Happy fall! I hope that everyone’s summer wound down productively and well, and that the fall is bringing a pleasant start to the semester, if applicable, or at least some cooler temperatures.

Thanks to those of you who organized, attended, and/or participated in our Summer Meeting in Philadelphia. Though we always have a more scaled-down agenda in the summer, we never compromise on the core things that make our meetings great: vibrant intellectual discussion, mentoring opportunities, thoughtful engagement with ideas, and the important work of making sure SWS as an organization runs as smoothly and efficiently as possible. Congratulations to all of our award winners who were honored at the banquet—it is always nice to recognize how hard our members work in various endeavors and to celebrate their many accomplishments. Thanks also to those of you who developed and/or attended the various meetings, Breakfast with Scholars, and roundtables. I hope everyone who attended left the meeting feeling a renewed sense of commitment to feminist activism, research, and teaching.

As most of you likely know at this point, many of us at SWS spent the last few months thinking very seriously about issues of harassment in academia broadly and sociology specifically. We remain committed to our principle that harassment is incompatible with our views and mission as a feminist organization, and as such, we are focused on doing the hard work of looking internally to see where we can bolster and strengthen our institutional initiatives that provide transparent procedures, resources, and support for those who have experienced this issue. Please see the statement on our website for more details about some of the resources that are available to survivors. Additionally, in the coming months two working groups will be developing recommendations for how SWS can ensure that our awards policies, everyday procedures and guidelines, and other organizational practices reflect our institutional values. I hope to have some suggestions to share with everyone in early 2019.

With that said, other organizational business is running smoothly. We should soon be able to announce a new Editor for Gender & Society; the Media Relations Subcommittee is working with the new Publicity Specialist, Sheila Lalwani, to highlight members’ work; and we hope to make several technological changes soon that should simplify meeting registration, membership renewals, and other processes. And finally, don’t forget to mark your calendars for February 7-10, 2019. President-Elect Tiffany Taylor is planning an incredible meeting that you won’t want to miss.

Thanks again to all of you for all that you do for SWS. This organization is what it is because of its members. I hope we all value and take pride in that fact.

Best,
Adia
Hi SWS! The Program Committee is very busy planning what is certain to be an amazing 2019 Winter Meeting. As a quick reminder, the dates of the Winter 2019 Meeting in Denver are February 7-10, 2019. It will take place at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Denver Downtown Convention Center. Please click [HERE](#) to access the Winter Meeting 2019 website. The theme of the meeting will be Building Solidarity: Celebrating the Past, Navigating the Present, and Preparing for Our Futures.

We have some fun celebrations planned to honor the past that I think you will enjoy. To help us navigate the present, an expert on self-care, Dr. Shanesha Brooks-Tatum, will do a workshop to help us learn more about healthy self-care. There will be additional opportunities to experience a variety of self-care options at the meeting.

Additionally, as sociology grapples with #MeToo and #MeTooSociology, we must think of our past, present, and prepare for the future. We will have sessions to help empower members to help change the culture of sociology.

Finally, as we prepare for the future, many of us may see the need for greater community engagement. This will likely mean very different things for different people, from the weekend volunteer … to the university faculty member doing applied research … to the scholar activist. We will have a plenary with a range of experiences to discuss the challenges and successes of this work. Following this session, we will have “how to ____” breakout sessions in which members can get very practical advice on becoming more involved in various communities.

Of course, there is more to come. We have already contacted Committee Chairs about sessions and their needs for the meeting. The paper submission system, where you can submit your abstracts or proposals and ideas for sessions, workshops and roundtables, is now open.*

Also don’t forget we will have childcare available during the day at the meetings on Friday and Saturday. The Local Arrangements Committee will have a list of kid-friendly places in the area and, if there is an interest, we can even arrange for a yoga class with the kiddos!

I look forward to seeing you in Denver and to building solidarity!

Best wishes,

Tiffany

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**President-Elect’s Column: Tiffany Taylor**

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**SWS Executive Officer’s Column: Barret Katuna**

Greetings from Connecticut! Thank you to those of you who came to our Summer Meeting in Philadelphia and participated in our sessions and committee meetings. For those of you who could not be at the Summer Meeting in person, I hope you will enjoy reading the Officer and Committee reports in this Fall 2018 Issue of *Network News*. Soon, if not already, you will be able to catch up on what you might have missed at the Business Meeting and review an update of Council-related matters on the Members-Only Section of our website.

In this column, I will fill you in on some exciting updates that are going to make your SWS membership experience easier to navigate. I will also provide an Executive Office update on some matters that I would like for you to be aware of.

**MemberClicks:** This fall, you will experience an improved membership experience as we launch the MemberClicks section of our website. This is the same system that the Midwest Sociological Society uses. It will allow us to have enhanced member profiles that allow you to personally update your user preferences and addresses, multiple listservs and segmented listservs for committees, easier membership renewal options that can be automated, a job board where non-SWS members can sponsor a job posting, an event management system that’s built into our website, and an experts database. If I haven’t messaged directions already, please look for those in your inboxes. We will also be posting directions on the website and will be available for any questions that might arise. I am really excited about this new system and I am confident that you will find this system to be a great fit for SWS.

**Bylaws:** After the Summer Meeting, on two separate occasions, in consultation with some Council Members and related Committee Chairs, I noticed that there are areas of the SWS Bylaws...
that are inconsistent/inaccurate based on SWS operations. Any changes to our Bylaws need to be approved by SWS Members (even if they are to correct some inconsistencies).

Issue #1: In one section, our Bylaws indicate that the Treasurer-Elect is not a voting member of the Operating Budget Management (OBM) Committee. The error came about because of an inconsistency in our Operations and Procedures Manual (OPM). In actuality, the only non-voting members of OBM are the Executive Officer and the Publications Committee Co-Chairs.

Selected Section of Current Bylaws:
Section 8. Treasurer-Elect. The Treasurer-Elect assists the Treasurer in all activities pertaining to that office, prepares to assume the responsibilities of that office in succession, serves on the Operating Budget Management Committee and performs such other duties as may be determined by the Council and serves as a non-voting member of the Operating Budget Management committee. The Treasurer-Elect serves on the Personnel Committee.

Language to Vote on for Approval:
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Issue #2: Our Bylaws indicated that the Awards Committee had one member who is elected by SWS Members for a 2-year term. In actuality, we have two elected members of the Awards Committee and they each serve a 2-year term. We elect one Awards Committee Member in each SWS Election.

Selected Section of Current Bylaws:
Awards Committee. Members of the Awards Committee consist of a chair who is elected by the Members for a two (2)-year term, one (1) member who is elected by the Members for a two (2)-year term, and chairs of the various subcommittees that oversee the awards that the Organization confers.

Language to Vote on for Approval:
Awards Committee. Members of the Awards Committee consist of a chair who is elected by the Members for a two (2)-year term, two (2) members who are elected by the Members for a two (2)-year term, and chairs of the various subcommittees and committees that oversee the awards that the Organization confers.

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While we are on the subject of Awards Committee Members, as a result of conversations between Council Members and Awards Committee Chair, Marybeth Stalp, we are also going to have a separate vote on the ballot regarding the addition of one more elected member to the Awards Committee. As such, if that separate vote passes, we would then change the language to read as follows:

Awards Committee. Members of the Awards Committee consist of a chair who is elected by the Members for a two (2)-year term, three (3) members who are elected by the Members for a two (2)-year term, and chairs of the various subcommittees that oversee the awards that the Organization confers.

If this separate vote passes, then we would elect 2 new members of the Awards Committee in the 2019 Election (odd year elections moving forward) and then 1 new member of the Awards Committee in the 2020 Election (even year elections moving forward).

Operations and Procedures Manual (OPM): I have been working with some Committee Chairs and Council Members to thoroughly review SWS Operations and to make sure that the OPM is accessible, accurate, and easy to refer to. I am always happy to receive an email or call from an SWS Member or Elect-Elect who has a question about a procedure, but I want to give you the tools to find out this information much more quickly and easily. One item that we have recently put considerable time and effort into is the establishment of an Evaluation Policy that will be used in the evaluation of all SWS contractors and employees. In the coming months, please look for a revised OPM that will be up on the Members Section of our website.

Planning for 2019 Winter Meeting: I can really sense the excitement that SWS Members have for the Winter Meeting in Denver. The submissions portal is now open and will allow you to submit your abstracts and proposals to the Program Committee. The hotel reservation system is now open. Please click HERE to be directed to the Embassy Suites by Hilton Denver Downtown Convention Center Hotel Reservation Page. Please note that the hotel reservation system will close on January 16, 2019. Your credit card will not be charged to make a reservation. It will be charged after your hotel stay. Please do not wait to make a reservation. Note that you must stay at the Embassy Suites Denver Downtown Convention Center Hotel in order to be eligible for the cost share. Read more about the Cost Share Policy HERE.

We will also soon have a Roommate Matching Form available to those of you who Pre-Register for the meeting. Please stay tuned for this and please pay attention to deadlines.

SWS Regional and Local Chapters: In August, the National and Local Collaborations Task Force (members include me, Tiffany Taylor, President Elect, Rhacel Parreira, Vice President, and Shelley Eriksen, Chapter Liaison) sent out an email to membership asking for Chapter Leaders to contact me to review and sign a Memo of Understanding (MOU). The Task Force is working to solidify the relationship between SWS and our Regional and Local Chapters. The signature of this MOU will ensure that a Chapter is complying with the legal rules and regulations that we must follow as a 501(c)(6) non-profit organization. If you are presently a leader within an SWS Chapter, you will need to sign a Memo of Understanding by December 15, 2018 between your SWS Chapter and SWS.

As a reminder, some of the items that the MOU addresses include: 1) Membership in the National Organization, 2) Use of SWS Logo and Formal Relationship to SWS, 3) Political Activities, 4) Chapter Bylaws, 5) Reporting & Executive Office Com-
munication, 6) Financial Activities, and 7) Chapter Benefits to include 10 complimentary memberships to SWS for 2019 for Regional Chapter Members to go to a new student, retired, adjunct faculty, or unemployed Regional Chapter Member or 5 complimentary memberships to SWS for Local Chapter Members to go to a new student, retired, adjunct faculty, or unemployed Local Chapter Member.

To date, I have not yet heard from leaders from the following Regional and Local Chapters:

- SWS - Mississippi State
- SWS - Tallahassee
- SWS - Tucson
- SWS - California
- SWS - Iowa State
- SWS - Minnesota
- SWS - Southeastern
- SWS - Vanderbilt
- SWS - NCSA
- SWS - Canada
- SWS - New York
- SWS - MSU/East Lansing

If you are a leader in one of these Chapters or know of the leaders of any of these chapters, please call their attention to this MOU process.

Also, if you are interested in establishing an SWS-East Chapter, please email me.

Natasha Santana Promoted to Assistant to the Executive Officer: Natasha is now in a new role for SWS. Natasha graduated from the University of Connecticut in May 2018 and took on this new role since the Summer Meeting. Congratulations Natasha! Natasha will be joining us in Denver and will take the lead at the Registration Table.

Interns from the University of Connecticut: Bandana Purkayastha is teaching an Internship Course and two of her students, Taylor Bassett and Alexandra Garcia, are providing direct support to the Executive Office through the end of the Fall 2018 Semester. Some items that they are working on with me include: archiving SWS hard copy files into electronic folders, Winter Meeting 2019 Support, increasing our membership and thinking about ways to reach out more to the undergraduate population, and building a culture of philanthropy. I am hopeful that they will both be able to join us in Denver. In the meantime, I am truly grateful for their support.

Keep in Touch: As always, please don’t feel like you need to wait till the Winter Meeting to check in with me. I enjoy hearing from you all year-long. Please don’t hesitate to pick up the phone or email me if I can ever be of assistance.

Cheers to the Fall! See you in Denver!

Best wishes, Barret

SWS Treasurer’s Report: Ronni Tichenor

Summer Meeting 2018
Philadelphia, PA

As SWS has transitioned to having a full time Executive Officer and a permanent office, a number of adjustments have been made to the organization’s financial practices. Chief among these is the hiring this spring of a firm capable of providing responsive bookkeeping and accounting services under one roof: Fiondella, Milone, and LaSaracina, LLP (FML). The Executive Office has also begun the practice of quarterly phone calls between the firm, the EO, and the Treasurer in order to track the finances more closely and allow ample opportunity for the officers to ask questions.

The EO has worked closely with FML to adjust our bookkeeping practices in order to ensure that items post promptly and properly to our accounts. Because of these necessary adjustments, past year comparisons of expenditures will not track exactly with current and future years, but the information will now be more detailed and allow the organization to better monitor the flow of monies. It will also make end-of-year close out and tax preparation much easier for the EO and allow the Treasurer to have access to all the necessary information to create and monitor the yearly budget on a timely basis.

Changes in expenditures/spending practices this year:

- The Chow-Green and Beth Hess Awards have been brought up to the level of the MFP Award: $18,000.
- As we are signing multi-year contracts, we will be paying for upcoming Winter Meetings over multiple years. The financial reports going forward will reflect this.

Proposals to increase revenue to SWS:

The Office of Budget Management (OBM) will be sending a proposal to Council to alter the dues structure and increase rates. The proposal is designed to create greater equity by collapsing all income categories below $40,000 (previously the floor was $25,000) and creating new categories above $120,000. The last time membership dues were increased was before 2013.

The EO is working with SAGE to provide additional revenue streams via advertising on the Gender & Society website. Please see the EO’s report for additional information.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ronni Tichenor
SWS Treasurer
Summer Meetings 2018
Publications Committee Meetings I and II

SWS PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING I
Saturday, August 11th

Present
Elected Publications Committee Members: Heather Laube (Co-Chair), Sharon Bird (Co-Chair), Myra Marx Ferree, Bandana Purkayastha, Minjeong Kim, Tristan Bridges

Others in Attendance: Jo Reger (Gender & Society Editor), Marjukka Ollilainen (Network News Editor), Wendy Christensen (Social Media Subcommittee Chair), Ronni Tichenor (Treasurer), Veronica Montes (Treasurer Elect), Sheila Lalwani (Publicity Specialist), Andrelisa Livingston (SAGE), Barret Katuna (SWS Executive Officer)

Introductions and Welcome
Report from SAGE, by Andrelisa Livingston
a) The journal submission rate is up, and the acceptance rate has stayed roughly stable. The circulation rate is also stable with a roughly 98% renewal rate. Online usage is also up. People are encouraged to download articles directly from the website (and to have their students do this as well).

b) Short discussion about the Impact Factor, which is down this year. The Impact Factor is assessed by the citations of articles published in the journal over the last two years. This is a small time frame and the five-year average is a better assessment of the overall impact of the journal. Articles with significant theoretical innovations in the field, which are likely to garner a large number of citations, are impossible to predict, and when they cycle in and out of the equation that alters the factor.

Gender & Society Editor's Report, by Dr. Jo Reger
a) Jo noted that we are already doing a great deal of what SAGE suggests in terms of improving our impact factor and that we will continue to consider additional ways to strengthen the journal’s impact.

b) Discussed changes to the SAGE website to highlight relevant articles.

c) Gender & Society will publish a special issue on Gender, Disability, and Intersectionality in early 2019.

d) Jo and Krista Brumley (deputy editor), participated the “Research on Women and Gender” session at the 2018 International Sociological Association (ISA) Congress in July in Toronto, to teach people how to prepare and submit research to journals like Gender & Society.

e) Jo called for suggestions for replacements on the editorial board.

f) Discussion of the importance of finding ways to ensure more voices from the global South are a part of Gender & Society.

Network News Report, by Dr. Marjukka Ollilainen
a) The newsletter is going well. Marjukka is inviting past SWS Presidents to write columns. She is interested in producing a graduate student column, and is still conceiving of what that would look like.

Social Media Report, by Dr. Wendy Christensen
a) Social media presence is up and running again. Facebook and Twitter feeds are up to a good threshold and activity and we’re increasing our following from journalists.

b) Facebook posts are seen and interacted with less than Twitter (mostly because of the cost of sharing structure Facebook has implemented). Members are encouraged to share directly from the SWS Facebook page in order to promote our work.

c) Wendy will work with Sheila Lalwani (our new Publicity Specialist) to promote the good work we’re doing.

Heather Laube

“Sheila (our new Publicity Specialist) stressed that members should think of her as a resource to help get the word out about research and perspectives, and that she can be good at defense when research is being misrepresented or inaccurately portrayed.”
Meeting adjourned.

**SWS PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING 2**

**Monday, August 13th**

**Present**

Elected Publications Committee Members: Dr. Heather Laube (Co-Chair), Sharon Bird (Co-Chair), Myra Marx Ferree, Bandana Purkayastha, Tristan Bridges. Minjeong Kim was absent due to a conflicting meeting.

Others in Attendance: Catherine R. Solomon (Book Review Editor), Barret Katuna (SWS Executive Officer), Ronni Tichenor (Treasurer)

Introductions and Welcome

Book Review Editor Report, by Dr. Catherine R. Solomon

a) Cathy has been editor for only about two months, but feels that things are going well. She is working on a podcast with a book author.

b) Cathy thanked Barret for being an incredible resource in June, as well as Dr. Yasemin Besen-Cassino who was there to answer questions through the transition.

c) Barret noted that the transition for the Book Review Editor was not seamless. Heather will communicate our concerns with SAGE.

d) Cathy left the meeting.

Gender & Society New Editor Search Report, by Heather and Sharon

a) The Selection Committee will interview candidates later in the week and will share their feedback with the Publications Committee. Only the Editor candidates are being interviewed (not their full team).

b) Heather also noted that the next editor search process should be initiated much earlier in the cycle in order for potential candidates to have enough time to investigate institutional support and ask questions of the Selection Committee and former and current editors. It is becoming more challenging for potential editors to secure support from their institutions. It would be useful to engage in conversations with potential editors at the winter meetings.

c) The 50th Anniversary of SWS is fast approaching. We should convey this to the new editor as SWS thinks about how to mark this event.

Second Journal Discussion (No formal report presented)

a) This fall we will clarify mission, aims, and scope, as well as a detailed budget, in order to discuss support for an editorial office with SAGE.

b) We need to consider whether and how much financial support such a journal may need from SWS.

c) Goal is to have any funding requests ready before the Winter Meetings and to be able to talk with potential editors at that time.
The Sister to Sister Committee Report:  
Co-Chairs: Ranita Ray and Andrea Boyles

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Highlights from the SWS Awards Committee Meeting  
August 2018, Philadelphia: Marybeth C. Stalp

Here are some of the items discussed at the Awards Committee meeting:

1. Universal deadlines for all awards and standardized application system through the SWS website to take place starting in 2019

Universal Deadlines
January 10 create call for awards, update website, refresh committee members
Jan/Feb (varies by year) attend Awards Committee meeting at SWS Winter meeting
April 1 applications due for awards presented at Summer Meeting
May 15 make decision known to Awards Committee Chair and EO; work with EO to announce via social media
August (varies by year) attend Awards Banquet at SWS summer meeting
October 1 applications due for awards presented at Winter Meeting

The deadlines of April 1 and October 1 will be in alignment with the Treasurer’s Budget requests.

The new SWS website has a feature within it that will allow us to have applications submitted to the SWS EO. This central location will also allow committee members to access the awards through the SWS website too, which will simplify awards processes.

All those on committees MUST be SWS members to be able to access any information related to the Awards.

2. Moving the presentation of awards mostly to the Winter Meetings:
We discussed that it might make sense to move some of the presentations of awards to the Winter Meetings to better highlight the award winners in our community (attending the SWS banquet is becoming more and more difficult for our members who are pulled in so many directions in the Summer Meetings). Additionally, the community aspect of the Winter Meetings is perhaps a better place for these awards (we have more time together as a group, not pulled in multiple directions), and we suggest the following award structure:

Winter:
- Mentoring
- Activist
- Lecturer
- Rosenblum
- Cheryl Allyn Miller
- Social Action Undergraduate Activist
- Barbara Rosenblum
- Natalie Allon Research Award

Summer:
- Beth Hess
- Chow Green
- MFP
3. Universal tasks for Awards Committee chairs
Follow the universal deadlines (see above).
Provide SWS EO with all digital paperwork (so we can keep archives of our awards).
When an awardee has been determined, it is up to each individual committee chair to:
   a) Make the decision known to the awards chair and EO; work with EO to announce via social media AND
   b) Write a summary paragraph to be read at the awards banquet, and secure someone from the committee to attend the banquet
   c) Let the awards chair and EO know who will be attending the banquet and who will be announcing/presenting the award for your respective committee
   d) Write a summary for Network News

4. Add another elected member to the Awards Committee to supervise the Mentoring Award—Request change to the Bylaws
The Mentoring Award committee is structured like no other award subcommittee, and in somewhat problematic ways. This award committee is comprised entirely and only of past award winners. This is not in line with our democratic intentions of award committees, and is operating as reproducing an already elite set of members.

Thus, we propose that we elect a member to the Awards Committee to manage the Mentoring Award subcommittee.

In addition to requiring that all award subcommittees have at least one student member, we can encourage more SWS members to become involved in the organization, and especially in the awards committee.

Respectfully submitted by Awards Committee Chair, Marybeth Stalp
September 15, 2018

Social Action Committee Summer Meeting Report: Kristy Kelly

Social Actions Initiative Awards (SAIA) were launched in 2016 to support SWS members engaged in social actions in their local communities. Based on two funding cycles per year, awards are given to proposals that promote the mission of SWS. See the Social Actions Initiative Awards page for more information. The actions of award winners will be reported in Network News and on the SWS website.

I’m happy to announce that SWS is supporting THREE AMAZING projects as part of our Spring 2018 funding cycle. I would like to express a special thanks to our team of SAC volunteer reviewers – Evonnia Woods, University of Missouri, Columbia; Ophra Leyser-Whalen, The University of Texas at El Paso; and Brianna Turgeon, Kent State University – who helped with the incredibly difficult selection process. We received an impressive number of proposals (8) of high quality this cycle, which is very exciting.

The SAI awardees for Spring 2018: Find an introduction to each project in this issue of NN page 26).
   “UCSC’s Activist in Residence Program (2019),” Sylvanna Falcón, UC Santa Cruz
   “Maine NEW Leadership’s State Capitol Day,” Amy Blackstone, University of Maine
   “Creating a Class of ‘Fierce Advocates for Gender Justice,’” Crystal Jackson, John Jay College of Criminal Justice – CUNY

The next round of applications are due in fall 2018. The committee will be seeking volunteer reviewers from our membership at that time.

Update on Undergraduate Social Action Award
In 2003 SAC began an undergraduate scholarship program to select up to three student activists who have engaged in internships or faculty projects to promote the status of women. See the Undergraduate Social Action Award page for more information.

Need for reviewers for this year’s awards – this will be managed during September-October via the SAC listserv.

Committee Communication
This committee communicates using a Shutterfly Shared Sites. If you are new to the committee and aren’t receiving those communications through Shutterfly, then please note that on the sign-in sheet you can be added with an asterisk. Kristy will update the list and send out a “welcome” message post-SWS. A great place to find archived emails and issues that we as a committee have discussed/accomplished.

Plan for Winter 2019 meeting
SAC is proposing to host a second annual pre-conference workshop in collaboration with Society of Gender Professionals to help connect SWS members to sociologists and gender specialist working in applied research settings. SAC will continue to support the Auction at the Winter Meeting Banquet by serving as volunteers in the pre-organizing of the auction.
Discrimination and Academic Justice Committee Report:
Katie Acosta and Shweta Adur, Co-Chairs

Thus far, the Discrimination and Academic Justice Committee has accomplished several things.

We awarded the first ever Natalie Allon fund research award to Dr. Molly Talcott. The funds will support her work on academic freedom.

We have also supported one graduate student who filed a Title IX complaint at their university. When their harassment claim was deemed unfounded, the committee consulted with the student and wrote a letter to support their appeal.

After SWS sent out an email to its membership highlighting the organization’s resources to support members with sexual harassment issues on their campuses, several members have reached out to ask for assistance with current issues they are experiencing or have experienced in the past. We have made these members aware of our availability to write letters of support on behalf of SWS. We also communicated that in some instances, members can apply for financial support through the Allon Fund to help defray the costs of legal fees. However, the emails we have received were primarily from people asking for advice on how to address these difficult situations on their campuses.

Recognizing this need, at the Summer 2018 meetings, Katie Acosta spoke with Tiffany Taylor regarding her plans to offer a plenary and possibly workshops to educate members about our rights. Given the contemporary climate, we plan to support the Steering Committee, planning workshops for the SWS Winter Meeting that, among other issues, will focus on the #MeToo movement as well as issues pertaining to Academic Freedom.

The Discrimination and Academic Justice Committee is working on updating and revamping our committee webpage. We hope to have the first version ready in time for the 2019 Winter Meeting, during which time, we plan to solicit any input from committee members. Since a part of this endeavor is dedicated to providing updated resources around gender and sexual harassment, we are working in active collaboration with ASA Sexual Harassment Taskforce. Shweta Adur is coordinating with ASA Sexual Harassment Taskforce and also working with the SWS intern to locate resources for our webpage so that members have access to useful resources. Lastly, we have updated the list of committee members and confirmed their continued interest in remaining committee members.

Going forward, we recognize the need to activate and involve the committee members to help us keep the website current. This would allow the co-chairs to focus their full attention on advocating for members facing discrimination or working in otherwise hostile environments.

Another thing discussed at this year’s Summer Meeting is the need for co-chairs to be staggered for this committee. We also discussed the viability of maintaining the committee’s focus on both academic justice and discrimination. These issues are related and ultimately speak to the need for more clarity around SWS’s expectations for this committee. Shweta and Katie also discussed the need for co-chairs to be better prepared on how best to support members who are experiencing discrimination. This preparedness issue may be assuaged by staggering the co-chairs. We also discussed the need for more streamlined direction for how to support SWS members who are in need of advocacy.

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Summer 2018 Student Caucus Report: Chriss Sneed

Thank you to everyone who continues to volunteer their time in various capacities within SWS. On this note, I send a hearty thanks to all members (student or otherwise) who volunteered their time at the registration tables in Philadelphia and SWS/MFP 2017-2018 awardees Brittany Battle & Andrea Gómez Cervantes, who organized a summer Breakfast with Scholars session during the meetings. While the Student Caucus did not host many events this past Summer Meeting, I am excited for the ideas and discussions slated to take place in Denver this February. Until next time…Get involved! As always, if you are a student member and would like to get involved in the Student Caucus or other committees, feel free to contact me at Chriss.sneed@uconn.edu.

Upcoming SWS-South Events: Marni Brown, SWS-S President

SWS-South (SWS-S) will be hosting two fundraising events at the annual Southern Sociological Society (SSS) Meeting in Atlanta (Buckhead), GA (April 10-13, 2019): Coffee-for-a-Cause/Silent Auction and a Happy Hour Fundraiser (co-hosted with SSS’s Committee on Gender & Sexuality) to benefit a local nonprofit organization. SWS-S selects a local nonprofit organization to sponsor, based on the location of SSS. The proceeds from the two fundraising events will go directly to the selected organization.

At SSS, SWS-S will be sponsoring Southerners on New Ground (SONG), a regional Queer Liberation organization comprised of people of color, immigrant, undocumented people, individuals with disabilities, working class, rural, LGBTQ people in the South. SONG seeks to challenge oppression in the South in order to bring about liberation for all people. We specifically chose this organization, SONG, because of its intersectional work and to support the great influence it is having in multiple Southern areas. For more information about SONG and the important work they do in the community, please visit their website: http://southernersonnewground.org/

The success of both events on behalf of our sponsored nonprofit is made possible by the diligent efforts of SWS-S’s amazing team of scholars, researchers, activists, and students. We work on a very limited budget to host the fundraising events and depend heavily on local organizations’ donations - preferably businesses that are minority-owned and/or dedicated to helping their local community. Be on the lookout for more details regarding these two events as we get closer to the SSS Meeting in April, 2019!

“SWS-South (SWS-S) will be hosting two fundraising events at the annual SSS meeting... The proceeds will go directly to the selected organization: Southerners on New Ground (SONG).”
Manhattanville College's Sociology & Anthropology Department hosted their 3rd annual Ella Baker Day on Wednesday, April 11, 2018, to honor the legacy of Ella Josephine Baker, the unsung Civil Rights Movement activist. The theme for this year’s Ella Baker Day was “The Art of Resistance.” The celebration began with students from the History of Social Action class presenting interactive posters to the campus community on music and activism; race and class; painting, gender and LGBTQ; photography and political resistance; street art and war; and Ella Baker in art. Thanks in part to the SWS Social Action Award, the evening portion of the event featured two keynote speakers who both informed and energized an intergenerational crowd about the role of art and activism in the pursuit for social justice.

The keynote speakers were Marissa Gutierrez-Vicario and Tanisha Christie. Marissa Gutierrez-Vicario is the Founder and Executive Director of Art and Resistance Through Education (ARTE), located in Brooklyn, NY. Gutierrez-Vicario has been widely recognized for her social entrepreneurial work and is a committed human rights activist, artist, educator, and advocate for youth. Tanisha Christie has over 20 years of experience in the arts and facilitation fields with work in arts-based interventions, addiction recovery, critical consciousness, and liberation-based healing practices.

This year Ella Baker Day was officially recognized for its goals to highlight the contributions of women of color and the importance of social activism. Assistant to the County Executive for the Office of Westchester County, Crystal Collins, presented a proclamation signed by George Latimer, the Westchester County Executive (and former NY state senator) with the support of Deputy County Executive, Ken Jenkins. The proclamation honors Manhattanville College for “a firm belief in the liberalizing effect of the liberal arts, a lively sense of tradition, a wide-ranging interest in the most humane manifestations of the human spirit, and a continuing effort to enhance the local community and to accept responsibility for this segment of human history.” The proclamation acknowledges Manhattanville College’s recognition of Ella Baker as an outstanding African American woman and resolves that the 11th day of April 2018 be recognized as Ella Baker Day.

Ella Baker dedicated her life to activism and is known for her belief in the potential and dignity of every individual. She mentored and worked closely with nearly every major civil rights organization including the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee; she also personally mentored significant civil rights era activists such as Julian Bond, Diane Nash, Bob Moses and Kwame Ture (Stokely Carmichael). Ella Baker Day is part of a wider campaign to create a holiday in honor of Ella Baker, and we hope to spread this campaign and holiday. If you are interested in hosting Ella Baker Day on your campus/in your community or for more information please see www.supportellabakerday.com

We sincerely thank SWS for supporting feminist events like this one through the Social Action Award.

Call for Graduate Student Paper Award on the Study of Gender

This award is given in odd-numbered years by the Sociologists for Women in Society-South to a paper written by a graduate student in the field of the sociology of gender.

The purpose of this award is to encourage and support graduate students’ scholarship focused on gender and to facilitate the publication process for the student. SWS-South will appoint a mentor to the awardee 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 also not eligible. Nomination packets should be sent to the SWS-South Awards Committee Chair by January 15, 2018.

Nominees must be affiliated with SWS-South (if not a current member join here).

Nominations: Self-nominations are accepted. Nominations are submitted electronically in one pdf document, and packets should include the following:

One nomination letter detailing the merits of the nominee’s work,
A copy of the paper to be considered for the award,

The nominee’s current C.V.

The award winner will be recognized at the SWS-South business meeting, they will receive 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 (in 2020).

Please send all nomination packets by January 15th directly to the SWS-South Awards Committee Chair: Kris De Welde at deweldek@cofc.edu.

Members’ Bookshelf


Wendy M. Christensen, Mothers of the Military: Support and Politics during Wartime. Rowman & Littlefield Press, 2018. Mothers of the Military examines the distinctive kinds of support required during an increasingly privatized war, specifically material, moral and healthcare support. Mothers are a particularly key part of the current support system for service members, and Wendy Christensen follows the mothers of U.S. service members in the War on Terrorism through the stages of recruitment,
deployment, and post-deployment. Bringing to light the experiences and stories of women who are largely invisible during war—the mothers of service members, Mothers of the Military, as a whole, asks how the acts of supplying material, moral, and medical support end up so often marginalizing mothers as citizens from the political process and under what conditions do mothers resist?


On the eve of International Women’s Day in 2015, the Chinese government arrested five feminist activists and jailed them for thirty-seven days. The Feminist Five became a global cause célèbre, with Hillary Clinton speaking out on their behalf and activists inundating social media with #FreeTheFive messages. But the Five are only symbols of a much larger feminist movement of university students, civil rights lawyers, labor activists, performance artists, and online warriors prompting an unprecedented awakening among China’s educated, urban women. In *Betraying Big Brother*, journalist and scholar Leta Hong Fincher argues that the popular, broad-based movement poses the greatest threat to China’s authoritarian regime today.

Through interviews with the Feminist Five and other leading Chinese activists, Hong Fincher illuminates both the challenges they face and their “joy of betraying Big Brother,” as Wei Tingting—one of the Feminist Five—wrote of the defiance she felt during her detention. Tracing the rise of a new feminist consciousness now finding expression through the #MeToo movement, and describing how the Communist regime has suppressed the history of its own feminist struggles, *Betraying Big Brother* is a story of how the movement against patriarchy could reconfigure China and the world.


Lawston’s *Sociology: Structure and Change* is the first introduction to sociology textbook authored by a woman for Pearson Education. Focusing on the relationship between social structure and agency, the book teaches students how the social structure of society influences individual lives and how individuals can exert agency to influence the social world. It also looks at the variables of race, class, gender, and sexuality in each chapter, helping students to see that these variables are integral to our lives on a daily basis. This is a contemporary approach to introductory sociology that teaches students to become better sociological thinkers who can analyze how society shapes, molds, and has the power to influence people. Throughout each of the nineteen chapters, real-world examples of what others have done to engage in social change are provided, and students are also asked to outline what they can do to become agents of change themselves. By focusing on the related themes of social structure and agency, *Sociology: Structure and Change* arms students with the sense that they can and will have a positive influence on the world. More information can be found here: [https://www.pearson.com/us/higher-education/product/Lawston-REVEL-for-Sociology-Structure-and-Change-Access-Card/9780133885774.html](https://www.pearson.com/us/higher-education/product/Lawston-REVEL-for-Sociology-Structure-and-Change-Access-Card/9780133885774.html).

*Manhood Impossible* argues that boys’ and men’s bodies and breadwinner status are the two primary sites for their expression of control. Controlling selves and others, and resisting being dominated and controlled, is most connected to men’s bodies and work. However, no man can live up to these culturally ascendant ideals of manhood. The strategies men use to manage unmet expectations often prove toxic, not only for men themselves, but also for other men, women, and society. Melzer strategically explores the lives of four groups of adult men struggling with contemporary body and breadwinner ideals. These case studies uncover men’s struggles to achieve and maintain manhood, and redefine what it means to be a man.


*Guys Like Me* introduces us to five ordinary men who have done extraordinary work as peace activists: World War II veteran Ernie Sanchez, Korean War veteran Woody Powell, Vietnam veteran Gregory Ross, Gulf War veteran Daniel Craig, and Operation Iraqi Freedom veteran Jonathan Hutto. Sociologist Michael Messner offers rich profiles of each man, recounting what led him to join the armed forces, what he experienced when fighting overseas, and the guilt and trauma he experienced upon returning home. He reveals how the pain and horror of the battlefront motivated these onetime warriors to reconcile with former enemies, re-construct their ideals of manhood, get involved as political activists, and serve younger generations of soldiers. *Guys Like Me* is an inspiring multigenerational saga of men who were physically or psychically wounded by war, but are committed to healing themselves and others, forging a path to justice, and replacing endless war with lasting peace. For more information, including short video clips of the veterans featured in the book, visit guyslikemebook.com.

**Ana Porroche-Escudero**’s (NIHRC CLAHRC NWC, Lancaster University) work with Professor Jennie Popay in the Neighbourhood Resilience Programme is featured in a compendium published by the World Health Organisation. The volume provides inspirational examples of building resilience at individual, community and system levels. It describes the innovative, on the ground actions taken by 13 countries to create supportive environments for strengthening resilience and its links to health and wellbeing outcomes. Their chapter, entitled *United Kingdom (England). Supporting Local Systems to Tackle the Social Determinants of Health Inequalities*” can be downloaded here: [http://www.euro.who.int/__data/assets/pdf_file/0004/374494/resilience-sc-eng.pdf?ua=1](http://www.euro.who.int/__data/assets/pdf_file/0004/374494/resilience-sc-eng.pdf?ua=1)


Growing Up Queer explores the changing ways that young people are now becoming LGBT-identified in the US. Through interviews and three years of ethnographic research at an LGBTQ youth drop-in center, Mary Robertson focuses on the voices and stories of youths themselves in order to show how young people understand their sexual and gender identities, their interest in queer media, and the role that family plays in their lives.

The young people who participated in this research are among the first generation to embrace queer identities as children and adolescents. This groundbreaking and timely consideration of queer identity demonstrates how sexual and gender identities are formed through complicated, ambivalent processes as opposed to being natural characteristics that one is born with. In addition to showing how youth understand their identities, Growing Up Queer describes how young people navigate queerness within a culture where being gay is the “new normal.” Using Sara Ahmed’s concept of queer orientation, Robertson argues that being queer is not just about one’s sexual and/or gender identity, but is understood through intersecting identities including race, class, ability, and more. By showing how society accepts some kinds of LGBTQ-identified people while rejecting others, Growing Up Queer provides evidence of queerness as a site of social inequality. The book moves beyond an oversimplified examination of teenage sexuality and shows, through the voices of young people themselves, the exciting yet complicated terrain of queer adolescence.
Network News is launching a column for graduate student members. We seek research biographies, columns on graduate student concerns, and features on topics of interest to students and new PhDs.

SWS Student Members on the Job Market

Andrea P Herrera, University of Oregon
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I am a PhD candidate specializing in gender, sexuality, embodiment, and new media. I have published on sexual identity hashtags, the construction of gender and sexuality within and by high schools, and strategies for eliminating sexual inequalities. I edited the Race section of Gender, Sexuality, and Race in the Digital Age, a forthcoming anthology from Springer. In my dissertation, I argue that drag - which is often conceptualized in terms of gender and sexuality - is (also) a racial project wherein drag queens construct an intersectional, subcultural matrix of "competing femininities" that both challenge and reinforce normative systems of gender, sexuality, and race. I have taught university courses in Sociology, Rhetoric/Composition, and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, including Introduction to Social Inequality, Introduction to Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, and Sex & Society.

April Hovav, University of Southern California
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I am a Ph.D. candidate in Sociology, with a certificate in Gender Studies, currently completing my degree with support from the Mellon Foundation/American Council of Learned Societies Dissertation Completion Fellowship. My research, which has been supported by the National Science Founda-
tion and the Social Science Research Council, examines the relationship between developments in medical technologies and the emergence of new global markets through which women’s bodies are leveraged as a potential source of capital. My dissertation, *The Global Market for Wombs: A Study of the Transnational Surrogacy Industry in Mexico*, draws on multiple qualitative methodologies including 120 in-depth interviews and ethnographic research over three years in sites across Mexico, Spain, and the United States. Using Mexico’s surrogacy industry as a case study, I analyze the social, legal, and technical processes through which certain wombs come to be understood as “rentable.”

**Gina Marie Longo**, University of Wisconsin Madison  
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My research focuses primarily on how citizens interpret institutional policies and negotiate government scrutiny when they petition state institutions for privileged goods or services. As such, it is situated in multiple fields, specifically social inequalities, intersectionality, marriage and family, immigration, and political sociology. My dissertation, *Caught between Rights and Vows*, received support from the Beth Hess Memorial Scholarship and the Mellon Foundation, and examines how U.S. citizens negotiate immigration officials’ demands that they prove their marriages are authentic. My dissertation-based article, “Keeping it in ‘the Family’: How Gender Norms Shape U.S. Marriage Migration Politics,” was recently published in *Gender & Society* and has received awards for outstanding scholarship from American Sociological Association’s International Migration Section, the Eastern Sociological Association, and the University of Wisconsin’s interdisciplinary Research Center on Gender and Women (the Washburn-Willets Award for Social Science Excellence). My work has been highlighted in the Sage Publication’s *Gender & Society* podcast, and I have been an invited guest blogger for *the London School of Economics US Centre* policy think tank. My research agenda contributes to knowledge about intersectional identities, citizenship, policing national borders, and the status of immigrant populations and families, with implications for the sociology of migration, gender, race, and politics.

**Emily Pain**, University at Albany, SUNY  
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I am a recent PhD recipient of sociology at the University at Albany, SUNY. My interests are in sexualities, families, intimacies, queer studies, and qualitative methods. More specifically, I’m interested in creative kinship, chosen families, assimilationism, and sexual citizenship, focusing on questions such as: ‘How do queer people participate in a ‘queering’ of intimacy in the era of assimilationism?’ ‘How do heteronormative forces continue to constrain queer lives?’ and ‘How those with queer political ideologies manage assimilationist cultural expectations?’ My qualitative dissertation explored queer polyamorous relationships, families, and community through the lens of performativity. I detailed how queer polyamorists participate in a ‘queering of intimacy’ through unique non-normative practices and ideologies but are simultaneously constrained by monocentric forces that weaken this transformative potential. I am currently revising a manuscript draft for my book project, working on several papers that center race, class, and gender or radical queer politics in queer polyamory, and have other papers under review. I have experience with other methodologies, including a quantitative publication, award-winning visual sociology project, mixed methods study, and more. I also have extensive teaching experience and was honored with my department’s Excellence in Teaching award last year. Please visit empain.blog for more details.

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My name is Jennifer Turner. I am currently finishing my PhD in Sociology, concentrating in Women’s and Gender Studies. My broad research interests include race, class, and gender; labor; social reproduction; and family. My dissertation focuses on the intersection of race, class, and gender in the lives of low-income African American single mothers, including how they navigate racism and white supremacy and how race shapes their motherhood identities and mothering activities. I have co-authored a book chapter, “The Global Domestic: Mapping ‘Decent Work’ in International Dialogues” (2015. In *The ILO from Geneva to the Pacific Rim: West Meets East*, edited by Jill M. Jensen and Nelson Lichtenstein. London, UK: Palgrave Macmillan) and a peer-reviewed journal article, “Microaggression and Sexual Harassment in Graduate and Law School: The Role of Negative Emotion in Disordered Drinking” (invited to revise and resubmit at *Social Science Research*). Currently, I am preparing a journal article for submission to *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*, which focuses on how the socio-historical context of racism, white supremacy and antiracist activism shapes the racial socialization practices of low-income African American single mothers.

Send submission ideas and introductions to NN editor, Marjukka Ollilainen mollilainen@weber.edu.
Yasemin Besen-Cassino recently finished a successful four-year term as the Book Review Editor for *Gender & Society*. As she reflected on her term she noted that one of the things she really enjoyed about being the Book Review Editor was that she had to keep up with the latest scholarship across the wide range of the gender subfields. Yasemin worked to internationalize the books reviewed in *Gender & Society* and to simultaneously introduce many international reviewers and many non-native English speakers. She consistently looked to the future as she worked to build a diverse and intersectional reviewer base that included graduate students, early and late career scholars, and scholars from diverse backgrounds, including academics, activists, and academics in administration.

One of the most exciting things Yasmin achieved during her term was to introduce the podcast project, which gave book authors a space “to talk about their work and highlight the process of writing a book, a logic of craft in a way.” Yasemin sees book reviews as a kind of dialogue, and the podcasts helped create the sense of an ongoing conversation.

The Publications Committee extends a hearty “Thank you!” to Yasemin for all her work as we enthusiastically welcome our new Book Review Editor, Catherine Richards Solomon. Cathy, professor of sociology at Quinnipiac University, began her term this past May and the work of her office is well underway. She will continue the podcasts (http://journals.sagepub.com/page/gas/collections/podcasts) and will put her own stamp on the book review section. The Publications Committee is thrilled to have Cathy on board and we look forward to supporting her throughout her term.

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**Gender & Society Book Review Editorship in Transition: Heather Laube, Publications Committee Senior Co-Chair**

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**SWS Award Recipients Celebrated at the Summer Banquet**

Full bios of award winners with the nominators’ comments are available on [www.socwomen.org](http://www.socwomen.org).

**The 2018 Feminist Mentoring Award winner: Bandana Purkayastha**


Bandana Purkayastha is a Professor of Sociology & Asian and Asian American Studies at the University of Connecticut (UCONN). From 2013-2014, Bandana served as the President of Sociologists for Women in Society. Currently, Bandana is the American Sociological Association’s (ASA) national representative to the International Sociological Association (ISA) (2014-2018). Bandana’s current research interests focus on intersectionality, human rights, migration & migrants, and violence & peace, with a particular emphasis on challenging global knowledge hierarchies. Her work continues to bridge, synthesize, and create inclusive frames of scholarship and promote collaborative work among scholars in different parts of the world. She has been recognized for her teaching, mentoring, research, and leadership through several university, state, and professional awards. Bandana fulfills her role as an engaged professional through service and public engagement within her university, discipline, the State of Connecticut, and internationally.

Bandana’s nominators praise her commitment to mentoring and supporting feminist junior scholars and students, particularly women of color. Melanie Heath describes her as a strong feminist advocate who opens and provides spaces for feminist exchanges among scholars of different cultural, racial and ethnic backgrounds and sexual orientations. Anna Guevarra highlights how Bandana has always been keenly aware of the politics surrounding the everyday realities that immigrant women of color face in the academy – and has always found ways to not only open up academic spaces, but also to advocate for faculty of color in multiple ways – ranging from supporting promotion cases, reviewing manuscripts in progress, to even supporting visa applications and recognizing what it means to navigate the U.S. academy as an immigrant and foreign scholar. Chandra Waring notes that back when Bandana was Director of Graduate Studies at UCONN, Bandana instituted a new program which included bimonthly information sessions with faculty members and graduate students regarding publications, grants/fellowship, the job market and other crucial information that graduate students need to be aware. Ranita Ray and Shweta Majumdar Adur both consider Bandana to be that rare gem and the embodiment of feminist...
mentoring. "Among the ranks of academic luminaries a few are men, even fewer are women of color, but rarer are those who pave the way and open the doors for others to succeed.”

Chaitanya Lakkimsetti comments that Bandana does a lot of behind the scenes work such as reading manuscript drafts, advising on the tenure and promotion process as well as helping to network in the discipline. Her dedication to young junior scholars is unwavering and unprecedented.” Roseanne Mijru describes Bandana’s unique ability to advise students interested in diverse fields. Her self-introduction on her areas of interests always adds, “…and whichever direction my advisees take me.” Bandana welcomes the challenge to go beyond her comfort zone to engage with literature and scholars in other fields. Anjana Narayan ends her nomination letter by saying that she finds herself constantly amazed by Bandana’s seemingly endless capacity to nurture her students, build valuable networks, and continuously motivate people to challenge traditional ways of thinking. Anjana credits Bandana as the cause of her learning the value of mentoring.

The 2018 Feminist Activism Award Winner: Mindy Fried


Mindy Fried has consistently used sociology to better the lives of women. She is an applied sociologist with over 25 years of experience conducting research, teaching, and policy analysis on work and organizational issues. As Co-Principal of Arbor Consulting Partners (www.arborcp.com), Mindy works collaboratively with nonprofit organizations and foundations to help them build their capacity and strengthen their programs and policies. Her nominators describe her as not only a conventional academic sociologist but a scholar-activist who has demonstrated to all of us the feasibility of doing important social justice research outside the academy. As a scholar-activist, Mindy’s work has not only focused on class, race and gender together, but has contributed to building explicit networks of understanding across differences. Mindy goes beyond conducting research, and works with groups doing grassroots organizing and education. Many of the projects she has worked on are considered to be related to SWS’s interest in impacting women’s lives. Myra Marx Ferree summarizes Mindy Fried as a multi-faceted and energetic feminist activist who brings research-grounded perspectives to intersectional issues. Mindy blogs and teaches others to blog in ways that will advance feminist research generally and SWS in particular, especially with regard to valuing care and caregivers more appropriately. Chloe Bird highlights the feminist perspective that Mindy has brought to applied sociology and how she brings applied perspectives back to sociology as a whole. She notes that, “in addition to many of her other qualities and work, Mindy brings it back to the discipline and steps up in sharing and mentoring. Mindy has done an amazing job of reaching out and finding numerous sociologists working in the city where we are holding the SWS conference. She’s taken time to meet with individual students and junior researchers and to share her experience and wisdom in a consistently constructive way.”

Wendy Christensen shares that “Mindy Fried embodies feminist activism. She brings the practice of feminism into everything she works on, whether it be consulting, grassroots organizing, or working on the SWS Media Relations Subcommittee. Mindy’s organizational practices and recommendations are grounded in feminist praxis.”

The 2018 Cheryl Allyn Miller Award Winner: Susila Gurusami

Susila Gurusami is an Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Toronto and a sociologist of race, gender, labor, and politics, with particular interests in carceral studies and intersectionality. She is also a former UC Chancellor’s Postdoctoral Fellow and received her Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of California, Los Angeles in June 2017. Her work has been published in Gender & Society and Social Problems. She is currently working on a book manuscript investigating how Black women navigate state surveillance, regulation, and punishment in their everyday lives after returning home from prison and jail.

Susila published her article, “Working for Redemption: Formerly Incarcerated Black Women and Punishment in the Labor Market,” in Gender & Society in 2017. This article uses 18 months of ethnographic observations with formerly incarcerated Black women to contend that they are subjected to what she terms rehabilitation labor—a series of unwritten state practices that seek to govern the transformation of formerly incarcerated people from criminals to workers. She reveals that employment is subjectively policed by state agents and must meet three conditions to count as work: reliable, recognizable, and redemptive. She finds that women who are unable to meet these employment conditions are framed by state agents as failing to demonstrate an appropriate commitment to their moral— and therefore criminal— rehabilitation, and consequently experience perceived threats of reincarceration. Building a theory of intersectional capitalism, Susila argues that rehabilitation labor is situated within a broader historical project of making Black women legible to the state through the labor market.
The 62nd Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW62) on the theme of “challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls” took place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City March 12-23, 2018.

Two weeks, 4300 delegates, 600 civil society organizations, 170 member states, 400 side events, 275 official events.

SWS was represented by 17 CSW delegates -- hara bastas, Laura Bendfeldt, Chris Bobel, Gabby Clark, Vicky Demos, Karis Fuller, Heather Hurwitz, Amira Karazoud, Kristy Kelly, Preethi Krishnan, Susan Lee, Diana Papademas, Jennifer Rogers-Brown, Negin Saheb Javaher, Solange Simões, Lucy Thuin, and Salima Zaman.

We represented SWS directly in two main capacities: 1) Parallel Event and 2) Official UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) delegates.

hara bastas (LaGuardia Community College, CUNY) and Lead SWS UN ECOSOC representative, organized a special parallel event to highlight SWS research on the CSW theme. This was our sixth year representing SWS, where we advocated and conveyed the practical uses of feminist research through the innovative mixed method research of our SWSer graduate students, faculty members, and community partners. This year we presented on:

**Feminist Sociological Research: Challenges and Opportunities of Rural Women & Girls**


"Gendered Narratives of Dispossession: The Experiences of Female Rice Workers in Northern Iran," Negin Saheb Javaher, University of Calgary, Canada.

"Food, Water, and Social Justice: Women in Rural India," Mangala Subramaniam, PhD and Preethi Krishnan, Purdue University, Indiana.

"Beyond Dignity and Privacy: The Mis/Use of Human Rights Discourse in Development Campaigns," Chris Bobel, PhD University of Massachusetts, Boston.

We asked our delegates to share their reflections and advice with SWS, which are highlighted below. The International Committee looks forward to hearing more from SWS members who engage the UN for research, teaching, and/or advocacy. We welcome contributions to the committee and to our work as an ECOSOC NGO.

**Preethi Krishnan, Doctoral Candidate, Sociology Department, Purdue University.** This was my first ever opportunity to represent Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS) at the UN CSW event held at NY. I (along with my advisor Dr. Mangala Subramaniam) represented SWS in the panel "Feminist Sociological Research: Challenges and Opportunities of Rural Women & Girls." The global work presented at the panel by other SWS members reminded me of how fortunate I am to have the opportunity to do what I do and to be a member of a feminist organization such as SWS. Even being present at the UN building during CSW was an experience in itself. It felt as if I was transported to a world where ‘difference’ in culture, language, and concerns are recognized. Activists and NGO workers from around the world had flown in to participate in the event. In particular, this year’s theme of empowering rural women and girls was close to my heart and spoke to my own research on food and care rights in India. I was able to attend a panel titled “Rural Women in the Americas: The influence of Intersectionality.” This session brought to life how nationality, race, ethnicity, and gender come together in influencing women’s experiences around the world, including the United States. Overall, it was fascinating to participate in an event where academic work and activism came together to engage in conversations that matter!

**Solang Simões, PhD, Eastern Michigan University.** Although I have been attending CSW since 2013, this year I had the opportunity to attend new types of events that pleasantly surprised by their intersectional approaches to the issues in both presentations and discussions.
An important addition to the CSW agenda was “Townhall with civil society and UN General Secretary Antonio Guterres.” As one of the SWS representatives to ECOSOC, I received an invitation to participate in the event.

Stating that “power is taken, not given,” UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres spoke about three priority areas: 1) Full gender parity across the board (the UN executive office currently has 56% women and 44% men in top positions, in senior management group there are 23 women and 21 men; however, among UN missions and special envoys only 1/3 are women); 2) Elimination of sexual exploitation and abuse by UN agents in relation to people outside UN, such as in peacekeeping missions and workers on the ground dealing with refugees; 3) Elimination of sexual harassment within the UN.

It was very encouraging to observe that when the Secretary-General invited questions and criticisms by the NGO representatives, a broad range of questions were raised, which reflected the growing intersectional women’s and feminist agendas. A Bolivian activist demanded more action to protect the environment; an indigenous activist from Guatemala asked for more effective UN actions to fight poverty among indigenous women; a Nigerian activist pointed out the need for stronger UN recommendations to governments to change restrictive abortion laws (as was agreed in Beijing 1995); a representative of the International Relations Students Association spoke about the need for inclusion of young voices in policy making; and a Tunisian activist pointed out the lack of support for new women’s organizations. Among the activists enthusiastically applauded by the NGOs representatives were a transgender woman activist who voiced the need for the UN to make sure that the “Agenda 2030 No One Left Behind” includes LGBTQ and other risk and marginalized groups. A young activist asked “how can the US host the CSW with the travel ban?” and gave the names of women from Nepal, Iran, South Sudan who had been denied a visa to participate in CSW. A webcast of the townhall can be seen at http://webtv.un.org/watch/townhall-meeting-with-the-un-secretary-general-and-civil-society-csw62-side-event/5750656367001/

Another event that also pleasantly surprised me with an intersectional approach was organized by the European Union on a new global initiative focused on eliminating all forms of violence against women and girls—the Spotlight Initiative, which “currently is supported by a contribution of 500 million Euros by the EU and launched in September 2017, aims to prevent and respond to all forms of violence against women with a particular focus on domestic and family violence, sexual and gender-based violence and harmful practices, femicide, trafficking in persons, including sexual and economic exploitation.”

In that event, the panelists were joined by several grassroots experts who stressed on the importance of addressing multiple and intersectional forms of violence faced by groups of women and girls, such as LGBTQ groups, indigenous women, and women with disability. Speakers included an indigenous rights activist from Peru, a Disability Rights and Inclusion Professional from Kenya, and a Trans and Youth Feminist, Human Rights & Gender Advocate from Fiji.

It was the first time I attended the UN NGO briefing on CSW by the US Mission to the UN. Representatives from various US government agencies (including the Department of State, the Department of Labor, Department of Health and Human Services, and USAID) addressed various mainstream items in the CSW agenda. In the short time allowed for questions by US NGOs, however, the government speakers were surprised to hear - claiming that they did not know - that a number of CSW delegates had been denied visas to the US because of the travel ban. Another certainly unexpected question was about the inclusion of families with same sex parents.

I also attended some of the official session interactive panels and was pleased to hear oral interventions by NGOs. Since last year, a limited number of NGOs in consultative status with ECOSOC are able to make oral interventions during the interactive panels. These interventions are in the form of comments or questions addressed to the panel experts. Moreover, oral statements may be delivered during the general discussion by a limited number of NGOs in consultative status with ECOSOC. In meetings with other SWS delegates, I proposed that, in the future, SWS CSW delegates should work on oral interventions and oral statements, in addition to the written statement SWS submits to every CSW. Preparing oral interventions and statements will be challenging but feasible, considering the various area expertise of SWS members. It will be worth the effort as I believe that oral statements could significantly increase the contribution of SWS to CSW.
Incredible global women's activism was on display at CSW. Here are some of the events that I found particularly moving because women are addressing key problems of gender oppression in innovative ways, especially using technology and media.

Little Stones, a documentary film about women’s use of art and media for activism, featured four artists from around the world who are working on a range of women's issues. Electrifying the audience, each of the artists attended the screening. Attendees got on their feet and danced along with the Senegalese hip hop artist featured in the film, Fatou Diatta aka Sister Fa, who is working to eradicate female genital cutting. The film includes study guide for high school students, poetry and graphic design workshops, and guide for how to take action, available at www.littlestones.org/educators.

A fascinating sex trafficking and technology panel featured two organizations: Lifeway, a home for women who have been trafficked and Annie Cannons, a computer science training program specifically for trafficking survivors. The panel included a moving testimony from a Latina woman who had been trafficked, is now a survivor and attempting a degree in computer science. A representative from Rural Migrant Ministries spoke about modern day slavery in rural areas in the United States.

I encourage all SWS members to check out the film and organizations mentioned. Other organizations doing good work on a range of gender issues include UN Women, UN Trust Fund, Breakthrough US and India (http://us.breakthrough.tv), War Child, a Canadian organization (https://warchild.ca), and the US Women's Caucus (http://www.uswomenscaucus.org/).

While there were dozens, perhaps hundreds of women and women's organizations that were denied visas by the Trump Administration and/or unable to attend the CSW due to economic constraints, the groups that were there provided inspiration for change. There is a great hunger to change women's status. Leaders at UN Women even called this a key “tipping point.” The CSW chugged along with urgency following on the momentum of #MeToo and #TimesUp.

Negin Saheb Javaher, Graduate Student, University of Calgary. I would like to thank SWS again for the amazing opportunity, the support, and the experience. I am honored to have been part of a great panel. As I have mentioned before, as an Iranian feminist student, I appreciated the space to talk about Iranian women. This was the first time that I got the chance to do so in front of an audience other than my classmates.

This was also the first time that I was coming to the US. For me, entering the US and coming into the UN buildings and being part of CSW was huge—so much that it was scary. This experience has made me more determined in pursuing the path I have chosen to take. Being at the CSW was the first time in my academic life that I really did feel like a feminist sociologist in this world and not just an enthusiastic student. Although I have a long way to go to really get there, the inspiration will stay with me.

By the time I was in NY, the formal sessions had already finished. I attended some of the UN side events that were held at the headquarters and a couple of the parallel events at the Church Center for UN. The first side event I attended was the “The Holistic Gender and Media Agenda: An analysis and key findings of the 2018 GAMAG Position Papers” (23 March). Even though the session was outside of the field of my research interests, it was interesting and enriching. It was through this session that I realized how invested UN is in research and was surprised that the language used was similar to the language used in my gender classes. The most interesting part for me was that the panel was a combination of UN delegates and researchers and activists who had hands-on experience. At the end of the session when all the academic/UN researchers were finished with their arguments, the activist from the International Federation of Journalists shared her insight which was like a slap in the face for the audience and the panelists—at least I thought so. She shared how, on the grounds, women in the media and female journalists work and also shared some quotes that challenged the arguments that the researchers were making.

The two parallel events I attended were both very memorable for me. On March 23, I attended the “Delta Days at the United Nations”—a session that was titled “Intersectionality in the Americas: Challenges and Opportunities for Rural Women.” I
could write 10 paragraphs about this single session but to put it briefly, it gave me a more nuanced understanding of intersectionality. The UN delegates who spoke of their work on the grounds and the presentation of Dr. Jennifer Ross who worked with Kimberly Krenshaw were memorable.

What stands out for me from the CSW experience is really how to be a feminist. Interacting with the SWS academics was very enriching for me and this is not just because I got to hear and learn how professors and experienced academics talk about different topics. The support that they provided me, a junior graduate student, and the space they gave with trust really tasted like feminism. The CSW was an outstanding opportunity for me. For a girl from Iran, being there at the UN and among the people I was part of, was really a dream come true. I always find that it is the people who inspire me who most influence the way I see and understand the world. I find my interactions with them as the highlight of my experience at CSW.

What surprised me most at CSW was the diversity of the people, topics, and events. I was surprised that so many young professionals and students were present. Also surprising was how, in the sessions, comments and opinions were encouraged from the audience and how easily the audience interacted. Almost everything at the CSW was surprising for me, including the physical location of the UN buildings and the vibe that was there. However, the smaller sessions of the parallel events were more attractive to me because I believe I witnessed more diversity in terms of positions and experiences. I found much joy to be among people who were all interested in the same broad research area that I was.

I would highly encourage others to attend. As a student, I found CSW a very different learning opportunity compared to the classroom because at CSW I felt like being part of the real world. I think, for students, being actively present at CSW sessions is a challenge that can encourage developing skills, such as public speaking and critical thinking. I often feel that in our classes we have too safe an environment and that we are rarely pushed into situations where we have to think as a sociologist. CSW definitely gave me a challenge, and I feel more confident in speaking out and stating my opinion. Also, seeing the many young professionals, students, and delegates at CSW was very inspiring for me (as someone who ideally seeks a career at the UN). If I had another chance to be part of CSW, I would take that right away and do my best to attend and benefit from as many events as possible.

Chris Bobel, PhD, University of Massachusetts, Boston. This was my 2nd CSW and again, I felt overwhelmed and over-stimulated, but delightfully so. To recharge, I sometimes sat in highly trafficked areas and watched the people from all the world filter by. My NYC-based friends and colleagues who go to the UN during other times of the year pointed out how the diversity of people, especially those representing small NGOs and community-based organizations, is a welcome visual departure from usual men in Western suits.

I caught several people filming themselves and taking selfies, smiles broad, shoulders proud. While I only needed to hop on a bus from Boston, some folks traveled across half the globe to get there, such as the activist from Bangladesh I met who trains laborers about their rights as workers. Each day, I passed by the iconic bronze sculpture by Swedish artist Carl Fredrik Reuterswärd that sits on the UN Plaza. “Non Violence” is a .357 Magnum revolver with knotted barrel pointing upwards. This image resonated for me throughout my time at the CSW—a time to gather to resist the status quo, including the violence that shapes too many lives. Carrying the CSW with me, the sculpture inspired the placard my family carried at the March for our Lives the day after the CSW concluded.

Being at the CSW is a potent reminder of the potential of global solidarity but it also signals key points of tension, the latter a point driven home when I attended an event organized by the Mission of the Holy See. During it, essentialism, such as women’s “special powers for caring for others” reigned supreme, and the clever appropriation of feminist discourses of choice and embodied autonomy used to argue against the use of contraceptive technologies set my teeth on edge.

The next time I attend, I plan to find a way to be more involved in the actual work of the CSW. I want to attend the Caucus for North America/Europe and the daily NGO briefings so that I can
see and access the process of debating the agreed conclusions. I am especially interested in seeing the tensions between groups, such as those for and against reproductive and LGBT rights. We come to the CSW with a shared passion for women’s rights, but our standpoints, our arguments and our strategies are profoundly different. The better world we imagine must reckon with these differences.

Amira Karaoud, Graduate Student, University of Kentucky. The concept of “hegemonic masculinity” has been used to explain men’s health behaviors and the use of violence. Gender activists also mobilized the concept but evaluating broader societal change in hegemonic masculinity remains an enduring challenge. The concept was brought up at the CSW-62 but never made it to the final document.

Among very few events on masculinity, at the first week of CSW-62, there was a presentation on “Masculinity in the Middle East and North Africa region” organized by UN Women, Promundo and Sida. I was excited to hear about how they are working on redefining masculinity in that region, but after the presentation I thought it was pathetic and cynical. One of the male speakers made a claim on women’s role in her community and how she shouldn’t be identified as “the sister,” the “daughter,” or the “wife.” Woman is a status itself. She shouldn’t be identified as the “Other.” Yet, the campaigns used in the Middle East shown to us at the presentation were charged with dominant masculinity discourse: “if you are a man you don’t hit a woman.” How about if you are “a human”? How about you don’t hit humans to prove you are a dominant male? I also found it sarcastic that the presenting NGO targeted men to work with on redefining masculinity who are the vulnerable, disempowered men coming out of war, living in refugee camps, with no economic stability, no home and relying entirely on donation and help to survive. Overall, this was a disappointment on addressing the matter and the strategy used. It suggests a new form of Orientalism and imperialism in the Middle East and also, for not seeing this topic addressed by many countries and presenters.

I have to acknowledge, though, the intervention of a Tunisian actor during the presentation, Dhafer El Abidine, who criticized media portrayals of the desired man in a society as the macho man and argued the need for a change. Soap operas are inserted in social reality. They represent every day authentic stories. When a famous actor takes on a role representing “hegemonic masculinity” yet is presented as the most desired man, who takes advantage of his place in society to abuse women left and right and get away with it, what are we telling to the audience, “this is how man should be?” or/ and “Women should support this attitude, encourage it and fantasize about it?” To enable change, it is essential to reflect on the social construction of hegemonic masculinity and challenge it. Masculinity and manhood exist beyond “hegemonic masculinity.” There are variety of ways that men from all backgrounds can live beyond this harmful restriction and way of living. There are an infinite number of ways to be a man.

For a lengthier reflection, I invite you to check out my blog: https://wandertheworldwonder.com/2018/04/03/reflection-on-csw-62-united-nations-largest-meeting-on-gender-equality/

Opportunities to participate in the next SWS delegation to CSW will be announced during fall 2018. Watch the SWS listserv for more information, or reach out to the International Committee Chair, hara bastas, for more information.

Picture 1: Flags outside the United Nations in New York City.

Picture 2: Kristy Kelly, hara bastas, Jennifer Rogers-Brown, Krista Bywater, and Di Wang attending a UN Side Event.

Picture 3: Lyndi Hewett’s daughter attending her first CSW.

Picture 4: “Non Violence” by Carl Fredrik Reuterswärd UN Headquarters, NYC

Picture 5: Zoe Habel, daughter of Chris Bobel, hoists sign inspired by sculpture on display at the UN. March for Our Lives, March 24, Boston.
Greetings from the New Book Review Office!

The Book Review office for *Gender & Society* is now at Quinnipiac University, under the editorship of Catherine Richards Solomon, Professor of Sociology. My research and teaching interests are in work, family, and inequality; I am also Department Chair of the Department of Sociology, Criminal Justice and Anthropology. The Book Review Editorial Assistant is Mycah Whitehead. Mycah is a junior at Quinnipiac University, majoring in Criminal Justice and Sociology with an Arabic minor. She is particularly interested in studying the areas of inequality, prison reform, and rehabilitation.

The Book Review office continues to get books in a wide range of topics, representing the plethora of scholarship about gender. **What we desperately need is your expertise!** Please consider joining the Sage database of reviewers to become a book reviewer. Writing a book review is a great way to stay abreast of current trends in gender studies and to add a publication to your CV! Graduate students are welcome to review. Book reviews are only 700-800 words and you have 3 months to read the book and write the review. It’s easy to sign up. To become a reviewer, all you have to do is go to [https://peerreview.sagepub.com/](https://peerreview.sagepub.com/) and create a SAGE Track account. If you’d rather, you can email your name, mailing address, affiliation, and four areas of expertise to our office and Mycah will add you to the database. To contact the Book Review Office, our email address is gsbook@quinnipiac.edu. Our mailing address is Gender & Society Book Review Office; Mail Drop CL-AC1; Quinnipiac University; 275 Mount Carmel Ave.; Hamden, CT 06518.

Walking the Talk: Margaret Abraham’s ISA Presidency: Bandana Purkayastha

Feminist scholar and long-term SWS member Margaret (Maggie) Abraham completed her term as President of International Sociological Association (ISA). The organization was founded in 1949, has over 5000 members from 126 countries, along with 62 national association members. Only two women have been Presidents of this organization: Margaret Archer (UK, 1990-1994), and Margaret Abraham (2014-2018). Maggie broke an additional glass ceiling, the first woman of color to be elected to this position.

The opening Presidential panel of the XIX World Congress at Toronto (2018) featured a woman majority panel of scholars from Canada, UK, India, and France, this array included a First Nations scholar. It is to Maggie’s credit that she has set this standard of inclusive scholarship for sociology at a conference with 5800 registrants from 162 countries! Maggie has modelled feminist leadership throughout her career. From her early activism and research on South Asian Women’s organizations on domestic violence, to introducing the idea of intersecting gender/ethnicity/class/race structures in her early (1995) article in *Gender & Society*, she has steadily expanded the discipline’s understanding of violence and social justice. The Toronto conference’s theme, “Power, Justice and Violence: Reflections, Responses, Responsibilities,” as well as her presidential address, reflects decades of work to make violence and justice as core themes of sociology.

Maggie started introducing new themes and changes many years ago. During her co-Presidency of ISA Research committee 32 (Women in Society) she emphasized the need to link research and practice. During her term as Vice President of ISA she organized the global forum on Social Justice and Democratization in Buenos Aires Argentina, in 2012. This conference was
mostly situated within university spaces to uphold the idea of academic conferences within academic settings. In each of these positions she organized (and raised funds) to support formal mentoring of junior scholars by senior scholars. Aware of the continuing barriers to establish meaningful international linkages, during her term as ISA President, she first opened the Democratization and Social Justice space, then she organized the global digital platform, a concrete and easy way to help scholars across the world to connect to each other through research and teaching: https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/publications/digital-platforms/gmssi/

Her books on citizenship, many publications on violence against women and human rights, special issues on violence and peace, and linking research and activism indicate the ways in which she has linked scholarship to institution building and activism. All of these these publications reflect another scholarly theme: contextualized global sociology. Her presentations and publications are listed in many places: http://www.margaretabrahamonline.com/2oy2u1s9oaguyfraz22vqplkjyunmj.

She has won many local, national, and international recognitions. She was recognized by SWS as the Feminist Lecturer for 2015.

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Social Action Committee Awards Three New Social Action Projects:

**Kristy Kelly, SAC Chair**

The Social Action Committee is happy to announce that SWS is supporting THREE AMAZING new projects as part of our Spring 2018 funding cycle for the Social Action Initiative Awards. We would like to express a special thanks to our team of SAC volunteer reviewers — Evonnia Woods, University of Missouri, Columbia; Ophra Leyser-Whalen, The University of Texas at El Paso; and Brianna Turgeon, Kent State University — who helped with the incredibly difficult selection process. We received an impressive number of proposals (8) of high quality this cycle, which is very exciting. The awardees for Spring 2018 include:

**UCSC’s Activist in Residence Program (2019)**

Sylvanna Falcón, Faculty, UC Santa Cruz. This project will contribute to supporting a local activist in residence at the Research Center for the Americas (RCA, formerly the Chicano Latino Research Center) at UC Santa Cruz. The objective of this residency is to give the selected applicant an opportunity to access university research resources and have the time and space to engage with UCSC students and faculty on their ongoing or future social justice-oriented work. It is hoped that this residency will give a non-UCSC community member an opportunity to be in dialogue with prospective collaborators at the university. The selected activist will be someone who is highly self-motivated and who is seeking to expand perspectives and networks to impact progressive social change. The selected activist will have a demonstrated record in responding to the needs of marginalized communities (such as low-income, immigrant, women, and communities of color). The goal is to bridge the university and local community to think about what kinds of social action research and projects can emerge. Expectations of this residency include the following: visiting appropriate classes during the residency, organizing workshop or seminars based on their local advocacy issue, and supporting their next activist project.

**Maine NEW Leadership’s State Capitol Day**

Amy Blackstone, Faculty, University of Maine. This project supports a 6-day residential nonpartisan institute hosted on the University of Maine campus for undergraduate women from across Maine who are interested in political and/or civic leadership. The institute provides experiential training in many aspects of leadership, politics, and policy making, including public speaking, coalition building, networking, advocacy, and running for office. SWS funds will specifically provide transportation support for 28 students to travel to the state capital in Augusta to meet with legislators, tour the State House, and attend panels put on by women legislators and activists on topics including “The Challenges of Policy Making” and “Making a Difference in Your Community.”

**Creating a Class of “Fierce Advocates for Gender Justice”**

Crystal Jackson, Faculty, John Jay College of Criminal Justice – CUNY. This project supports the development of feminist praxis action/intervention opportunities for JJC students engaged in social justice work in their own communities. SWS funds will be used to purchase 21 copies of Hey Shorty! A Guide to Combating Sexual Harassment and Violence in Schools and on the Streets, along with other miscellaneous supplies for students living in severe poverty. JJC’s motto is that we are creating “fierce advocates for justice.” The phrase is painted on walls, along with a list of types of justice, including racial justice, criminal justice, poetic justice, and gender justice. This motto serves as a jumping off point in class, to guide students on a path toward becoming fierce advocates for gender justice. The assignment will help them embody the identity of “activist.”

To learn more about the requirements and upcoming deadline for the fall cycle of proposal submissions, visit the SWS Awards page.
Winter Meeting 2019 Reminders

The SWS Winter Meeting 2019 Theme is Building Solidarity: Celebrating the Past, Navigating the Present, and Preparing for Our Futures. The dates of the 2019 SWS Winter Meeting in Denver, Colorado are February 7-10, 2019. It will take place at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Denver Downtown Convention Center. If you’d like to go ahead and book your room today, please click HERE. Special Group Rate: $155 per hotel room night. Please note that the hotel reservation system closes on January 16, 2019. In order to be eligible for the SWS cost share, you need to stay in our meeting hotel. Please Click HERE for more information about the SWS Cost Share Policy.

Submissions System (abstracts or proposals) for the 2019 SWS Winter Meeting is now open. The submissions deadline for the 2019 SWS Winter Meeting is November 15, 2018 at 11:59 pm EDT.

What is a Session?
A Session is a space for multiple paper presentations or a dialogue on a common theme. Sessions have been 90 minutes in duration in the past. The time for your presentation will depend on the number of Session participants.

What is a Workshop?
A Workshop is a space for people to participate in an interactive dialogue on a particular theme/topic. Workshops have been 90 minutes in duration in the past. The time for your participation in this workshop will depend on the number of Workshop participants.

What is a Roundtable?
A Roundtable is a small gathering of individuals who are presenting their papers on topics that share a common theme. Roundtables are a great opportunity to present your research and to collect very helpful feedback from other presenters and attendees. If you are submitting an independent paper that is not linked to a Session or Workshop, you should submit your paper for a Roundtable. Roundtables have been 75 minutes in duration in the past. The time allotted for your Paper presentation will depend on the number of Roundtable presenters.

CHILD CARE INFORMATION

We will be offering childcare on Friday (February 8) and Saturday (February 9) of the Winter Meeting from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm. We have contracted with ABC Nannies to provide this on-site at the hotel. Please Click HERE to visit the website for this service provider. If you are interested in this and have any questions, please feel free to email or call SWS Executive Officer, Barret Katuna, (swseo.barretkatuna@outlook.com, (860) 989-5651) to discuss. We will be offering this at no cost to our members, but there is a $50 refundable deposit that you will need to pay in order to secure a reservation. We will have a sign up for this as well via our new membership management system.
Some Highlights from the Summer Meeting: Celebrating Award Winners

A Special Thank you to Tracy Ore for capturing the excitement of the 2018 SWS Summer Awards Banquet.

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Picture 1: Myra Marx Ferree, Mindy Fried (2018 Feminist Activism Award Winner) and Award Chair Marybeth Stalp

Picture 2: Brooklynn Hitchens (One of the SWS/ASA MFPs for 2018), Chandra Waring, Andrea “Drea” Boyles, and Britney Battle (One of the SWS/ASA MFPs for 2017)

Picture 3: Celebrating Bandana Purkayastha 2018 Mentoring Award (Left to Right: Marybeth Stalp, Ranita Ray, Bandana Purkayastha, and Mary Osirim)

Picture 4: Celebrating the 2018 ASA MFPs with Award Chair Marybeth Stalp, Brooklynn Hitchens, Katherine Maldonado, and Jean Shin ASA Director for Minority and Student Affairs

Picture 5: Left to Right: Ranita Ray, Andrea “Drea” Boyles, Heather Hurwitz, Chandra Waring, Georgiann Davis, Pallavi Banerjee, Susila Gurusami (2018 Cheryl Allyn Miller Award Winner)

Picture 6: Barbara Risman, Award Chair Marybeth Stalp, Emily Hallgren (2018 Barbara Rosenblum Scholarship Winner)

Picture 7: Myra Marx Ferree, Award Chair Marybeth Stalp, and Katherine McCabe (2018 Beth B. Hess Memorial Scholarship Honorable Mention)

Picture 8: Picture 8: Myra Marx Ferree, Award Chair Marybeth Stalp, and Melissa Osborne (2018 Beth B. Hess Memorial Scholarship Winner)

Picture 9: President Adia Harvey Wingfield speaking at the banquet