Welcome to spring! Now that the days are lengthening and temperatures are rising, we want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who braved the one of the coldest winters on record to attend and contribute to the Winter Meeting. We are delighted to report 407 attendees, which appears to set a new record for attendance. We are grateful to all the participants and contributors too numerous to name. We are especially appreciative for the contributions of Eman Adbelhadi, our superb assistant and co-organizer; Joey Sprague, who overcame every unanticipated challenge; Lucie Costanza, who supported Joey while Jazmyne tended to her newborn daughter, Olivia, back in Lawrence; Sancha Medwinter, Allison McGrath, and Tristan Bridges, for developing a great set of events for graduate students; Katelin Albert, Georgiann Davis, and Ophra Leyser-Whalen, for their expert handling of the Silent Auction; Marisa Allison, Philip Cohen, and Liana Sayer, for their hard work on the local arrangements committee; and Mary Bernstein, for her sage advice on making a smooth presidential transition.

We also want to share with the whole membership the news that SWS council has responded to concerns raised at the winter meeting. Specifically, the council has adopted a new provision into the organization’s by-laws that are now undergoing revision. This provision incorporates representation from both the Sister to Sister Committee and the International Committee on the Winter Meeting Program Committee. We hope the participation of a representative from each of these vital committees will enhance efforts to formulate a winter meeting program that includes members from all areas of our SWS family.

Another important development to report is the establishment of a Media Committee to formulate and coordinate SWS’s efforts to participate in the worlds of both old and new media. Since council has requested that we appoint members for this committee, it would be helpful to receive any thoughts and suggestions you might have about the committee’s goals and membership.

Finally, we are entertaining ideas and suggestions for ways to raise the profile of SWS at the summer meetings, so please send us any thoughts or proposals you might have.

In closing, we want to underscore our commitment to instituting changes that will help SWS thrive, grow, and include the full range of voices we represent. Thanks so much for your support, and we look forward to seeing you in Chicago in August,

Kathleen & Jerry
From the Executive Office:

As the person responsible for problem-solving (and with 9 required committee meetings), I did not get many chances to enjoy the rich offerings of the program at the Winter Meeting in D.C. Thankfully, I did manage to attend most of the plenary Presidents-Elect Gerson and Jacobs organized on “Building Feminist Organizations,” composed of three leaders of organizations that are making a significant difference for women in society. The strategies they follow provide important advice for how we can make SWS more effective in achieving our goals.

Shelley Correll, the Barbara D. Finberg Director of the Clayman Institute for Gender Research at Stanford University, describes their strategy as building on their strengths and bridging the gap between theory and practice by partnering with workplaces to design on the ground research on how to make them more equitable.

What are SWS’s strengths? We have the skills and knowledge base of professional sociologists and, taken together cover a wide swath of the discipline. We include people at different career stages at a wide range of institutions and workplaces.

Who are our potential partners? As people committed to social justice, activist organizations seem a good choice. How could SWS effectively build bridges with such organizations so that the work we are doing is useful to them and takes advantage of the insights that come from investigating social process in practice?

Barbara Risman, is former co-chair, executive officer and current president of the board of directors of the Council on Contemporary Families, an organization that has become the go to place for major press organizations for access to the best research regarding American families. Their strategy has been to emphasize role as scientists, refusing to take sides on an issue but rather creating briefing papers that offer a range of research-based findings relevant to pressing social topics.

As a feminist organization, SWS is making a public commitment to work against gender and intersecting forms of inequality but we do not work in lock step. We operate under different conceptual paradigms and use different methods to understand the causes and consequences of gendered inequality in varied social sites. We can embrace our intellectual diversity as our strength.

Heidi Hartmann, president of the Institute for Women’s Policy Research, shows the power of women-centered social science research to inform and influence social policy debates. Hartmann says her guiding mantra has been to be always looking to the immediate political future, anticipate the next breaking issues important to women.
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Many SWS members are already news junkies and we use that by attending to what’s happening in the policy world, watching for political developments, and remaining on the lookout for developing opportunities where we can help make a difference.

Coordinating our broad and diverse network, building on our professional skills, working in alliance with feminist social change organizations, remaining mindful of developing political possibilities: think what we can do if we work together as an organization-- and do it strategically. Let’s talk about it.

Love the new SWS name tags! Great move for sustainability and fiscal responsibility!

Message from President-Elect, Wanda Rushing:

First, let me say thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve SWS as President-Elect. It is an honor to be working together with members of our organization, Council, and the Executive Office. Planning has begun for the 2016 Winter Meeting, with the site selection process underway. We will let you know the details as soon as possible so you can save the date and plan your trip. SWS, as a complex feminist organization, challenges us to assemble people and design programs for successful conferences that represent and include diverse perspectives. My hope is that the 2016 Winter Meeting will provide opportunities for us to share what we do as scholars and activists, strengthen our capacity for networking and mentoring, and support each other as we foster social justice. I welcome your program ideas, workshop suggestions, and other comments. Please email me at wanda.rushing.sws@gmail.com.
We braved the ice and snow to have a wonderful time reconnecting with old friends and making new ones at the SWS Winter meetings in Washington, DC.

Thanks to all who shared their great pictures!
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Mary calls the meeting to order at 11:00 AM

Introduction and handing over gavel by Mary Bernstein

Mary to introduce new officers, chairs, thank old ones.

Out-going Committee Chairs
Heather Laube: Academic justice
Sarah Sobieraj: Career Development
Gail Wallace and Lorena Garcia: Sister to Sister
Kylie Parrotta and Crystal Jackson: Social Action

Out-going Officers
Tiffany Taylor, VP
Bandana Purkayastha (out-going past President)
Sancha Medwinter (out-going Student Representative)
Wanda Rushing (out-going past-treasurer)
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Incoming Officers
Wanda Rushing (President Elect)
Sharon Bird (Past-Treasurer)
Becki Bach (Treasurer)
Mangala Subramaniam (Treasurer Elect)
Adia Harvey Wingfield (VP)
Allison McGrath (Student Representative)

Jerry/Kathleen take the gavel

Discussion of Proposed Bylaws Structure Diagram and Committee Charges (30 minutes)
Focus in council: Transparency and consistency in by-laws and diagram
SWS will get legal advice about the by-laws, personnel matters, etc.

Mary:
Do want to note that we are doing research on recruitment and retention of members.
3 “floating” committees on the diagram do report to council. We will make that more clear.

Recommendation to Council:
Add current treasurer to investment committee.
Chair of investment on EOB.
Needs to be discussion between publications committee and EOB and council without conflating politics of the journal and SWS.

Concerns and discussion about merging the discrimination committee and the academic justice committees.

Open up to public discussion about meetings/plenaries, etc.
Discussion about diversity in the program but also the structure of SWS. Race, sexual and gender identity, and type of institutions members work for.

ON THE RECORD: How this is done is not just in conversations. The meetings were meant not just for conference papers, but that we have structural places for these conversations and that we have a commitment to structural changes at the next meeting.

Recommendations to Council

Include a member of Sister to Sister and the International Committee on the Winter Meeting Program Planning Committee

Joey Sprague:

Reusable badge holder…you can drop it off on Sunday and leave your name in it and you’ll get an extra buck in your travel reimbursement. Or, take it with you and bring it back next year and we’ll give you a break on your registration.

Travel subsidies:

Must be a member
Participation is required.

Go to new members
Present a paper
Attend a committee meeting
We will count this business meeting, even though it was an error in the software.

Deadline: April 22, 2015.

Committee Reports (5 minutes):
Treasurer’s report Sharon Bird: (10 minutes) (see notes)
Other business.

Sunday Feb. 20th General Business Meeting, 8:00 – 9:30

Committee on Academic Justice ---Co-Chairs: Roberta Villalon and Orit Avishai, Elected Member: Wendy Christensen

The Gender & The Evaluation of Teaching has been updated including more recent literature and data as well as an intersectional approach, and will soon be reviewed and uploaded to our website

The Lavender Report Card on Departments and Journals has been developed, and will soon be reviewed and uploaded to our website

CAJ co-sponsored workshops with Sister-to-Sister and the Social Action Committee on issues related with contingent and marginalized faculty that were very well attended and resulted in very productive conversation and strategy-building. CAJ, SAC and STS are planning to make the contents of the workshops and discussions available through our website given their richness and potential utility for faculty in vulnerable positions. CAJ is also thinking about how to develop new strategies to institutionally address the needs of contingent and marginalized faculty.

CAJ discussed the proposal to unify with the Discrimination Committee and we agreed that such union would NOT be beneficial for either committee. Both committees, however, expressed interest in collaborating and co-sponsoring activities.

CAJ also discussed about participation in the program committee in order to ensure academic justice in regard to
topics and representativeness.

Sister-to-Sister—Gail Wallace

Our committee’s business meeting was also well attended (25 participants) at the Winter 2015 meeting. While not initially on the business meeting agenda, STS meeting attendees wanted to express and discuss their concerns with the lack of representation of scholars of color reflected in the SWS Winter 2015 plenaries and featured panelists. Ideas were also suggested for how to avoid this in future, i.e., have an STS committee representing in the SWS meeting programming committee and/or advice SWS leadership to utilize a “socially just” checklist. STS committee members agreed that it would be useful and important for STS to submit a letter to the SWS leadership about this matter. Gail Wallace, the outgoing STS Co-Chair, offered to draft a letter to reflect key points raised at the STS committee’s business meeting about this matter. Other points of discussion at the business meeting included committee members’ ideas for panels/workshops/etc. that STS could organize at SWS meetings in the future. The ideas generated were great and included (though not limited to this): how to teach about current events (i.e., Ferguson), focus on activism (not just academic work), and mentoring.

Upcoming Ideas for STS 2015-2016 Meeting Sessions:

Teaching Workshop—We are exploring the possibility of organizing a workshop related to teaching about current events, such as developments in Ferguson, etc.

STS hosting an informal dinner/social event for STS Committee

Organizing mentorship around writing (related to focus of STS Committee work) for STS committee members

“Where Are They Now?” panel featuring some Chow Green Dissertation Award recipients

Social Action---Kylie Parrotta

Thanks reviewers of fact sheets

How to revise fact sheet process to that they are more timely and less time consuming. Potentially moving to infographics, etc….perhaps moving them under the media specialists so that the committee can do more social action!

Mini-grant applications: in response to the listserv conversations around teaching award…social action could offer teaching mini-grants for folks at an institution without much financial support.

Student Concerns --Allison McGrath

1) Cost

Possibility of providing students with the option to purchase only registration and not the banquet (i.e., make the banquet optional)

Students indicated that the increasing registration costs makes it difficult to attend the meeting

2) Mentorship

Work together with Hand Program to provide each first time attendee with both more senior scholar and also graduate student mentor

Formalize an official graduate student meet and greet that occurs after the welcoming reception on Thursdays evening

Can we track and recognize first time attendees through a special sticker on badge?
3) Scheduling
Need to be conscious of not scheduling overlapping events (e.g., sister-to-sister and other intersectional tables)

4) Fellowship information
✦ Need to make sure our “student section” of the SWS website is updated
Want to include a list of various fellowships and other funding opportunities that are directly on the student section of the website.

5) Budget
Increase our budget from $500 to $1000 to ensure that we are able to provide food and drinks for all graduate students

6) Summer Meeting Presence
✦ We want to increase our presence at SWS
✦ Perhaps we can have a table in the main room of ASA that graduate students take turns volunteering at
Table will provide other ASA participants with information on SWS

7) Breakfast with Scholars
✦ Want to use a Google Doc that is available to all graduate students
✦ Create more transparency and encourage more graduate student participation
Students appreciated these formalized activities as a way to get to know more senior scholars in a less awkward format

8) Organized Dinners
✦ Go back to the previous model in which we used Google Docs to schedule the Thursday evening dinners
✦ Graduate students really enjoyed these dinners
Focus the dinners on a specific subfield and have the appropriate scholars lead the tables

9) Greater Communication
✦ Graduate student listserv sign up at the registration table
Increasing use of the graduate student listserv and Facebook

International—Susan Lee

3 subcommittees:

UN Subcommittee: accredited to the UN so we participate in certain activities, submit reports, etc. Large SWS delegation attending Status of Women; also sponsoring an SWS panel focusing on violence against women.

Global Feminist Partnership Program: relationships with gender centers around the world. This year brought a scholar from Brazil, Marlise Matos. We hope that our next global partner can be incorporated into the plenaries in 2016. Always looking for new partners…if you have a connection let us know.

International Meetings: Women’s World Congress (Judith Lorber represented SWS well in India).

All these programs require money and we are grateful for the support.
New idea: Record some of our plenaries so that they can be simulcast on the WEB to scholars who can’t come to the meetings.

Membership—Tiffany Taylor

Hand Program: Match to make the meeting less intimidating. More than 80 matches for this meeting!

Chapter liaison: involved with the dialog to the by-laws, etc. Note: if you are thinking of starting a chapter, we have a page for that on the SWS website. If you have a chapter that’s fallen off a bit, visit the page as well as you may get new ideas to re-spark your chapter.

Using social media for outreach. Subcommittee to use social media more effectively.

How to make SWS more inclusive: look at our membership….we ask people to fill in the blanks about gender, race, etc..so that we can get a baseline gauge of the demographics of the membership. We want to work moving to the leadership as well to make SWS more diverse.

Career/Professional Development—Andrea Miller

Thinking about doing work with Hey Jane! to expand it beyond the newsletter; perhaps moving online, blogging, crowd sourcing questions, etc. to be more responsive.

Professional needs and mentoring (co-sponsored with sister to sister). Attendees expressed need to better explain differences between the Hand program and the professional needs and mentoring program.

Possible workshops for the summer meetings: critique me, how to turn a dissertation into a book manuscript, mentor mapping with Kerry Ann Rocquemore from the National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity.

Investment Committee—Kate Berheide

We are new and defining our roles (with EOB, council) and responsibilities

Focused on long-term planning and asset allocations, improve our gains while still have them available for the purposes for which they exist.

Alon fund: We want the Alon fund to be used to its intended purposes.

Awards: Rosenblum fund is also growing and we’d like them to spend that money every year and in fact even spend more.

Awards—Ana Prokos

Could nominate an awards chair!

Awards committee welcomes a new member who serves for one year and then moves on to chair feminist lecturer or feminist award

March 1: deadline for faculty award

Feminist Mentorship
Feminist Lecturer
Feminist Activist
Site visit

April 1: deadlines for students award

Chow-Green
Cheryl Allyn Miller
Barbara Rosenblum
Concerns: how to know where to look for awards if not a member of SWS, its under “committees” so suggesting an A-Z listing on the website

Proposing that Feminist Activist, in addition to Feminist Lecturer, have a presentation at the ASA.

**Discrimination—Marcia Texler Segal**

Thank you to SWS for support; together with Academic Justice, we presented a panel on gender transformation in the academy and we were able to bring in a visiting colleague from Sweden and non-sociologists from the DC area who had insights to contribute.

Main function: funds are available to support SWS members who are involved in discrimination litigation. Work is all done behind the scenes. We don’t investigate the validity of the case, but simply confirm that there is a legitimate case that they are fighting. [We are supporting one discrimination case at this point.] Funding comes from Natalie Allon Fund the mandate for which is narrowly worded and doesn’t give us many options. We are hoping to go to court to modify the mandate so that we can use the funding more broadly including additional types of support, and perhaps a dissertation award for a project on discrimination.

Talking with Academic Justice about the bylaws suggestion to combine the two committees. We are working on a proposal that will allow us to work together more closely, but we do not think that it’s a wise idea to combine the committees.

**Gender and Society: Joya Misra**

Here representing myself and my wonderful Des Mary Bernstein, Maxine Craig, Adia Harvey Wingfield, and Melissa Milkie 500 decisions; 55 days to be externally reviewed; 6% are accepted, 10% receive R&Rs. We get emails every day from people’s whose papers are rejected thanking us for the best comments they have received.

Worked hard to promote G&S: our blog had 62,000 views in 2014; G&S in the classroom has been very successful. Started new blog entries focused on methods that are very useful for teaching methods. There has been a decline in outside media picking us up…so working to make sure that we are attracting outside media attention.

Special Issue on Gender & Religion out February 2015, thanks to Rachel Rinaldo, Orit Avishai, and Afshan Jafar

Editorial board is very diverse in many different ways, including representing different kinds of institutions. We are excited that Jo Reger, the new Editor is at a regional university that primarily serves undergraduates.

I will stop taking R&Rs June 1, Jo will start taking new submissions May 1. I will step down around July 31.

Thank Publications committee; editorial boards, EOB, Council, Joey and Executive Office for all of the support!

**Publications (Report on Discussion of Proposed New Journal and Survey of Members) —Jennifer Reich and Katja Gunter**

Thank you to Joya Misra!

Announcing Jo Reger who has been selected as the next editor of Gender and Society. This is the first time that G&S will be at a regional university that primarily serves undergrads. Transition to the new editorial office is going well. *Note there is a need for extra office money in transition years to a new editor, as two offices are running overlapping for a few months.

Welcome new members: Dana Britton and Chris Bose, new junior co-chairs

Thanks to search committee for the work in selecting the new editor.

*Network News* is doing great! Interested in feedback…content, delivery, etc. Speak with Angela Lewellyn Jones or members of the publications committee.

Discussions about working with SAGE in terms of new contract negotiations.

Possibility of a new journal…last summer we received a proposal for a new journal: “Feminist Research and Practice”. Working to a create a process—we don’t currently have one.
Conducted a survey among members in January.
Adina Nack compiled the results (both quantitative and qualitative)
High level of enthusiasm for a new journal within SWS
Raised interesting and important questions about what this journal would look like; affordable, accessible, inclusive, standards of sociology

Issues central to the debate about a new journal:

Has to speak to the needs and interests of our membership
Should provide opportunities for publishing scholarship that currently doesn’t fit into G&S
Not “gender and society lite” or a pathway to G&S
G&S servers our intellectual needs and funds SWS so we need buy in by the membership, but not necessarily a vote.

We need to determine the aims and scope and the mission of the journal; then we will begin to figure out the details (money, editor, editorial board, etc).
Membership will be involved at every step but it is not the case that committees would elect a member to the editorial board because the membership elects the publications committee.

Would not be supported by G&S
Most journals don’t make money for at least 10 years.
Find start up funds for the support to get the journal off the ground successfully
Priority of the journal: to translate our work to people both in and outside the academy.

Having fun at the opening reception!
SWS Winter 2015 Membership Meeting
Adia Harvey Wingfield, SWS Vice President and Chair of the Membership Committee

The membership committee met in Washington DC during the 2015 Winter Meetings. Attendees were Kimberly Fox, Angie Hattery, Shannon Davis, Marni Brown, Tristan Bridges, Gretchen Arnold, Tiffany Taylor, and Miho Iwata. Angie served in her capacity as Secretary, and Tiffany kindly moderated the meeting as outgoing Vice President.

The committee’s primary tasks are to recruit new members and retain existing ones. We also work on the Hand program, Welcome committee, and maintaining a Chapter Liaison who can be the point person for new, regional, and local SWS chapters.

At this meeting, we established that Miho will begin working with Tristan on strengthening the Hand program. Kimberly Fox also volunteered to help as needed. Not to be confused with a mentoring program, the Hand program matches people at any rank who are new attendees to the SWS meetings with members who are more familiar with the conference. More experienced members can give advice, help, and serve as a generally friendly face for those who are navigating meetings for the first time. At the 2015 winter meetings, Tristan matched about 80 attendees; thus, we discussed ways to make the matching program more efficient.

We also discussed the role of the chapter liaison, and established that Gretchen will continue to serve in this role. Kimberly Hoang volunteered to help here as needed as well.

We spent a significant amount of time discussing the role of social media in seeking and supporting our membership. We decided to reach out to Wendy Christenson about pursuing other social media channels (e.g., Tumbler, Snapchat). We also discussed the possibility of an SWS blog that requires membership in the organization in order to post (as a strategy for incentivizing membership). We discussed the importance of targeting recruitment at the junior level, and emphasized the importance of making sure that we maintain a diverse membership. However, we recognized that it will be important to reach out to senior scholars who are feminists of color as well, because they can provide support to junior people. Potential ways to do this included: increasing the feminists of color included in the Breakfast with Scholars, rekindling relationships with Association of Black Sociologists (ABS), and considering that we ask Council about forming a task force to investigate linking with other organizations that would help to create a more diverse membership.

Here is to feminist SWS networking magic! Heather Laube (University of Michigan-Flint) was the first SWS-er Daniela Jauk (University of Graz, Austria) met "live" in 2006 at an ISA conference in Durban, South Africa, during an RC32 session. The contact persisted over Dani's Fulbright grad school years in Ohio from 2007-13 and deepened during several SWS winter meetings. Almost 10 years later, on International Women's Day 2015, here they march together through the streets of Graz, joining the traditional political protest of the local women's movement, as Heather in turn currently spends a Fulbright semester in Austria. Stay tuned for a more detailed report in a future issue of Network News.

Pictured are: Daniela, Shane Clary, Heather Amani Jauk and Paxon Laube-Clary
Why ‘Sister to Sister’? Building Institutional Memory and Change within Sociologists for Women in Society

Dr. Gail Wallace, Johns Hopkins University

During the SWS Sister to Sister committee meeting a discussion on preserving the institutional memory of Sister to Sister took place. A review of past SWS Sister to Sister Task Force organizing indicates on record the beginning of a Sister to Sister Task Force Committee as early as 2002. This committee was formed by feminists within SWS as a result of deepening tensions within SWS across feminist racial and ethnic lines. The Sister to Sister Task Force Committee tabled conversations within SWS to address the marginalization of feminist scholars in the academy throughout the United States of America and internationally. The central goal of this Sister to Sister Task Force was to address the need for diversity and inclusion within SWS. SWS sought out to remedy the deep feminist tensions within it that had surfaced by bringing in outside experts who specialized in cultural diversity and sensitivity training along with grass roots consultants. Feminists within SWS cried out for visibility, representation, the sharing of feminist power and a place at the table from ‘margin to center’. Members were frustrated and cries for change to remedy SWS’s organizational woes were addressed.

The SWS Sister to Sister Task Force was instrumental in tabling those early conversations which were initially met with resistance. SWS endured and we all learned from each other. In fact, those very important conversations led to feminists acknowledging ‘the elephants in the room’ and to some degree we came out of the feminist closet as an organization by talking more candidly about our social and structural locations within stratified systems as well as our common and different oppressions | privileges. This feminist space was a necessary refuge and freedom from ignorance’s that even we, educated feminists participate.

Despite the many books on our shelves by feminist scholars that speak to feminist realities across our structurally dislocated social landscapes with regards to gender, race, ethnicity, social class, sexuality, citizenship, disability, age, et cetera, we each struggle with these in our daily work with doing social justice. This is a complicated practice and we do struggle with it! Organizations, such as SWS, are not immune from these struggles either.

SWS entered into its’ introspective academic healing phase during that period of intense and highly productive feminist conversations which enabled us to see the ‘gorillas in the room’ that had been missed. Those tabled discussions enabled a glimpsing from SWS of the real work that is needed for effective feminist leadership albeit complicated with respect to a diverse membership body. Our SWS organization embraced a culture of feminist honesty, sharing, and vulnerability by relating across uneven social and structural locations, status divisions and feminisms. We embraced feminist cultural sensitivity with regard to our social differences so that we could evolve into a healthier organization. SWS rallied behind that shared vision of being more inclusive, maintaining a diverse leadership body and the representation of feminisms within our organization. We experienced a transformation in SWS regardless of how micro some may define it.

Since the first Sister to Sister Task Force over a decade ago, more growth has surfaced. This involves building the institutional memory of Sister to Sister and the ongoing need for inclusion and diversity within SWS. During the 2015 SWS Winter Meetings, a discussion of previous work done by SWS Sister to Sister on fostering an inclusive and diverse SWS lead to more meaningful discussion and planning on the implementation of core areas that represent SWS. There is a need for core areas of representation within SWS as we continue to evolve as an organization; the work of committees, such as SWS Sister to Sister, appear to be repeating the same message on the need for diverse feminist representation, inclusion and acceptance within SWS across an even wider set of demographics. Let me explain by offering a realistic analogy.
The SWS plays a critical role in the advancement of feminists in ASA and this is accomplished via SWS’s active service and inclusion on ASA Council. This came about because feminist leadership representation was very thin with feminists of color even thinner in the ASA until the twenty-first century. SWS as a core staple body in its relationship building work with ASA has promoted the advancement of feminist scholarship within ASA. SWS is a strong and respected voice in feminist activities in relation to ASA. SWS pushed for greater visibility with ASA and upon a review of past ASA Presidents from 1906 to 2015 it is easy to understand the necessity of SWS’s existence and visibility in relation to ASA. However, this has not been as evenly distributed with respect to feminists of color. We are still mostly non-existent if not very marginalized in leadership positions within ASA and SWS.

SWS committees, such as Sister to Sister, also require implementation as strong core staple bodies within SWS. Sister to Sister is marginalized within SWS as a program (a program is likened to a committee) and requires relegation from being a committee to becoming a core staple body (a core staple body is likened to a department) within SWS. This proposed implementation verifies the importance of Sister to Sister and similarly situated committees within SWS. Currently, SWS risks uneven governance within its membership body, thereby making the distribution of any decision within SWS skewed at best indicating possible exclusions of feminist talents and achievements that permeate our SWS organization.

We saw this first hand at the 2015 SWS Winter Meetings. As SWS members, we listened and observed to our dismay professionally skewed plenary after plenary that delivered little if any content on the new and changing demographics with regards to gender revolutions, family structures, and intersectionality research on the above topics as. This was also the case with plenary discussions on building feminist organizations, gender, work, family, social policy and a keynote panel on reproductive rights. This is problematic as was seen by the lack of diversity and inclusion in the first, second, and third plenary as well as the keynote panel. Many participants were disappointed by the dismissal of important scholarship that could have balanced our SWS program making it what we at SWS Sister to Sister and other feminist voices have worked so hard to accomplish for well over a decade with SWS.

In my role as SWS Co-Chair of Sister to Sister, I have listened to our membership body. I heard an all too familiar story about the lack of representation, inclusion and diversity within SWS. I left these social interactions scratching my head because these were exactly the same concerns that SWS sought out to remedy well over a decade ago. I along with other SWS members shared our disappointment as we observed the layout of the first, second and third plenary and keynote panel with our own eyes and listened with our own ears; the same feminist concerns resurfaced again at the 2015 SWS Winter Meetings. Feminist scholars of color, LGBTQ feminist scholars, along with members of SWS of all social classes both nationally and internationally must be at the table and not on the sidelines within our SWS organization! Building core staple bodies within SWS enables feminists to share in decisions, organizational building and (experiential) knowledge. We must create a more equitable feminist organization across racial, ethnic, LGBTQ, and international lines. This work has been calling us for some time.

Furthermore, the institutional memory of Sister to Sister is best preserved when it is embedded within SWS as a core staple body. SWS Sister to Sister and any other committee for this matter should not have to repeat itself over and over for representation, diversification and inclusivity as this perpetuates a growing sentiment of further marginalization and peripheral involvement within an organization that claims for its membership body, an inclusive space for feminists to share in a collective power.

SWS is about gender and gender relates to race, ethnicity, social class, sexuality, LGBTQ, disability, age, citizenship, international realities, immigrant status and a number of key identity characteristics that shape our everyday lives as feminists. Thus, a core staple body #1 requires attention to Gender and Intersectionality; core staple body #2 requires attention to Gender and International Feminisms; and, core staple body #3 requires attention to Gender and Social Policy which enables our organization to stay up to date with the complexities of our changing demographics.
Moreover, we must partner with the various councils and institutes to better understand how our feminist research and theories enable sound social policies for population group members’ that need it most such as, underserved and underrepresented families that reside in neighborhood contexts that make day to day survival a matter of life or death. What this also means is that we need to be thinking about families of color and alternative families. Gender research is not just about mainstream middle class families. We need these institutes and councils that do gender and family research to also provide the type of research that is reflective of our changing demographics (for example, feminist scholars of color within SWS could support these efforts and build strong ties with these institutes and councils that partner with SWS) if it is to be relevant to the most up to date population demographics; our social world is changing demographically. In addition, we need detailed and nuanced understandings of how social class in particular operates in each of the above proposed SWS core staple bodies.

How else does SWS absorb the complexities of changing demographics? And, we must include its’ diversified membership body in this planning, right? A new journal is great as long as it is inclusive of feminisms and diverse scholarship. SWS is already home to the Gender and Society Journal. Gender and Society houses diverse scholarship and some of these feminist scholars could have been considered for plenary and keynote panel participation at the 2015 SWS Winter Meetings especially since they have contributed professionally to Gender and Society; perhaps a call to request their curriculum vita’s and matching their expertise with our SWS program objective of diverse and inclusive scholarship at the winter and summer meetings could make sense. Drawing from the rich diversity within Gender and Society authorships’ is at least worthy for discussion.

A new journal that extends these relationships of gender to other identity characteristics offers us something of interest from the perspective of our membership body and I confidently add prospective journal subscribers. A new journal needs to offer a difference that calls audiences without duplicating Gender and Society which already generates a large subscriber base and well deserved praise. The new journal needs to include a diverse editorial board. We need an array of diverse feminist scholars that care to receive these types of valuable feminist scholarship as well. Engaging in organizational transparency throughout these decisions enables us to understand the process and direction of this new journal. We, the members’, are a vital part of the organization and decisions need to be made with this fact in mind.

Building change that reflects our growing organization needs to be part of a long range planning effort and senior feminists who have helped build SWS are in a great position to support further growth within Sociologists for Women in Society. We can no longer afford repeating the same news that SWS needs to be inclusive and diverse solely through its’ committee body. This needs to also take place through the sharing of feminist power. Incorporating Sister to Sister and similarly situated committees as core staple bodies solidifies a commitment through the building of this type of change into SWS.

I have listened to the membership body during my time in office as the SWS Co-Chair of Sister to Sister and member perspectives on growing SWS as a more inclusive and diverse organization have been mixed. Some feel that this would result in the splintering of SWS while others think that this takes our focus off of gender. None of the feedback that came across my desk while co-chairing SWS Sister to Sister suggests that feminists don’t have a shared interest in gender. In fact, we feminists desire to strengthen our partnerships across gender; we strengthen these partnerships by understanding gender and its relationships to race, ethnicity, sexuality, class and the myriad ways feminists as a group experience social inequalities both internationally and right here in the United States.

As the outgoing SWS Co-Chair of Sister to Sister, SWS members voiced their dissatisfaction that the panels did not include a central piece of information about the gender revolution. This involves the rich participation and activism by feminists of color that have shaped the gender revolution. This was left out in plenary one. Furthermore, plenary two excluded families of color, such as Black Families, Latino/a Families, Asian Families, working class and impoverished White families, LGBTQ families, etc. I too was disappointed that we left out these important areas in plenary two but especially in plenary three.
Therefore, we, the membership body that expressed concerns regarding these series of exclusions strongly recommend that a representative from each committee (with the long term goal of building core staple bodies over the next seven to ten years) serve on the SWS council (ex-officio or current) to ensure that we have some oversight in future SWS planning, making every effort to construct inclusive and diverse SWS Winter and Summer meetings. This effort extends to other SWS events with respect to our mission in support of all SWS feminist activities within the organizing body of Sociologists for Women in Society.

Finally, a formal letter is being drafted to SWS council on behalf of the SWS Academic Justice and Sister to Sister Committee to initialize reform for SWS by taking on these important concerns that have been addressed in the SWS Sister to Sister minutes and throughout the SWS 2015 Winter Meetings. Everyone that seeks this type of forward organizational growth understands that these reforms in our SWS organization take time and long range planning. New, fresh and candid conversations need to be forthcoming so that we could meet proposed long range planning objectives for SWS over the next seven to ten years; year ten (2025) should show us some tangible results. Also, the SWS membership body that shared the above concerns during my time in SWS Office as Co-Chair of Sister to Sister is committed to working together, hand in hand to support our SWS organization that demonstrates goodwill despite hard challenges. The SWS strives to support all feminists. This is what makes Sociologists for Women in Society an especially unique and thriving organization!

Our feeble attempt to replace Tracy Ore as photographers for the meeting. We missed you, Tracy!
Gender & Society Welcomes New Editor

Katja Guenther, Co-Chair, Publications Committee

Professor Jo Reger will become the next editor of Gender & Society, beginning a four-year term this August. Dr. Reger earned her doctorate in Sociology from The Ohio State University and is an accomplished scholar in social movements and gender. In addition to numerous publications, most of which focus on feminist social movement activity, in peer-reviewed journals, Dr. Reger is also the author of Everywhere and Nowhere: U.S. Feminist Communities in the 21st Century (Oxford University Press, 2012). Dr. Reger’s undergraduate degree is in journalism and women’s studies and she worked for five years as an editor of a chain of weekly newspapers before returning to graduate school to study sociology. She thus has insider knowledge of managing a publication and the production process.

Dr. Reger is currently Professor in the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, Social Work, and Criminology at Oakland University, which will host the journal. Oakland University is a regional public university in Rochester, Michigan, that serves more than 20,000 students, many of whom are first-generation college students, non-traditional students, and students balancing work and family responsibilities. Dr. Reger notes, “I believe that this environment shapes the way in which I think about research and the dissemination of academic work. My goal for the journal is to continue to publish articles, essays, and symposia that make scholarly contributions and are accessible to students such as the ones I teach on a regular basis.” Dr. Reger’s editorial team includes Drs. Rachel Einwohner (Purdue University), Krista Brumley (Wayne State University), Melanie Hughes (University of Pittsburgh), and Amy Stone (Trinity College). She will also be working with three managing editors, Linda Gjokaj, Beth Pare, and Lacey Story.

The Publications Committee thanks Dr. Joya Misra for her exceptional service as the outgoing Editor of Gender & Society, and is excited about Dr. Reger’s innovative plans for leading the journal as it moves to a multidisciplinary department serving only undergraduate students. Dr. Reger is committed to maintaining the journal’s excellence and global scope, and will continue to develop paths through which Gender & Society can remain an important teaching resource for students of all levels.

We missed you at the meeting, Jazmyne, but of course, we know you had a wonderful reason for not being there!

Congratulations and Welcome to the world, baby Olivia!
Awards Committee Report
Anastasia Prokos, chair

The committee covered the following in our meeting in February:

Bureaucratic processes and new members. We welcomed new sub-committee chairs and our new elected member and discussing procedures and recordkeeping. Some of these are in process, such as updating dropbox files and folders.

Clarification on committee chair rotation. Several things were ambiguous in the OPM, so the committee finalized the timing for chair turnover on committees going forward. The Awards Chair will update appropriate documents to reflect the clearer guidelines.

Webpage. Committee members had several concerns regarding the location and visibility of awards on the SWS webpage. We decided on three suggestions for improvement: 1) add the list of awards as its own category in the “About” section (completed); 2) include a FAQ about awards (completed); 3) create an A to Z on the web page (EO agrees and will investigate the scope of the project). Further, we will continue to work on listing previous winners on specific award web pages.

Deadlines. We discussed a suggestion to change the deadline for faculty awards. The committee decided to continue with the current deadline as the regular schedule, but continue to allow for extensions.

Workshop planning. Our workshop was scheduled for the next day. We ensured that people were ready to speak to three issues: 1) the process for creating a new award; 2) the process for populating sub-committees; 3) creating a great nomination/package. We had very low attendance at the workshop.

Summer meeting planning. Finally, we agreed to ensure that the Feminist Activist has a session at the summer meetings (in addition to the feminist lecturer).

Reminders: It is award’s season! Faculty awards are due March 1 and Student awards are due April 1. (The faculty awards deadlines have since been moved to March 15). Please do not forget to nominate, apply, and apply for campus visits from our lecturer and activist!

Congratulations to Chasity Thompson, winner of the SWS Undergraduate Social Activism Award! Nominated by her professor, Trina Smith (Georgia State University), she is recognized for “engaging in a more quiet form of activism at times, which is the activism that can go unnoticed but is important in recognizing difference and getting people to talk to each other to work for common social justice goals. This is especially important in our location in the Deep South. Furthermore, it is also important to note Chasity does not do all these things on campus for another line on her resume. When I told Chasity I was nominating her for this award and asked her for a list of her activities on campus, she replied "I didn't think of documenting it, I just did it." This is her mindset and why she is deserving of this award.”
“Professional Pathways, Applied Research and Public Policy”

“Professional Pathways, Applied Research and Public Policy” was a panel organized by Amy Leisenring (San Jose State University) and Shelley Erickson (California State, Long Beach) with the goal of exploring the professional pathways pursued by sociologists working in a range of applied settings (both academic and non-academic).

The panelists included:

(1) Chloe E. Bird, a senior sociologist at the RAND Corporation, who studies women’s health and determinants of gender differences in health and health care

(2) Kim M. Blankenship, Professor and Chair in the Department of Sociology at American University and also Director of the Center on Health, Risk and Society at AU, and Director of the Social and Behavioral Sciences Core of the District of Columbia Developmental Center for AIDS Research, whose work focuses on the social dimensions of health and structural interventions (especially community mobilization interventions) to address health, with an emphasis on HIV/AIDS

(3) Sarah Jane Glynn, Director of Women's Economic Policy at the Center for American Progress, whose work at the Center focuses on gendered economics, work-family, and workplace policies

(4) Elisabeth Jacobs, Senior Director for Policy and Academic Programs at the Washington Center for Equitable Growth, whose research focuses on economic inequality and mobility, family economic security, poverty, employment, social policy, social insurance, and the politics of inequality

Panelists discussed the way in which their academic training variously prepared them (or did not prepare them) for the work that they currently do. Panelists also discussed the way in which their research is used to create policy to better women’s lives.

Some of the most important takeaways from the panel:

--Sociologists can play a unique role in applied settings because they often do a better job in connecting to public audiences than other social scientists. They can help to establish the important questions that need to be answered surrounding social issues, and provide information that forces various stakeholders to be accountable. Additionally, sociologists are able to focus on the importance of thinking about voices that have been marginalized and are not traditionally heard from (such as women, people of color, and/or people living in poverty)

--As a discipline, we need to do a better job of engaging stakeholders outside of the academy and disseminating information to broader audiences. Sociology departments need to train graduate students to write for more public audiences.

We need more women who can become “thought leaders” in the public discourse. Scholars in other disciplines are misusing sociological concepts. We need more sociologists to jump into the public discourse and correct this.

--Those interested in doing applied work and/or public sociology need to think about how to make their work valuable to the outside world. It is important for sociologists to realize that many jobs in applied settings do not require advanced research methods skills.

--Finally, the discipline of sociology would be better off if we recognized that applied settings and academic settings are not polar opposites. The work of sociologists in both settings is enhanced by each other. We need to work on bridging this perceived gap.
“Women in Higher Education”

Barret Katuna, University of Connecticut; Tressie McMillan Cottom, Emory University; Gaye Tuchman, University of Connecticut

How has the increasing rationalization of higher education affected women? Gaye Tuchman organized a panel with Barret Katuna and Tressie McMillan Cottom that addressed women’s experiences in the face of a corporatist university model that impacts women at all levels of the educational hierarchy.

Barret primarily focused on rationalization via the mechanism of gender-specific leadership trainings for presidents, deans, and provosts. Trainings, hosted by the American Council on Education, Harvard University, and the HERS Institute, for example, are highly popular in academia now and are a consequence of the rationalization of higher education. The HERS Institute and ELATE host some highly popular trainings that are for women. While it is indisputable that women are underrepresented in many fields include science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) disciplines and administrative roles, research shows that women-centered approaches have been found to be inadequate. Systemic-wide training to address barriers for marginalized groups carries more merit. Interviews with 34 men and women serving as presidents, deans, and provosts revealed an openness to all forms of trainings because of the substantive and social benefits. There were just a few reservations from administrators who were in favor of non-gender-specific programs to construct a wider peer network. Most women respondents felt that the primary importance of gender-specific leadership trainings was to build their network of other women administrators who could mentor them through the myriad challenges of a gendered organizational structure. Barret suggests a reexamination of the terminology of “women’s training sessions” since it is problematic to suggest that the men who are not taking part in these women-centered trainings are already experts on what the women are learning in these settings.

Tressie McMillan Cottom underscored the relevance of focusing on for-profit colleges as a way to understand higher education tensions writ large. First and foremost, the University of Phoenix is presently the #1 producer of Bachelor of Arts degrees in the United States. Tressie noted that for-profit colleges do not operate on the same continuum as elite colleges. This subsequently presents challenges for women and individuals of marginalized populations (Students: 2/3 are women and 1/2 are from historically marginalized racial and ethnic backgrounds; Faculty: 1/2 women & 1/2 from historically marginalized racial and ethnic backgrounds). Her research calls us to look at the cultural legitimacy of for-profit institutions and the structural credentialism that graduates from for-profit institutions face when they are out on the job market. In terms of the faculty side, her research looks at the phenomenon of viewing education as a deliverable and what this means for professors who work at these for-profit colleges. One of the important questions that Tressie raised was: can an instructor from a for-profit college go back to a non-profit college after working at a for-profit college? As universities are cutting back on funding full-time, tenure-track professorship lines, this question should resonate with us all as we advise graduate students and navigate our own career paths.

Shifting the discussion back to non-profit institutions of higher education. Gaye Tuchman addressed the disheartening reality of a lack of unionization, job security and flexibility in the United States and beyond that directly impact 70% of faculty who are now adjuncts. These at-will employees (adjuncts, contingents, sessionals, professors-in-residence, and faculty of the practice) can be fired very easily absent any job security that comes from tenure. Gaye shared some troubling statistics about the realities that many doctoral degree earners now face in an unstable academic career structure. In 48 of 50 states, the states pay less per student than they did before the recession. Furthermore, at state institutions in Michigan, Vermont, and Virginia, less than 10% of the money comes from the state. On a more personal level, Gaye talked about a common reality...
Local & Regional Chapters in Action!

SWS-South is pleased to announce that Jill Yavorsky, a PhD Candidate at The Ohio State University, is the inaugural winner of our Graduate Student Paper Award on the Study of Gender. The committee recognized her paper, "Demand Side Processes and Occupation Segregation: An Audit Analysis of Gendered Hiring Practices, Biases and Inequalities in the U.S" as a significant contribution to our understanding of gender discrimination in hiring practices in both white collar and blue collar occupations. Jill will receive a one-year membership to SWS-S, $300, and will present her work in a special session at next year’s Southern Sociological Society (SSS) meeting. Moreover, as the purpose of this award is to foster the development of gender scholars and to provide support for their work, SWS-South will appoint a mentor to facilitate the publication process in a peer-reviewed journal. Congratulations, Jill, and Thank You to our Awards Committee: Claudia Youakim, Rebecca Bach, and Linda Treiber!

As this issue goes to press, we are making final preparations for our annual meeting in conjunction with SSS. We are pleased to sponsor more than a dozen sessions, including several professional development workshops. We are also excited to continue our tradition of the “Coffee for a Cause” reception, which will benefit The Institute of Women and Ethnic studies, a community health organization in New Orleans (http://iwesiola.org).

SWS-Tallahassee Chapter: In January, we met to watch and discuss the documentary Brand New You: Makeover Television and the American Dream. In February, we went as a group to see Piper Kerman speak at FSU. She discussed her memoir about her time in a women’s prison, which was adapted into the Netflix hit Orange is the New Black. For our last meeting of the year, we’ll have Open Mic Night, an event where members share their favorite feminist songs, artwork, poems, or other cultural products.

Iowa State University’s SWS local chapter met in February to talk about politics and read a chapter from Enlightened Sexism by Susan Douglas. In addition, Vandana Shiva gave a talk at ISU at the beginning of March. Many of the local SWSer’s attended. We have one more meeting planned for this semester. For our last meeting of the semester, we plan to read the introduction of another book that we will hold a book club on over the summer. Our next book is Paying for the Party by Elizabeth Armstrong and Laura Hamilton.
Members Bookshelf


Gender Circuits explores the impact of new technologies on the gendered lives of individuals through substantive sociological analysis and in-depth case studies. Examining the complex intersections between gender ideologies, social scripts, information and biomedical technologies, and embodied identities, this book explores whether and how new technologies are reshaping what it means to be a gendered person in contemporary society.


Through in-depth interviews, observations of parents’ meetings, and analyses of popular advice, Linda Blum examines the experiences of diverse mothers coping with the challenges of their children’s “invisible disabilities” in the face of daunting social, economic, and political realities. She reveals how mothers in widely varied households advocate for their children in the dense bureaucracies of the educational and medical systems; wrestle with anguishing decisions about the use of psychoactive medications; police the masculine embodiment of vulnerable, feminized sons; and live with the inescapable blame and stigma in their communities.

For more info: http://nyupress.org/books/9781479871544/


Some Men explores the promise of men’s violence prevention work with boys and men in schools, college sports, fraternities and the U.S. military. The book illuminates the strains and tensions of such work—including the ways male privilege is reproduced in feminist spheres—and explores the ways that men and women navigate these tensions. Based on life history interviews, Some Men examines the experiences of three generational cohorts: a “movement cohort” of men who engaged with anti-violence work in the 1970s and early 1980s, during the height of the feminist anti-violence mobilizations; a “bridge cohort” who engaged with anti-violence work from the mid-1980s into the 1990s, as feminism receded as a mass movement and activists built sustainable organizations; a “professional cohort” who engaged from the mid-1990s to the present, as anti-violence work has become embedded in community and campus organizations, non-profits, and the state. Across these different time periods, Some Men illuminates men’s varying pathways—including men of different racial/ethnic and class backgrounds—into anti-violence work, and explores the promise and pitfalls of men’s work as feminist allies. To learn more about the book, visit http://www.somemen.org/

Over the past six years, the James Beard Foundation has presented 84 awards for excellence as a chef, but only 19 were given to women. Likewise, Food and Wine magazine has recognized the talent of 110 chefs on its annual “Best New Chef” list since 2000, and to date, only 16 women have been included. How is it that women have lagged behind men in this occupation? Taking the Heat examines how the world of professional chefs is gendered, what conditions have led to this gender segregation, and how women chefs feel about their work in relation to men. Tracing the historical evolution of the profession and analyzing over two thousand examples of chef profiles and restaurant reviews, as well as in-depth interviews with thirty-three women chefs, Harris and Giuffre reveal a great irony between the present realities of the culinary profession and the traditional, cultural associations of cooking and gender. Since occupations filled with women are often culturally and economically devalued, men exclude women to enhance the job’s legitimacy. For women chefs, these professional obstacles and other challenges, such as how to balance work and family, ultimately push some of the women out of the career. Even so, the respondents recount advantages that women chefs offer their workplaces and strengths that Harris and Giuffre argue can help offer women chefs—and women in other male-dominated occupations—opportunities for greater representation within their fields.


In this myth-shattering book, the authors tell the life stories of 108 brown, white, and black teen mothers, exposing the problems in their lives often overlooked in pregnancy prevention campaigns. Some stories are tragic and painful, marked by sexual abuse, partner violence, and school failure. Others depict "girl next door" characters whose unintended pregnancies lay bare insidious gender disparities. Offering a fresh perspective on the links between teen births and social inequalities, this book demonstrates how the intersecting hierarchies of gender, race, and class shape the biographies of young mothers.

For a 30% discount use source code 14M6812 when purchased through UC Press (link below). Discount code is also on the flyer. http://www.ucpress.edu/book.php?isbn=9780520283428
Announcements, Celebrations, Accomplishments, etc!

Congratulations to Nancy Naples, Past President of SWS and the winner of multiple SWS awards, for winning the Jessie Bernard award this year. The actual ceremony will be held during the ASAs in Chicago, this August. To congratulate Nancy directly, please email her at: Nancy.Naples@uconn.edu.

Recent publications:


Leyser-Whalen, Ophra. 2014. “‘Crazy Woman Juice!’-- Making Sense of Women’s Infertility Treatment with Clomiphene.” Women’s Reproductive Health 1,2:73-89.


Regina Baker will begin a new tenure track position at the University of Pennsylvania next year, and Sancha Medwinter will do the same at UMass Amherst. Congratulations!!!

Emily Fairchild was elected Director of Gender Studies at New College of Florida.

Heather Laube was awarded a Fulbright and is spending this semester at Karl-Franzens University in Graz, Austria. She is teaching two courses in the Institute for American Studies (Gender & Society and Gender, Feminism, and Change in Academia). She is also engaged in a research project that focuses on the role feminists have played, and continue to play, in transforming academia, the ways they practice their politics through their work, and how the possibilities and constraints of the academy shape individual careers, the construction of knowledge, disruption, and protest. She is also exploring the ways feminist academics and women and feminists outside the academy can work in concert to transform society.

Call for Submissions – ConditionallyAccepted.com blog

ConditionallyAccepted.com – an online space for marginalized scholars who are “conditionally accepted” in academia – invites guest blog posts (500-1,000 words) regarding inequality, discrimination, and harassment in and related to academia and higher education. The blog offers an unfolding electronic dialogue among marginalized scholars, wherein we share personal stories, advice, information, resources, as well as engage in scholarly debate. Voices from scholars of various backgrounds, disciplines, and career paths are encouraged to contribute. Anonymous and pseudonymous posts are welcome, as well.

Submissions should be emailed to conditionallyaccepted@gmail.com. Please briefly describe how your proposed post fits into the blog’s focus. You can see more information about our suggested guidelines for contributions at http://conditionallyaccepted.com/contribute/ and particular ideas at http://conditionallyaccepted.com/2015/01/21/call-for-submissions/.
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