As we gain more distance from the disturbing presidential election, we must begin looking forward and proactively plan and organize. The election has made the depth of racism and misogyny visible to greater numbers of people, not only leading up to the elections, but in the skyrocketing numbers of hate crimes since. This visibility simultaneously opens up new opportunities for us to take advantage of as activists, organizers, teachers and scholars. I have added a number of sessions specifically addressing a range of related issues that many of us are already thinking about. The winter meeting will be a time when we can come together for the crucial support and sense of community we all need, perhaps now more than ever.

We also have many exciting sessions to look forward to, including sessions on intersectional pedagogies, bringing disability studies into our intersectional lens, examining masculinities, self-care and healing, white privilege as it shapes the experiences of different groups of graduates students of color, privilege from a global South perspective, and many more.

If you have not previously been involved in a committee, this is the year to get involved! Council encourages every member to take part in shaping the future of OUR organization by becoming active on a committee. Choose one committee that you want to devote your focus and time to right now. All of our committees are doing important work, but they are more effective when they have the commitment of members. I encourage everyone to get involved in one committee this year; you can move to another committee in the future!

Following this year's theme, all committees have been asked to examine what intersectionality and privilege means for the work they do, and to develop next steps to make their work more inclusive.

In preparation for the winter meetings, if you have not already done so, I encourage you to take some of the Implicit Association Tests from Harvard's Project Implicit [https://implicit.harvard.edu/implicit/](https://implicit.harvard.edu/implicit/). There are tests focusing on a wide range of social identities that we will be thinking about when we consider the meaning of intersectionality. The work that we do requires not only that we look outward as we work to change the world, but also inwards, to reveal the ways in which privilege, implicit bias, and other internalized dynamics may provide obstacles for us in doing this work and sabotage us in ways we may not even be aware of. Come prepared to examine yourself, your work, our work together and more.

- Abby
SWS Election Results

Congratulations to SWS' new leadership team. Many people remarked about the strong slate this year. This is a credit to the excellent work of the SWS Nominations Committee, which included Melanie Heath, Julia McQuillan, and Pallavi Banerjee. The result was a set of very hard choices. In light of our terrific new leadership group and the fact that a record number of SWSers voted in this year's election, the future of SWS looks bright indeed.

Council

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Nominations Committee Members: Denise Copelton & Anna Muraco
Publications Committee Members: Tristan Bridges & Sharon Bird

Many thanks to everyone who agreed to run. We are all indebted to you and expect there will be many opportunities to serve in other capacities in the short term and in elective positions in the future.

Best wishes to all,
Kathleen and Jerry
SWS Publications Committee—Announcing the Next *Network News* Editor

By Chris Bose, Publications Committee Co-chair

The SWS Publications Committee is pleased to announce the next Editor of *Network News* (2017-2020) will be Professor Marjukka Ollilainen of Weber State University. Professor Ollilainen has the connections with SWS that are essential for our Editor. She understands our organization because she has been active in many SWS committees including, among others, the Membership Committee, the Awards Committee, has served on the *Gender & Society* Editorial Board, and currently is a member of the Career Development Committee. In addition she has the editorial skills this job requires, having had a “first” career as a journalist in Finland.

As indicated in its call for applicants, the Publications Committee wanted to expand the Editor’s role to envision, commission, and edit engaging essays on a variety of topics including: upcoming meetings, activities of international partners, organizational direction and debate, initiatives and their rationales. Professor Ollilainen plans to do this in several ways. First, she says, “one of the key goals I would work toward would be to make feminist discussions, organizational developments, task forces, and the people behind them familiar to all readers.” Second, she plans to “help make those on the edges of the organization—at least geographically—become more familiar to the U.S. readers.” Additionally, she would “continue Angela Lewellyn Jones’s efforts to build institutional history and depth of understanding the organization’s evolution through the column, “Words of Wisdom from Past-President.” She continues saying “this is an important addition to the newsletter as major changes are in the works, including hiring a permanent executive officer, relocating the executive office, and considering a second SWS sponsored journal.” The SWS Publications Committee and Council support and applaud this vision, and we are pleased Professor Ollilainen has accepted the *Network News* Editor position. At the same time, we want to thank Professor Angela Lewellyn Jones for the excellent job she has done over the last several years, shifting the focus of our newsletter as many of our announcements and committee details began to appear on the website, rather than in print—a difficult shift to make for an editor.
The Disquieting Voices of 2016

Wanda Rushing, President SWS

At the SWS Winter Meeting in Memphis last February, the program focused on Feminist Perspectives: Race, Place and Social Justice. For the scholars and activists who participated, intersectionality informs our work as well as our understanding of the world. And place matters. I think the program succeeded in moving the conversation forward and making SWS more inclusive. We heard the voices of academics as well as activists, and we heard from long time members as well as new ones.

Always a pragmatist, I cannot say I expected the academy, or the world, to be a better place at the end of 2016 than it was in February. Nor did I expect to be living in a “post-racial” America, something I never have found to be a meaningful or accurate construct. But 2016 has been a difficult year of increasing polarization and division in the United States and the world. The rise of white nationalism and anti-Semitism, and increases in public expressions of Islamophobia, sexual harassment, and racial hatred dispel any notions of having a post-racial or just society in the foreseeable future. The voices of racial hatred, class resentment, and misogyny are disruptive and disquieting. We need to pay attention to these voices.

This year the United Kingdom documented sharp increases in racial or religiously aggravated crimes after the Brexit vote. Just this week the Southern Poverty Law Center reported “eruptions” of hateful intimidation and harassment in social media both before and after the U.S. election. African American, Muslim, and LGBTQ communities are reporting threats, harassment, and vandalism. The greatest number of incidents has been occurring in K-12 schools involving everything from bathroom graffiti, aggressive behavior, threats of violence, and chanting. Girls, especially Latinas and those who wear hijab, are at risk. Black students have been subjected to racial slurs and threats of lynching at the University of Pennsylvania and at colleges and universities in other states. In Colorado, white males reportedly are walking up to adult women saying it is now “legal to grab them by the pussy.” Also, this week the FBI released data for 2015 showing a 67 percent increase in hate crimes against Muslims, the highest level since September 11, 2011. It also showed increases in hate crimes directed at people because of race, religion, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, and disability.

As social scientists, we will be studying and speaking out about these social phenomena for years to come. But as human beings we have to survive and thrive now and for the long haul. We want our families and communities to be safe, and we want to reach out to others. Many Americans are protesting. Some are organizing. And many are opening their wallets to support feminist and antiracist work they believe in. These actions remind me of the words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. which are just as important now as they were fifty years ago: “The arc of the moral universe is long but it bends toward justice.” Obviously we have much work ahead of us in our communities for 2017 and beyond. No doubt SWS will continue to be a place for nurturing feminist scholarship and activism to make the world a more just place, and will carry on the work of providing a supportive environment for nurturing feminists. I look forward to seeing you in Albuquerque, and I am eager to hear the program voices organized by President-Elect Abby Ferber.
Dear Colleagues and Friends,

The 12th semi-annual Gender, Science, and Organizations Workgroup will take place from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm on Thursday, February 9th 2017 – the day of the opening evening reception for the Sociologists for Women in Society winter meetings in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The workgroup is targeted at sociologists who are already doing research on studies of gender & academic careers, scientific workplace organizations, organizational transformations to promote gender equality, etc. We are a growing, loosely organized group of sociologists who focus on science as a workplace and many workshop participants work on NSF-funded ADVANCE research projects.

The purpose of the workgroup is to: 1) network with other scholars conducting research on similar topics and 2) work on a research paper/project. As a group, we will talk about our current research projects. This will provide workshop participants with the information necessary to explore potential collaborative projects. There will also be two large designated blocks of time for working on your research. You may use this time anyway you wish such as brainstorming a new paper, putting the finishing touches on a research manuscript, working with collaborators, or doing data analysis. All interested sociologists are welcome to join the workgroup. Send an email to Christina Falci (cfalci2@unl.edu) to reserve your spot.

Your SWS conference fees will cover the room cost for the workgroup. Participants need to bring a laptop computer (and maybe an extension cord). We will coordinate a place to have lunch during and dinner after the workshop (participants pay for their own meals; but attendance at all meals is not essential for participation in the workshop).

Best,
Christina Falci (Associate Professor of Sociology, University of Nebraska-Lincoln)
Shauna Morimoto (Associate Professor of Sociology, University of Arkansas)
Laura Hirshfield (Assistant Professor of Medical Education and Sociology, U. of Illinois-Chicago)

Former organizers: Laura Kramer, Kathrin Zippel, Julia McQuillan, and Enobong Hannah (Anna) Branch

For a list of SWS local and regional chapters, SWS committee chairs, and current officers of SWS, please visit the SWS website:

www.socwomen.org
Call for applications for The Beth B. Hess Memorial Scholarship

History and Overview

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

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

What We'll Be Looking For

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

Commitment to teaching, especially at a community college or other institution serving less-privileged students.

Research and/or activism in social inequality, social justice, or social problems, with a focus on gender and/or gerontology being especially positive

Service to the academic and/or local community, including mentoring

High quality research and writing in the proposal and letter of application.

The Application

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

1. A cover sheet with:
   o Name and full contact information, including phone and email
   o Current academic affiliation, with years attended and expected degree date
   o Community college or technical school attended, with years and number of credits completed
   o Name and contact information for graduate faculty reference
   o If included, name of honored faculty member
   o A letter of application (no more than 2 pages) describing the student’s decision to study sociology, commitment to teaching, career goals, research agenda, dissertation project, service and activism that would help the committee to see how the Scholarship would be a fitting honor. Approximately one page should be devoted to a dissertation summary statement including progress to date.
   o Full curriculum vitae, including all schools, degrees awarded, dates/years of study, and full or part-time status in each.

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

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

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

3. A letter of recommendation from a sociologist.
   Transcript (official or unofficial) from the community or technical college attended.

Only the enrollment confirmation, letter of recommendation, and transcript will be accepted in hard copy. Electronic copies of these materials are preferred and should be sent directly by the individual or institution supplying them. Hard copies can be mailed directly to:

Sarah Bruch
Department of Sociology
130 Seashore Hall West
University of Iowa
Iowa City, IA 52242

To be considered, all application materials (electronic and hard copy) must be RECEIVED by April 1, 2017. For further information contact Sarah Bruch (sarah-bruch@uiowa.edu)
UPDATE: Social Action Initiative Award Winner

We are pleased to provide SWS with the update of a recent winner for the newly created Social Action Initiative Award.

**Restorative Justice: From Practice to Implementation**  
(formerly titled Healing Our Communities from the Inside-Out: Restorative Justice Behind Bars)

**Heather Mooney**, Graduate Student of Sociology, Wayne State University in collaboration with **John R. Espie - Prisoner 278182 - Michigan Department of Corrections**.

The SWS award supported a one-day Restorative Justice Summit held in a Michigan prison on November 2nd, 2016. Four incarcerated men with help from the *Michigan Theory Group* developed a restorative justice course and program. The *Michigan Theory Group* includes incarcerated men, professors and students from across southeast Michigan involved with the Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program. Restorative justice is inspired by feminist pedagogical principles of understanding and subsequently challenging the matrix of oppression as well as working towards social justice through healing and dialogue. The gathering proved to be a generative learning experience for all involved.

Congrats to Heather, John, and all their collaborators involved in the summit.
**SWS ACTIVISM FUNDS AVAILABLE!!**

**Social Action Initiative Awards**

Brought to you by the SWS SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Current SWS members can apply for social actions oriented funds in the amount of $500 to $1000 to support efforts to undertake social action broadly defined (e.g., advocacy, public education, organizing, movement-building).

**TWO 2017 FUNDING CYCLES**

**DEADLINES:** April 1st and Sept. 1st

Go to the SWS website to apply & for more info:


Any questions? Email Kristy Kelly, SAC Chair, **kek72@drexel.edu**

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**Join the CEDAW Movement**

**Girls ages 16-19 in the United States are 4 times more likely than the general population to be victims of rape, attempted rape, or sexual assault. (Department of Justice 2010)**

VIOLENCE AGAINST GIRLS AND WOMEN IS DISCRIMINATION. CEDAW is the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women. Adoption of CEDAW means that gender inequality including violence against women, gender pay inequity, and sex and labor trafficking is illegal.

CEDAW (Pronounced see-daw) is a UN human rights treaty, the only one that focuses on the rights of women. Over 180 nations have ratified CEDAW including Australia, Brazil, Chile, Ireland, Iraq, Italy, Morocco, Nigeria, South Africa, and Sweden. The UNITED STATES is one of only a handful of states that has NOT. These are Iran, Sudan, Somalia, the Holy See, and two small Pacific Island nations: Palau and Tonga.

In the absence of ratification, a Cities for CEDAW movement has spread through the United States. Communities that have a CEDAW ordinance or are in the process of passing CEDAW include Boston, MA, Edina, MN, Louisville, KY, New York City, Philadelphia, PA., Radford, VA, Raleigh, NC, St. Paul, MN, Washington, D.C. and Ypsilanti, MI. Is there a Cities for CEDAW organization in your locale?

Does your organization support CEDAW? More than 180 U.S. organizations officially support CEDAW. SWS is in the process of obtaining official support status.

(SWS International Committee, CEDAW Subcommittee)
Elaine Enarson and Bob Pease, Eds. *Men, Masculinities and Disaster* (Routledge Studies in Hazards, Disaster Risk and Climate Change, 2016)

In the examination of gender as a driving force in disasters, too little attention has been paid to how women’s or men’s disaster experiences relate to the wider context of gender inequality, or how gender-just practice can help prevent disasters or address climate change at a structural level. With a foreword from Kenneth Hewitt, an afterword from Raewyn Connell and contributions from renowned international experts, this book helps address the gap. It explores disasters in diverse environmental, hazard, political and cultural contexts through original research and theoretical reflection, building on the under-utilized orientation of critical men’s studies. This body of thought, not previously applied in disaster contexts, explores how men gain, maintain and use power to assert control over women. Contributing authors examine the gender terrain of disasters 'through men's eyes,' considering how diverse forms of masculinities shape men’s efforts to respond to and recover from disasters and other climate challenges. The book highlights both the high costs paid by many men in disasters and the consequences of dominant masculinity practices for women and marginalized men. It concludes by examining how disaster risk can be reduced through men's diverse efforts to challenge hierarchies around gender, sexuality, disability, age and culture.


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Autoethnography is an ideal method to study the ‘feminist I’. Through personal stories, the author reflects on how feminists negotiate agency and the effect this has on one’s political sensibilities. Speaking about oneself transforms into stories of political responsibility—a key issue for feminists who function as cultural mediators.

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We all know that good study habits, supportive parents, and engaged instructors are all keys to getting good grades in college. But as Janice M. McCabe shows in this illuminating study, there is one crucial factor determining a student’s academic success that most of us tend to overlook: who they hang out with. Surveying a range of different kinds of college friendships, Connecting in College details the fascinatingly complex ways students’ social and academic lives intertwine and how students attempt to balance the two in their pursuit of straight As, good times, or both.

As McCabe and the students she talks to show, the friendships we forge in college are deeply meaningful, more meaningful than we often give them credit for. They can also vary widely. Some students have only one tight-knit group, others move between several, and still others seem to meet someone new every day. Some students separate their social and academic lives, while others rely on friendships to help them do better in their coursework. McCabe explores how these dynamics lead to different outcomes and how they both influence and are influenced by larger factors such as social and racial inequality. She then looks toward the future and how college friendships affect early adulthood, ultimately drawing her findings into a set of concrete solutions to improve student experiences and better guarantee success in college and beyond.

Announcements, Celebrations, Accomplishments, etc!

Vicky Demos and Marcia Texler Segal are excited to announce two new volumes in our ADVANCES IN GENDER RESEARCH series published by Emerald in 2016. Gender and Race Matter: Global Perspectives on Being a Woman, (AGR 21) edited by Shaminder Takhar from London South Bank University surveys the world with chapters about Egypt, Iran, Bangladesh, India, Liberia, South Africa, Peru, and Trinidad. It includes a section on women’s voices in prose and poetry. SWSers Denise Copelton, Ali Hendley and Bobbie Spalter-Roth are represented in our own edited volume, Gender & Food: From Production to Consumption and After (AGR 22). The volume includes chapters that focus on social change, sickness and health, and food preparation and serving in a variety of contexts including beach cottages, grandmother’ Sunday tables, and school lunch rooms in locations from Fennoscandia to Ghana. Information including tables of contents, chapter abstracts and purchasing options is available at http://www.emeraldgrouppublishing.com/products/books/series.htm?id=1529-2126

Don’t forget to bring items for the live auction at the winter meeting!

Ophra and Georgian are ready to raise LOTS OF MONEY, so be sure to bring your wallets and checkbooks too!
Thank you very much for the opportunity to serve as editor of *Network News* for the past few years. I’ve enjoyed getting to know many of you better through this experience. I look forward to seeing you at future meetings. Wishing you all the very best in your future endeavors!

Peace,

Angela Lewellyn Jones