



# Network news

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## NETWORK NEWS

OCTOBER 2014

As the new academic year gets underway, it's time to mark your calendars for the upcoming Winter Meeting:

### FEMINISM IN THEORY, PRACTICE, AND POLICY

**February 19 - 22, 2015**

**Washington, DC**

Our meeting theme draws on SWS's historic mission to contribute to positive change for women, both in the academy and in society. We've chosen DC to highlight our goal of melding sociological insight with real-world activism and are now hard at work developing the program. Here's an early report on how things are shaping up:

\* A lineup of plenaries that includes "Building Feminist and Women's Organizations"; "The Gender Revolution: Where are We Now?"; "Gender and Sexuality"; "Intersectionality and Feminist Theory"; and "Women, Work, and Social Policy."

\* A list of committed speakers and panelists featuring (so far) Margaret Abraham, Lynn Chancer, Phil Cohen, Patricia Hill Collins, Shelley Correll, Paula England, Jennifer Glass, Janet Gornick, Heidi Hartmann, Leslie McCall, Ruth Milkman, Barbara Risman, Liana Sayer, Gaye Tuchman, and Reeve Vanneman, with many more to come.

\* Mini-conferences, workshops, and breakout sessions on "Gender in Higher

Education"; "Gender and Science"; "International Perspectives on Feminist Sociology"; "Global Feminist Partnerships"; "The Politics of Paid Family Leave"; "Women and Health"; and "Writing for Feminist Sociologists."

\* Roundtables, poster sessions, new book exhibits, and mentoring sessions.

\* A wide range of committee meetings, where the work of building the organization, pursuing ongoing projects, and developing new initiatives takes place

\* Lots of opportunities to see old friends and make new ones at receptions, coffee breaks, the banquet and auction, and other events for socializing, networking, and just hanging out.

We're enthusiastic about this lineup of panels, workshops, and activities. Yet we're still in the planning process and welcome your participation. A call for submissions will be posted soon. So think about the ways you would like to participate, and stay tuned for updates. We look forward to receiving your ideas.

Most important, see you in DC in February!



Kathleen and Jerry

REPORTS FROM THE LEADERSHIP:

## From the Executive Office:

Over the last 6 months we have developed our strategy for Mainstreaming Feminist Sociology and had some success in getting our work covered. We've seen our work covered by a wide range of outlets from *Ms* and *Feministing* to the *Huffington Post*, *Thompson Reuters*, *Energy Times*, *Health Medicine Network*, and even *MSNBC*. Media folks have come to us for sources on stories and in those cases the network of specialists we call our Mainstream Team kicked into action generating great leads for reporters at the *Baltimore Sun* and *National Public Radio*. Recently we have explored forming partnerships with some media outlets who are interested in being regular venues for our ideas.



Joey Sprague,  
SWS Executive  
Officer

Our leadership decided to up our financial investment so that we can be more reliable sources of content because that raises our visibility. We have contracted with Erin Polgreen (<http://erinpolgreen.com/>) and are very excited about her creative and strategic approach to getting our word out there and the fantastic rolodex of progressive press contacts she brings with her. (The media partnership strategy was her idea.)

We are in a position to kick it up a notch. We build our operating model by focusing on covering articles forthcoming in *Gender & Society* but now that we have a good working model, we are ready to move to covering great, relevant feminist sociology wherever it appears.

### **This means we need your help.**

The great advantage of SWS is that we are a diverse and energized network. This includes you. You know what's happening in your corner of feminist sociology, what you're about to publish, what your friends and graduate students are up to. Be our eyes and ears. Help us identify what our broader communities outside of the academy need to know about.

Specifically, help us find feminist sociological research about to be or recently published in any scholarly journal or book that

*Addresses issues that are currently in public debate.* Right now some issues that are begging for feminist sociological insights include: Elections, Healthcare, Family Leave Policies, Climate Change, Violence, and the Wealth Gap.

*Reveals issues or problems the public should know about.* One of our "biggest hits" last spring was x's paper in *Gender & Society* that showed that middle school girls see sexual assaults on them as something they have to accept.

*Exposes the falsity of prevailing stereotypes or assumptions*

*Has clear implications for policies and/or practices that would increase social justice*

All you need to do is email [swsmedia@ku.edu](mailto:swsmedia@ku.edu) and get us into the loop. [see link on back cover] We don't have the resources to cover everything that deserves broader attention but we can't cover what we don't even know is happening. So, please, get in the act.

Let's work together to make a feminist sociological perspective mainstream!

## Candidates for 2015 SWS Offices:

As my last significant responsibility as Past President of SWS, I had the pleasure of chairing the nominations committee. Thanks to the wonderful work of Chloe Bird (Rand Corporation), Nikki Jones (University of California, Berkeley), Abigail Saguy (University of California Los Angeles, and Patricia Y Warren (Florida State University), we have a wonderful slate of candidates for our forthcoming elections. The list appears below; <http://socwomen.org/elections-2015/> will take you to their statements.

The elections will be announced by the executive office, and will start by the third week of October. Results will be announced by mid November.

On behalf of the nominations committee, I want to thank everyone who is run for these positions. Many of you said some similar to “ I have too much on my plate...but this is SWS...so I will do my bit.

I am so happy and proud to be part of such a group.

Thank You!

Bandana Purkayastha,  
Past President SWS and Chair, Nominations Committee.

Position	Candidates
President Elect	Wanda Rushing, Professor, University of Memphis Tiffany Taylor Associate Professor, Kent State University,
Vice President	Adia Harvey Wingfield, Associate Professor, Georgia State University Jennifer Glass, Professor, University of Texas Austin
Treasurer Elect	Chardie Baird Associate Professor, Kansas State University Mangala Subramaniam, Associate Professor, Purdue University
Academic justice co-chair	Orit Avishai, Associate Professor, Fordham University Veronica Montes. Post-doctoral fellow University of Southern California.
Awards member	Josephine Beoku Betts, Professor, Florida Atlantic University Laura Carpenter, Associate Professor and Interim Director of Women’s and Gender Studies at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN

Position	Candidates
Career development Chair	Christin Munsch, (Assistant Professor, Furman University) Enobong (Anna) Branch, Associate Professor, University of Massachusetts.
Career development member.	Stephanie Nawyn, Assistant Professor, Michigan State University Barret Katuna, Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Connecticut
Membership committee members (2)	Miho Iwata, Assistant Professor, Towson University Marnie Brown, Assistant Professor, Georgia Gwinnet College Julie Wiest, Assistant Professor, West Chester University Kimberly Hoang, Assistant Professor, Boston College
Social Action chair.	Sylvanna Falcon, Assistant Professor, University of California, Santa Cruz Second candidate TBA
Sister-to- Sister co-chair	Chandra Waring (Assistant Professor, Wisconsin- Whitewater) Manashi Ray (Assistant Professor, West Virginia State University)
Student representative	Allison McGrath, PhD candidate, Vanderbilt University Devon Goss, PhD candidate, UCONN
Nominations committee (2 members)	Melanie Heath, Associate Professor, MacMaster University, Canada Julia McQuillan, Professor, University of Nebraska Andrea Boyles, Associate Lindenwood University
Publications, 2 members	Vrushali Patil, Associate Professor, Florida Atlantic University Manisha Desai, Associate Professor, Sociology & Women's Studies, University of Connecticut. Dana Britton, Professor, Rutgers University Leslie Hossfeld, Professor, University of North Carolina Wilmington.

## 2015 SWS Membership Drive and Referral Raffle

We are launching a membership drive and we need you! You can help by renewing your membership & encouraging colleagues to renew theirs. And you can *refer new members!*

Our third annual referral raffle will begin in November and we would like it to be better than ever. For each person you refer who becomes a member, your name is entered in a drawing to win a prize!! The more people you refer who become members, the better your chances of winning. The first prize is \$150. Two additional winners will win SWS goody bags with great SWS gear.

Why should someone join? What does SWS do?

We offer *support* and encouragement of feminist teaching and scholarship

We work for *equity* in the academy

We work for *justice* for women in society

We now have a wonderful and “shareable” brochure that expands on the benefits of membership I mentioned above. Please share copies with colleagues and encourage them to join our wonderful network of feminists. Your personal invitation to a colleague to join SWS will certainly mean more! Tell colleagues about our upcoming winter conference, the new wiki on our website, and about the great press releases. There are so many great resources available for members. Know someone who used to be a member, but has not renewed in a while? Invite them back and tell them about these wonderful new initiatives! If you would like copies of the brochure sent to you, please contact the Executive Office ([swsao@ku.edu](mailto:swsao@ku.edu)).

If you or potential members have any questions about SWS membership, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am looking forward to working with everyone to build our strength in numbers. And, of course, I am also looking forward to seeing folks in Washington, DC!

Best,

Tiffany Taylor ([ttaylor36@kent.edu](mailto:ttaylor36@kent.edu))

Vice President and Membership Committee Chair

*So, what are you waiting for?*



*and fill out the  
membership form!*



**CONTACT INFORMATION**

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**MEMBERSHIP DUES**

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- \$41  Income \$30,000- \$39,999
- \$46  Income \$40,000- \$49,999
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- \$1800  Life Membership\*

*\*Payable in equal instalments over 1-4 years.*

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- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Rosenblum award fund
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Beth B. Hess Scholarship
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Feminist Activism Award
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Distinguished Feminist Lectureship
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Mentoring Award
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Undergraduate Social Action Award
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Chow-Green Dissertation Scholarship
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ SWS-MFP ASA Minority Fellowship Program

**PUBLICATIONS PREFERENCES**

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Network News	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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*For data purposes only- optional*

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- Black or African American
- Hispanic or Latino
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- White
- Other (please specify)

**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:

- Academic Justice
- Awards
- Career Development
- Discrimination
- International
- Membership
- Nominations
- Scholarship and Human Rights
- Sister to Sister
- Social Action
- Student Concerns

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## Session Summaries from the Summer Meetings in San Francisco

The summer 2014 SWS meetings included a panel called **“Health and Reproductive Access vs. Religious Freedom”: How Changes in the Landscape of Hospital Administration and Insurance Coverage Affect our Access to Care.** I organized this session because my employer, Loyola Marymount University, a Jesuit and Catholic institution eliminated abortion coverage from our health plans in 2013. Our university president and board of trustees stated: “The decision to exclude this coverage, once it became possible, flows directly from our values as a Catholic university in the Jesuit/Marymount traditions.” I actively fought this policy change with the assistance of other like-minded faculty and staff members. Santa Clara University (SCU), another Jesuit university in California also received word that they were eliminating abortion coverage. As our respective faculty and staff spoke out, a non-profit org in the Bay Area called Trust Women, Silver Ribbon contacted a handful of LMU faculty to talk about how they could help. Thus started a coalition between LMU faculty, SCU faculty, Planned Parenthood, ACLU, and the National Health Law Program.

In August 2014, the Department of Managed Healthcare, the regulatory body for insurance plans for the state, issued a statement to the insurance companies stating that their elimination of abortion coverage from our plans was in violation of the Constitution of the State of California. LMU and SCU must provide coverage for abortion. On September 12, 2014, I learned that seven employees from LMU are suing the Department of Managed Healthcare with the assistance of Alliance Defending Freedom because they do not want their insurance premium dollars to cover abortion. Clearly this issue is unresolved and may end up as another case at the U.S. Supreme Court.

Trust Women, Silver Ribbon Campaign in San Francisco, was the organization that brought together the alliance of faculty and reproductive health groups to challenge the elimination of abortion coverage at our campuses. In the SWS session, Ellen Shaffer, Ph.D., the Executive Director of Trust Women addressed the multi-pronged approach that is needed to resist the attacks on women’s reproductive health care. In her presentation, Shaffer addressed the wide-ranging attempts by conservative groups to limit access to abortion and reproductive care under the auspices of religious freedom. She also identified the trend of conservative groups attempting to pass sex-selective abortion bans as just one strategy to limit access to reproductive care. Shaffer urged those interested in preserving reproductive health care to fight back against these challenges to women’s autonomy.

Our third panelist was Lori Freedman, who is an Assistant Professor at University of California, San Francisco, Department of OBGyn and associate at Advancing New Standards in Reproductive Health (ANSIRH). Freedman discussed her work, which focuses on how Catholic-owned hospitals’ conscience clauses standards of care limit doctors’ and patients’ options for care, as well as her 2010 book “Willing and Unable: Doctors’ Constraints in Abortion Care,” about why physicians rarely integrate abortion care into their medical practices. Freedman addressed how routine medical care is shaped the Catholic hospital setting by the Ethical and Religious Directives to which all employees must abide. Freedman cautions that as Catholic companies like Dignity Health and Providence are buying increasingly larger shares of hospitals across the U.S., the standards of care, especially of reproductive care, are changing, even when the state laws remain the same.

The goals for this session were to discuss how claims to religious freedom limit autonomy in reproductive care. While attendance at the session was low, the discussion was rich and illustrated how individuals and groups are on the watch to resist threats to our autonomy.

## Summary of panel discussion: Beijing +20

The International Committee organized a panel at the SWS Summer Meeting entitled "**Beijing +20: Progress and Challenges for Women and Girls.**" It commemorated the 1995 UN Fourth World Conference on Women held in Beijing, China with three SWS members who were there, Mary Osirim, Manisha Desai, and Gay Young. The panel also included Leta Hong Fincher who discussed women in China today. The purpose of the panel was to assess the significance of the Beijing conference in preparation for next year's United Nations discussion of Beijing's 20th anniversary.

The panelists set the Beijing conference in context by pointing to the history of world conferences on women starting with the International Women's Year in 1975. For that initial conference, each UN member state compiled a report on the status of women, and the combined reports spoke forcefully to the worldwide subordination of women. Subsequent world conferences took place in 1980 and 1985, bringing the world's women together in feminist solidarity. As the international women's movement developed, some differences emerged around the dominance of the West in the conferences and the lack of attention to poverty.

In the immediate run-up to the 1995 Beijing conference, the UN member states again prepared national reports on women. Women's NGOs prepared their own reports, sometimes working with others regionally. Once in China, the women's NGOs met at their own parallel conference in Huairou, a Beijing suburb, alongside the official country delegations in the city center. The dual conferences affirmed the intersectional nature of women's lives as affected not only by gender but also by racial category and class situation. An important conference theme was that women's rights are human rights. The conferences assessed violence against women as the most egregious violation of women's human rights, in the home as well as in war.

When women returned to their home countries after the Beijing conference, they were energized and empowered to pressure their governments for changes. In Zimbabwe, for instance, pressure from women's groups resulted in the creation of a women's desk in the president's office. However, economic stress in that country quickly sidelined women's issues. Perhaps the most effective result of Beijing in African countries was the creation of women's networks organized around particular issues.

The speakers at the San Francisco panel emphasized the work that remains to be done. Violence against women is still a critical issue, and as examples, panelists pointed to femicides in Juarez, Mexico and threats of rape in the Israel/Palestine conflict. Women in China today have little access to property since homes are typically in the name of the husband even when the wife has contributed significant funds. Educated Chinese women are under pressure to marry and have children, and are labelled "leftover women" if they pursue professional careers. Despite twenty years of discussion in China about violence against women, there is still no national legislation prohibiting it.

# Award winners

## The 2014 Feminist Activist Award Winner is Dr. Josephine Beoku-Betts

The SWS 2014 Feminist Activism Award winner is Professor Josephine Beoku-Betts, Professor of Sociology and Women's Studies, Florida Atlantic University. Dr. Beoku-Betts serves as an outstanding example of a scholar-activist. Her research has focused on national and international issues that are especially relevant to better the lives of women of color, and she has worked tirelessly in her role as an administrator to establish and strengthen women's, gender, and sexuality programs in global contexts. Her activism models important ways to forge alliances between disparate groups, such as bridges she has made between the academy, NGOs and community groups.

Dr. Beoku-Betts has exemplified a model scholar-activist in her work as Director of the Center for the Study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at FAU. When she arrived at Florida Atlantic University in 1997, she was one of two faculty members in Women's Studies. She worked tirelessly to revamp the introductory courses and enhance enrollment. She organized two multi-coalitional groups to bridge academic and the community groups: an Advisory Council and a Friends of Women's Studies organization. This type of coalition building allowed her to raise significant amounts of money to keep the Women's Studies program afloat after the Dean at that time decided the program added little value to the university and pulled much of the program's financial support. Her contribution to programs at FAU earned her two highly competitive awards: the Florida Atlantic University Achievement Award and the 2012 Florida Commission on the Status of Women's Leadership Award.

Dr. Beoku-Betts also exemplifies the model scholar-activist in the international arena. Her research with Gullah populations has helped to preserve important aspects of a culture that has been threatened by economic development along the coast. In the mid-1990s, she directed the Third World Women's Network in Science and Technology, an NGO that coordinated efforts for the Beijing Conference on Women in 1995. More recently, she has made significant contributions to African universities, spending time as a Fulbright scholar in Ghana where she participated in supporting policy initiatives to better the lives of women in Africa. She has worked with the Gender Research and Development Center to document the important history of the women's peace movements in post-war Sierra Leone and helped to draft legislation related to gender equality and sexual harassment for the Sierra Leone National Action Plan for the Implementation of United Nations Resolutions 1325 and 1820. Professor Aisha Ibrahim of Sierra Leone wrote in her letter of support for the award: "Prof. Beoku-Betts' time spent as a Fulbright Scholar here is greatly appreciated



by students, faculty, and members of the women's movement because she generously shared her time, expertise and funds and portrayed the essence of feminism through her words and deeds."

In sum, Dr. Josephine Beoku-Betts offers a wonderful example of a respected feminist intellectual activist, scholar and teacher. She has modeled for all of us effective ways to integrate feminist scholarship and activism, and has been a diligent proponent of supporting movements that bring together scholarship and activism. SWS has benefited greatly from her membership and activism.

### **The 2015 SWS Feminist Lecturer Award Winner is Dr. Manisha Desai**

The recipient of the 2015 SWS Distinguished Feminist Lecturer Award is Dr. Manisha Desai. Dr. Desai is Associate Professor of Women's Studies and Sociology at the University of Connecticut and served as the President of SWS Women in 2007. As President of SWS, she chose to meet in post-Katrina New Orleans to engage local activists in a dialogue with activists from India, Nicaragua, and Florida who had experience working with social and natural disasters. Her areas of research include transnational feminisms, gender and globalization, social movements, women and human rights, contemporary Indian society, and South Asian Americans. In addition to academic positions at UConn, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign and Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Dr. Desai worked as the Senior Program Specialist in the Gender Equity and Development Section of the Human Rights Division at UNESCO in Paris and served as SWS's NGO representative to the United Nation's Economic and Social Council.

Quoting from the nominators' letter:

"Her work continues to grow fruitful alliances and collaborations between the activists and academics, buttressed by her commitment to theory and praxis, the hallmark of feminist scholarship, guiding her teaching and her public engagements. For example, (in) many of her classes, but especially her Women's Movements class, she adds an activist component where her students undertake as a class activist project to enhance their sense of agency in the world.

In discussing this body of knowledge, it is clear that Manisha's theoretical and conceptual knowledge of transnational feminisms alongside her scholarly contributions painstakingly outlines its tensions, contests, and debates among feminists differentially situated in the structural matrix of power and privilege. Such scholarship theoretically and empirically opens a window and closes a gap in gender scholarship by discussing and describing the diversity of global feminisms-the aim of the Feminist Lecturer Award."

We congratulate Dr. Desai as the recipient of the 2015 SWS Distinguished Feminist Lecturer Award!

## The 2014 Chow-Green Women of Color Dissertation Scholarship winner is Sandibel Borges

SWS Sister to Sister would like to congratulate our 2014 SWS Chow-Green Women of Color Dissertation Scholarship Recipient, Sandibel Borges! Sandibel is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Feminist Studies at the University of California at Santa Barbara. The Title of her dissertation project is: "Creating and Re-Creating 'Home': Queer Transnational Migrant Latina Women." Utilizing qualitative methods, Sandibel specifically focuses on queer Latinas who have im/migrated to Southern California and queer Mexican women in Mexico City who plan to migrate to the United States. Of particular interest to Sandibel is how this group of women experience anti immigration laws, as well as the impact of neoliberalism and globalization on their lives.

Once again we at SWS Congratulate Sandibel Borges as the 2014 Recipient of the Esther Ngan-ling Chow and Mareyjoyce Green Women of Color Dissertation Scholarship.

Congratulations Sandibel Borges!



## Additional Award Winners included:



**Catherine Cheng**, University of Toronto, received the Sociologists for Women in Society Cheryl Allyn Miller Award in recognition of her outstanding contribution to the field of women and work, "Circuits of Reproductive Labor: Sex Work and Mothering in Contemporary China."

### 2014 Beth B. Hess Memorial Scholarship Winner is Jennifer Tobin-Gurley



Jennifer pictured with Myra Marx Feree



Honorable mention recognition to Heather Evans & Nicholas Jordan.

**Jennifer Tobin-Gurley**, Colorado State University, received the Beth B. Hess Memorial Scholarship, awarded annually by Sociologists for Women in Society, with the American Sociological Association, and the Society for the Study of Social Problems, to a graduate student in sociology who began her or his college career at a two-year community or technical college.

**Heather D. Evans**, University of Washington, and **Nicholas Jordan**, Ohio State University, were awarded Honorable Mention for the Beth B. Hess Memorial Scholarship.



**SWS Mentoring Awards** were presented to Nancy Jurik, Arizona State University and Michael Messner, University of Southern California.



**Remember that the SWS committee reports  
are posted on the SWS website.  
Go there to read more information about the work  
being done by all these important groups!**

**<http://www.socwomen.org/>**

## **Global Feminist Partnership Program**

The Global Feminist Partnership Program (GFPP) is a sub-committee of SWS's International Committee. Our goal is to actively build connections with research and activist centers, programs, institutes or collectives working on feminist and gender issues. Currently, we have six partners from Colombia, India, Nepal, Italy, Brazil and Sierra Leone. In our coming Winter Meeting at D.C., we will warmly welcome our Brazil partner, Marlise Matos, to join us and share her experiences. To learn more about what's happening with our partner in Nepal, check out information from the International Committee on the SWS website. It's very exciting!

Yun Ling Li, Ph.D. Candidate , Department of Sociology, Virginia Tech

## **Mentor Match Program**

The Mentor Match Program (MMP) connects members who are looking for support with SWS mentors (e.g., networking, job market). This year, the MMP has partnered with Gail Wallace, Co-Chair of Sister-to-Sister, to ensure that interested applicants will be matched with scholars of color. In 2014, there have been five applicants to the program, and thus far, four have been successfully matched. Applicants have asked for help in revising a paper to be published, entering the academic marketplace, thinking about their next career moves, and working with their departments. We encourage interested members to contact Mindy Fried, Mentor Match Coordinator at [friedmin@mit.edu](mailto:friedmin@mit.edu).






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## GENDER & SOCIETY IN THE CLASSROOM

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### New and Updated Thematic Clusters for Teaching Gender

#### CHILDREN & YOUTH

Organized by: Hara Bastas, PhD. LaGuardia Community College, City University of New York (CUNY)

*When teaching about children and youth, the social categories of age can be examined separately or included across a discussion of the life course. With this in mind, there are 110 articles in Gender & Society for this section. Here are just a few of the more recent articles that research the experiences of children in the context of elementary and middle schools and community organizations and the experiences of youth in high school and college. Understanding how children and youth socially construct their lives, the articles focus on how as active participants meanings are negotiated, challenged and re-created specifically regarding bodies and sexualities in informal and formal interactions. Community organizations and social institutions are consistently part of the interaction, at times supporting and sometimes resisting current systems such as sports and formal education. Ultimately gender itself becomes exposed to reflect the complexity within the lives of children and youth, where age is constantly intersecting with other social categories such as ethnicity and social class. With a feminist analysis, the varied experiences of children and youth are placed in the center of the discussion and not in the margins, as too often pushed into by society.*

This section identifies twelve *Gender & Society* articles between the years of 2009 and 2013 on this topic.

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## DIVISION OF HOUSEHOLD LABOR

Organizer: Fang Fang, Virginia Tech

*The studies published in Gender & Society from 2000 to 2014 have focused on the change of division of labor at home and the change of gender relations and norms embedded in such division in the era of globalization. The intersectionality of gender, race, class, sexual orientation, and other important social characteristics and its influence on individual women and men's family experiences are the new development in the research of division of household labor published in the journal during this period of time. In addition, household activities are no longer examined isolated from the public sphere. The shrinking gap of financial contributions to households between men and women, which is caused by women's increasing participation in paid work and men's reduced earning power in the current economic transitional era, have led to the transformation of family structure, from breadwinner-homemaker model to dual-earner arrangement. However, the revolution is stalled as listed studies indicate. First, the women's housework burden is not reduced in proportion with their increased paid work time, even though men are doing more housework than their fathers' generation. This "stalled revolution" also refers to the persistence of traditional gender norms of men's breadwinning role and women's homemaking role at home where its new structure indicates more gender equality. The incompatibility between structure and ideology explains the persistence of gender inequality of both paid work and unpaid work.*

This section identifies ten *Gender & Society* articles between the years of 2000 and 2014 on this topic.

## INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE

Organizer: Amanda M. Jungels, Georgia State University

*The following instructor's guide contains a review of more than a decades worth of research about domestic and intimate partner violence that has been published in Gender & Society. Discussions of intimate partner violence can occur in many different courses—social policy and social problems, crime and/or violence classes, gender and/or masculinity courses, and classes that focus on sexuality—not to mention courses that are explicitly about intimate violence. While most of the articles reviewed in this guide were published since 2000, some pieces from a special issue of Gender & Society published in 1989 are included because of their continuing relevance today. Included with each citation is a short summary of the article, how it might be used in a course, and a listing of courses in which the article might be used. This guide, ordered chronologically, includes articles that discuss the social and cultural construction of domestic and intimate violence; recent developments in the study of gender and intimate violence; institutional and structural factors that influence domestic violence rates and the experience of domestic violence for victims; how individuals deal with fear and vulnerability surrounding issues of domestic and intimate partner violence; and social and policy responses to intimate partner violence. Most of the articles included in this guide could be used in a large number of courses and in a broad variety of contexts. One final note: as noted by Lee (1989)[1], teaching about violence in the classroom can raise a complex set of issues for teachers and students. Students may have to confront violence in their own life—either as victims or assailants—and teachers*

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should be cognizant of the issues that discussions of intimate, sexual, or physical violence can raise for students and for themselves. As Lee points out, creating a safe environment in the classroom, offering support and/or resources for students, and approaching discussions of intimate and domestic violence with awareness and care can create empowerment and healing for students who have experienced violence in their lives.

[1] Lee, Janet. 1989. "Our Hearts are Collectively Breaking": Teaching Survivors of Violence. *Gender & Society*, 3(4): 541-548.

This section identifies fifteen *Gender & Society* articles between the years of 2000 and 2014 on this topic.

## PARENTING

Organizer: Jennifer Haskin, Wayne State University

This section features a selection of articles featured in *Gender & Society* between January 2001 and December 2011 that contain the word "parenting" either as a keyword, or in the title. Also, because parenting has multiple meanings and is situated within and influenced by a variety of social and structural contexts, additional articles have been included.

This section identifies fifteen *Gender & Society* articles--five on parenting, five on mothering, and five on fathering--spanning the years of 2004 to 2012.

### Full List of Clusters Currently Available for Teaching Gender

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**1. Activism & Social Movements**

Organizer: Jennifer L. Bronson, Howard University

**2. Aging and the Life Course**

Organizer: Beth Montemurro, Pennsylvania State University

**3. Bodies & Embodiment**

Organizer: Amanda Levitt, Wayne State University

**4. Care Work**

Organizer: Adrienne L. Riegle, Iowa State University

**5. Children & Youth**

Organizer: Hara Bastas, LaGuardia Community College, City University of New York

**6. Consumption**

Organizer: Rilee Buttars, Brigham Young University

**7. Crime, Law & Social Control**

Organizer: Claudia Vega and Ian Vazquez, Florida International University

**8. Culture**

Organizer: Lucia Lykke, University of Maryland, College Park

**9. Division of Household Labor**

Organizer: Fang Fang, Virginia Tech

**10. Education**

Organizer: Lakshmi Jayaram, Virginia Tech

**11. Feminist Identities**

Organizer: Danielle M. [Giffort](#), University of Illinois at Chicago

**12. Feminist Methodologies & Knowledge Production**

Organizers:

Christy Haines [Flatt](#), Gordon College  
[Deeb Kitchen](#), Florida Gulf Coast University

**13. Global & Transnational Feminisms**

Organizer: Ashlyn Jaeger, University of California, Davis

**14. Gay Masculinities**

Organizer: Travis D. [Speice](#), University of Cincinnati

**15. Gender in the Academy**

Organizer: [Deeb Kitchen](#), Florida Gulf Coast University

**16. Intersectionality**

Organizer: Kyla Walters, University of Massachusetts Amherst

**17. Intimate Partner Violence**

Organizer: Amanda M. [Jungels](#), Georgia State University

**18. Masculinities**

Organizer: Jennifer Dawn Carlson, University of California at Berkeley

**19. Media Representations**

Organizer: Victoria [Velding](#), Wayne State University

**20. Parenting**

Organizer: Jennifer [Haskin](#), Wayne State University

**21. Religion**

Organizer: [Mandi N. Barringer](#), University of Tampa

**22. Reproductive Practice**

Organizer: Katrina [Kimport](#), University of California, San Francisco

**23. Reproductive Technology**

Organizer: Colleen C. [Ammerman](#), William T. Grant Foundation

**24. Sexual Harassment**

Organizer: [LuLu Geza](#), George Mason University

**25. Sport**

Organizer: Joanna Neville, University of Florida

**26. Welfare Reform & Poverty**

Organizer: Katie [Kerstetter](#), George Mason University

**27. Work & Family**

Organizer: Landon Schnabel, Indiana University, Bloomington

**28. Work & Organizations**

Organizer: Vicki [Dryfhout](#), PhD from University of Cincinnati

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## INVESTING IN A BETTER WORLD

SOCIOLOGISTS FOR WOMEN IN SOCIETY  
ENDOWMENT FUND  
COMPANY HIGHLIGHT

Each month we will profile one of the socially responsible investments in the endowment fund. We begin with the largest portfolio holding, Equal Exchange. Founded in 1986 with a vision of forming closer connections among people and the farmers producing our coffee, Equal Exchange has formed partnerships across the globe with small farmers, growers, and cooperatives. Equal Exchange has grown from a single product, Café Nica, to a continually expanding assortment of Organic and Fair Trade coffee, tea, chocolate, nuts, dried fruits and other items.

Equal Exchange's operations are built upon the model of considering not just the bottom line, but all stakeholders: employees, farmers, consumers, and investors. The company is organized as a democratic, worker owned cooperative, with each employee having one vote. From top to bottom, each employee receives an equal share of any company profits.

With respect to their farmer partners, Equal Exchange negotiates the price in advance of the harvest, so that farmers receive a fair price for their coffee no matter what is happening in the commodities markets. Equal Exchange also provides training in sustainable growing practices, management, and leadership development, including leadership training for women.

Through their Interfaith Program, Equal Exchange partners with 12 faith-based organizations to educate consumers about Fair Trade, to raise awareness about the importance of the choices we make as consumers, and to work toward a more equitable, just, and sustainable world.

For information about Equal Exchange products and practices, go to [www.equalexchange.coop](http://www.equalexchange.coop).

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## Margaret Abraham, ISA President

By Bandana Purkayastha and Manisha Desai

For many of you Margaret Abraham needs no introduction. She has been an active member of SWS for many years. You may remember her excellent plenary talk on Connecting Circles of Knowledge and Feminist Academic Futures at the conference Bandana Purkayastha organized at Tama-ya, New Mexico.

This July, Maggie created history: she was elected the 18th President of the International Sociological Association and will serve a four year term. She is the second woman in the history of ISA to reach these heights, the first being Margaret Archer from UK who served from 1986-1990. Maggie is certainly the first “scholar-of-color” from the US to achieve this honor.



Maggie has played a significant role in organizing global scholarship at multiple fora. During her term as ISA’s Vice President for Research (2010-2014), she organized the second ISA forum at Buenos Aires which attracted 3700 participants from around the world and opened new collaborations between Latin American sociologists and the ISA. She also initiated a new ISA initiative to create a virtual open access “Social Justice and Democratization Space” that promotes more open, equal, and sustainable forms of knowledge production, dissemination, and exchange of our sociological research, pedagogy, policy and practices in the public sphere.

Maggie is well known for her research on violence against women. She coined the term SAWOs (South Asian Women’s Organizations) in the early 1990s, a term that is often used by South Asian organizations addressing domestic violence in the US. One of her earliest articles, based on a pioneering gender/class/ethnicity/race framework for analysing violence, appeared in *Gender & Society* in 1995. Her path-breaking book, *Speaking the Unspeakable* (Rutgers University Press, 2000) documented how immigrant women were doubly victimized by their partners *and* the state which based its response to immigrant women on the principles of coverture (that is, these women were not allowed a formal voice in reporting their victimization). While some of these laws have changed, the condition of immigrant victims of violence remains appalling in the US. Not surprisingly, Maggie’s book won the ASA-Asian American section’s outstanding book award. Her work has been very influential within communities, been used by lawyers and activists and Maggie has received awards from numerous community organizations. The New York Times featured her in one of their earliest articles on violence against women. Margaret has served as board member in community based organizations and also as a national advisory board member on projects related to violence against women. She currently serves as the Special Advisor to the Provost for Diversity Initiatives at Hofstra University.

Maggie has begun to lead an organization with members in over 167 countries. She plans to focus on gender as one of her core themes. Read more about her vision at <http://isa-global-dialogue.net/strengthening-sociologys-commitment-to-social-justice/> In the coming year she has been invited as a speaker to several countries, but she has promised to be in DC in February 2015 for a panel with Bandana on deep engagements in international scholarly activities. We can congratulate her in person in DC. Till then, a loud cheer for Maggie Abraham, ISA President!

## SWS ORGANIZATIONAL CALLS:

Dear Colleagues,

***Gender & Society***, the official journal of Sociologists for Women in Society, continues to strive to reach broader audiences with its articles. Part of meeting this goal has involved organizing the journal's articles into topic areas that are useful for teaching gender in the classroom, particularly at the undergraduate level, while at the same time providing searchable clusters for research endeavors. While there are now twenty-eight core clusters already in place, we would like to expand the thematic clusters to include the following additional themes:

- Health & Medical
- Postcolonial & Development
- Sexual Identities
- Sexual Practice
- Sexuality & Work
- Sexuality & Social Movements
- Sexuality & Family
- Transgender

We are looking for individuals to help us organize and catalog published articles from issues of *Gender & Society* into these topic areas. Each cluster should include ten to fifteen articles (no more) that offer regional and global diversity and are useful for teaching gender in undergraduate classrooms. It is up to the organizer to determine how far back to search in the *G&S* publications, and it is sensible to include "classic" pieces, but please keep in mind that many students prefer reading "up to date" articles.

Individuals who organize a section for this project will receive recognition on the web-

site and will be able to credit themselves as a webpage organizer on their C.V. If you are interested in organizing a section based upon the topics above, contact both Marni Brown at [Mbrown30@ggc.edu](mailto:Mbrown30@ggc.edu) and Mahala Dyer Stewart at [gendsoc@soc.umass.edu](mailto:gendsoc@soc.umass.edu). In your response, please include your name, contact information (including institution, department and position if relevant) and which of the academic areas you would like to organize.

Thank you,

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 V.P. SWS-South  
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 Georgia Gwinnett College

Mahala Dyer Stewart  
 Managing Editor  
 Gender & Society

## **2015 Call for Applications for Campus Visits**

### **Distinguished 2014 Feminist Activism Winner, Josephine Beoku-Betts**

**Deadline March 1, 2015**

**Committee Chair: Melanie Heath ([mheath@mcmaster.ca](mailto:mheath@mcmaster.ca))**

During the 2015-2016 academic year, 2014 SWS Feminist Activism Winner, Josephine Beoku-Betts, will visit two campuses. The Feminist Activism Awardee visits campuses with departments with a focus on feminist activism, social movements, sociological practice, and/or activist research.

The Distinguished Feminist Activist 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. Winners for the last 2 years included University of Michigan, Flint, Southern Utah University, University of Maine, and the University of Delaware.

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 Feminist Activism Awardee a one-time honorarium of \$1,000.

If you are interested in hosting a campus visit send your application by **March 1, 2015 to: Distinguished Feminist Activism Committee Chair Melanie Heath**, email: [mheath@mcmaster.ca](mailto:mheath@mcmaster.ca).

The application should include the following information:

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

## 2015 Call for Applications for Campus Visits

### Distinguished Feminist Lecturer, Manisha Desai

**Deadline: March 1, 2015**

**Committee Chair: Carrie Lee Smith (carrie.smith@millersville.edu)**

During the 2015-2016 academic year, 2015 SWS Feminist Lecturer Manisha Desai 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. Winners for the last 2 years included Texas Tech University, University of the Pacific, and Texas A & M University.

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 Awardee a one-time honorarium of \$1000.

If you are interested in hosting a campus visit send your application by **March 1, 2015** to:

**Committee Chair** Carrie Lee Smith,  
carrie.smith@millersville.edu; phone: 7717-872-3543

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.
- 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

### Site Visit for 2014 SWS Distinguished Feminist Lecturer

#### Dr. Christine Bose

2014 SWS Distinguished Feminist Lecturer Dr. Christine Bose will be visiting Texas A & M during the 2014-2015 academic year. Texas A & M is a particularly good fit to host Dr. Bose, whose talk is titled "Patterns of Global Gender Inequality." Quoting from the applicants' letter: "First, Texas A&M's Vision 2020 seeks to internationalize the university's curriculum, offering students greater understanding of an increasingly globalized world. Dr. Bose's visit would help fulfill this institutional goal. Second, Texas A&M is located in College Station, Texas, 70 miles from the nearest metropolitan area (Houston). Third, Texas A&M is increasing racially diverse—one third of undergraduate students are non-white. Finally, because Texas is a border state, students at Texas A&M have a keen interest in issues of international migration and are a ripe audience within which to stimulate activism on these issues."

Congratulations to Texas A & M, who will be hosting Dr. Bose this coming academic year!



## Call for Papers for the Cheryl Allyn Miller Paper Award



*photo of Cheryl Allyn Miller, courtesy of her family*

Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS) has established an award for graduate students and recent Ph.D.s working in the area of women and paid work: 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.

The purpose of the 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. This contribution may take the form of scholarly or policy research or activism. It may be completed work or work in progress, but should not be a proposal for future work, and should be sufficiently close to completion that the applicant can concisely describe and contextualize the contribution to the field.

The award is \$500, and will be presented at the Banquet at the August SWS meeting (held in conjunction with the annual meetings of the ASA). In addition to the \$500 award, air travel to the meeting and a ticket to the banquet will be paid by SWS.

### **Guidelines For Application**

**Deadline for submission is April 1, 2015.** Applicants must be graduate students or have received their Ph.D. in 2013 or 2014. Applicants must belong to SWS, and may join at the same time they apply for the award. For membership information go to **Become a Member**.

Submissions must include a 2-3 page curriculum vitae, a cover page with the author's name, affiliation, and contact information, an abstract and paper of article length (no more than 30 double-spaced pages, including bibliography) in a style suitable for submission to a scholarly journal. The abstract/cover page should include applicant's name, address, telephone number, email address, and, for applicants with their Ph.D., the date the Ph.D. was completed. Applicants must submit materials on their own behalf. Do not include any nominating letters.

Find more information on the SWS webpage!

## 2015 Chow-Green Women of Color Dissertation Award

**Overview:** We invite applications for the 2015 Esther Ngan-ling Chow and Mareyjoyce Green Scholarship, formerly known as the Women of Color Dissertation Scholarship. All applications are due no later than April 1, 2015. Please email [2015.ChowGreenAward@gmail.com](mailto:2015.ChowGreenAward@gmail.com) with applications or questions.

**Scholarship Purpose:** Sociologists for Women in Society, has worked hard to build a coalition of women scholars who share concerns about the status of women both domestically and internationally. In keeping with that mission, SWS established a Women of Color Scholarship at its annual meeting in February 2007. The primary purposes of the scholarship are: To offer support to women scholars who are from underrepresented groups and are studying concerns that women of color face domestically and/or internationally, and To increase the participation of students of color in SWS.

### Selection Criteria:

1. Student must be a woman from a racial/ethnic group facing racial discrimination in the United States.
2. Dissertation must be sociologically relevant scholarship that addresses the concerns of Women of Color, domestically and/or internationally.
3. Student must be in the early stages of writing a dissertation.
4. Student must be "All But Dissertation" (ABD) by the time the term of the award begins. (Must be certified by the student's advisor or Graduate Director)
5. Applicant must demonstrate a financial need for the award.
6. Domestic and international students are eligible to apply.

**Student Application Process:** Complete application packets should be emailed to [2015.ChowGreenAward@gmail.com](mailto:2015.ChowGreenAward@gmail.com), and must include: A personal statement which details short and long term career and research goals. The letter must also state which racial/ethnic group(s) the applicant represents; A resume or Curriculum Vitae; Two letters of recommendation addressing the content and quality of the student's work and progress in the program. One of these letters must be from the Graduate Director or Advisor, who should address the financial need of the applicant as well as certify the date on which the applicant became or will become ABD. Please have letter writers email the letters directly to [2015.ChowGreenAward@gmail.com](mailto:2015.ChowGreenAward@gmail.com). Letter writer should include "Chow-Green Award" in the subject heading of their email; a Proposal (not to exceed 5 pages) for the dissertation research which outlines the purpose of one's research, work to be accomplished through scholarship sponsorship, and the time line for completing dissertation. All of these documents (with the exception of the letters of recommendation) **must be compiled into one PDF file.**

**Responsibilities of Recipient:** Attend the summer and winter meetings. Free registration and a \$500 stipend will be available to the winner for this purpose; Submit a brief report (3 pages max) on the work completed during the scholarship year, no later than 1 month after the end of the award period. This report should be mailed to the SWS executive office to the attention of the "Women of Color Scholarship Committee." SWS Executive Office, 1415 Jayhawk Blvd. Rm. 716, Lawrence, KS 66045

**Funding:** The winner will receive a \$15,000 scholarship, a plaque and SWS membership for one year. In addition the recipient will receive free registration for both the summer and winter meetings, along with an additional \$500 grant to enable attendance at the winter meeting.

See also: <http://www.socwomen.org/esther-ngan-ling-chow-and-mareyjoyce-green-scholarship/>

## Call for Nominations – Feminist Lecturer Award

**Deadline: March 1, 2015**

**Committee Chair: Carrie Lee Smith (carrie.smith@millersville.edu)**

The SWS Distinguished Lectureship was founded in 1985 as a way of recognizing members whose scholarship employs a feminist perspective, and of making this feminist scholar available to campuses that are isolated, rural, located away from major metropolitan areas, bereft of the resources needed to invite guest speakers, and/or characterized by hostility to feminist scholarship. A key goal of the program is to provide a feminist voice on campuses where such a perspective is unusual and/or unwelcome.

The lecturer must commit to presenting his/her lecture at the summer SWS meeting and on two US campuses that meet the above noted criteria. A written version of the lecture will be published in *Gender & Society*.

### CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

Evidence of the nominee's contributions to feminist scholarship

Evidence of the nominee's ability to speak to a broad audience, e.g., non-academics, non-feminists, diverse publics.

### NOMINATION PROCEDURES

No more than 10 nomination letters should be included in the nomination packet. One appropriate option is for a group of people to write one nomination letter and all sign it.

The candidate's CV and all nomination letters should be submitted as one pdf attachment.

Nominations will be kept current for three years, after which they will be put aside for a year and brought in again if requested by the nominator. The nominators will keep the records and see to their currency. It is the nominators' responsibility to contact the lecturer award committee chair annually to make sure the file is being considered and current.

Receipt of nomination packages will be acknowledged with a brief email.

Nominator(s) of winner and winner will be notified via email and on official letterhead from the SWS Executive Office; other nominator(s) will be notified via email.

### BENEFITS OF AWARD

Plaque (awarded at summer awards banquet)

\$1000 honorarium

Summer meeting registration and banquet ticket

Up to \$500 travel expenses for the summer meeting at which they present a lecture

### EXPECTATIONS FOR AWARD WINNER

Attendance at Summer Awards Banquet to receive award

Two campus visits during academic year one year AFTER year in which award is presented (e.g., 2015 winner will complete visits in 2016-17)

Present lecture at Summer Meeting following the year in which award is presented (e.g., 2015 winner will give lecture at summer 2016 meeting)

Serve on Awards committee for 2 years (e.g., the 2015 winner will participate in the selection of the 2016 and 2017 winners)

## SWS Feminist Mentoring Award

**Deadline: MARCH 1, 2015**

### History and Overview

The mentoring award was established in 1990 to honor an SWS member who is an outstanding feminist mentor. While the word "mentoring" is commonly used to describe a faculty-student relationship, this award acknowledges the breadth of ways that feminists do mentoring. In establishing the award, SWS recognized that feminist mentoring is an important and concrete way to encourage feminist scholarship.

Feminist mentoring includes not only anticipating needs and providing concrete guidance and feedback for students and colleagues, but also:

- compassion and guidance with regard to feminist concerns,
- helping students and colleagues (junior and senior) to write and effectively communicate as authors, activists and teachers;
- providing support, strategies and models for balancing family and work;
- offering gendered understandings of institutional biases and strategies for overcoming them;
- building formal and informal institutions that support feminist interests (personal, career research, and teaching);
- a philosophy and practice of inclusion inside academia, especially with those most marginalized.

**Eligibility.** The nominee and the nominator must be current members of SWS.

Current officers and officers-elect of SWS are not eligible for nomination for this award, nor is the Editor of *Gender & Society*.

The award will be presented during the SWS summer banquet during the ASA Annual Meeting. SWS awards the recipient a one-time honorarium of \$500.

The nomination packet should include:

- The nominee's curriculum vitae

- One central nomination letter highlighting and summarizing the supporting materials

- No more than 10 supporting letters should be included in the nomination packet. One appropriate option is for a group of people to write one nomination letter and all sign it

All nomination letters should be submitted to the Chair of the Mentoring Awards Committee by March 1, Laura Kramer ([lkramerphd@gmail.com](mailto:lkramerphd@gmail.com)) or Wendy Simonds ([wsimonds@gsu.edu](mailto:wsimonds@gsu.edu)). Nominators should include their complete contact information (e-mail, surface mail and telephone) in the packet.

**Please note:** Nominators may submit the same file for three years in a row. Please ensure that the date of the letter reflects the first year the material was submitted. A new nomination can be made after a one-year break. It is the nominator's responsibility to re-submit the nomination each year: files will not be automatically brought forward.

Nominators may also contact the chair of the award committee prior to preparing material for the nomination for more information.

***Nominate a feminist mentor today!***

## Call for Applications: 2015 Barbara Rosenblum Dissertation Scholarship for the Study of Women and Cancer

We are currently accepting applications for the **2015 Barbara Rosenblum Dissertation Scholarship for the Study of Women and Cancer**.

The scholarship fund was established by Sociologists for Women in Society with a bequest from Dr. Barbara Rosenblum, an active and longstanding 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. Doctoral work can be in Sociology, Anthropology, Psychology or related fields (e.g. Ethnic Studies, Women's and Gender Studies).

### Eligibility:

The candidate must identify as a woman with a feminist orientation who is *sensitive to* studying women's cancers and their impact on diverse groups of women, including those of diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, language, religion, geographical areas, and other cultural perspectives. The candidate must have an **approved prospectus** for doctoral research. The topic should be useful academically and also have pragmatic and practical applications (such as informing and empowering women, demystifying the disease, and/or having implications for the breast cancer epidemic more broadly.) The scholarship is intended for researchers who plan to present their findings and applications to lay audiences as well as social scientists.

### To apply:

To apply for the Barbara Rosenblum Scholarship please send the following to [gayle.sulik@breastcancerconsortium.net](mailto:gayle.sulik@breastcancerconsortium.net):

electronic copy of the application form [Click to access printable [application form](#).]

electronic copy of your CV

electronic copy of your dissertation proposal or prospectus

Please do not send more than 15 pages. If the full proposal is longer, select the section or sections which most clearly describe what you are doing, who your subjects will be, and what methods you will use. If you are near completion, please include a brief statement describing the above and major findings.

**Application materials are due no later than April 1, 2015.**

## Call for Nominations – 2015 SWS Feminist Activism Award

### Deadline: March 1, 2015

The Feminist Activism Award is presented annually to an SWS member who has notably and consistently used sociology to improve conditions for women in society. The award honors outstanding feminist advocacy efforts that embody the goal of service to women and have identifiably improved women's lives.

The 2015 award winner will be asked to give her/his lecture at the SWS summer meeting and on two U.S. campuses during 2016-2017 academic year to share their expertise and experiences (lectures, workshops, or training sessions) of feminist activism. SWS and the host campuses are responsible for the funding of these visits. (Application guidelines for campus visits are available in a separate call.)

#### CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

Evidence of the nominee's contributions to feminist activism as an SWS member who has consistently used sociology to better the lives of women.

Recipients can include volunteers, non-volunteers, academicians, and private/public sector employees.

The emphasis of this award is on advocacy and outreach efforts.

#### NOMINATION PROCEDURES

One central nomination letter that provides an accounting of the nominee's activist contributions and their impact  
o links to websites and other documentation that describes and illustrates the nominee's activist work and its impact (including testimonials from those benefiting from or witnessing the activism) will be useful to the committee

The nominee's curriculum vitae or resume

Not more than three additional supporting letters (quality over quantity)

**The candidate's CV and all nomination letters should be submitted as one pdf attachment to Melanie Heath, [mheath@mcmaster.ca](mailto:mheath@mcmaster.ca).**

Receipt of nomination packages will be acknowledged with a brief email.

Nominator(s) of winner and the winner will be notified via email and on official letterhead from the SWS Executive Office; nominator(s) of non-winners will be notified via email

Nominations will be kept current for three years, after which they will be put aside for a year and brought in again if requested by the nominator. The nominators will keep the records and see to their currency. It is the nominators' responsibility to contact the activism award committee chair annually to make sure the file is being considered and current.

#### BENEFITS OF AWARD

Plaque (awarded at summer awards banquet)

\$1000 honorarium

Summer meeting registration and banquet ticket

Up to \$500 travel expenses for the summer meeting at which they present a lecture

**EXPECTATIONS FOR AWARD WINNER:** Attendance at Summer Awards Banquet to receive award; Two campus visits during the next academic year after which the award is presented (e.g., the 2015 winner will complete visits in the 2016-2017 academic year); Present lecture at Summer Meeting following the year in which award is presented (e.g., 2015 winner will give lecture at summer 2016 meeting); Serve on Awards committee for 2 years (e.g., the 2015 winner will participate in the selection of the 2016 and 2017 winners)

## Sociologists for Women in Society Undergraduate Social Activism Award

### Deadline for Submission: November 1, 2014

**History and Overview:** This 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:** This 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, crjackson@jjay.cuny.edu. 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.

## Call for Papers: Graduate Student Paper Award on the Study of Gender

**Graduate Student Paper Award on the Study of Gender:** This paper award will be given in odd-numbered years to the best current paper written by a graduate student in the field of the sociology of gender. The purpose of this award is to encourage graduate student scholarship focused on gender and to facilitate the publication process for the student. SWS-South will appoint a mentor who will be available to assist the student in preparing the paper for publication in a peer-reviewed journal.

**Eligibility:** The paper may be co-authored, but only by another graduate student. Faculty-graduate student papers are not eligible. Papers that have previously appeared in publication are not eligible. Nominees must be affiliated with an institution in the South.

Nomination packets should include the following:

- A copy of the paper to be considered for the award,
- A current CV of the nominee,
- A letter of nomination.

The award winner will be recognized at the SWS-South business meeting with a check for \$300.00, a plaque and a one-year membership to SWS-South. An article about the winner's work will appear in the association's newsletter and the recipient will be invited to present their work in a special SWS-South session at the following annual meeting.

Send nominations by January 15, 2015 to:  
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Pictures throughout this issue of *Network News* from the Summer SWS Banquet in San Francisco shared courtesy of colleague, friend, and talented photographer, Tracy Ore.

Thanks, Tracy!!!!



## Local & Regional Chapters in Action!

Hello from the **Calgary Chapter**, We are currently involved in a research project analyzing conversational events within the work environment of traditionally gendered vocational domains (notably health care and human services) to ascertain elements of (re)production of dominance, control and power among different ranking (women) personnel.

We are also starting to set up a research study on the provision and access of health services for the LGBT community as analyzed through narratives of experiences from individuals in the LGBT community within our province.

**SWS-Tallahassee Chapter:** For our first feminist gathering of the semester, we went to a performance of Urban Bush Women held at Florida State University in February. For the past 30 years, the group has sought to "bring the untold and under-told histories and stories of disenfranchised people to light through dance... from a woman-centered perspective and as members of the African Diaspora community in order to create a more equitable balance of power in the dance world and beyond(Urbanbushwomen.org)." For our second gathering, we attended a discussion, sponsored by FSU Libraries and Graduate Women in Science, of Cheryl Sandberg's much-discussed book, *Lean In: Women, Work, and the Will to Lead*.

**Midwest Sociologists for Sociology (MSWS):** MSWS organizes and co-sponsors panels, workshops and formal paper sessions in cooperation with the Midwest Sociological Society (MSS). At the April 2014 meetings, MSWS co-sponsored and/or organized 19 sessions held in conjunction with the meetings of the MSS. We also held a formal business meeting and an informal dinner afterwards for members and any interested parties. New business for this year is to strengthen our mentor program, re-establish our student paper competition, and initiate an award to outstanding MSWS members in honor of our founding members. We also participated in an MSS initiative to recruit members at a commons area. Currently, we are working on a slate of panels and paper sessions for the March 2015 meetings. MSWS maintains an active facebook site where we post content of interest to women, feminists and those who teach gender or gender related courses. We invite any reader of this report to "like" the page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Midwest-Sociologists-for-Women-in-Society/269909576379570>. We also host our organization website: <http://msws.weebly.com/>. We invite readers of this report to check out the site.

**SWS-South** is pursuing an exciting slate of sessions for the Southern Sociological Society meetings in New Orleans March 25-28. We're especially proud to be co-sponsoring sessions with the SSS Committees on Gender & Sexuality and Ethnic & Racial Minorities. Look for research topics such as: reproductive justice; gender and violence; race, class, gender and disaster recovery; and gender, sexuality, and race in sport. We're also working on professional development sessions regarding the job market, institutional responses to discrimination, and how universities handle sexual assault. If you have ideas for sessions you'd like us to sponsor, please be in touch with Marni Brown, SWS-S Vice-President, at mbrown30@ggc.edu.

Over the past year, the **Cal State Fullerton chapter of SWS** has concentrated on helping its members and current graduate students find lecturer positions at community colleges and state universities. CSUF chapter members have also engaged in undergraduate and graduate sociology workshops focused on addressing students' inquires about how to apply their BAs/MAs to the workforce after graduation.

The **Bay Area chapter of SWS** met quarterly at rotating locations around the Bay Area to informally network, mentor, and develop collaborations. We are currently hard at work putting together our fourth annual Bay Area SWS Symposium, to be held later this fall.

**The University of Akron and Kent State University chapters of SWS** ended last semester with a potluck to brainstorm for the upcoming semester. The summer months then gave all of us an opportunity to unwind and refresh so we could start the current semester off strong. After returning from summer meetings, we jumped straight into volunteering with a school supply drive for local homeless and domestic violence shelters, as well as putting in hours at the local food bank. We also have many events planned for the coming year!

At the SWS summer meeting, three of our members were involved in the Critique Me session. Katrina Bloch and Tiffany Taylor provided feedback to job seekers and wish them all the best of luck on the market. Christi Gross was a job seeker, and would like to thank those who gave her thoughtful critiques about her job materials and advice about the job market. All of us would also like to thank Anna Muraco who did an excellent job of organizing and facilitating this important workshop on behalf of the Career Development Committee.

To kick off our service for the semester, members of our SWS chapters collected school supplies as well as monetary donations in order to purchase school supplies for children in local shelters. With all the donations we received, we were able to provide children at five shelters with backpacks, folders, notebooks, pens, pencils, and more to help get the school year off to a good start!

SWS members also joined ranks with a host of community members on September 5th to volunteer at the Akron-Canton Regional Food Bank for their "Operation Orange" event. The food bank runs this event annually during the month of September, which is national hunger month. Operation Orange calls members of the community to participate in a 24-hour volunteering endeavor. Individuals and groups sign up for 2 hour shifts and collectively fulfill the 24 hour goal. This year, over 1,500 volunteers, including 7 of our own SWSers (Tiffany Taylor, Courtney Blue, Jacqueline Coffey, Marcella Mullhollem, Corey Stevens, Karen Martinez, and Brianna Turgeon) joined in to make the event a success! During our two hour shift alone, volunteers collaboratively assembled over 14,000 meals for hungry families. In addition to this being a great cause, the combination of energetic food bank staff, enthusiastic volunteers, and upbeat dance music made the event a lot of fun and an excellent way to initiate our service for the year!

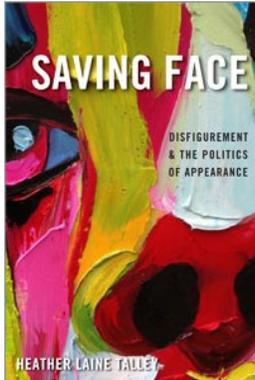
At our picnic to kick off the new school year, we discussed upcoming events for the semester. We have several volunteer opportunities in mind. These include monthly volunteering at our local food bank, raking leaves for the elderly, getting involved with Habitat for Humanity, and collecting winter items to donate. With this, we have secured funding to supply materials for a blanket-making event in which we will donate blankets that we make to local shelters. We are also planning to host a few informational brownbag events. Brownbag topics that were of interest are comprehensive exams and conference etiquette. We are looking forward to a productive semester!



**Fun times at the awards banquet!**

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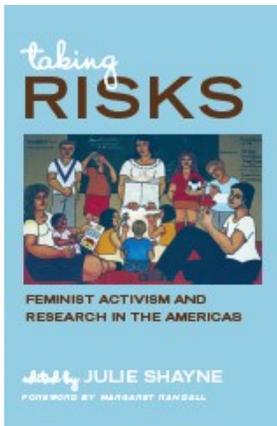
## Members Bookshelf



**Heather Laine Talley's** book *Saving Face: Disfigurement and the Politics of Appearance* is now available from NYU Press. *Saving Face* explores a wide-range of surgical interventions—from reconstructive surgery on cleft lips to face transplantation, from facial feminization to makeover surgery television—used to treat so-called “disfigured” faces. Throughout, Talley demonstrates that facial appearance is increasingly attributed with life and death significance, and she outlines the consequences of refiguring aesthetic intervention in vital terms. For more information, go to <http://nyupress.org/books/book-details.aspx?bookId=8043#.U96gH8bJFG4>

Here is an interview blog post about the book: <http://www.fromthesquare.org/?p=6552>.

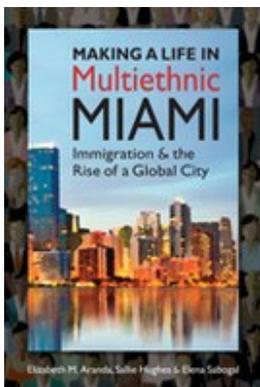
Additionally, it was featured on NPR's Think: <http://www.kera.org/2014/08/25/face-time/>



**Julie Shayne's** new book *Taking Risks* is a collection that narrates stories of activism and activist scholarship in the Americas. The essays are based on interviews, oral histories, ethnography, video storytelling, and theater. The contributors come from many disciplines, including sociology, theater, literature, feminist and cultural studies and discuss many activist projects: the underground library movement in Cuba, theater exposing the femicide in Juárez, Venezuelan community radio, Colombian video archives, exiled feminists in Canada, memory activism in Argentina, sex worker activists in Brazil, rural feminists in Nicaragua, and domestic violence organizations for Latina immigrants in Texas. Each essay addresses two themes: telling stories and taking risks. The authors understand women activists across the Americas as storytellers who,

along with the authors themselves, work to fill the Latin American and Caribbean studies archives with histories of resistance. In addition to sharing the activists' stories, the contributors weave in discussions of scholarly risk taking to speak to the challenges and importance of elevating the storytellers and their histories. *Taking Risks* is part of SUNY's “Praxis: Theory in Action” series, edited by Nancy Naples and includes a chapter by SWSer Roberta Villalón. <http://www.sunypress.edu/p-5884-taking-risks.aspx>

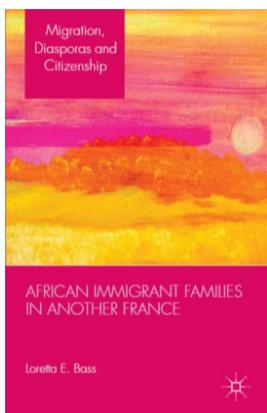
## Members Bookshelf



**Aranda, Elizabeth**, Sallie Hughes, and Elena Sabogal. 2014. *Making a Life in Multiethnic Miami: Immigration and the Rise of a Global City*. Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publishers.

With more than a million immigrants from Latin America and the Caribbean, Miami, Florida, boasts the highest proportion of foreign-born residents of any US city. Charting the rise of Miami as a global city, Elizabeth Aranda, Sallie Hughes, and Elena Sabogal provide a panoramic study of the changing dynamics of the immigration experience.

The authors move easily between an analysis of global currents and personal narratives, examining the many factors that shape the decision to emigrate and the challenges faced in making a new home. Offering a wealth of new insights, their work demonstrates why Miami is such an exceptional laboratory for studying the social forces and local effects of globalization on the ground.



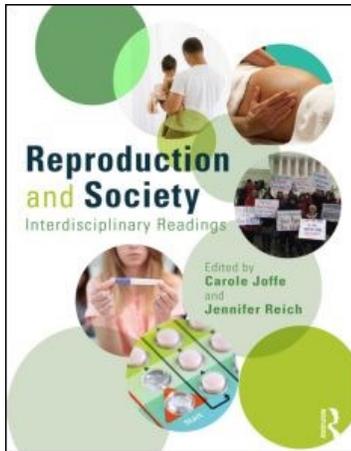
**Bass, Loretta, E.** 2014. *African Immigrant Families in Another France*, Palgrave-Macmillan.

The incorporation of Sub-Saharan African immigrant families is a key issue for France and Europe at large. Using the voices of first and second-generation immigrants to describe their integration experiences, this book illustrates how racial and immigrant statuses are assigned simultaneously and inseparably for those of African-descent in France, and in turn limit employment and social cohesion, often irrespective of an individual's qualifications or citizenship documents. First- and second-generation African youth report being, "French on the inside, African on the out," because they hold a French mentality but are continually treated as outsiders.

At the same time, this research connects individual-level cultural and religious factors that shape varied levels of resilience and immigrant outcomes. This book explains how the practices of French universalism and secularism together have become a straightjacket and ostrich policy for France, as the difficulties of incorporation are obfuscated by data regulations that limit the ability to measure social inequalities patterned by ethnic or immigrant descent. [http://www.palgrave.com/page/detail/?sf1=id\\_product&st1=544985&loc=uk](http://www.palgrave.com/page/detail/?sf1=id_product&st1=544985&loc=uk)

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## Members Bookshelf



Carole Joffe and **Jennifer Reich** are excited to announce their new book, *Reproduction and Society: Interdisciplinary Readings* (Routledge), available September 2014.

This book provides a collection of essays, framed with original introductions, to encourage students to think critically about reproduction as a social phenomenon. Divided into six rich and varied sections, this book offers students and instructors a broad overview of the social meanings of reproduction and offers opportunities to explore significant questions of how resources are allocated, individuals are regulated, and how very much is at stake as people and communities aim to determine their own family size and reproductive experiences. This is an ideal core text for courses on reproduction, family, gender, or sexuality.

For more information, including a complete table of contents, or to request a review copy, visit <http://www.routledge.com/books/details/9780415731034/>

### More fun at the banquet!

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## Announcements, Celebrations, Accomplishments, etc!

**Nancy A. Naples** was appointed University of Connecticut Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor of Sociology and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. She also received the 2014 Lee Founders Award from the Society for the Study of Social Problems. The award was established in 1981 in recognition of significant achievements that, over a distinguished career, have demonstrated continuing devotion to the ideals of the founders of the Society and especially to the humanist tradition of Alfred McClung Lee and Elizabeth Briant Lee. The significant achievements may be in the areas of scholarly research, teaching, or service leading to the betterment of human life.

**Katie Carns** recently published "Both here and elsewhere: Rural girls' contradictory visions of the future" in *Gender & Education*. The article brings an analysis of place to debates about gendered subjectivity formation, and is published within a special issue on "Education in the Global Rural: Feminist Perspectives."

<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/.VABtI7xdXlo#.VAigeGSwl0g>

**Amy Blackstone** has been appointed as Director of the University of Maine's [ADVANCE Rising Tide Center](#).

**Catherine Richards Solomon** has been promoted to Full Professor and is Department Chair in the Department of Sociology at Quinnipiac University.

**Mindy Fried** composed a recent blog post on organizing and evaluating a community-based music festival held on porches, called *From Applied to Action Research: Jamaica Plain Porchfest*. <http://mindymuses.blogspot.com/2014/08/from-applied-to-action-sociology.html>

**Marybeth C. Stalp** was promoted to Full Professor at the University of Northern Iowa.

Congratulations to newly-tenured **Jennifer Utrata** at the University of Puget Sound, who was also recently recognized as one of two university-wide faculty recipients of the University of Puget Sound inaugural Faculty Research Recognition Awards.

**Nawyn, Stephanie J.** and Linda Gjokaj have a new publication. "The magnifying effect of privilege: Earnings inequalities at the intersection of gender, race, and nativity." 2014. *Feminist Formations*, 26 (2):85-106.

**Sancha Doxilly Medwinter**, a Ph.D. candidate in her final year at Duke University, won the 2014-2015 National Science Foundation (NSF) Dissertation Improvement Grant for her dissertation research titled: Race, Class and Social Capital in Devastated Neighborhoods.



**Katie Carns** published a short Contexts piece with Josée Johnston on the gendered work and pleasure of food shopping. The article is called "Food shopping: a chore or a pleasure?" <http://contexts.org/articles/summer-2014/food-shopping-a-chore-or-a-pleasure/>

The Regional Calgary (Canada) SWS branch (where we have emerged from a 'deep Arctic frost') would like to contribute the following information on its members for the Newsletter: **Caroline Presber** (LL.B) has provided breastfeeding peer support to new mothers in various European countries. She is currently in Kuwait, teaching breastfeeding skills to Kuwaiti and expatriate mothers, as well as assisting and supporting mothers in promoting breastfeeding awareness, dialogue and best practices. **Lucy Taylor** (PhD) was shortlisted for the *Leader of the Year Award 2014* (sponsored by Human Resources Institute of Alberta) for her contribution to the teaching of Sociology in the higher education field. The *Annual Celebrating Excellence Awards* was held April 2014 in Calgary.

Thanks to Tiffany Taylor and the membership committee of SWS national for setting up a Facebook page to help local and regional chapters of SWS communicate and share events. Here is the link to the new page:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/SWS-Regionals-and-Locals/377348159082032?sk=timeline>.

Remember we also have an SWS-S fb group where you can post and exchange comments: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/341944019262270/>

**Barbara Sutton**, University at Albany, SUNY, was featured in an extensive article-length interview, entitled "Materia Prima," published in the nationally-distributed newspaper *Página/12* in Argentina (<http://www.pagina12.com.ar/diario/suplementos/las12/13-9095-2014-08-29.html>). The piece is largely based on her award-winning book, *Bodies in Crisis: Culture, Violence, and Women's Resistance in Neoliberal Argentina*.

SWS members **Gayle Sulik, Tristan Bridges, Meika Loe, Trina Smith, and Amy Blackstone** are pleased to announce the launch of our blog, [Feminist Reflections](#), hosted by [The Society Pages](#). Our goal in Feminist Reflections is to think through everyday lives with feminist sociological lenses. We launched on July 17 and, as you'll see, our posts reflect the diversity of our research interests and of our everyday experiences.

We welcome guest contributions and would love to add yours. Got an everyday issue you've been kicking around that you'd like to put your feminist sociological lens on? Please send your idea or completed post our way. Gayle Sulik is our Administrator but you are welcome to contact any of us with your ideas or submissions. Contact information can be found by clicking on our names on the FR site. Ideally, your post will be 750-1000 words and will include credited images and a short bio.

**Join us for The 16th Annual  
White Privilege Conference  
March 11-14, 2015  
in Louisville, KY  
Theme: "Resistance, Action,  
Courage, & Equity: The South  
Leading The Way!"**

#### Additional resources related to Negotiating the Job Market:

**The Professor Is In Resources:** Website: <http://theprofessorisin.com>

**“How to Negotiate your Tenure Track Offer”** <http://theprofessorisin.com/2014/02/28/how-to-negotiate-your-tenure-track-offer/> *Karen Kelsky offers some helpful U.S.-specific negotiating tips.*

**“Stop Negotiating Like a Girl”** <http://theprofessorisin.com/2014/03/07/stop-negotiating-like-a-girl/>  
*This short post includes an original email from a top candidate and Karen Kelsky's edited version of that email. It clearly outlines what a candidate should and should not include in an email exchange.*

**Google Docs link:** <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?key=0An-UdyZNOVCQdEIQeTZUYXILajJCVWZROXNwZVNzWXc#gid=1>

*This Google Docs link is available via the Professor Is In and keeps track of some rescinded offers. Some of the stories discuss how gender had an impact on rescinded offers while other stories address lack of funding, spousal hiring, loss of promised positions and benefits for non-tenure track faculty, and other unfortunate stories.*

**“I just received a job offer – how do I negotiate?” Hey Jane!, Vol. 15, available to SWS members**

*This Hey Jane! volume includes a thorough list of items and questions one should consider before they negotiate. It also includes some tips on how to ask questions about starting package and other items.*

**“Too Bad for Women or Does It Have to Be?: Gender and Negotiation Research Over the Past Twenty-Five Years,”** a talk by **Dr. Deborah Kolb** at the **Michelle R. Clayman Institute for Gender Research, Stanford University:** [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QSxsksS\\_eHM](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QSxsksS_eHM) *In this video, Deborah Kolb covers research on gender and negotiation over the last 25 years, the importance of studying the context of negotiations, multiple factors that might explain wage disparities between women and men, and negotiating strategies that may help women as they navigate the job market.*

**“Ask for It: How Women Can Use the Power of Negotiation to Get What They Really Want,”** by **Linda Babcock and Sara Laschever,** *This book was recommended by a SWS member who stated that it helped her to negotiate for a higher salary in a unionized state school that discouraged negotiation. While select reviews of the book comment on its less-than-rigorous research base, its authors offer a four-phase program of strategies and exercises to help women readers ascertain their needs and increase bargaining power. Many reviews comment on the empowering inclusion of accounts of women successfully bargaining for resources.*

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