for instance, arrests and incarceration of women who ended a pregnancy or expressed an intention to end a pregnancy; who carried their pregnancies to term and gave birth to healthy babies; who suffered unintentional pregnancy losses; and who could not guarantee a healthy birth outcome. They also found forced medical interventions such as blood transfusions, vaginal exams, and cesarean surgery on pregnant women. The need for NAPW’s work is great; the organization is aware of more than 250 cases that have taken place after 2005.

NAPW’s work is undertaken by a surprisingly small staff comprised of Lynn, a staff attorney, a research associate, and a project manager. NAPW also works closely with allies and local and national advocates across the country. NAPW also welcomes interns. Past interns have helped free pregnant women from prison, undertaken important legal research, and participated in a wide variety of cross issue meetings, seminars, and demonstrations.

For more information on NAPW, you can check out their website (http://www.advocatesforpregnantwomen.org), sign up to receive activist updates, find them on Facebook, or follow them on Twitter @NAPW. Thank you so much, Jeanne and Lynn, for putting this fabulous meeting and learning experience together!

By Daniela Jauk
2014 Call for Applications for Campus Visits
Distinguished Feminist Lecturer, Christine Bose,
and Feminist Activism Winner, Margaret Abraham
Due March 1, 2014

During the 2014-2015 academic year, each award winner will visit two campuses. These campus visits are intended to celebrate and enhance feminist scholarship and social activism on college campuses.

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

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

The selection committee will look especially favorably on campuses that are committed to gaining the widest possible audience for these visits. This may be demonstrated by evidence of

- collaboration with other departments and programs on campus
- multiple-campus cooperation
- community partnerships

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

If you are interested in hosting a campus visit send your application by March 1, 2014 to:

Distinguished Feminist Lecturer Committee Chair Shannon Davis
e-mail: sdaviso@gmu.edu; phone: 703-993-1443

Feminist Activism Award Committee Co-Chair Dani MacCartney
e-mail: dmaccartney12@webster.edu; phone: 314-968-7016, or
Committee Co-Chair Melanie Heath
e-mail: mheath@mcmaster.ca

The application should include the following information:

An explanation of your interest in hosting a campus visit and the merits of awarding a campus visitation to your school.
A description of the type of presentation you are interested in hosting (this is particularly important in the case of the Feminist Activist).
The number of days you will ask the awardee to stay.
The audience to which the presentation will be targeted.
A description of how local costs will be met.
Tentative dates.

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

Communication and Planning

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

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

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

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

**Funding**

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

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

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

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

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**Announcement of 2013 SWS Distinguished Feminist Lecturer Gayle Sulik’s Campus Visits**

“#ReThinkPink: The Changing Landscape of Breast Cancer Advocacy”

**Texas Tech University**

Texas Tech University is located in Lubbock, TX, in an area known for its conservatism and subsequent lack of support for feminism. Students are rarely exposed to a range of feminist ideas and feminist experiences. The campus has also, in recent history, experienced overt acts of hostility toward student groups engaged in feminist activism. The goal of the Distinguished Feminist Lecturer Award is to bring a feminist voice to places where feminists and feminism are not usually supported. Dr. Sulik’s public lecture, targeted to the student and faculty populations at Texas Tech and the Health Sciences Center, along with community organizations will provide a formal mechanism through which a feminist voice on important issues for all in the community can be heard.

**University of the Pacific**

The University of the Pacific is a liberal arts institution in Stockton, CA. In reviewing Pacific’s proposal, the committee was especially impressed with the broad target audience and planned integration of Dr. Sulik’s visit into a broader agenda of feminist outreach and programming around health care that are underway at the institution. Adding a feminist voice to an ongoing conversation around health care and practice, Dr. Sulik would also provide an example of successful ways, including through social media, to present research to multiple audiences. The current community-academic collaborations at Pacific with the local public health department and non-profit organizations working on public health issues will be among the working groups to dialogue with Dr. Sulik during her campus visit.
Award Winners

The Sister to Sister committee is proud and honored to announce that the 2013 Esther Chow and Maryjoyce Green Women of Color Dissertation Scholarship Award has gone to Jennifer James, a PhD candidate in Sociology at the University of California, San Francisco. James' research lies at the intersections of race, gender and health and is focused on the patient-physician relationship and end-of-life decision-making. She will use a Black feminist lens to examine the lived experience of metastatic cancer for Black women. Specifically, in her qualitative dissertation research she plans to explore how Black women understand their diagnoses and prognoses and make sense of cancer both biomedically and as a unique life stage, and how these understandings shape their relationships with their physicians at the end of life. She argues that while models of patient centered care and shared decision-making are central to the bioethics goals of patient autonomy, there has not been a larger discussion around the applicability of different models with women of color. Her research will contribute towards filling that gap.

The Cheryl Allyn Miller award is to recognize a sociology graduate student or a recent doctorate whose research or activism constitutes an outstanding contribution to the field of women and work including, employment and self-employment, informal market work, illegal work. The award is supported by a bequest from the family of the late Cheryl Allyn Miller, a sociologist and feminist who studied women and paid work.

As you might expect, we had a number of really wonderful papers to consider this year. Smart, exciting work that shows tons of promise. Of course we were tasked with the difficult challenge of choosing just one paper as the winner. As we went through our process and deliberation it was clear that one paper in particular stood out to all of us and in the end it was easy to make our decision.

The Cheryl Allyn Millar award this year goes to Hae Yeon Choo for her paper "Gendering Migrant Rights: Explaining Differences in the Practice of Rights for Filipina Factory Workers and Club Hostesses in South Korea."

Hae Yeon Choo is an Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Toronto. Her paper is a fascinating study of how Filipina factory workers and South Korean hostesses' negotiate their claims to labor rights. For her research she spent 18 months in 2 migrant neighborhoods on the outskirts of Seoul doing immersed participant observation and interviewing women who are migrant factory workers and women who are hostesses in clubs. In her paper she uncovers how Philipina migrant women doing factor work have greater job security and make stronger claims to labor rights than women who are documented but are doing hostess work, entertaining GIs in the clubs. Throughout the paper Dr. Choo highlights to significance of the gendered organization of work as well as women's social support and community and the work of immigrant advocacy groups in explaining how seemingly similar immigrant women can have vastly different labor experiences as migrant workers.
2013 Beth B. Hess Memorial Scholarship Winners

The Beth B. Hess Memorial Scholarship is given annually to a graduate student in sociology who began her or his college career at a two-year community or technical college. Each year the award committee is faced with the daunting task of selecting a single winner from among our many qualified applicants. This year’s committee, which consisted of Denise Copelton (chair), Myra Marx Ferree, Sarah Bruch and Nancy Naples, had an especially difficult time selecting from the 16 excellent candidates. Each possessed qualities that Beth embodied, including: excellent scholarship and overall academic potential, especially in the areas of gender and social inequality; and a commitment to teaching, mentoring and social activism, especially in a community college setting. This year’s high quality applicants led us to select one honorable mention, in addition to our scholarship winner.

Each honorable mention winner receives complimentary membership in Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS), and registration and banquet tickets for the SWS, the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), and the American Sociological Association (ASA) summer meetings here in NYC.

Our honorable mention award goes to Jessica Dunning-Lozano, a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Texas, Austin. A graduate of a continuation high school, Jessica later attended Laney Community College in Oakland, California. Her dissertation is an ethnographic study of a Disciplinary Alternative Education Program in Texas. These programs are designed to isolate, discipline and reintegrate students back into mainstream classrooms, and Jessica’s research explores precisely how this punitive and remediating process unfolds. Congratulations Jessica!

The 2013 Scholarship carries a stipend of $15,000 from SWS, and travel support of $300 from SSSP, to be used to support the pursuit of graduate studies, as well as one-year student memberships in SWS and SSSP. Additionally, the winner receives complimentary registration and banquet/reception tickets for the summer meetings of SWS, SSSP and ASA.

We are delighted to award the 2013 Beth B. Hess Memorial Scholarship to Anna Sorenson. A Ph.D. candidate in Sociology at UC Santa Barbara, Anna briefly attended SUNY Potsdam, before a divorce and custody battle led her to California. She resumed her college career at Butte Community College before transferring to California State University, Chico. Her undergraduate sociology courses demonstrated how her personal troubles were connected to larger structural issues, and her work tutoring other students at Butte community college led Anna to see the liberating potential of teaching. She explained in her application letter, “Without access to teachers at a community college who purposefully helped me remediate my academic weaknesses and discover my abilities, I would not have made my way to a four-year institution and found mentors who pushed me to achieve possibilities I did not know existed.” Anna’s academic interests focus on social movements, gender and sexuality. Her dissertation examines the California same-sex marriage movement’s failure to stop Proposition 8, and how this failure changed activist strategies and messages, and led to the creation of new collective identities. Anna has successfully blended her own movement activism with her academic studies of it, effectively demonstrating the potential of public sociology. For her outstanding research and activism, we are pleased to recognize Anna Sorenson as the 2013 Beth B. Hess Memorial Scholarship recipient.
The Barbara Rosenblum Dissertation Scholarship for the Study of Women and Cancer was established with a bequest from Dr. Barbara Rosenblum, an active and longstanding SWS member who died from breast cancer in 1988. The purpose of the scholarship is to encourage doctoral work focusing on women’s cancers, particularly women’s diverse experiences. The scholarship is intended for researchers who plan to present their findings and applications to lay audiences as well as social scientists.

The 2013 Barbara Rosenblum Dissertation was awarded to Julie Armin, a doctoral candidate in medical anthropology at the University of Arizona. Julie’s dissertation, “Cancer, Citizenship, and Scarcity in the Land of Opportunity,” is an ethnographic study that analyzes the unequal burden of breast cancer among uninsured, undocumented, and Medicaid-eligible women in an Arizona border city. Grounding her analysis in the lived experiences of these medically marginalized women, Julie examines how health care is rationed through bureaucratic processes of eligibility and explores the “hidden work” required of these women and their health care providers. The selection committee was impressed with the quality of Julie’s dissertation as well as its strong feminist orientation and potential to change women’s lives.

Since Julie was unable to attend the 2013 SWS summer meeting to receive her award, she shared a letter of thanks, saying that she was honored and takes inspiration from the award. “Dr. Rosenblum and many other SWS members,” she writes, “have taught junior scholars that our work has political significance. My deepest thanks to the award committee—I’m absolutely thrilled to receive the recognition!” Julie will use her $1500 scholarship to help pay for three months of childcare as she finishes her dissertation manuscript and disseminates findings via scholarly journals, newspaper editorials, and community presentations.

The 2014 SWS Distinguished Feminist Lecturer Award is no stranger to bridging the divide between academic research and activism, in the United States and globally. A Professor in the Department of Sociology at the University at Albany, SUNY, she holds joint appointments in the Departments of Latin American and Caribbean Studies and Women’s Studies and is an Affiliated Faculty with the Center for Women in Government and Civil Society.

Our honoree’s rich scholarship reflects a long and deep commitment to conversations about gender and intersectionality. More importantly for this award, she has a history of working with the communities she studies, engaging local feminist knowledge, as is evidenced in particular in her work on gender and development as it is implicated in the lives of Puerto Rican women living in New York and in the Caribbean. Her ability to engage intersectionality from a theoretical standpoint while critically examining its implications in women’s lives is reflected not only in her scholarship but also in the collaborations she has forged through her activism in Central America and the Caribbean. Inclusivity has been a hallmark of her career, whether she was working to include housewives in scholarly discussions of social status, to understand how variation in race/ethnicity and region of the country influenced domestic workers’ lives in the United States in 1900, or to steadfastly and actively work toward inclusiveness of global gender researchers in the publication of Gender & Society under her tenure as editor.

Being able to translate feminist scholarship for public consumption can make a difference in people’s lives, especially if they harbor some hostility toward anything touched by the word “feminist”. Given her track record as a scholar, an activist, a collaborator and a facilitator of inclusion, the Awards Subcommittee has no doubt that she will be able to reach audiences where they are and inspire them to critically examine the world through a feminist lens. It is with great pleasure that the Awards Committee names the 2014 SWS Distinguished Feminist Lecturer: Christine Bose.
The SWS 2014 Feminist Activism Award winner is Professor Margaret Abraham, Professor of Sociology, Hofstra University. Dr. Abraham, an accomplished scholar in the areas of gender, ethnicity, globalization, immigration, and domestic violence, is also an extraordinary role model of feminist activism. One of her nominators provides the best summary of Dr. Abraham’s commitment to activism, which permeates “every realm of her life—in the community (local and global), in her scholarship, in the classroom, in mentoring relationships, in administrative roles within the university, and in the discipline of sociology more generally."

Dr. Margaret Abraham has been a pioneer in her scholarship and activism on the issue of violence against women in South Asian American communities and in immigrant communities more generally. Her passion for research and activism in the field of domestic violence in the South Asian immigrant community spans the last twenty years. In the 1990s, she began studying the phenomenon of violence in South Asian families. Her book, *Speaking the Unspeakable: Marital Violence Among South Asian Immigrants in the United States* (Rutgers University Press 2000), won the American Sociological Association: Section on Asian and Asian America Outstanding Book Award in 2002. Through in-depth interviews with twenty-five abused women, Dr. Abraham illuminates the distinct factors that fuel the causes and consequences of domestic abuse within immigrant communities. This book has become the bible for activists working in the area of domestic violence in immigrant communities.

In her willingness to speak the unspeakable, Dr. Abraham describes the challenges she faced shedding light on what she calls “the myth of the model minority.” She and the organizations she worked with were heavily criticized for bringing out elements of the community that were unspoken. In the 1980s and early 1990s, domestic violence was seen as something that was not a part of the immigrant experience. Dr. Abraham worked closely with Sakhi and older women’s organizations, like Manavi, Apana Ghar and Maitri, which she describes as pathbreakers in bringing women together—activists and victims—to fight domestic violence and to form a social movement that had few resources and faced major opposition. Recently, Sakhi recognized Dr. Abraham as one of six individuals to be part of its inaugural legacy circle in honor of these women’s “dedication to support and nurture Sakhi.” Indus Women Leaders, the Indian American Kerala Cultural and Civic Center, and the Office of the Executive, Nassau County, State of New York have also honored Dr. Abraham for her community action research. This impressive list of community awards reflects Dr. Abraham’s commitment to building sustained relationships and trust over many years as a researcher and an activist.

Dr. Abraham’s activism extends far beyond her work in the area of violence against women. She is committed to issues of social justice in a broad swath of areas, working for rights of day laborers and to implement a public sociology committed to social justice on and off campus. She is one of those remarkable scholars able to balance an enormous number of roles within and outside of the university, including Chair of the Department of Sociology, the Director of Women’s Studies, Special Advisor to the Provost for Diversity Initiatives, the Vice President, Research of the International Sociological Association (2010-2014), and the American Sociological Association Representative to the International Sociological Association for 2010-2014. Yet, despite all of these responsibilities, says one her nominators, she always makes time to mentor students, colleagues, or community members who need her assistance. She seamlessly weaves her community activism with her sociology and acts as a role model for how to transcend the dichotomy between scholarship and activism. The SWS Awards Committee is honored to recognize her life-long commitment to social justice with the 2014 Feminist Activism Award.
The 2013 Feminist Mentor Award winner is Christine Williams, of the University of Texas. As her nominators suggest, Christine’s feminist guidance can be described as “joyful brilliance” and “empowering.” Christine’s feminist mentoring includes: her feedback and engagement with their research; her support for their development as independent and critical thinkers; her support for their professionalization -- including research, teaching, and jobs; and the confidence that she instills in those around her. She gives generously of her time. She maintains strong relationships with mentees over their career. She serves as a catalyst for feminist community that feels like “family” to its members. Her nominators characterize her as an institution builder for feminist scholarship in the discipline, someone who devotes time and energy to building the careers of feminists, including those who have never worked in the same institution. She is also politically engaged, working as a feminist activist. She successfully encourages those around her to engage politically to make the world a better place. Her nominators characterize her as enormously supportive and encouraging, while also being challenging; one notes that Williams made “my intellectual work more feminist and my feminism more sociological.” Many of her nominators note that they, themselves, emulate her constantly, working to mentor students and peers as a way of honoring the remarkable, amazing mentorship she has provided to them.
... and, the SWS Minority Fellowship Program winners

2013 SWS MFP Winner - Elena Shih

Elena Shih is a PhD Candidate in the Department of Sociology at UCLA, where her dissertation, “Freedom Markets: Moral and Political Economies of Human Trafficking in China, Thailand and the U.S.,” explores efforts to combat human trafficking in Beijing, Bangkok and Los Angeles. A multisited and comparative ethnography based on 40 months of fieldwork with faith-based and secular social movement organizations, her dissertation explores the mobilization of rights and morality in between the state and the market in the contemporary movement against human trafficking. Despite obvious differences across political economic regimes and ideological orientations of anti-trafficking movement organizations, this dissertation argues that contemporary anti-trafficking efforts reproduce women’s global subordination at both the discursive and labor process levels. This research is pivotal for understanding how transnational social movements are successful according to their stated objectives and for people they intend to serve.

2013 SWS MFP Winner - Stacy Torres

Stacy is a doctoral candidate at New York University, where her current work focuses on social ties among older adults aging in place. She earned her BA in comparative literature from Fordham University and MFA in nonfiction from Columbia University. Her research and teaching interests include gender, health, the family, urban communities, aging and the life course, and qualitative research methods. Stacy’s dissertation examines urban belonging among older adults—most of whom are women—living in a gentrified New York City neighborhood. She has spent the past four years conducting a multi-sited ethnographic study following participants as they have coped with the closing of neighborhood establishments, the loss of neighbors, friends, and family, health setbacks, financial struggles, and other everyday challenges. She also examines how intersectional analyses of gender can include dimensions such as age. Her work has received awards from the ASA sections on Aging and the Life Course and Community and Urban Sociology, and her writing has appeared in Slate, Reuters, and The New York Times, among other publications.

Congratulations to all these outstanding award winners!
Session summaries from the summer meeting in New York. We know that everyone couldn’t make it to the Big Apple and in some cases we couldn’t all fit into the rooms, so we just wanted to share some of the highlights from our discussions.

“Scholar Meets Activist: Engaging in a More Public Sociology”
by Kylie Parrotta, Delaware State University

The last session of the Sociologists for Women in Society summer meeting was a special one. The session was organized by the membership committee and the social action committee, and was coordinated by Tiffany Taylor, Kylie Parrotta and Sancha Medwinter. Sancha, a graduate student at Duke University, reached out to activists in the New York City area to share their wisdom with us. During the session, Michael Taylor the CEO and founder of We Care New York, Inc., Karyne Tinord the CEO and founder of Yadestiny Treasure Chest, Salvatore Lopizzo the CEO and founder of You Are Never Alone, and Lisa Orloff the founder of World Cares Center spoke to a room of academics about their work and how we could contribute.

Michael Taylor spoke to us first about his organization We Care New York (WCNY), an organization that was founded to help people with post-Hurricane Sandy relief efforts. Following Hurricane Sandy, WCNY worked to distribute resources such as food and social support, and to assist community residents with finding temporary housing and mold removal in homes damaged by the storm. Additionally, he organized community fairs to survey community residents about their needs, to establish connections between residents and organizations offering assistance, and to give families and children a place to come together to play games. Michael shared with us the lingering problems faced by residents, especially for the elderly and disabled.

Yadestiny Treasure Chest (YTC), run by Karyne Tinord, is a non-profit focused on children. Karyne’s organization, which has been in operation since 2010, is geared towards providing new and used clothing to children in need. She is currently working to change perception of hand-me-downs, by refurbishing donated items into a more sustainable “turn-around” alternative. YTC has two programs, YTC Entertainment and Fit for Fashion, which both partner with community members to improve the lives of children. YTC Entertainment gives children an opportunity to work with various members of the entertainment industry to hone their skills in singing, acting, and photography. Through Fit for Fashion, families learn about nutrition, fitness, and crafting from community members.

Sal Lopizzo shared with us his efforts to help persons in his community with limited resources who were especially vulnerable after the disaster, through his organization You Are Never Alone. Through YANA, Sal works with low-income men, women and new immigrants to navigate disaster relief bureaucracy and helps young men and women to obtain more sustainable employment by encouraging them to become business owners and job creators in their own communities by providing training to obtain certifications including contractor licenses. He is working to bring green, sustainable business opportunities to his community.

The final speaker, Lisa Orloff founded her organization, World Cares Center (WCC), in response to the spontaneous volunteer efforts that took place on September 11, 2001. WCC builds connections between grassroots efforts and official emergency managers and corporations working on disaster relief efforts. WCC has responded to Hurricanes Katrina, Irene, and Sandy and the Haitian Earthquake. Her organization offers pre-disaster training to help community members prepare to respond to disasters.

Following the presentations, each organizational representative offered ideas of how academics could get involved with helping their organizations and non-profits in our own local communities. All of the speakers encouraged us to lend our methodological skills by specially reaching out to organizations to help them design surveys, analyze data, improve their grant-writing and web presence. We discussed getting our students involved through service learning, volunteering, organizing collections (i.e., food and clothing), and working at call centers.

We will be sending videos from the session out the membership soon, but in the meantime, we are providing links to their sites below and encourage interested members to contact these organizations directly, state your affiliation with SWS and work with them in some way. We look forward to hearing about these service partnerships!

We Care New York, Inc.: http://www.wecarenewyork.org/
Yadestiny Treasure Chest: http://yadestinitytreasurechest.org/
You Are Never Alone: https://www.facebook.com/YANA113
World Cares Center: http://www.worldcares.org/
“Reproductive Justice: An Intergenerational Panel of History and the Future”
By Kimberly Tauches, Skidmore College

Organized by Zakiya Luna, this panel on reproductive justice was convened at the SWS meeting in New York City. Panelists from different generations, Dorothy Roberts, Kristin Luker, Jeanne Flavin, Zakiya Luna, and Stephanie Alvarado, provided an enlightening discussion of the past, present, and future of reproductive justice, both within academia and beyond its borders.

Common themes throughout the course of the discussion included a history of the concept of reproductive justice, ways in which to bridge the gap between academia and activists working on these issues, and the need to understand the past to help determine the issues we might need to address in the future. Dorothy Roberts discussed the adoption of the term reproductive justice by a wide number of groups, and the need to maintain a clear understanding of the meaning of this concept in the lives of individuals. Kristin Luker provided a historical understanding of those who have been concerned with women’s sexuality and the issue of power, and expressed a need to explore our taken for granted assumptions to consider “what we are missing in the tides of our current society.” Jeanne Flavin offered insight on the relationship between academia and activism, particularly ways in which academics might “lean in” to understand when to offer services to grassroots organizations and NGO’s, and also “lean back” by listening to critiques about the privileges we perpetuate. Zakiya Luna called for accountability in the use of the reproductive justice framework, with an attendant understanding of what reproductive justice is and how the term should be used. Stephanie Alvarado provided insight into the importance of reproductive justice in terms of activism and the communities, such as the LGBTQ community and the Latina community, who might be served by considering the broader understanding the term implies.

This intergenerational discussion brought together a variety of scholars who have been committed to engaging with the reproductive justice framework and have helped us understand the necessity of maintaining and building coalitions across a variety of major concerns in very different communities. The reach of our understanding of reproductive justice is far and wide, and it has become clear that we must continuously think about and clarify the meaning of reproductive justice, consider the communities that we can serve through this framework, and be attendant to those who we might be missing according to our current understandings.
At the Summer Meetings, Tiffany Taylor and I had a chance to sit down and talk a bit about options for member communication in SWS. We reviewed the main points of the previous listserv discussion on expanding SWS communication beyond email, and focused on developing a Message Board and a Wiki. We agreed that both will provide unique and necessary modes of communication for members. Thanks to the website update that is underway, we are able to implement both new technologies easily.

A Message Board will provide members with a space that, unlike the current listserv, can be organized around specific interests. In this way, the Message Board will function as a space for “communities of practice” where members who study and teach similar subjects will be able to have conversations and network with one another. The Message Board will be accessible through the website only to registered members. We will organize the discussion space around broad research and teaching interests, adding to those as necessary.

A Wiki will provide a way to save the information shared on the listserv (e.g. reading lists for classes, documentary recommendations, professional development advice) in a way that is organized and easily retrievable for members. A Wiki, for those not familiar with the technology, is a website that anyone can edit and add to. Wikipedia is the most well-known example of a Wiki, as anyone is able to click on the “edit” button and make changes to an entry in Wikipedia. Like Wikipedia, information on the Wiki can be organized by subject and is fully searchable. The SWS Wiki will be available through our website for members only. Any member will be able to edit and save resources to the Wiki. Ideally when a member calls for information on the listserv, they will be able to save the responses they receive on the Wiki, in addition to emailing the responses membership. In this way, the Wiki can grow to be a useful database of collective SWS wisdom.

We are excited that the upcoming website upgrade makes both of these great ideas possible! Please feel free to contact to Wendy Christensen (christensenw@wpunj.edu) or Tiffany Taylor (ttaylo36@kent.edu) if you have any questions or ideas.
Going Up!

By Sarah Sobieraj

At the summer meetings, the Career Development Committee introduced a new session intended to help members preparing to go up for tenure and promotion to Associate Professor as well as those going up for Full Professor. This session featured four panelists: Manisha Desai, Laura Kramer, Tracy Ore, and Laura West Steck. In addition to having gone through the tenure and promotion process themselves, the speakers brought a wealth of relevant experience ranging from service on tenure and promotion committees, reviewing for NSF, serving as department chair, and working as upper level administrators. There were roughly a dozen attendees, the majority of most of whom were thinking about tenure.

The session was primarily question and answer driven. Attendee questions ranged from how to go about suggesting external reviewers, how to best frame service work, how to broach going up early, and to how to handle anti-feminist criticism.

Here are a few of the tips that came out of the session:

Know your university! It is very important to ask as many people as possible about how you will be evaluated. Even if standards are vague, listen to what they tell you. If you hear that research is the most important criterion, it will be. Remember also that expectations vary tremendously across departments. This is true for those applying for Full as well. Ask those in the know exactly what is expected for promotion to Full. What does a “sure thing” application look like? What does a borderline application look like? What kind of applicants struggle?

When thinking about letter writers, you want to select people who are going to appreciate your work, but when thinking about who to write down in this universe of people it is important to be savvy. Panelists recommended asking confidants and mentors about the reputation various people have as letter writers: Are they critical in their evaluations? Are they generous? Panelists also stressed the importance of being known in your subfields. Even though it can be uncomfortable at first, section receptions, business meetings, and mini-conferences give an opportunity to for potential reviewers to put a name with a face, which both increases their willingness to say yes when asked and makes them somewhat more inclined to be positive. Toward this end it is also a good strategy to ask people about their work via email and to cite them!

In terms of service. Avoid time-consuming service commitments! Be strategic about the service that you agree to do. On campus, try to choose things that will not be overly taxing and will give you an opportunity to build relationships with key people at your university. In term of service to the discipline, try to choose involvements that will help you get to know people who may ultimately end up reviewing your file (e.g., maybe serving on an award committee, or organizing a session for ASA). When writing about your service, one panelist suggested linking your service to your own work, such that it is an extension of your research and teaching agenda.

In terms of criticism. If there is a voice at your university saying you are man-hating or racist against white people or some such by virtue of their own discomfort with social inequality and those who point it out, panelists suggest ignoring it. There will always be people who are upset by critical sociology, and their minds are not easily changed. Focus your energy elsewhere. One panelist mentioned that she highlighted this brand of negative commentary when it appeared in her (otherwise strong) teaching evaluations as evidence that she was pushing people outside of their comfort zone.

Those thinking about Full should seek out mentors at their institutions, as it is easy to get lost post-tenure. People assume you are fine, but you still need guidance. Ask for it!

Fifteen minutes at the end of the session were reserved so that attendees could talk with panelists one on one. Overall, the session went well, but CDC welcomes feedback from SW/Sers about how better to support members at this career stage. Please send your thoughts to the chair at sarah.sobieraj@tufts.edu. Thank you very much to the SW/Sers who volunteered their time!
SWS Global Feminist Partners: Strategies and Challenges in Transnational Feminist Exchanges

The International Committee has been developing the SWS Global Feminist Partnership Program for a number of years, and the SWS invited two Global Feminist Partners from Italy and China to a session at the 2012 SWS meeting in New York City, entitled “SWS Global Feminist Partners: Strategies and Challenges in Transnational Feminist Exchanges.” (Also see the IC report.) The following comments are from Dr. Barbara Poggio, Assistant Professor in Department of Sociology and Social Research, and Coordinator of the Center of Interdisciplinary Gender Studies (of which she was co-founder) at the University of Trento, Italy, which she delivered at the session.

Italian Feminism: A Complex Story
Barbara Poggio
University of Trento, Italy

It is a great pleasure and an emotional experience for me to participate to the SWS summer meeting. Thank you for the invitation and opportunity it offers for our center to dialogue with your organization and members on this special occasion. I especially thank Pat Martin and Barbara Risman for the friendly attention they have given us in recent years, including their contributions to some events we organized such as conferences and doctoral schools. As I stress in my comments, such experiences are critical aspects of transnational feminist exchanges.

In this essay, I briefly describe the cultural context where I work—the Italian one—from the point of view of feminist debates and gender studies, with a focus on the academic system.

Then I say a few words about our center, its primary activities, and some of the issues we are currently working on. Finally I respond to your request to suggest possible strategies and challenges for future transnational feminist exchanges.

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It is difficult to present a unitary picture of the development of Italian feminism, because it is a very complex and multifaceted story. Therefore I just mention some points that can help to frame the context. If we want to identify a starting point of the Italian feminist movement (I refer only to the second wave), we can do it from the mid-'60s, when the first women’s groups and collectives were born. In this phase, there was a strong influence of the American new feminism (for example of Betty Friedan’s book) but also of European theorists such as Simone De Beauvoir. It is useful to point out, however, that from the beginning, Italian feminism was characterized by a fragmentation that has remained a constant feature.

Although some feminist groups had been founded before, the real start of the feminist movement as a mass phenomenon is linked with the student movement of the 1960s and later. That movement became for many women a space for reflection on the power relations between sexes. In particular, we can say that the Italian feminist movement was born in some ways in reaction to the student movement. That is, women came to see that even within this antagonistic context—protesting against the establishment’s power structures—patriarchal dynamics characteristic of the wider society were reproduced, not resisted.
A major contribution to this dynamic came from the newly established Faculty of Sociology of Trento, the very first sociology department in Italy, which at the time was very young and very active in protests. There, as in other universities, women activists of the student movement were disappointed by the lack of consideration by their male revolutionary comrades who attributed to them only minor administrative tasks; a famous expression for referring to women in that period in Trento was: the “angels of cyclostyle” (“angels of the copier”). So the women decided to separate from the student movement and formed autonomous groups and collectives. In Trento, the most widely known was called “the broken circle”.

In the collectives, reflections focused mainly on the body and sexuality. They emphasized the importance of "starting from oneself" for taking political action, practicing self-consciousness, and claiming the importance of female subjectivity. They talked about the asymmetry in family and couple relationships and vindicated maternity as a choice. They also promoted the possibility of abortion, which at the time was illegal. This experience affected Italian society in profound ways as women burst into public life, gave life to theater groups, publishing houses, radio stations, and also founded self-managed clinics and invented new forms of female sociality.

However, the years of maximum activity and visibility—between 1974 and 1977—also saw the development of the first crisis. Internal differences emerged more and more and the difficulties of "sisterhood" as grounding for women’s relationships and actions became more evident. Fragmentation and distinctions become stronger. In this period, some important developments included the founding of the Milan Women’s Bookstore Collective, from which the theory of sexual difference quickly spread, thanks largely to the publication in Italy of the texts of the Belgian philosopher and psychoanalyst Luce Irigaray. Irigaray’s work on deconstructing Freudian discourse on female sexuality, overcoming the category of oppression, developing the concept of "otherness," and denouncing the universality of the male subject and its language became very influential.

Sexual difference discourse received a remarkable amount of attention from Italian feminists and, from the 1980s onward, became the dominant perspective, hand in hand with the weakening of participation in the movement in society. This development represented in some ways a withdrawal from the rough and tumble protests in social and political arenas.

Then, thanks to earlier battles, these years also saw new woman-positive laws passed on women's rights, family, motherhood and work, divorce, and abortion. Furthermore, the issue of equality formally entered into institutions and organizations, for example, by the constitution of “equal opportunities committees.” The mainstreaming of feminist discourse in Italy concentrated on the so called “place of women”, was developed in small groups, emphasized aspects of self-experience, and criticized being oriented to institutionalization and normative codification.

As a result, a certain schizophrenia developed between the priority of strong local roots and attention to the international arena. In most cases, due to a self-protection instinct and defense of their efforts, small feminist groups failed to communicate effectively with the new generation of feminists. In fact, often they excluded or relegated them to the role of "young," eternally positioning them as learners rather than sources of knowledge or wisdom.

The younger generation’s rejection of feminism is reinforced by the emergence in Italy of a cultural model promoted by a political system that was created by Silvio Berlusconi and is based on media-consumption. This culture has strong consequences from a gendered point of view. In this period, feminism acquired negative connotations, was caricatured by popular discourse, and popular stereotypes were widely accepted by younger generations. In fact, younger generations of women seemed mostly indifferent to feminism, viewing it as a historic relic with little relevance for the present. Only in the last few years, in reaction to the excesses and degenerations of that system, have collective initiatives emerged to re-initiate feminist struggle. Still, even the new feminist movement is rife with ambivalence. At bottom, the new resistance narrative is censorious and moralistic implying that “Berlusconi” women are bad in allowing themselves to be sexualized while women who refuse this
option are “superior.” It expresses disdain for some women, admiration for others, criticizing (some) women, not society. It fails to challenge a society and a culture that represent women as either decorative sexual objects or virtuous madonnas and mothers. It fails, in short, to offer a feminist critique about the social construction of gender in society and the harm dominant practices and beliefs do to most women and girls.

The issue of media representation of the female body is a primary topic in contemporary Italian feminist debates. In that regard, a recent online documentary by a woman producer, Lorella Zanardo, on this issue gained extensive attention and stimulated public debate. Other relevant issues today are femicide which has received considerable attention, sparked by the alarming data reported by the mass media, and female work conditions, in particular, related to the current economic crisis. Intersectionality, bio-politics and queer theory are also themes in academic debates and discussions among young feminist groups.

**Feminism and gender studies in Italian universities**

I now focus on gender in the university system, a situation that is not very encouraging. Italy has 57 public universities but only 16 (28%) have at least one course in gender studies. The troubled story of women and gender studies in Italian academic system is due to three main influences.

First, strong cultural resistance to gender issues in Italian society, not only in the past, but at present, comes from the Vatican and other social and political groups that fear that the gender approach challenges the traditional “family”—viewed as central to Italian culture and social life. The symbolic gender order on which this concept is based specifies distinctive and complementary roles for men and women. Any challenge to this model is viewed as a threat to the social order. One result of this situation is a negative taint attached to discussions of gender both outside and within academia.

It is well known in Italian academia that participation in gender studies can harm a person’s career prospects. In this regard, I have a personal example. About 20 years ago, at the beginning of my Ph.D. experience, when asked about the field of study I was most interested in, my advisors urged me to reply that I was interested in gender but that it was not my primary research interest. Saying it was primary would have been seen as self-referential and/or a form of militancy more than reflecting a genuine intellectual or scientific choice. Being perceived as primarily interested in gender would have harmed my career prospects, I was told. Since then, things have changed somewhat but the situation is not completely different. In some sociology doctoral programs today, gender studies are still not treated as a legitimate field of research for Ph. D. students.

Second, choices made by Italian feminists to remain outside of institutional settings had a lasting impact. As I said earlier, the theory of essential differences between women and men was (and is) widely influential in Italy. As a result, unlike what occurred in many other nations, Italian feminists opted early on to remain outside of institutional settings, including the academy. As a result, women’s and gender studies departments were never established and, now that the women’s movement is less visible and active, founding them is quite difficult.

Third, a particularly robust obstacle to women’s/gender studies in Italy is the rigidity of the Italian university system. This system’s rigidity makes it next to impossible to introduce new courses and/or disciplines that were not already included in the national regulation. Thematic areas such as gender studies (sexuality studies, etc.) are not recognized as real scientific domains. One consequence of this situation is that gender studies has an uphill struggle to become an institutionalized part of the university system. Even when it is accepted—in a total of only 16 among 57 universities—those institutions that accept it still provide limited resources to the program. As a result, most of the 16 have only a few courses and faculty positions devoted to gender studies.

Gender scholars hoped for years that gender issues and perspectives would be taught in existing courses in accord with other topics and analyses, thus obviating the need for separate courses on gender. Yet this rarely occurred. Since specialist gender courses were also rare, many feminist/gender scholars taught about gender in cours-
es focused on other topics in an almost clandestine manner. They addressed gender that way because it was the only way they could teach it.

Despite such difficulties, interest in gender studies recently increased in Italian universities and research institutions. Some doctoral and post-graduate courses on gender studies have been established although their situation is precarious due to global and national financial difficulties. Still, several new centers that focus on gender research have been founded. Italy currently has 15. An additional indicator of positive change is reflected in the fact that the Italian Sociological Association, in 2012, established a section of gender studies. However, this action was not universally approved; in fact, some well-known Italian gender scholars criticized it, failed to express approval of it, and/or remained aloof from it altogether. Opposed. Such conflicts reflect the complexities surrounding gender studies in the Italian academy.

Our Trento Center of Interdisciplinary Gender Studies is one of the 15 relatively new Italian research centers. Established in 2007, it has established a tradition already in gender studies at the international level, in particular with regard to work and organizational issues as well as family and welfare issues. Our primary goal is to create a multidisciplinary laboratory in which interaction between the university and society can become a stimulus for reflection, debate and social change.

The Trento center engages in three primary activities:

*Teaching and training.* We organize several programs and courses annually aimed at students and professionals. We offer graduate courses and doctoral schools (the latter of which are a mini-conference where experts teach workshops to Ph. D. Students from across Europe).

*Conferences and seminars.* We promote debate and discussion on gender issues at local, national and international levels by organizing seminars, meeting and conferences on such topics as education, violence, sexism in language, fatherhood, homophobia, precariousness and so on.

*Research and experimentation.* Research by our Center is in many cases carried out in partnership with other organizations--at international, national and local levels--and in accord with action research aimed at social change. We have worked on issues ranging from gender vertical segregation to gender differences in school, work-life balance in organizations, and gender and science. We shall soon start a European Union funded project on the early stages of academic and scientific career, particularly among women. Our goal is to identify and implement plausible solutions for European Universities and research centers to use to combat gender stereotypes and asymmetries. A grant of more than two million Euros was awarded to the Trento Center to coordinate gender scholars in seven nations—Austria, Belgium, Iceland, Italy, Slovenia, Switzerland, and The Netherlands. Our task is to study the issue of precarious/part-time/contingency employment by women academics. For such a project, we shall receive no funds from our university (routinely we have to apply for and hope to obtain external funds for our projects). Our Center’s funding sources for doing gender-related research are typically from the European Union or other public institutions and private organizations.

**Possible strategies for enhancing transnational feminism**

The last point I promised to address concerns strategies for improving transnational feminism. I have thought a great deal about this request and talked about it with colleagues. Collectively, we identified several strategies that I offer for your attention.

Sponsoring feminist scholars from abroad to visit a US institution for a period of three to six months with the possibility to attend to a SWS meeting where she can present (as I did today) research and talk about the situation in her home country. She/he could also speak at other institutions if her/his travel expenses were paid by the host.

Sponsoring travel by U. S. SWS members to other countries in order to create and consolidate
relationships between different feminist and gender studies centers and organizations. Visits by outstanding gender scholars to our university and the future possibility of involving people like them in a summer school for PhD students or other similar events sponsored by our Center is very important for us. Yet our funds for such efforts are limited.

Promoting scholarships for young researchers who are in unstable positions, making it possible to cover the costs of travel and subsistence and requiring in exchange their involvement in particular research activities. They can also present seminars and/or workshops on their research work.

Promoting exchanges of various types between new(er) doctoral students and fellows interested in carrying out studies of gender issues.

Supporting activities and initiatives by feminist scholars in other countries by offering remote scientific supervision and facilitating the possibility of disseminating their work, e.g., by helping them publish in international journals. As I have said, in countries such as Italy, gender studies is not treated as prestigious or important work. Yet, awards and publications and participation in international networks are viewed as important. Thus, support through mentoring, co-authoring, co-investigation/collaboration, and other similar activities can contribute importantly to the development of Italian (and other non-US) feminist and gender scholars.

These are a few ideas that may facilitate effective exchanges between gender scholars in different countries and support women and gender studies in local contexts where their presence and impact are limited. I hope they are useful for your reflections within SWS. I also hope they provide encouragement for collaborations across nations and cultures, e.g., with centers like ours which does women’s/gender studies in a context that is not friendly towards these issues.

Thank you for your attention. And thank you, again, for bringing me as a representative of the Trento Center of Interdisciplinary Gender Studies to New York for the 2013 meetings. I invite you to Trento and look forward to seeing and hearing from you in the future.

“Negotiating our Feminist Visions in Academia Today”

By Abby Ferber, session organizer

Panelists for this session included Manisha Desai, Associate Professor of Sociology and Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies; University of Connecticut; Judith A. Howard, Divisional Dean of Social Sciences; College of Arts & Sciences, University of Washington; Mary J. Osirim, Interim Provost and Professor of Sociology; Bryn Mawr College, and Bandana Purkayastha, Professor & Head, Sociology, University of Connecticut.

In this session, I asked panelists to consider some of the complex and often heart-wrenching conflicts we face as feminist academic administrators, and to think about the following questions, such as: As we move into roles as mentors, chairs, deans, and other leadership positions, what problems and conflicts do we confront that specifically challenge our feminist instincts to support our colleagues? How do we balance support for colleagues we care about when it conflicts with our University’s professional values or standards? How do we strike the right tone in mentoring our junior colleagues to succeed in a hierarchical institutional culture? How do we support each other when we really can’t know what support means in every context (such as when we serve as external reviewers)? Is it possible our feminist instincts to support other women may at times be harmful (and to whom?) How do we balance our personal and professional relationships with other women, when they may conflict? How does race, sexuality, nationality and other intersecting identities shape our own positions and our relationships in the academy? How can we support each other and better care for ourselves?
We agreed that there are no simple answers to these questions, but that we can learn from and support each other. Some of the specific insights included:

**Operating from a Position of Both Power and Marginality:**

Manisha highlighted that in the academy we are institutionalized now, and are frequently in positions of power. Yet our mindset often operates from a position of assumed marginality. “We face contradictions in our ability to act from a position of power as well as marginality. We are good at theorizing this but not at enacting it and we need to be clear about how we can act from a position of power and authority that is still consistent with our values as feminists.” The political project of solidarity does not translate simply into supporting individual women. Mary emphasized that women of color are often pigeon-holed, and expected to raise issues of race and gender, which they can also face consequences for, and must act strategically.

**Considering the Institutional Context:**

Higher education, as an institution, comes with many constraints, as well as the need for consistency and systematic treatment to ensure fairness. At the same time, however, justice sometimes requires exceptions, which may or may not be possible. It can be a struggle to balancing these positions.

_School contexts matter:_ Mary works at a very small school, where the dynamics are different, and institutional history, location, sources of funding, etc. all matter.

_Budget Contexts matter:_ dwindling financial resources, and state budget cuts have made the need for seeking funding central to the institution. As much as we may wish to ignore this, we cannot.

_Supporting and mentoring faculty:_ We work in a hierarchical institutional culture and we have to be clear about expectations. We do not benefit junior faculty in acting otherwise. Even as we can work from within our institutions and in our positions to try to influence things like promotion criteria, we must be honest and clear about what those criteria are.

Judy argued that we should be raising these issues with graduate students, and “be clear about what the expectations are in different types of institutions and different types of careers. If someone wants to teach and is not excited about research, we need to guide them appropriately.” We can also provide relevant insight and resources along the way, such as workshops, feedback, etc. Manisha emphasized that we can see administrative positions as “enabling opportunities for people.”

Judy warned that at times we may feel a “conflict between wanting to support people in their own value-based investments,” or our own desire to have people fill an important service role, and being clear about what promotion criteria are, and where people need to invest their time in order to advance.”

**Gaining New Perspectives**

Moving into administrative roles opens up new ways of looking at issues, and new priorities that we must balance. We are obligated to take a broader view. At times that can end up distancing us from people. Faculty will judge administrators without knowing the full picture. There are also occasions when details or other perspectives cannot be shared with other faculty. We are often involved in situations that must remain confidential, for either personal or legal reasons. “Most of these are high stakes, difficult issues, and one would dearly love to find a safe space in which to discuss them. But one cannot. It just goes with the territory.” (Judy).

At the same time, we can bring new perspectives into the picture. Mary emphasized that we can use the university’s own lingo - such as “where are the measurable outcomes?” and hold institutions more accountable to the values they say they value, such as diversity and inclusion.

**Advice and Next Steps:**

Seek allies at other institutions

Never to get too comfortable in one’s administrative posts – always to try to look at things from multiple perspectives.

Use SWS as a venue for continuing to address these issues? Ideas included a possible mentoring committee in SWS, as well as more regular sessions on this subject, including learning from best practices.
Fact Sheet: Gender, Sexualities, & Human Rights in the context of the UN
Daniela Jauk, Ph.D. (The University of Akron), September 7, 2013

This fact sheet outlines the main mechanisms used to protect gender and sexualities in the context of human rights and in the framework of the United Nations (UN). I first give a brief overview of gender equality structures and processes pertaining to sex and gender, and then discuss recent developments in regard to gender identity and sexualities. A brief discussion of Sociologists for Women in Society’s (SWS) work at the UN serves as segue to related teaching and community resources.

1. Gender Equality Structures and Processes within the UN System

UN efforts for gender equality have occurred in five different phases (United Nations and Boutros-Ghali 1996): (1) 1945-62 legal foundations, (2) 1963-75 women in development, (3) 1976-85 the decade for women, (4) 1986-96 equality, development, and peace, and (5) 1996-2006 women post-conflict. I add a sixth phase “Accounting for intersectionality” for its recent history. Each phase represents important milestones in shaping gender policy recommendations and obligations for its member states (see Figure 1).

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Figure 1. UN Timetable (organized by author, based on United Nations and Boutros-Ghali 1996)

1 As a caveat it must be noted that the UN was founded within a discourse of racialized masculinity that is reproduced in its contemporary structures and processes (Falcon 2012, Collins et al. 2010, Patil 2009). Also, it is important to acknowledge that the human rights enterprise is not necessarily defined through the state centered UN discourse (Armaline and Glasberg 2009), means being also critical of US’s human rights record (Armaline, Glasberg and Purkayastha 2011), and takes as well place beyond UN structures (Karides, Smith and Becker 2008).
1.1. The Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)

The Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) is the UN’s principal global policy-making body dedicated exclusively to gender equality and the advancement of women. It was established after the founding of the UN in 1946 due to the activism of women advocates who also ensured that the principles of non-discrimination based on sex were inscribed in Article 1 of UN’s founding charter (United Nations 1945). The commission has 45 elected members, and all 193 UN member states can vote in the annual meetings that take place at the UN Headquarters in New York City. The main outcome of the meetings is the "Agreed Conclusions,” a set of policy recommendations on how to advance gender equality in regard to an annual priority theme. They are considered binding policy guidelines for all member states but lack mechanisms of enforcement (Gaer 2009).

1.2. Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)

The UN Decade for Women (1976 to 1985) resulted in better data about gender inequality. One result of this crucial period was the adoption of the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) which is often referred to as an international bill of rights for women. Consisting of a preamble and 30 articles, it defines what constitutes discrimination against women and sets up an agenda for national action to end such discrimination. Currently 187 states have ratified the CEDAW process, the United States is the only Western country that has not ratified CEDAW to date (Blanchfield 2010). In 2000, an Optional Protocol established a communication procedure that allows women to submit claims of violations of rights protected under CEDAW. The Protocol also created a procedure enabling the Committee to initiate inquiries into grave or systematic violations of women’s rights.

1.3 Beijing Platform of Action (BPFA)

While the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action (25 June 1993) is vividly remembered by people involved as birthplace of the slogan “women’s rights are human rights,” the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing (4–15 September 1995) marked crucial breakthroughs, including the adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (BPFA). This declaration defined twelve critical areas of concern to equality for women and outlined programs of action for each of those to be implemented by state parties (United Nations 1995). The Women’s World Conferences “cemented women’s agency in the global era” (Desai 2002: 31) and provided space for transnational solidarities (Jain 2005) but they also reproduced inequalities between women from the North and South (Naples 2002), between those inside and outside neo-liberal institutional funding circuits (Merry 2006), and they evoked struggles over definitions and emphases in gender and human rights discourse (Erturk and Purkayastha 2012, Patil 2011, Ferree and Tripp 2006).

1.4. The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women)

In 2010, the United Nations structurally reorganized by merging four parts of the UN system focused exclusively on gender equality and women’s empowerment into one entity called United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women). It has the broad mandate to oversee political, civil, economic, and social human rights and link efforts towards gender equality within the UN system. A step towards better internal information had already been the establishment of the annual reports to the CSW of the Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women (Erturk and Purkayastha 2012). On January 1, 2011 UN Women became fully operational, and Michelle Bachelet served as its head from 2011 to 2013. In July 2013 Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, a former South African deputy president, was appointed as its new leader.

2. Human Rights for LGBTQIA populations?

Even though violations of human rights on the grounds of sexuality and gender identity have been carefully avoided in the BPFA (Baden and Goetz 1997) and silenced in the CSW so far (Bedford 2010), they have been addressed in CEDAW and other sectors of the UN-system by an increasingly influential and sophisticated network of global human rights LGBTQIA activists.

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2 For a brief history of international activism see Kollman & Waites (2009) and O'Flaherty & Fisher (2008).
4.1. Yogyakarta Principles

An impressive group of experts – lawyers and scholars, domestic activists and international professionals, UN-affiliates and NGO leaders – gathered in Yogyakarta, Indonesia in November 2006 to evaluate how existing human rights regulations related to sexual orientation and gender identity. The outcome document, the Yogyakarta Principles (International Commission of Jurists 2007), is a compilation of 29 principles reflecting current international law. The Yogyakarta Principles are the most important document for international LGBTQIA activists. Their implementation into national law is tracked on the website www.ypinaction.org and in a recent report on the global impact of the Principles (Ettelbrick and Zeran 2010).

4.2. CEDAW Recommendation 28

As mentioned above, the CEDAW committee evaluates country reports and gives specific suggestions to the state parties. NGOs submit "shadow reports" to complement official reporting. Spurred by recent research and shadow reports by LGBTQIA activists, the CEDAW committee adopted General Recommendation 28 in 2010, specifically addressing intersectionality and thus issues of sexual orientation and gender identity. It states that "the discrimination of women based on sex and gender is inextricably linked with other factors that affect women, such as race, ethnicity, religion or belief, health, status, age, class, caste, and sexual orientation and gender identity" (Paragraph 18, CEDAW/C/2010/47/GC.2).

4.3. Human Rights Council (HRC)

In 2011, the Human Rights Council (HRC) in the UN passed the first ever UN-resolution on the human rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered persons (A/HRC/17/L.9/Rev.1. 2011). The HRC is an inter-governmental body, made up of 47 United Nations member states. Based on this resolution, the HRC published its first report on "Discriminatory laws and practices and acts of violence against individuals based on their sexual orientation and gender identity" (A/HRC/19/41 2011). The report addressed multiple forms of interpersonal and structural violence on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity in all world regions. Moreover, the UN Human Rights Commissioner recently released a publication that makes the same argument as the Yogyakarta Principles: LGBTQIA populations are in fact protected under current human rights law; member states should accordingly protect people from transphobic and homophobic violence and prohibit discrimination (OHCHR 2012). Most recently, the UN Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment has for the first time acknowledged medical mistreatment of LGBT populations such as “normalizing” surgeries of intersex infants or forced sterilizations (HRC 2013).

5. SWS’ work in the context of the United Nations

SWS is affiliated with the Department for Public Information (DPI) of the UN and since 1999, has been accredited as NGO with Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). As such, SWS has organized parallel events at CSW meetings and issued statements concerning the annual priority themes of the CSW meetings, as well as mentored students and feminist sociologists into activist work at the UN. These experiences and the written statements could be used in the classroom to highlight specific global gender issues and serve as examples for global feminist public sociology. For further information about UN work and the possibility of bringing students to the UN contact the International Committee of SWS via the SWS website.

6. Teaching Resources


For further research on the UN http://unhistoryproject.org/index.html; students could also subscribe to UN Wire a daily snapshot on UN and world-news http://www2.smartbrief.com/getLast.action?mode=last&b=un_wire

The Courage Unfolds Campaign and video highlight the issues faced by LGBT people in Asia and encourage the use of the Yogyakarta Principles as a tool to promote LGBT human rights. http://vimeo.com/22813403, (30 min)

Video on Yogyakarta Principles http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2wiyQO9pICU (10 min)

Hardcopies of the Yogyakarta Principles for the classroom as well as activist’s guides can be ordered on the website http://www.yogyakartaprinciples.org/index.html


Website of UN Women, http://www.unwomen.org/

7. Important activist and/or community organizations

ASA Human Rights Section, http://www.asanet.org/sections/humanrights.cfm

Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID) is an international, multi-generational, feminist organization committed to achieving gender equality, sustainable development and women's human rights. http://www.awid.org/

Center for Women's Global Leadership (CWGL) offers many publications and resources on global gender rights and is a spearheading NGO at the UN http://www.cwgl.rutgers.edu/http://www.cwgl.rutgers.edu/


Human Rights Watch is one of the world’s leading independent organizations dedicated to defending and protecting human rights, features LGBT section http://www.hrw.org/home

International Alliance of Women, founded 1904, is a very active international women’s NGO at the UN, http://www.womenalliance.org/


8. Some international feminist perspectives on human rights

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Hey Jane!—Advice on Honoraria

Welcome to Column 29 of Hey Jane! This is a project of the SWS Career Development Committee. Questions and answers are generated by the committee and SWS members.

The responses for this issue were compiled from SWS members: Rene Almeling, Kris DeWelde, Mary Erdmans, Myra Marx Ferree, Autumn Green, Leslie Hossfeld, Laura Kramer, Anne Lincoln, Judith Lorber, Pat Martin, Julia McQuillan, Joya Misra, Christine Morton, Adina Nack, Nancy Naples, Stephanie Nawyn, Karen Pyke and Gayle Sulik.

The Hey Jane! series editor is Andrea Miller.

Hey Jane! I’m not sure how much of an honorarium to ask for when lecturing outside of my university, especially when my host is a large corporation.

Jane Says: Remember not to undervalue or underprice your expertise. Many (most) of you may be experts in this field and have been presenting this information for several years. As experts it is fair to assume that the host values what you have to say and thus, it is acceptable to ask the host what they have offered to other guests and lecturers.

Travel time, preparation time, and time away from your own work is valuable for your host to know. It is also acceptable to put forth an rubric based on what your honorarium includes with regard to your charges.

What is a fair amount to charge for my work, expertise, and time for university and non-profit engagements?

Jane Says: After inquiring with several feminist colleagues I suggest the following rubric:

University and non-profit engagements

$150 for a two-hour small capacity engagement at a public university.

Sociology departments usually pay around $200-$300. Med schools = $500.

For non-profits/universities, I typically request $200-$500, but I’ve been paid up to $1,000 by some organizations.

$750 + airfare/meals/lodging to speak at universities.

$1,500 for private university/college.

When in doubt, the most common response is to ask for $500, which is a widely accepted honorarium at most universities.

What about corporate engagements, do I use a different pricing strategy?

Jane Says: Because years of expertise and hours of preparation most likely went into your ability to offer the talk you can consider costs ranging from $2000-$5000, especially if it is a “well funded” corporation. A little research on other speakers’ fees will help you determine your fee as well.

If you are being asked to give a workshop, asking for a higher-end honorarium makes sense. If you are more comfortable breaking down your expenses you might ask for $250 an hour or $3000 per day.

Jane still has you stumped? Don’t worry. For more insights and additional resources please peruse the following resources:


http://evanbailyn.com/keynotespeakers/the-ultimate-guide-to-keynote-speaker-fees/

Remember  SWS Committee reports are posted on-line at http://www.socwomen.org

Here are brief highlights from the committee reports:

1. SWS awards committee proposed changes to multiple awards and scholarships, such as the Chow Green Scholarship and the Feminist Mentoring award during their meeting.

2. Career Development committee would like to welcome Andrea Miller, who is taking over Hey Jane from Tina Fetner, and thank Sara Crawley, the outgoing chair, for her service.

3. International committee organized a session “SWS global feminist partners: Strategies and challenges in transnational feminist exchanges” that was very successful.

4. Membership committee had a very successful national donation drive to support women’s domestic violence shelters, and they have decided to have one each year addressing a different social problem.

5. Social action committee had many successful panels, such as Reproductive Justice: An Intergenerational Panel of the History and the Future” at their summer meeting.

6. Sister to Sister committee is awarding the Esther Chow and Maryjoyce Green Women of Color Dissertation Scholarship to Jennifer James, Ph. D. candidate at the University of California.

7. Publications Committee was successful in their main project for the Gender & Society journal, which was to create the Gender & Society blog. The blog was developed and maintained by the managing editor, Mahala Stewart.

Looking for New and Returning Members!!

Tiffany Taylor, Vice President and Membership Committee Chair

SWS is only as good as our members and we are looking for strength in numbers!! The central mission of the Membership committee is to help SWS retain and recruit members and we ask for your assistance! First, please renew and encourage others to renew. Second, please refer new members. We have made a wonderful and informative brochure about SWS that will be available on the website to print or share electronically. You can also contact the Executive Office and they will ship you copies of the brochure. Feel free to request or print the brochure and hang it on your door and share it in your department. Third, please purchase gift memberships for students and colleagues. Finally, do you know a member who has not been active or renewed in a while? Please encourage them to join again. There are many benefits to being a member of SWS. Members have access to a great number of resources. To me, at least, the greatest benefit is the support we offer one another. Look for details of this year’s referral raffle coming soon on the website and the listserv!!!
**Members’ Bookshelf**

**Sing Us a Song, Piano Woman: Female Fans and the Music of Tori Amos.**
Adrienne Trier-Bieniek; Scarecrow Press, June 2013.

“In April of 2007, when Virginia Tech became the site of the worst school shooting in U.S. history, Adrienne Trier-Bieniek was a graduate student finishing a master’s degree in the school's department of sociology. In the months that followed, Trier-Bieniek sought ways to deal with her heartache and sense of loss. As she had many times before, she turned to Tori Amos's music as a guide for healing, using the songs as channels for her grief. Amos’s style of introspective songwriting often focuses on women’s experiences. Among other themes, her songs frequently tackle encounters with grief and loss, as well as violence against women, miscarriage, the degradation of the earth and sexual liberation. Using this music to facilitate her own healing led Trier-Bieniek to consider how other women had used Tori Amos’s music as a means to heal after trauma. Knowing that many women had turned to Amos’s music after an assault, or to help them heal from things like eating disorders or the loss of a child, Trier-Bieniek began to research women’s encounters with music in general and Amos’s music in particular. This exploration led to a landslide of information regarding the ways women are represented in pop culture, particularly the gender stereotypes of female fans.

The result of this study is “Sing Us a Song, Piano Woman: Female Fans and the Music of Tori Amos.” Released on June 16, 2013, this book explores the many-layered relationships female fans build with feminist musicians in general and with Tori Amos, in particular. Using original interview research with more than forty fans of Tori Amos, multiple observations at Amos’s concerts and an analysis of Amos’s lyrics, Adrienne Trier-Bieniek employs a combination of gender, emotions, music, and activism to unravel the typecasts plaguing female fans. Trier-Bieniek aggressively challenges the popular culture stereotypes that have painted all female fans as screaming, crying teenage girls who are unable to control themselves when a favorite (generally male) performer occupies the stage. In stunning contrast, admirers of Tori Amos tend to be more reflective. Sing Us a Song, Piano Woman examines the wide range of stories, exploring how Amos’s female fans are unique because Amos places the experiences of women at the center of her songwriting and musical composition. The result? A legion of female fans whose experiences with assault, eating disorders, miscarriage and other traumas have left them hunting for music that will help them rebuild -- and in Tori Amos’s songs, they find it.

At a time when superficial women dominate public media presentations, from the Kardashians to the “Real Housewives,” the relationship between Tori Amos and her fans illustrates the continuous search by women for female performers who challenge patriarchal standards in popular culture. Trier-Bieniek’s research shows that women want to see their identity reflected in the women who dominate pop culture. Academically, “Sing Us a Song, Piano Woman” will serve as a contribution to research aimed at gender, sociology, feminist methodology, pop culture, social psychology, emotions, culture, women’s studies and health/healing.”

**Gender & Justice: Why Women in the Judiciary Really Matter.**
Sally J. Kenney; Routledge, 2012.

“Culminating more than 10 years of research and advocacy, Sally J. Kenney makes the case for more women judges in her new book, Gender and Justice: Why Women in the Judiciary Really Matter. In five jurisdictions, Kenney looks at women judges in order to understand different political processes: emotions and social movement mobilization in the state of Minnesota, policy implementation in the Carter Administration, agenda setting in the United Kingdom, representation in the European Court of Justice and backlash in California. The book explores different questions in different North American and European geographical jurisdictions and courts, demonstrating the value of a gender analysis of courts, judges, law, institutions, organizations, and, ultimately, politics. She also rebuts studies that attempt to show women decide cases differently than men and draws on the history of women’s campaigns to serve on juries to show how women can achieve full citizenship without arguing from difference.”
**Mapping the Social Landscape: Readings in Sociology.**
Susan J. Ferguson; McGraw-Hill, November 2012.

“**This best-selling anthology provides excellent coverage of key concepts in sociology** including culture, socialization, deviance, social structure, social institutions, and social inequality. Drawing from a **wide selection of classic and contemporary works**, the 58 selections represent a plurality of voices and views within sociology. Students will be introduced to **cutting edge scholarship and perspectives** through classical readings from great thinkers like C. Wright Mills, Karl Marx, Howard Becker, and Max Weber and contemporary articles on current issues like gender socialization, healthcare reform, and minorities in the power elite. By integrating issues of diversity throughout the book, **Ferguson helps students see the interrelationships between race-ethnicity, social class, and gender, as well as how these relationships have shaped the experiences of all people in society**. Each selection is preceded by a brief introduction that highlights the key sociological concepts for students consider as they read.”

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**Race, Gender, Sexuality, and Social Class: Dimensions in Inequality, edited by Susan J. Ferguson; Sage Publications, 2013.**

“**Race, Gender, Sexuality, and Social Class: Dimensions of Inequality** presents a contemporary and compelling overview of race, ethnicity, gender, and social class issues in the United States today. Taking an intersectional approach, the book is organized topically, rather than focusing on specific race/ethnic subgroups. The content is framed around the themes of identity, experiences of race, class, gender or sexuality, difference, inequality, and social change or personal empowerment, with historical context threaded throughout to deepen the reader's understanding. Ferguson has selected engaging readings and cutting-edge scholarship to challenge students' understandings of race, social class, and gender. The collection is not only refreshingly contemporary but also relevant to students’ lives.”

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**Mobilizing Piety: Islam and Feminism in Indonesia.**
Rachel Rinaldo; Oxford University Press, 2013.

“**Islam and feminism are often thought of as incompatible. Through a vivid ethnography of Muslim and secular women activists in Jakarta, Indonesia, Rachel Rinaldo shows that this is not always the case. Examining a feminist NGO, Muslim women's organizations, and a Muslim political party, Rinaldo reveals that democratization and the Islamic revival in Indonesia are shaping new forms of personal and political agency for women. These unexpected kinds of agency draw on different approaches to interpreting religious texts and facilitate different repertoires of collective action - one oriented toward rights and equality, the other toward more public moral regulation. As Islam becomes a primary source of meaning and identity in Indonesia, some women activists draw on Islam to argue for women's empowerment and equality, while others use Islam to advocate for a more Islamic nation. Mobilizing Piety demonstrates that religious and feminist agency can coexist and even overlap, often in creative ways.”**
Announcements, Celebrations, Accomplishments, and More!

Jenny Korn, with Peter Murmann and Hagen Worch, has had her paper, “How Fast Can Firms Grow?” been accepted for publication in the Journal of Economics and Statistics.

Jenny Korn has had a paper acceptance on online, gendered cyberplaces at the Organization for the Study of Communication Language and Gender (OSCLG) conference in Michigan in October, a paper acceptance on historic, gendered online communication at the Ada Lovelace conference in New Jersey in October, a paper acceptance on online self-presentation at the Association of Internet Researchers conference in Denver in October, a paper acceptance on gendered mobile phone applications at the National Communication Association (NCA) conference in Washington, DC, in November, two panel acceptances on online rhetoric and digital tools at the Rhetoric Society of America (RSA) conference in San Antonio in May and invites SWS members to contact her at JenKorn@uic.edu to meet at any of these conferences.

Amy Blackstone was on Katie Couric’s talk show, Katie, discussing research on childfree adults on Monday, Sept 16. There’s a press release with a little more info about it here: http://umaine.edu/news/blog/2013/09/11/umaine-professor-to-appear-with-couric-on-katie/.

Julie Wiest started a new job this fall as Assistant Professor of Sociology at West Chester University of Pennsylvania.

Kjerstin Gruys received several graduate student paper awards at ASA this year for an article, “Does This Make Me Look Fat?: Aesthetic Labor and Fat Talk as Emotional Labor in a Women’s Plus Size Clothing Store,” she published in Social Problems, 59(4): 481-500. See below:

- 2013 Winner, Best Graduate Student Paper, ASA Section on Consumers & Consumption
- 2013 Honorable Mention, Thompson Award for Best Graduate Student Paper, ASA Section on Organizations, Occupations & Work
- 2013 Honorable Mention, Graduate Student Best Paper Award, ASA Section on Labor & Labor Movements/Critical Sociology

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Job Ads

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**The College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters at the University of Michigan-Dearborn** is seeking candidates for a tenure track appointment as an associate or advanced assistant professor of criminal justice to begin September, 2014. Areas of expertise are open, but experience in one of the following areas is of particular interest: policy analysis, restorative justice, juvenile justice, cybercrime, and/or national security. For full consideration applicants should submit a cover letter indicating teaching and research interests, curriculum vitae, 3 letters of recommendation, official transcript, writing sample, and evidence of teaching effectiveness. Review of applications will begin NOVEMBER 4, 2013. Applications will be reviewed until the position is filled. Send all materials to: Professor Lora Bex Lempert, Chair of the Criminal Justice Search Committee, Department of Behavioral Sciences, University of Michigan-Dearborn 48128. Website: http://umjobs.org/

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**New Journal on Women, Gender, and Families of Color**

**Women, Gender, and Families of Color (WGFC)** is a new multidisciplinary journal that centers the study of Black, Latina/o, Indigenous, and Asian American women, gender, and families. Within this framework, the journal encourages theoretical and empirical research from history, the social and behavioral sciences, and humanities including comparative and transnational research, and analyses of domestic social, cultural, political, and economic policies and practices. The journal has a rolling submission policy and welcomes manuscripts and book reviews at any time. Manuscripts accepted for review receive an editorial decision within an average of 45-60 days. For more information visit the journal at [http://www.press.uillinois.edu/journals/wgfc.html](http://www.press.uillinois.edu/journals/wgfc.html).

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