President’s Column: Tiffany Taylor

Dear Members:

Summer is here, and I want to take the opportunity to update you all on some important information about things SWS has in the works.

As you all know, we have a task force examining ways we can lessen inequalities within our organization and better fulfill our feminist mission. It is currently working with some of our members with expertise in facilitating focus groups so that we can do a needs assessment. This survey will give us some basic information about our membership and help us know things members see as important needs SWS might better address. At the end of the survey, we will ask for volunteers to participate in focus groups in which we will examine these issues in more detail. Our goal is to better meet the needs of our members and we hope everyone will participate!

Please click HERE to go directly to the survey.

Here is the direct link to the survey: https://sws.memberclicks.net/member-survey-2019#

Membership Referral Drive!!! Let’s build our strength in numbers. We ask members to refer their friends and colleagues to renew/join SWS. For each referral you make, you will be entered into a raffle to win a $50 American Express gift card. The more people you refer, the better your chances to win.

If you gift a membership to someone, you will also be entered in the membership raffle. We hope the Summer Meeting offer a nice opportunity to grow our membership. The 2019 Membership Referral Drive will conclude at the Summer Meeting. More below…

This summer, we wanted to make the Summer Meeting as affordable as we could for members. We will have a lower cost registration that includes the meeting programming as well as the awards reception. The total registration for student members, retired members, and/or members with incomes under $40,000 will be $40 and registration for higher income members will be $75.

The Awards Reception will be a celebration of the year and an opportunity to socialize, network, and have some fun. Instead of a sit-down dinner, which
would have cost over $120 per person, we will have a reception with a substantial taco bar to keep costs affordable and allow us to have more time and opportunity to socialize and celebrate.

This summer we will also have **roundtables!** This gives members an opportunity to present their research to a friendly, encouraging audience. Based on feedback from the Winter Meeting, roundtables will be held over a few days (definitely logistically easier in the summer than in the winter) and we will have discussants again.

**Meet-ups for ASA and SSSP section receptions.** Receptions can sometimes be a little intimidating. This summer we ask for volunteers to lead groups of SWSers into section receptions. We hope this helps make receptions a bit more welcoming and also allows our members greater opportunities to network with other SWS members and non-members. You will have the ability to sign up for these meet-ups in the Summer Meeting [Registration form](#). We have lots of educational and fun ideas for the summer, so stay tuned! Updates will be posted on the Summer Meeting [page](#).

Finally, I want to thank the numerous people working hard behind the scenes for SWS. This includes our amazing Council, Barret Katuna and Natasha Santana, members and chairs of our committees, the Task Force (LaToya Council, Manisha Desai, Sylvanna Falcon, Jax Gonzalez, Nancy Lopez, and Marcia Texler Segal), the focus group experts (Penny Harvey, Helana Darwin, Rebecca Plante, Angela DeLucia, Cathleen Appelt, Nicole Bedera, Michelle Smirnova, Melinda Cordasco, Jill Niebrugge-Brantley, and Tracy Ore), and the joint Local Arrangements and Program Committees for our summer meeting (Natascia Boeri, Sophia Boutilier, Marni Brown, Helena Darwin, Estela Diaz, Jax Gonzalez, Erica Hill-Yates, Michelle Jacobs, Tracy Ore, and Baker Rogers). I also want to thank all our members for your membership. It takes a lot of people to make SWS what it is today and to help SWS improve and prepare for the future.

In solidarity,

Tiffany

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**Greetings from President-Elect, Josephine Beoku-Betts**

Dear SWSers, greetings to you all. I hope you are now enjoying a restful and enjoyable summer in whatever way you choose to do so. I am just returning from almost a year in Sierra Leone, West Africa, where I was a Fulbright Scholar in the Gender Studies Program at the University of Sierra Leone. It was a very busy yet rewarding and enjoyable experience working with faculty and students along with my research on women’s political activism in Sierra Leone since the 1990s.

I am very excited about my new position as President-Elect of SWS. I am enjoying working closely with Tiffany Taylor, our President, as
well as Council and our very capable Executive Officer Barret Katuna, as I learn the ropes preparing for my upcoming position of President at our next Winter Meeting to be held January 30th to February 2nd, 2020 at the Paradise Point Resort and Spa in San Diego.

The theme of the meeting is “Feminist Futures in the Global South: Visions, Scholarship, Activism, and Creativity.” The focus is to centrally feature knowledge production, activism, and creativity among the next generation of feminists in the Global South. We will also explore ways in which young feminists envision, organize and strategize to promote social justice and advance gender equality in their respective regions in the Global South, including migration, which is a pressing issue of concern to us all right now.

I would like to thank Minjeong Kim for leading the effort to facilitate local arrangements while we are in San Diego. In addition, I thank Minjeong, Bandana Purkayastha, Manisha Desai, Melanie Heath, Veronica Montes, Marybeth Stalp, a representative from Sister to Sister, and one or two other SWSers yet to be confirmed for their participation in the Program Committee. I am extremely appreciative of all the advice and guidance I have received from our amazing Executive Officer Barret Katuna and our current President Tiffany Taylor who have made the process so much easier for me up to this point, given the demands of my program in Sierra Leone. Thank you all. I am now back and look forward to working with you all as we prepare for what promises to be a productive and relaxing family friendly meeting. From time to time, I will send updates as the process unfolds.

Josephine

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

Greetings from the SWS Executive Office:

Welcome Summer 2019! As you read in Tiffany’s column, planning is well underway for the 2019 Summer Meeting in New York City that will take place from August 10-12, 2019. The submissions portal is now closed for the roundtable system, and those of you who have submitted should be hearing from the Program Committee very soon regarding the table organization. Please click here to register for the meeting. This year, we have Early Bird pricing that’s available till August 1, 2019 at 11:59 pm EDT. After that, the cost of registration will go up by $20. Please help us with our planning and save yourselves from these extra costs by registering today.

I encourage you to download the SWS Meeting App in preparation for the meeting. There, you can start conversations and continue them during the Summer Meeting and beyond. You can use the SWS Meeting App to ask folks about sharing a hotel room, to discuss ride sharing from an airport or local university, or facilitating a conversation on a topic of choice. The SWS Meeting App can be an incredibly powerful way for us to network and support one another while we are in a global city and navigating all of our conference commitments that may span one or more other organizations like SSSP, ABS, and ASA. If you consider yourself to be “New York savvy,” please share the knowledge with others who could greatly benefit from knowing the ins and outs of the city. We will do our best to provide a local arrangements guide as well. Please let me know if you have any questions about using the Meeting App and Natasha and I will gladly assist.

Also, we will not be printing the Summer Meeting program this year as a way of saving costs and as a way of being environmentally conscious. You can certainly download the program and print it on your own, but we will not be providing those. You can also opt to view the program from your phones or tablets via the Meeting App. Here are directions on how to download the
Meeting App if you do not already have it.

Please click the following links to download:

Or open App Store/ iTunes and look up SWS Meeting App.

Since I last reported, we have transitioned to working with a new investment advisory team. We had previously worked with an all-women investment advisory team, Rainbow Investment Solutions based in Massachusetts and California, with Sue Guynn and Donna Clifford. In May, we started working with The Jamrog Group, another all-women investment advisory team. The Jamrog Group is based in Holyoke, Massachusetts. You will have the opportunity to meet two members of The Jamrog Group Team, Amy Jamrog and Jessica Holloway, this summer in New York City. Please click here to view The Jamrog Group’s website. Jessica and Amy will also be providing financial seminars that will be very useful for all of us at whatever point in your career you may happen to be in.

One of the exciting parts about being the Executive Officer for SWS is having the opportunity to support new initiatives and plans, such as the work of the Task Force on Inclusivity that Tiffany highlighted in her column and the 50th Anniversary of SWS that will officially be celebrated in 2021. The 50th Anniversary Planning Committee includes the following SWS Members: Bandana Purkayastha, Chaniqua Simpson, Marlese Durr, Judith Lorber, Pamela Roby, and Jaime Hartless. Please stay tuned for announcements from the committee and feel free to share any photos that you’d like to with the Executive Office. You can email your photos to my Assistant, Natasha Santana, at: nsantana@socwomen.org

This summer, we are welcoming an intern, Shuchi Sanyal, from Hollins College. Shuchi will be supporting the work of the Executive Office in New York City and will be providing support throughout the summer. Schedule permitting, she may stay on and assist once classes are in session this next academic year.

We have some exciting things planned for the Summer Meeting, and I really cannot wait to see you all. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to reach out via phone or email if I could ever be of assistance. I am looking forward to seeing so many of you this August.

Best wishes,
Barret

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SWS at the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW63): Compiled by Solange Simões, SWS Lead UN Delegate and Mollie Pepper, Lead UN Communications Delegate

The 63rd Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW63) on the theme of “social protection systems, access to public services and sustainable infrastructure for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls” took place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City, March 11-22, 2019. SWS is an NGO with consultative status with the UN ECOSOC. Participation in the annual session of CSWA is a major opportunity for SWS International Committee’s work at the UN. Every year SWS sends 20 delegates, organizes a panel in the NGOs parallel events, and also submits a Written Statement on the session’s theme. Our CSW63 full Statement can be seen here.
SWS was represented at CSW63 by 20 delegates, faculty and students: Hara Bastas, Natascia Boeri, Andrea Boyles, Alysha Brayer Meloche, Soulit Chacko, Brian Delaney, Katherine Fraser, Jacqueline Goodman, Camille Hall, Susan Lee, Brian McCommons, Anne Marie Miscioscia, Heather Parrot, Bethany Salah, Salima Zaman, Nayia Kamenou, Nadina Lauren Anderson, Vicky Demos (ECOSOC), Kristy Kelly (ECOSOC) and Solange Simões (ECOSOC), Lead UN and CSW delegate.

Given the high number of responses to our call for delegates this year, Nicky Fox, Mollie Pepper, and Jennifer Brown graciously offered to take their names off the official delegation in order to allow us to include more students. They attended CSW63 with their annual UN ground passes as ECOSOC and DPI representatives. At CSW63 we represented SWS in UN Official Sessions, Side Events (organized by Member States and Parallel Event organized by NGOs).

This year, SWS had a unique opportunity to further our participation in the UN as SWS was selected to make one of the few oral interventions by NGOs and in an area that is so central to our research work and activism: making recommendations to Member States on gender data collection and dissemination. Solange Simões (Eastern Michigan University), Lead SWS UN and CSW delegate, applied for one of the very few oral intervention opportunities for NGOs, and SWS was selected to make an oral intervention during the interactive expert panel on the review theme, “Women’s empowerment and the link to sustainable development: ”The data challenge – and opportunity: good practices.” You can watch the oral intervention here (begins on 2:01:35 and ends on 2:04:58)

In the last two years, a new and main form of NGO participation in CSW was created, where a very small number of NGOs were selected to make oral interventions in one of CSW’s four main official UN sessions. At the International Committee meeting in Denver, the International Committee members welcomed and supported the proposal to apply to make an oral intervention in the panel on gender data (a very good fit for SWS!). The CSW63 delegation was thrilled to receive the news that SWS had been given three minutes for an oral intervention (same granted to Member States). The news came only one day before the beginning of CSW63 but, despite the time limitation, Solange prepared a draft oral intervention, which she discussed with other SWS delegates, and also sent a message through SWS listserv asking for comments on the main points of her proposed oral intervention (she would like to thank all responses and contributions).

Solange Simões’ oral intervention at CSW63 representing SWS on the Interactive expert panel on gender data: “The data challenge and opportunity: good practices.”

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Interactive expert panel on the review theme, Women’s empowerment and the link to sustainable development: “The data challenge – and opportunity: good practices”

SWS oral intervention and recommendations

1. The need for data collection and dissemination that account for intersectionality, or the multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination and inequality. The current UN reports data is focused on differences between gender (women and men) but does not systematically present and analyze differences among or within gender (among women and among men).

2. The CSW60 2016 Agreed Conclusions (under review this year) mention the need to disaggregate data by sex, age, and income. We would like to recommend that Member States collect and disseminate data that include the combined effects of socio-economic status, race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, location (urban/rural), immigration and refugee status, among other key attributes related to inequality.

3. In collecting and disseminating data (especially on gender issues that have been at the center of the ongoing conservative “pushback,” in the words of the UN General-Secretary in his CSW63 Town Hall address to NGOs with consultative status), Member States need to follow ethical guidelines, keep strict confidentiality, and consult with civil society organizations and experts to decide which of the intersecting indicators to include.

4. Improve the collection and dissemination of disaggregated data on informal employment especially relevant for women in Global South countries, and precarious employment in the Global North as well where informal work is done primarily by immigrant women of color.

5. In order to improve cross-country comparative analysis, clearly define what is measured and use data across the same time period.

6. Promote the adoption of Time-Use research to better measure unpaid and domestic care work (as well as informal work, among many other issues better measured by time diaries than by reported behavior in surveys).

7. Promote qualitative research to contextualize and understand localized dimensions of inequality as well as local and transnational forms of women’s collective and individual empowerment.

Kristy Kelly, Support Lead UN Delegate, organized a special parallel event to highlight SWS research on the CSW63 theme. This was our seventh year representing SWS, where we advocated and presented the practical uses of feminist research through innovative mixed method research of our SWS graduate students, faculty members, and community partners. This year we presented:


“They Treat Me Like a Family. But I Wish They Also Paid Me More:’ Immigrant Women Workers in the Ethnic Enclave Economy,” Soulit Chacko, PhD Candidate, Loyola University Chicago
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 with the UN for research, teaching, and/or advocacy. We welcome contributions to the committee and to our work as an ECOSOC NGO.

Nicole Fox, California State University, Sacramento
I was so honored to represent SWS at this year’s Commission on the Status of Women in a panel on Feminist Analysis of Social Protection Systems: Employment, Health and Peace-Building with esteemed SWS colleagues: Soulit Chacko, Nayia Kamenou, Nadina Anderson, and Mollie Pepper.

There were two main reflections that I would like to share during my time at the United Nations meeting for Commission on the Status of Women. First, as a scholar of Rwanda and genocide more generally, I often read of the inaction of the UN: their failures and inability to save lives or mobilize member countries to intervene. But when I attend CSW, I was reminded of another side of this incredibly young organization, the side I imagine was the inspiration for creating the UN—the assistance they bring to a spectrum of issues impacting women and girls. These issues range from digital literacy for women and girls, domestic violence, the delivery of clean water, gender equity in social security, eradicating child marriage, and more. As cliché as it sounds, I was energized and inspired by the diverse projects that NGOs and nations were taking on with the UN.

Second, when I talked to feminists from around the world as I sat watching briefings, presentations and country reports, I witnessed the diverse ways in which nations measure gender equity and equality, aiming to combat the gender bias in many big data projects. Unlike the US, nations (and the UN more generally) are working to better understand gender dynamics by analyzing poverty, health, violence and education levels as markers of inequality, in addition to wealth and labor, and not as separate from wage disparity. Feminists are conducting important and interesting work to fill the persistent gaps in national and international data disaggregation that leaves out illuminating variables (and thus social processes) of gender inequality.

Natascia Boeri, PhD, Bloomfield College
This was the fourth year that I attended the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) at the UN, the third as a delegate, and the first that I incorporated a class trip to the commission. Below, I write about my experience taking a class to the UN to provide notes for instructors who would like to do the same. While there is a bit of planning involved, it was well worth the effort after seeing the trip’s impact on students.
I teach at Bloomfield College, a small, liberal arts college in New Jersey, about 30 minutes by commuter train from Midtown Manhattan. The trip was for an interdisciplinary course in human services, with mostly psychology and sociology students. There were 17 students and myself. Costs were around $45 per student, including the $15 ticket for a UN tour, $15 lunch, and round trip NJ Transit tickets. Funds for the trip were provided by a college grant.

Since the CSW is not easily accessible to the public, we went on a UN tour and attended a panel at the NGO CSW Forum. The NGO CSW Forum is a parallel forum for nonprofits attending CSW to meet and present their work and, importantly, it is open to the public. While students are often awestruck by the UN tour (it is impressive!), I was most interested in students attending the NGO CSW Forum, since this is where they could witness how organizations around the world work on similar issues. This year, we attended a panel titled The Safety of Women and Girls in Educational Settings, hosted by the International Sociological Association and American Society of Criminology. Panelists covered a range of topics, including access to education for children in Greece, violence against women on college campuses, and coordinated community response approaches.

In the reflection paper assigned after the trip, students connected the trip to course content—how organizations enact social justice change—but many also made personal connections to the data and stories. Many students were struck by the pervasiveness of sexual assault on campus and the inaction by officials. As a minority-serving college, students appreciated the intersectional analysis provided by the panelists, noting how women of color were treated differently when reporting sexual assault. Lastly, as many of these students plan to enter social work or counseling professions, the panel provided inspiration on how students might support change through their work after college.

I encourage any instructor in the New York City area to consider taking their class to the UN during the Commission. While students might have previously visited the UN during a school trip, the Commission and, specifically, the CSW NGO Forum that is held alongside it allow students to apply their sociological knowledge to issues affecting women and young girls and to expand their global awareness. A trip would be especially appropriate for classes on gender, globalization, organizations, and social movements.

**Tips:**
- **Accessibility:** The UN tour is accessible, though I recommend calling the tour office or speaking with them when checking in. Unfortunately, if taking public transportation, many NYC subway stations lack elevators (or at least, working elevators). Public buses, which are accessible, might be the better option.
- **The UN recommends arriving an hour before the tour begins.** Once we passed security, we still had about twenty minutes to spare, but there is often an exhibit to occupy students. Connect course content to the trip and explain the purpose of the CSW NGO Forum at the Commission.

**Links:**
- UN Tour: [https://visit.un.org/content/tour-1](https://visit.un.org/content/tour-1)
- NGO CSW: [https://www.ngocsw.org/ngo-csw-forum](https://www.ngocsw.org/ngo-csw-forum)

**Kristy Kelly and Brian McCommons, Drexel University**
This year the SWS included a delegation of Drexel School of Education doctoral students and their professor and SWS member, Dr. Kristy Kelly. They received funding from Drexel’s Office of International Programs, which supports the internationalization of learning experiences across the university. Attending the CSW was an opportunity for doctoral students in education to examine critical issues in gender from an international perspective. Moving beyond education, students had an opportunity to learn about a wide range of women’s issues, including entrepreneurship in Latin America to combat zones in Eastern
Kristy Kelly has attended the CSW annually since 2012, often times presenting research on gender equality issues in Asia or serving on expert panels on women in leadership. When asked about her experiences, this year, Kristy said, “Attending the CSW is an important annual experience for me. In two weeks, there are 4300 delegates from around the world, 600 civil society organizations, 170 member states, 400 side events and 275 official events. It is a great place to learn about how women’s groups are advocating for their rights in all areas of the world. The CSW is clearly a learning organization—people come to teach and learn and to share resources, develop alliances, create new advocacy networks and see that they are not alone in what they are doing. It is important for me to find ways to bring my students so that they can see the UN in its full capacity working to hold member states accountable to their global commitments to end gender inequality.”

When asked about his experiences attending, Drexel doctoral student Brian McCommons had this to say: “At the Commission on the Status of Women, I was able to attend sessions on economic issues facing women in Latin America. The main topic of these conversations was regarding indirect impact detrimental to women in the region. In this region, often policies are put in place with the best of intentions, but they negatively impact certain populations (in this case, women). From my own experience, this could be attributed to a lack of specific oversight of gender. In other words, without a single person assigned to gender in policy making decisions, gender can often be overlooked in the process, or it is simply assumed that these policies will cause no harm to this specific population. In contrast, I was able to attend a discussion with a group from Scandinavia focused on maternity/paternity leave policy in their countries. These countries described the process of including gender as an aspect of policy making at all stages from inception, development, implementation, and training. While the Scandinavian representatives recognized there is still work to be done in regards to gender policy in their region, I think they demonstrate strong practice in identifying potential issues facing women in the policy making process. Adapting such practice to the field of education is necessary as marginalized communities, whether race, class, gender, etc., are often indirectly impacted by new educational policies.”

Experiential learning is an important aspect of graduate programs. Such an experience would not have been possible without the funding provided by the Office of International Programs.

Vasilike Demos, University of Minnesota, Morris
Gender equality is the 5th of the 17 interdependent UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to be achieved globally by 2030, and at the yearly UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) meetings, attendees learn what progress has been made toward accomplishing this goal as well as what obstacles stand in the way of such accomplishment. More than 10,000 people representing governments and NGOs throughout the world attended this year’s CSW meeting.

As the major global source of norms and mores, the United Nations’ work on gender equality is
relevant to the work of feminists everywhere. In reflecting on my participation in this year’s UN CSW session, I was able to identify three ways in which SWS could further the work of the CSW or benefit from it. First, in briefings attendees of the meeting learned that the United States was denying visas to NGO representatives, primarily from Africa and the Middle East. Under a 70-year-old treaty agreement between the United States and the United Nations, representatives to the UN have a right to come into the country to attend to UN business. They have a right to have their voices heard. Congresswoman Carolyn B. Maloney (D.NY) has taken this issue up.

SWS members can learn more about this situation and join others in protesting the denials through the following links:
https://www.buzzfeednews.com/article/nishitajha/un-women-conference-visas-denied
https://maloney.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/maloney-presses-state-dept-on-rejection-of-visas-for-participants-of

Second, a large number of meetings at the session focused on CEDAW, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women or, more colloquially, the UN Equal Rights Amendment. Of particular interest to SWSers was the meeting sponsored by the North Carolina Coalition for CEDAW. The coalition is responsible for spreading the word about CEDAW throughout the state, and it has succeeded in making Durham, a City for CEDAW, meaning that the city has made gender equality the law. In preparation for the adoption of CEDAW throughout the state, and it has succeeded in making Durham, a City for CEDAW, meaning that the city has made gender equality the law. In preparation for the adoption of CEDAW, the coalition contacted colleges and universities in the area to conduct gender analyses. The meeting consisted of undergraduates presenting their research. One had examined barriers to employment for immigrant women; another had considered the racialized wage gap between white women and non-white women, finding that white women compared their wages to white men, and non-white women compared theirs to white women; a third presented her research on menstrual equity. The meeting demonstrated the relevance of CEDAW for the United States and its relevance for undergraduate and graduate feminist sociological research. In the work done on CEDAW throughout the United States, including that by SWSer, Solange Simões, SWSers can find ideas for their own work on gender equality as speakers, researchers, or teachers.

Third, as an organization of feminist social scientists, SWS played an important role at CSW by sponsoring a meeting of research papers on gender inequality, by interacting informally with UN representatives from other parts of the world, and by speaking formally at a high-level meeting. In addition, as one of the groups in the US Women’s Caucus at the UN, co-founded by SWSer, Susan Lee, it provides direct input to the US Mission, the official US governmental body to the United Nations.

Susan H. Lee, Boston University
CSW presents many rich opportunities to learn about the strength, vitality, and challenges facing women around the world. Every event I attended was a valuable opportunity to listen to the voices of the world's women and girls. The events I remember best were those involving advocacy and network-building, especially the US Mission Reception for CSW delegates and the meeting of the US Women's Caucus at the UN.

The US Mission Reception was held in the morning at a spacious reception room in the US Mission building across from UN headquarters. It differed from previous US Mission CSW events in being less formal, allowing more casual conversation with US Mission personnel. A top-tier US Mission official, Ambassador Cherith Norman Chalet, US Ambassador for UN Management and Reform, hosted the event. The key speaker was Michelle Bekkering from USAID who discussed President Trump's initiative on women in the developing world, W-GDP (Women's Global Development and Prosperity Initiative). The Initiative focuses on female workforce development, women's entrepreneurship, and policies affecting female labor force
participation. A new global women's fund is part of the Initiative, with the promise of $50 million to empower women economically. If it materializes, the fund could help many women around the world.

In the informal portion of the Reception, my personal agenda was to invite US Mission personnel to a meeting of the US Women’s Caucus at the UN later that day. I had the opportunity to talk to several high-level US officials associated with the CSW, with the aim of fostering a better working relationship among US NGOs and the US Mission. Those efforts paid off when a representative of the US Mission, Annalise Nelson, attended the US Women’s Caucus meeting that afternoon, held at St. Bartholomew’s Church near the UN. The Caucus meeting was a big success, bringing together over 60 women from US NGOs active at the UN. We heard a talk by Elahe Amani of the Women’s Intercultural Network (WIN) on how to be effective advocates for women and girls at the UN. Elahe emphasized the importance of asserting civil society presence at the CSW, so that official governmental delegates don't "talk about us without us." She urged engagement with CSW issues to protect past gains for women and negotiate new human rights language.

The Caucus put her advice into practice by breaking into table groups to discuss the draft outcome document for the CSW, the Agreed Conclusions. In the general discussion that followed, Caucus members presented their recommendations to Annalise Nelson who promised to convey them to the US delegation to the CSW. After the Caucus meeting, we sent our recommended revisions to the US Mission officials we had met that morning. I felt gratified that the Caucus I had co-founded with Marilyn Fowler of WIN two years earlier had increased its capacity to advocate for women and girls in the UN space and had built bridges to the US Mission.

SWS members Vicky Demos and Jennifer Rogers-Brown were instrumental in preparing for the Caucus meeting and leading table discussions. We were also happy to have participation by SWS members Solange Simões and Amira Karaoud as well as several young SWS delegates, including four of my students from Boston University. Support and funding from SWS has been critical in allowing the US Women’s Caucus at the UN to hold its CSW meetings, and I am grateful for that feminist solidarity.

Jennifer Rogers-Brown, Long Island University
At the “Catholics for Human Rights” parallel event on March 14, the panelists challenged the Holy See’s permanent observer status at the UN. The Holy See has the right to full participation (but not voting) at the General Assembly and may participate in meetings open to Member States. The organizer of the panel, the Women’s Ordination Conference, opposes the Holy See’s participation and influence. The influence of the Holy See has been particularly felt during negotiations around women’s rights, LGBTQI issues, reproductive rights, and gendered violence. Professor Mary Anne Case argued that the Holy See could have brought in ideas around war and peace, but instead has spoken mostly about women and family at the UN. The panelists pointed to the anti-women and anti-LGBTQI policies within the Catholic Church, the lack of women who work in leadership, the complete absence of families living as citizens at the Holy See, and the lack of democracy within the Vatican, as justification for seeing the Holy See as a religious organization, not a State. The Vatican is the only State on Earth that does not give voting rights to women. No other religious groups have the power and status of permanent observer. Professor Mary Hunt stressed that it is hard to think of another State that has done more to thwart the mission of the CSW. She recommends that the Vatican adopts NGO status, and participates as a civil society organization along with other religious organizations.

The question of state and civil society participation at the UN CSW tends to permeate throughout the sessions. I frequently hear from NGOs that they would like more space and voice within the UN. One response to this call for more voice is the recent formation of the US Women’s Cau-
I am happy to be a founding member of this organization, under the leadership of fellow SWSer, Susan Lee. Her role in forming the Caucus has increased SWS collaboration with other NGOs that also focus on gender. I recommend that any SWS member interested in attending the annual CSW also considers attending the US Women’s Caucus and joining the organization. It is a fantastic way to learn about the process of the CSW in developing an outcome document, and how we as individuals and groups can impact the language in the outcome document.

As the lead representative to the UN Department of Global Communications (UN DGC) for SWS, I worked with Diana Papademas (another SWS representative to the UN DGC) and other SWSers to organize a community event at the Cinema Arts Centre in Huntington, Long Island. We purposely organized this event at the start of the UN CSW meetings to encourage SWS members to attend (as we did last year) and to bring local attention to sociological research and the United Nations. This year’s event included a screening of Red Light Green Light, a documentary about the sex trafficking from a global perspective. After the film, we heard from Jennifer Hernandez, executive director of the Empowerment Collective of Long Island and Heather Parrott, SWS member and Associate Professor at LIU Post. They both spoke about their collaborative efforts on the Suffolk County Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force. Additional speakers on the panel included fellow SWS members Dr. Margaret Anderson, Dr. Diana Papademas, and myself. The event was very well attended by community members. We are interested in future events that foster academic-community collaborations and bring attention to SWS and the UN CSW.

Katherine Fraser, Boston University

For me, attending the CSW was really special because of my grandmother, Arvonne Fraser. She was an ambassador to the Commission back in the 90s and she died last summer, so I felt it was important for me to apply. It was the first time I’d ever gotten a real look at what feminist organizing was like for her, although of course it was somewhat different considering that most of her work took place from the 70s through the 90s.

All of the work and organizing that I’ve participated in has been purely based on my home city, Minneapolis, or the state of Minnesota, so being able to see the action taking place in other parts of the world was exciting. One of the most interesting events I attended was a side event hosted by Afghanistan and Norway on the condition of women in Afghanistan. American media loves to show how backwards other countries are compared to us, particularly Middle Eastern ones, so it was significant for me to finally hear the truth from actual Afghan women. To be honest, I had thought that CSW sounded like a very white feminist event, so it was really cool and surprising to see a very diverse group of women coming from all over the world.

Nayia Kamenou, De Montfort University Leicester

Attending CSW63 has been a particularly constructive experience, as I got to learn a lot about feminist and women’s grassroots organizing and mobilization in contexts that I have not had a chance to study or conduct research about. All the events I attended were very interesting. However, I mostly enjoyed and learned from side events and NGO parallel events. One event I attended that made me rethink about the issues that may arise based on how gender equality is defined and pursued was the event “Family and Social Protection,” organized by Women’s Federation for World Peace, International. Listening to the panelists presenting and addressing questions from the audience, I was surprised and disappointed to realize that claims to gender equality continue to be premised by some on heteronormative definitions of the family, on a bifurcated understanding of gender, and on essentialized conceptions of motherhood. This made me realize that as researchers, educators, and activists, we need to increase our efforts towards exposing the exclusions and marginalizations that non-intersectional approaches to gender and women’s issues create and reinforce, as such approaches do not capture the complexities of sociopolitical structures and the workings of power. My advice...
to others interested in learning about, and working towards, feminist movement organizing and gender equality issues by attending CWS would be to highlight the importance of de-essentializing gender and formulating intersectional, transversal, and counter-hegemonic responses to national and transnational conservative agendas in their presentations and in discussions with other CSW delegates.

**Camille Hall, Boston University**

I learned about several organizations and institutions that foster international cooperation that are focusing on eradicating gender inequality, including the Istanbul Convention and the G7 summit taking place in France. The Istanbul convention was eager to specify that its intentions are not to minimize family values but to diagnose the causes for violence against women and, by doing so, find out what changes could be made to reduce that violence. One subject they mentioned was the necessity of the renegotiation of the power structure of families and gender. They pointed out that in one country (I didn’t catch which one), the severity of rape was based on its interference with the family. "Rape" was a more severe crime than "sex without consent" because a husband can rape his wife without raising a question in the family of unfaithfulness. The law's diction needs to be simplified and based more on fact than family morality because every family is different.

The importance of wording in laws was made apparent throughout CSW63. A small change in wording can make a great difference. Even if a law is successfully enforced, it doesn't help anyone's situation if the fundamental law isn't protecting what needs to be protected.

The discussion "On The Way to Biarritz: Women's Rights At the Heart of the G7 Summit" was prefacing the upcoming G7 meeting that will take place in Biarritz, France. The goal of this cooperation is to uphold worldwide commitment to protect women in other countries. Member states include France, Canada, the United Kingdom, the United States, Japan, Germany, and Italy. Three of their main priorities to be discussed were the education for little girls and boys, economic empowerment of African women, and ministry equality for men and women. In the G7 discussion, they highlighted how empowerment is a process that needs to start early as personal engagement and requires training, resources, and money. Throughout CSW, I heard over and over how words are worthless if they aren't implemented.

**Jackie Goodman, Eastern Michigan University**

As a first time attendee of the 63rd UN Commission on the Status of Women I found the entire experience exhilarating. The sense that civil society members can contribute to the global wheels of change is empowering and made me want to attend as many sessions as I could. My exhilaration did begin to wane, however, when I heard session after session extol the virtues of their programs rather than provide analysis of the problems along with the successes.

Nevertheless, I found the US Women’s Caucus discussion with Elahi Amani very valuable, along with the workshop that followed her presentation. Professor Amani put the Caucus into perspective in light of both the Commission on the Status of Women and UN Woman. She provided an overview of the role of Commission on the Status of Women as comprised of intergovernmental and civil society groups, dedicated to gender equality and empowerment of women, attempting to hold the UN system accountable for ensuring gender equality.

In answering her own question as to why there hasn’t been another UN World Conference of Women meeting, she suggests that the current political climate in both the US and Europe, with rising authoritarianism and fascist tendencies, the space for civil society has shrunk, and we must hold onto the space and gains that women have achieved since Beijing in 1975. She argued that CSW must push our governments to uphold human rights, gender equality, elimination of discrimination and violence against women, sustainable infrastructure, labor legislation, and environmental policies that we already have. Holding another World Conference risks loss of the pro-
gressive ground we have achieved. The US Women’s Caucus discussed progressive positions that the US government should take on issues such as the above and presented them to the representative from the US delegation. While it wasn’t clear that the US representative had any prior knowledge of these issues, she did listen to the Caucus recommendations and took notes. It was heartening to at least participate as a member of civil society in the seemingly democratic process.

I attended many other sessions but will mention only a few. I attended Women In Power I and II, one of the large UN sessions with the heads of state and foreign representatives from Iceland, Estonia, Croatia, Hungary, Dominican Republic, and Nepal to name a few countries. It was very interesting to hear some of these politicians speak as authentic feminists, with a somewhat sophisticated analysis of women’s subordination, and others speak as apologists for their country’s poor record on women’s rights. For example, the statement by the Croatian head of state suggested that it’s been over 20 years since the Beijing Platform for Action, and she recognized the intersection between women’s economic dependence on men and its link to domestic violence. She argued that we must therefore empower women economically, as it facilitates women’s freedom from domestic violence. She also cited research that demonstrates that the more prosperous women are, the greater the impact it has on the gross domestic product: 6.1-9% within Croatia and 31% increase worldwide.

She also argued that legislation on gendered violence, equal pay, and family leave is not enough. Changing resistant gender stereotypes must accompany legislative change to end the gender pay gap, gender segregated occupations, exclusion of girls from math and science, and violence against women. She ended with a rather poetic description of the Croatian sculpture at the UN, known as the “Harbinger of Peace.” The horse rider is a woman, and the artist says that women symbolize peace more than men. But the horse she is riding symbolizes the need to fight for peace. She concluded by saying, “There will be no peace without gender equality.”

Similarly, the Prime Minister of Iceland, the society with the greatest gender equality according to the World Economic Forum Index on Gender Equality, argued that the face of power and the structure of power, created by men, needs to change. She suggested that, in order to achieve gender equality, there is a need to end structural inequality in employment, family, and economy, which are the key pillars of Nordic success. She argued that women in Iceland have universal childcare, parental leave, healthcare, education, and don’t have to choose family over employment. However, gender equality at home and in public spaces still needed to be addressed. One third of women in Iceland say they have met with gender based harassment. She supports movements initiated by the young—social media and the #MeToo movement to foster change.

Finally, I was very curious to hear what the World Bank was doing at this meeting since they have been broadly criticized for their role in increasing poverty and gender inequality in the Global South (and North) through their structural adjustment policies. Interestingly enough, they participated in a panel comprised of the World Bank Group (OECD development center, UN WOMEN, World Bank Group): “Women, Business, and the Law.” Their purpose was to engage in a “joint effort to monitor legal frameworks that promote nondiscrimination on the basis of sex, SDG indicator 5.1.1.” They discussed this goal to achieve gender equality, empower women, end all forms of discrimination, and monitor governments on this. Ultimately, they articulated findings that reverberated throughout the conference but they did not explain what they were going to do about these findings, which is what I was most interested in.

In conclusion, despite the fact that some of the sessions I attended were somewhat repetitive and comprised of national grandstanding, I found the 63rd Convention on the Status of Women to be a fabulous experience. Simply participating in the process of enhancing gender equality with men and women delegates from around the globe was
SWS Investment Committee: News and Transitions: Catherine White Berheide (Outgoing Chair of SWS Investment Committee) and G. Donald Ferree, Jr.

This is a time of transition for the Investment Committee. As you will note from the byline above, Kate Berheide who has served as Chair of the Committee since its creation is stepping down from that role. By unanimous vote, the Committee expressed its keen appreciation for her fearless, tireless, and selfless leadership, and it elected Don Ferree and Chris Bose as Chair and Vice Chair respectively. Kate and Don were on the original presidential task force exploring the need for a standing Investment Commitment, and Chris was the first additional SWS member with financial expertise who was appointed to the Committee.

The Committee also wishes to recognize the work of Sue Gwynn and Donna Clifford (Rainbow Solutions) who for more than ten years have managed our investment portfolio, starting long before the Investment Committee came into being. They were originally chosen because, beyond their financial competence, they were then and remain today a woman-owned, woman-friendly organization which shares our organizational values. Specifically, they specialize in “doing well financially by doing feminist good” in general and have identified appropriate community impact investments for us, such as those we described in the Spring 2019 issue of Network News. In terms of returns received, they have been spectacularly successful in achieving portfolio growth, helping to secure our future.

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.

Discrimination and Academic Justice Committee Report: Co-Chairs – Katie L. Acosta and Shweta M. Adur

1) Advocacy for individual members: The case load for the Discrimination and Academic Justice Committee continues to be high. During the Winter Meeting we had reported that we had received a total of eight cases since the start of our term in 2018. Since then, we have received three additional cases. We continue to provide one-on-one phone consults to our members in need, we have written letters of support, and have liaised with the EO to defray legal/attorney costs in at least two cases. In that regard, The Natalie Allon Fund continues to be a crucial source of support for our members.

2) Natalie Allon Fund Research Award: The committee sent out the call for the 2019 Natalie Allon Research Award. Dr. Cynthia Deitch and Dr. Vasiliki Demos were instrumental in reviewing the applications. Dr. Shantel Gabriel Buggs and Dr. Apryl Williams’ project “Navigating the Outsider-Within: Women and Femmes of Color and Microaggressions on the Academic Job Market” was selected as the award recipient among a venerable pool of recipients.

3) Website: Our work on the website continues and we expect it to ramp up over the summer.

4) Future goal: Finally, over the summer, we plan to work on developing guidelines on best practices for how this committee should operate in the future.
while allowing us to screen EVERY holding for its gender, diversity, or other feminist-related characteristics, including—as detailed in the Spring Network News—a series of direct investments making positive contributions working “for women in society.”

In our most recent conference call in late April, they reported not only that we had entirely recovered from the turbulent 2018, but that the value of our Feminist Futures portfolio had reached an all-time high valuation of 2.7 million dollars, helping to protect our financial future while putting our money where our values are. While we are fortunate that we do not need at present to draw on our investment income to fund our current expenditures, we also recognize that to grow the holdings to the point where they could, if necessary, offset possible future declines in revenue from Gender & Society, we need to make even larger deposits to the investment accounts beyond the currently mandated $50,000 per year.

This is also a time of transition beyond Committee leadership. In the earlier article, we also reported on our work to first create a process and then conduct an evaluation of the financial advisors (in accordance with SWS policy regularly to evaluate any individual or firm receiving payment from us for services rendered). Prior to the Winter Meeting, that evaluation culminated in a formal recommendation to Council to continue our relationship for another year, promising an interim update after the end of the second quarter. At our Denver meeting, we also discussed with Council what kind of expert help we might need, beyond that provided by Rainbow Solutions, to grow the various possible net revenue streams of the organization through organizational efficiencies and the identification and pursuit of new sources of revenue, consistent with our status as a 501-c-6 not-for-profit.

In mid-February, Council requested an explicit exploration of other firms that might provide more expanded advice along with assuming management of the portfolio, with a stated deadline of April 15 for recommendations including whether, based on what was found, the Investment Committee would revise the recommendation it made in January following the evaluation. Two months of intensive work followed, including multiple rounds of telephone interviews, submission of written materials, and clarifying calls and emails with supplemental questions and answers. The process began with seven firms, narrowed first to a semi-finalist set of five candidate firms, and then to a finalist group of three, one of which withdrew just before the deadline for our formal report. That report ranked the remaining firms and reaffirmed by majority vote our January recommendation that the current advisors be retained to manage the portfolio and that we would rank the current advisors ahead of any of the alternatives. Despite this recommendation, early in May, Council informed us of their decision to engage a new firm, as is elsewhere noted in this issue. Rainbow Solutions was notified on May 3. We expect the new team to be represented at our Summer Meeting in New York, where hopefully many of you will have the opportunity to meet them.

Besides overseeing the specific work of financial advisors, the Investment Committee functions more broadly as a council of advice on financial matters to SWS generally and the Council in particular. Thus, while we did not agree with the choice to switch advisors, a choice that was Council’s to make, we are now turning our attention to helping make the transition of portfolio management as smooth as possible. The Committee intends to work closely with the new team both to maintain our historically splendid results and to make use of the anticipated additional strategies to increase current net revenues. This must make possible the kind of increased investment necessary if SWS is to be prepared for the day when we are unable to be so dependent on the one major income stream. Earlier, when we (as it turned out incorrectly) thought SAGE revenues were already declining, many members experienced anxiety about our financial future. We trust that concern will translate into a rededication to build the portfolio through increased investment now to ensure a brighter future.
Addendum from SWS President, Tiffany Taylor

Over the past year, we have become more and more aware of the importance of fiduciaries in decision-making roles of SWS. This spring, we had conversations with our legal counsel, Edward Spinella and Julia Boisvert, and our new financial advisors of The Jamrog Group: Amy Jamrog and Jessica Holloway that are prompting the restructuring of the Investment Committee and Operating Budget and Management Committee operations to allow for efficient practices and leadership by individuals who are both 1) SWS fiduciaries and 2) who are covered by SWS’s Directors and Officers (D&O) Liability insurance coverage as a result of their elected leadership roles.

Legal best practices necessitate that anyone in a decision-making capacity on behalf of SWS’ legal and financial well-being be 1) a fiduciary of SWS and 2) an elected leader covered by our D&O Insurance Policy.

Council has voted to reorganize the operations of the Investment Committee and the Operating Budget Management Committee. We thank Catherine Berheide, Don Ferree, and Chris Bose for their past service on the Investment Committee. We also thank Sharon Bird who will continue to serve on this committee in her role as Publications Committee Co-Chair.

The newly combined Investment Committee/Operating Budget Management Committee will consist of the following elected fiduciaries, the President, President-Elect, Past Treasurer, Treasurer, and Publications Committee Co-Chairs (non-voting members) and our Executive Officer serving ex officio so that we are operating according to best legal and financial practices.

Both the Investment Committee and OBM Committee will now meet at the same time at our meetings and on phone calls. Meetings will be listed in our program as “Investment Committee/Operating Budget Management Committee Meeting.” Council believes that the work of OBM and the Investment Committee are interconnected in terms of the connection to the overall financial picture for SWS and we believe this new structure will provide more integrated oversight of SWS’ budgeting and investment strategies and streamline financial decision making.
Members’ Publications


American masculinity is being critiqued, questioned, and reinterpreted for a new era. In Men in Place: Trans Masculinity, Race, and Sexuality in America Miriam J. Abelson makes an original contribution to this conversation through in-depth interviews with trans men in the U.S. West, Southeast, and Midwest, showing how the places and spaces men inhabit are fundamental to their experiences of race, sexuality, and gender. Men in Place explores the shifting meanings of being a man across cities and in rural areas. Here Abelson develops the insight that individual men do not have one way to be masculine—rather, their ways of being men shift between different spaces and places. She reveals a widespread version of masculinity that might be summed up as “strong when I need to be, soft when I need to be,” using the experiences of trans men to highlight the fundamental construction of manhood for all men. With an eye to how societal institutions promote homophobia, transphobia, and racism, Men in Place argues that race and sexuality fundamentally shape safety for men, particularly in rural spaces, and helps us to better understand the ways that gender is created and enforced.


This important book has been thoroughly revised and updated. The book reviews current feminist scholarship in gender and its influence in every aspect of society. Known for its inclusive perspective, Thinking about Women shows how gender intersects with race, class, sexuality, and age. Long a classic in the sociology of gender, Thinking about Women has been thoroughly revised and updated to reflect the most current scholarship. Its accessible style is popular with students and it can work as a stand alone text or as a supplement to other class materials. Features throughout the book add to the book’s appeal, including Media Matters; A Focus on Research; History Speaks; A Closer Look at Men; Hot Topics. There is an Instructor’s Manual available (written by Andersen) with questions for exams, class discussions, and recommended films to supplement instruction.


Thoroughly revised and updated, this collection includes 53 articles, almost half of which are new to this edition. We include four introductory essays by us that frame the analysis in the book and present the articles to readers. A completely new final section exploring intersectionality and social change includes two new sections, one on media and popular culture and another on social movement activism. By putting these two sections together, we are able to examine how new generations are using social media to promote social change. There is also an In-
structor’s Manual available (written by Kelly Rutherford). Long a leader in establishing the field of race, class, and gender, our anthology (and we) have changed with them times but we are pleased to have a new, fresh edition available.


You Can’t Stop the Revolution is a vivid participant ethnography inside of Ferguson protests, as the Black Lives Matter movement exploded onto the global stage. Sociologist Andrea Boyles offers an everyday montage of protests, social ties, and empowerment as coalescing to safeguard black lives while simultaneously igniting unprecedented 21st-century resistance. Focusing on neighborhood crime prevention and contentious black citizen-police interactions, all in the context of preserving black lives, this book examines how black citizens work to combat disorder, crime, and police conflict. Boyles offers an insider’s analysis of cities like Ferguson, where the socialization of indifference leaves black neighborhoods vulnerable to citizen and state conflict, all in a climate where black lives are not only seemingly expendable but also held responsible for their own oppression. You Can’t Stop the Revolution serves as a reminder that community empowerment is still possible in neighborhoods infected with police brutality and interpersonal violence.

Andrea Boyles remarks, “there are sections in my book for everyone. I account for black women-centered (i.e., Othermothers and Community Othermothers) and male-centered community networks and kinship ties. I also attend to the conundrum of scholar-activism and town-gown relations, along with black activists and grassroots organizers perceptions of researchers/academics.”


In this paper, Montes and Pombo examine the mobilization of the Patronas, a group of Mexican women who have fed thousands of Central American migrants over the past two decades. They argue that the Patronas’ work of feeding and caring for migrants goes beyond essentializing these women’s work as just housewives, mothers, and caregivers.


With thirty-two original chapters reflecting cutting edge content throughout developed and developing Asia, Women of Asia: Globalization, Development, and Gender Equity is a comprehensive anthology that contributes significantly to understanding globalization’s transformative process and the resulting detrimental and beneficial consequences for women in the four major geographic regions of Asia-East Asia, Southeast Asia, South Asia, and Eurasia/Central Asia, as it
gives "voice" to women and provides innovative ways through which salient understudied issues pertaining to Asian women's situation are brought to the forefront.


The first edition of this pioneering women’s studies text, edited by Laurel Richardson and Verta Taylor, appeared in 1983. The 10th edition includes both feminist classics and cutting-edge recent scholarship that emphasize the diversity of women’s experiences and the intersections of gender with race, ethnicity, class, sexuality, nationality, and ability. There are new readings on topics in previous editions, including on indigenous women, disability, masculinity, body image, media, transgender, parenting, work, sexual-
ity, reproduction, sexual assault and harassment, and women’s activism. Other readings take on new topics, including the “gender of Trumpism,” climate change, mass shootings, and the #BlackLivesMatter movement. The 10th edition is particularly attentive to the ways that social media have changed society and includes blogs and other online writings as well as articles analyzing the impact of Facebook, Twitter, and online gaming. Feminist Frontiers is designed for use as the major—or supplementary—text in courses on women’s studies, gender studies, feminist studies, or the sociology of gender. Because this book offers a general intersectional framework for analyzing women, society, and culture, it can be also be used as a supplementary text in introductory sociology classes and in courses on social problems, comparative studies, American studies, and other interdisciplinary classes.


What happens to black health care professionals in the new economy, where work is insecure and organizational resources are scarce? In Flatlining, Adia Harvey Wingfield exposes how hospitals, clinics, and other institutions participate in “racial outsourcing,” relying heavily on black doctors, nurses, technicians, and physician assistants to do “equity work”—extra labor that makes organizations and their services more accessible to communities of color. Wingfield argues that as these organizations become more profit-driven, they come to depend on black health care professionals’ equity work to serve increasingly diverse constituencies. Yet black workers often do this labor without recognition, compensation, or support. Operating at the intersection of work, race, gender, and class, Wingfield makes plain the challenges that black employees must overcome and reveals the complicated issues of inequality in today’s workplaces and communities.

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**Report from SWS-Tallahassee Chapter: Anne Barrett**

In the fall semester, our chapter welcomed Florida State University Sociology Department’s recently hired faculty members who shared a bit about their research and teaching interests. They included Shantel Buggs, Matt Hauer, Patricia Homan, Teresa Roach, and Sourabh Singh. Also in the fall, a guest speaker from the Department of Urban and Regional Planning at FSU described her experience transitioning while in the academy and led the group in the discussion of a variety of transgender and gender issues.

We began the spring semester with a discussion of Rebecca Traister’s book Good and Mad: The Revolutionary Power of Women’s Anger. At our well-attended “open mic” night, everyone shared experiences that had galvanized their feminism. One member brought and described a giant puppet used at community events, another shared her poetry, describing the tensions of using makeup, and one sang a feminist rendition of John Brown's Body/Solidarity Forever.
Announcements

Dr. Mindy Fried (left), winner of the 2018 SWS Feminist Activism Award, will be doing a campus visit to University of Michigan-Dearborn in September, 2019. She will present a lecture on Applied Sociology and meet with students and faculty as well as community partners. Welcome to all Michigan SWSers to join us!


*Humboldt Journal of Social Relations* (HJSR) is seeking submissions for the 2020 special issue, California Genocide and Healing. The issue will explore acts of genocide, mass atrocity, and processes of healing initiated in both native and non-native communities. For information, visit https://digitalcommons.humboldt.edu/hjsr/. Deadline October 31st 2019

Call for papers. *Research in the Sociology of Health Care*, Volume 38, Race, Ethnicity, Gender and Other Social Characteristics as Factors in Health and Health Care Disparities. Papers dealing with macro-level system issues and micro-level issues involving health and health care disparities as related to race, ethnicity, gender and other social characteristics are sought. This includes examination of health and health care issues of patients or of providers of care both in the United States and in other countries. Papers that focus on linkages to policy, population concerns and either patients or providers of care as ways to meet health care needs of people both in the US and in other countries are solicited. This volume will be published by Emerald Press. The volume will contain 10 to 14 papers, generally between 20 and 35 pages in length. Send completed manuscripts or close to completed papers for review by December 2, 2019. For an initial indication of interest in outlines or abstracts, please contact the same address no later than November 1, 2019. Earlier inquiries are welcome and will be responded to when sent (in the summer, for example). Send as an email to: Jennie Jacobs Kronenfeld, Professor Emerita, Sociology Program, Arizona State University, phone 480-991-3920; email Jennie.Kronenfeld@asu.edu. Initial inquiries by email are encouraged and can occur as soon as this announcement is available.

Beth Hess Award Winner for 2019: Laura Jean Kerr

The Beth Hess Award was established in 2005 to support first generation college students who began their academic careers in a community college, have faced significant obstacles, are committed to teaching and mentoring other first-generation students, and exemplify Beth’s commitment to professional service and social justice work. Beth Hess was a President of SWS and one of our mentoring award winners; she also was the President of SSSP and Secretary Treasurer of ASA, and these other organizations join SWS in supporting the Beth Hess Scholar each year. Graduate students in sociology at the dissertation writing stage are invited to apply. In 2019, the subcommittee (Sarah Bruch, chair; Myra Marx Ferree, Mairead Eastin Moloney, Nancy Naples, and Denise Copelton) faced the challenge of selecting the winner who receives
an $18,000 scholarship, certificates and transportation subsidies from SWS and SSSP, and free meeting registration that includes complimentary access to the organizations’ award receptions from SWS, SSSP, and ASA. When there is more than one exceptionally strong candidate, an Honorable Mention Awardee is also selected. The Honorable Mention Awardee also receives the free meeting registration from SWS, SSSP, and ASA and will be honored at the organizations’ award receptions.

This year’s Beth Hess Award winner is Laura Jean Kerr. Laura Jean began her academic journey at Meridian Community College in Meridian, Mississippi. Her decision to attend Meridian, and her experience there, drove home for Laura Jean the importance of community college as a source of opportunity in one of the most historically disadvantaged regions of the United States. “This educational experience,” as Laura Jean noted in her application, “had a profound effect on my life.” As a testament to this commitment, Laura Jean returned to Meridian after completing her undergraduate education (at the University of Southern Mississippi) to work as a career assessment coordinator, a position which immersed her in helping Meridian students and community residents navigate the local labor market in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Laura Jean’s decision to enter the Sociology graduate program at Mississippi State was a direct extension of this experience; a next step shaped by her determination to understand the personal and economic struggles of students at Meridian and—more importantly—to strive for solutions. Laura Jean is “committed to community college teaching and learning,” as her mentors underscore in their letter of support, “and to improving the experiences of community college students, particularly in Mississippi, a high persistent-poverty, low-resourced, state.”

Three elements of Laura Jean’s record illuminate her passion for educational equity and social justice. As a teacher, Laura Jean is deeply engaged in drawing meaningful connections between the academic study of social stratification and the real-world experiences and circumstances of her students. In the classroom, as her mentors note, “she seamlessly weaves all these elements into a concerted effort to address critical issues facing less-privileged students, and the role that higher education can play in redressing inequality.”

Laura Jean’s dissertation research tackles the problem of food insecurity among community college students in Mississippi. Through an innovative panel of surveys, she is working to measure the prevalence of food insecurity, examine its relationship to academic progress or attainment, and assess the potential and the limits of policy solutions. The promise of this work is highlighted by Laura Jean’s selection for the competitive Problem-Solving Sociology Dissertation Proposal Development Workshop at Northwestern University. And it has already yielded an impressive slate of publications—including “The Good Food Revolution: Building Community Resiliency in the Mississippi Delta,” Social Sciences: Community and Urban Sociology (2019) and “‘God Always Provides’: Challenges and Barriers in Food Assistance Delivery in Mississippi,” Community Development (2018).

Finally, Laura Jean’s research and teaching undergird her commitment to community engagement and public sociology. In this respect, she has been instrumental in building an academic community at Mississippi State through her ac-
tivity—and leadership—in a wide range of local and national organizations. She has forged meaningful and reciprocal relationships with groups, such as the Mississippi Food Insecurity Project, ensuring that her work will not just document the challenges faced by her peers but will contribute in direct and meaningful ways to addressing those challenges.

Laura Jean’s work is—in the true spirit of Beth Hess—animated by a deep and abiding commitment to teaching, mentoring, and service in the interest of social justice. What is remarkable in this respect is not just that she started this journey at Meridian Community College, but that, in all the ways that matter, she never left it behind. We are delighted to honor her and her work with the 2019 Beth Hess Scholarship.

2019 Beth Hess Award Honorable Mention: Rashon Lane

The 2019 Honorable Mention goes to Rashon Lane. Rashon started her academic career at Contra Costa Community College in San Pablo, California, going on to complete a Bachelors of Arts at Tuskegee University and a Master of Arts in Applied Social Psychology at the Claremont Graduate School. She is currently a doctoral candidate in medical sociology at the University of California-San Francisco. Across these institutions and experiences, Rashon has dedicated herself “to ensuring that individuals like myself, a woman of color from a low-income community, have opportunities to excel in higher education.” Toward this end, she has a broad and impressive record of teaching and peer mentoring, including the establishment of an annual Young Professionals Conference.

Rashon’s extensive and varied research experience, ranging from work on food insecurity among women of color living with HIV/AIDS on San Francisco to health promotion in response to the 2015 Ebola outbreak in Sierra Leone, is bound together by a commitment to social justice and to the application of social science methods to real-world challenges. With each new experience, Rashon has applied sociological methods and theories to public health practice and focused her interests on the social constructions of health, community trauma, and disease. Her dissertation research will take her back to Sierra Leone to conduct qualitative research on the social construction of survivorship and survivor health using the 2014-16 Ebola outbreak as a case study.

Rashon hopes to sustain these commitments to teaching and mentoring and applied research by returning to community college as a faculty member after earning her PhD.

Congratualtions to the 2019 SWS Feminist Mentoring Award Winners, Manisha Desai and Paula England!

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

This year’s Feminist Mentoring Award Subcommittee included Shelley Correll (Subcommittee Co-Chair), Patti Giuffre (Subcommittee Co-Chair), Laura E. Simon, and Courtney Caviness. The Subcommittee decided that both Manisha Desai and Paula England will be the SWS 2019 Feminist Mentoring Award Winners. Koyel Khan was the Central Nominator for Manisha Desai, and Krystale E. Littlejohn was the Central Nominator for Paula England.

Manisha Desai is the Head of Sociology and Professor of Sociology and Asian and Asian American Studies at the University of Connecticut. Her research and teaching interests include Gender and Globalization, Transnational Feminisms, Human Rights movements, and Contemporary Indian Society. She has just returned from eight months of ethnographic field work in India, funded by the American Institute of India Studies, studying the changing dynamics of four decades of feminist activism against gender based violence. Her most recent book was Subaltern Movements in India: The Gendered Geography of Struggles Against Neoliberal Development (Routledge 2016). She has served in many leadership positions in the profession, including President of SWS.

As a scholar activist, she has been involved in advocacy and activism around social and gender justice issues at the United Nations, as SWS’s Representative to its Economic and Social Council, at the World Social Forum, and US Social Forum, among other sites. She serves on the Expert Committee of Everywoman Everywhere, International Commission of Violence Against Women and Girls, that has recently launched a Global Treaty to End Violence Against Women and Girls.

Many of Manisha Desai’s mentees expressed how inspiring Manisha has been, and letters came from Shweta Majumdar Adur, Christobel Asiedu, Barret Katuna, Daniela Jauk, Takiyah D. Harper-Shipman, Cynthia Melendez Montoya, Alexander Holmgren, Caner Hazar, Chriss Sneed, and Ruth Marleen Hernández. Here are some examples that Koyel Khan collected of what Manisha’s mentees had to say:

Ruth Marleen Hernández comments, “With these experiences in mind, I vow to approach my work with the same dignity and awareness Dr. Desai demonstrates. As a WOC in academia, I know my successes are possible due to the extraordinary efforts of women before me, and for me, Dr. Desai is a reminder of these efforts.”

Daniela Jauk states, “I have found that kind of ‘lived solidarity’ in senior colleagues only on very rare occasions. Manisha has walked the walk, not only talked the talk, in feminist mentoring, and she profoundly inspires me to pay it forward in similar ways.”

In the words of Chriss Sneed, “Often, her mentorship reaches beyond office hours and yet, Dr. Desai graciously makes room for more inquisitive minds. This is evident in the fact that almost all graduate students in our department frequently admit that they have visited her office and received words of wisdom and guidance, even though they aren’t her ‘official’ advisees. I can only hope that I will be able to
provide one fourth of the passionate mentorship that Dr. Desai offers her students.”

Paula England is the Silver Professor of Sociology at New York University. She is the author of two books, Households, Employment, and Gender and Comparable Worth, and over 100 articles. For decades, her research focused on occupational sex segregation, the sex gap in pay, and the effects of motherhood on women’s pay. Recently, she has turned to research on contraception, nonmarital births, and sexualities. She is the winner of the American Sociological Association’s 1999 Jessie Bernard award for career contributions to scholarship on gender, the 2010 Distinguished Career award from the Family Section of ASA, and the Population Association of America’s Harriet B. Presser Award for research on gender and demography. In 2015, she was President of the American Sociological Association. In 2018, she was elected to the National Academy of Sciences.

Here are some highlights from Paula England’s nomination material that Krystale E. Littlejohn collected from Michelle Budig, Christine Williams, Jessie Ford, Eman Abdelhadi, along with additional letters from Jonathan Bearak, Mónica L. Caudillo, Emily Fitzgibbons Shafer, Elizabeth McClintock, Emma Mishel, Joanna Reed, Shelly Ronen, and Liana Sayer:

Mónica L. Caudillo shared: “During my time as a graduate student, Paula always made me feel that I had "what it takes" to be a successful scholar. Her emotional support and patience were fundamental to help me get through the hardest months in the doctoral program, during which I sometimes doubted my own vocation and qualifications. She always knew how to listen to my concerns and offered wise and insightful advice, while at the same time making me feel that I had agency to shape my career and professional opportunities in any way I decided.”

Krystale E. Littlejohn shares a comment from one of Paula England’s mentee’s which demonstrates how having Paula in your corner literally results in lifelong support. She said, “Paula had an enormous impact on my career. She has been my stalwart supporter since I met her in 1986, my first year as an assistant professor.” Indeed, she says, “From our first meeting, I knew I had an ally and an advocate as well as an interlocutor. She invited me to write a chapter in a book, join the editorial board of the ASR, and participate in seminars and panels she organized. Pretty much any time something good happened early in my career, Paula was somehow involved. It was like having a guardian angel looking over me. She is the model of a feminist mentor, one I have tried to copy and pass forward to the young feminist scholars I meet. I can think of no one who is more deserving of this award.”

Elizabeth McClintock wrote, “Another of Paula’s ex-students and I often invoke Paula’s wisdom even in her absence, conjuring up her calm pragmatism and incremental, logical approach to problem solving through our shared expression, ‘What would Paula do?’ This thought experiment usually helps us resolve our dilemma—by asking how Paula would tackle a given challenge, we are better able to think through the situation ourselves.”
Angela J. Hattery is the 2019 SWS Distinguished Feminist Lecturer

The 2019 SWS Distinguished Feminist Lecturer Award Winner is Angela J. Hattery. Thank you to the SWS Distinguished Feminist Lecturer Subcommittee, comprised of Laura Logan (Chair), Kimberly Kelly, and Jamie O’Quinn. Angela J. Hattery is Professor and Director of the Women & Gender Studies Program at George Mason University. She earned her B.A. in sociology and anthropology from Carleton College and her M.S. and PhD in sociology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Her teaching and research focuses on all forms of inequality, including racism, classism, and sexism. She is the author of 11 books, including her most recent book, Gender, Power and Violence: Responding to Intimate Partner Violence in Society Today (2019) which followed on the heels of Policing Black Bodies: How Black Lives are Surveilled and How to Work for Change (2018) as well as dozens of book chapters and peer reviewed articles. She has written several books on the impact of social inequality on Black families and she has been researching and teaching about violence against women for more than 20 years. She has numerous articles on sexual abuse and domestic violence as well as three books on these topics: The Social Dynamics of Family Violence, which was published in a second edition in 2016 and Intimate Partner Violence, published in 2008. She is regularly asked to comment on stories about violence against women for the Washington Post, USA Today, The New York Times, and other outlets. She serves as a consultant to agencies that seek to combat violence against women and regularly appears as an expert on these issues with major US TV and radio news media. From 2014-2019, she served on SWS Council, first as Secretary and then as Treasurer. She teaches classes on feminist research methods, social stratification, African American families, and family violence.

Heather Laube, Krista Brumley, and Shannon Davis worked on a nomination letter for Hattery. They highlight that Hattery’s scholarship is feminist and intersectional and focuses on identifying, analyzing, and then changing the ways that structural inequalities impact individuals in their daily lives and society as a whole. Dr. Hattery approaches all of her work with a feminist lens and employs a critical feminist perspective, which leads her to ask particular kinds of questions, provide revealing analyses, and offer practical suggestions for social change. Others who contributed to Angela Hattery’s nomination include Adia Harvey Wingfield, Deborah J. Cohan, and Emily W. Kane.

SWS Past President Adia Harvey Wingfield acknowledges Hattery’s capability of presenting important ideas and the sociological insights behind them to lay audiences in clear and jargon-free language. Wingfield also notes that HATTERY is an effective public speaker and has that rare skill of holding the audience’s attention while
Jane E. McArthur wins the 2019 Barbara Rosenblum Cancer Dissertation Scholarship

Sociologists for Women in Society is proud to announce the recipient of the 2019 Barbara Rosenblum Cancer Dissertation Scholarship, Jane E. McArthur. Special thanks go to the 2019 Barbara Rosenblum Cancer Dissertation Scholarship Subcommittee: Ana-Porroche-Escudero (Chair), Melissa Day, Susan Ferguson, and Nona Gronert. This scholarship was established with a bequest from Dr. Barbara Rosenblum, an active and longstanding SWS member, who died February 14, 1988 after a long battle with breast cancer. Colleagues, friends, and family made contributions to the fund in Barbara's memory, and fundraising efforts continue to ensure that a $2500 scholarship can be offered every year. The purpose of the scholarship is to encourage doctoral research in sociology, anthropology, psychology and related fields on women’s experience of breast cancer and other reproductive cancers and the prevention of these cancers. Another

...keeping them engaged and focused.

Deborah J. Cohan shares how she remains in awe of all that Hattery balances with such grace and dignity: “She is a superior and articulate communicator: interesting, tactful, facilitative, and creative. Conversations with her are always insightful, evocative, funny, and lively, and I know I am not alone in coming away from my time with her more energized and interested in unpacking and exploring in greater depth whatever we were discussing—a research idea, a teaching strategy, a political or social issue, a personal dilemma, etc.”

Emily W. Kane attests that since Hattery’s earliest days as a graduate student in sociology, she has been deeply committed to feminist scholarship and action that have public impact, to feminist teaching that nurtures and mentors students from all backgrounds and experiences, and to program development that supports social change within the academy and far beyond.

As part of the recognition, Hattery will develop a lecture that she will deliver in two venues: 1) at the 2021 Winter Meeting in Jacksonville, Florida and 2) on one selected college or university during the 2020-2021 academic year. Her lecture or a paper based on it will be published in Gender & Society.

The SWS Distinguished Lectureship was founded in 1985 as a way of recognizing members whose scholarship employs a feminist perspective and making this feminist scholar available to campuses that are isolated, rural, located away from major metropolitan areas, bereft of the resources needed to invite guest speakers, and/or characterized by hostility to feminist scholarship. A key goal of the program is to provide a feminist voice on campuses where such a perspective is unusual and/or unwelcome. Please note that the Lectureship originally carried the name of Cheryl Allyn Miller, but now there is a separate Cheryl Allyn Miller Award.
goal of the scholarship is to encourage scholars to make this type of research accessible to the public through speaking and publishing for lay audiences.

Jane E. McArthur, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Doctoral Fellow in Sociology/Social Justice at the University of Windsor, in Windsor, Ontario, Canada, combines her educational background in communications with her twenty-five years of working on issues of environmental and occupational health through community based research, education, and advocacy. With past experience in Research Coordination and Assistance on projects including the “Risk Exploration Project,” “Living and Working in Essex and Kent Counties,” and “Lifetime Histories Breast Cancer Research Study,” McArthur’s work is rooted in community based health investigations with a view to prevention. Though her work for improved well-being and justice has often had breast cancer as a focus, she also works through broader issues of health and well-being as they intersect with gender, race, class and inequalities in power, all with a view to empowerment and social change from the grassroots up through various levels of governance. With a recognition of the importance of the role of the media in contributing to the construction of realities in contemporary society, investigating the production of discourses is a pivotal aspect of McArthur’s ongoing work in community environmental health perspectives.

McArthur’s dissertation research examines how women who work in an environment with an identified risk of breast cancer construct understandings and narratives of their risks and how women perceive and exercise agency in the acceptance, avoidance or negotiation of those risks. McArthur expects to graduate with her Ph.D. in 2019. She has received multiple awards and scholarships for her research, including Social Sciences Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Top 25 Storyteller, is an Informed Opinions Expert, an Affiliated Researcher with Health Research Centre for Violence Against Women (HRCVAW), a Member of the Windsor Cancer Research Group (WCRG), and is a champion for getting issues from the margins into the mainstream.

The central question of McArthur’s research is: How do women who work (or have worked) in an environment identified as posing an increased risk of breast cancer construct narratives and understandings of their breast cancer risks? and secondarily: How do they place environment in their narratives? And finally: How do these women perceive and exercise agency in the context of those risks? The significance of this research will be in its contribution to knowledge around women’s understandings of breast cancer, and also in how women are able to assess risks for breast cancer in their own and others’ lives and make corresponding decisions about mitigating those risks.

McArthur is personally motivated to conduct this research given her prior experience in the area of occupational and environmental health research and advocacy and, in particular, in studies of women and breast cancer in conjunction with advocacy around research findings as related to these issues. She envisions this effort of obtaining evidence-based understandings of women’s perspective on risks for breast cancer, and particularly whether and how they incorporate environmental risks in their narratives, as a continuation of the work she has been involved in for many years towards influencing prevention policy and regulatory revisions. McArthur sees the proposed research as an opportunity to provide insights and evidence of a particular ontological status that can contribute in new ways to the broader issue of environmental breast cancer in the context of improvements for women’s public health.

McArthur created a video on her research with women workers at the Ambassador Bridge in Windsor, ON, Canada, and their stories of environmental breast cancer risks. This video has been chosen as a Top 25 in the national Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council
Winner and Two Honorable Mentions for Cheryl Allyn Miller Award

The 2019 Cheryl Allyn Miller Award Winner is April Hovav. The two honorable mentions are Ethel Mickey and Maria Cecilia Hwang.

April Hovav recently graduated with a PhD in Sociology and Gender Studies from the University of Southern California. Her dissertation, “The Global Market for Wombs: A Study of the Transnational Surrogacy Industry in Mexico,” 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. She is the recipient of the Social Science Research Council International Dissertation Research Fellowship, the National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, and the American Council of Learned Societies/ Mellon Foundation Dissertation Completion Fellowship. Hovav’s article, “Producing Moral Palatability in the Mexican Surrogacy Industry,” was published in Gender & Society in 2019. The article draws on multi-sited ethnographic research and interviews with over 100 actors to analyze the way tensions between altruism and profit are managed in the Mexican surrogacy industry. She finds that actors in the Mexican surrogacy industry draw boundaries between altruism and commercialism in ways that both reflect and reinforce power asymmetries based on gender, race, class, and nationality between surrogates and intended parents. Furthermore, she argues, surrogacy agencies draw on notions of maternal altruism to facilitate the surrogacy market in two key ways: by rendering it morally palatable to consumers, and in disciplining surrogates to create a docile and compliant labor force.

Ethel L. Mickey, one of the honorable mentions, received her PhD in Sociology from Northeastern University in August 2018, with a Graduate Certificate in Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. She is currently a Visiting Lecturer of Sociology at Wellesley College as well as a Virtual Visiting Scholar for the Association of Women in Science, funded through the National Science Foundation. Her research and teaching interests include gender, work, and organizations and social networks with a focus on high-tech and STEM settings in the United States. Her ongoing research projects focus on understanding the persistence of intersectional inequalities in today’s knowledge-
examines the relational mechanisms undergirding gender, race, and class dynamics in the technology sector. Her research seeks to amplify women’s voices to shift the discussion of inequality in high-tech away from “fixing” women and toward an analysis of the networks of exclusion endemic to the technology industry.

In her forthcoming (August 2019) article with *Gender & Society*, titled, “When Gendered Logics Collide: Going Public and Restructuring in a High-Tech Organization,” Mickey analyzes the gendered implications of a high-tech startup restructuring and going public. She finds that the flexible organization becomes bureaucratic, creating conflicting organizational logics that place women at a structural disadvantage and limit their ability to meet ideal worker expectations. The firm’s gendered hierarchy, division of labor, and culture centered on a hybrid geek-athlete masculinity together serve to constrain women’s relationships with influential organizational actors.

**Maria Cecilia Hwang**, one of the honorable mentions, earned a PhD in American Studies from Brown University and is currently a Henry Luce Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow in Southeast Asian Studies at Rice University. She will begin her appointment as an Assistant Professor at McGill University’s Department of East Asian Studies and the Institute for Gender, Sexuality, and Feminist Studies in Fall 2019. Hwang’s research interests center on gender and sexuality, international migration, labor, and globalization. Her current book project, *Shadow Migration and Gendered Illegality: The Temporary Labor Migration of Filipina Sex Workers in Asia*, examines how the forces of economic globalization and state migration regimes impact the lived experiences of sex workers from the Philippines who circulate across global cities in Asia. Her work has been published in *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society, WSQ: Women's Studies Quarterly, International Migration Review*, and *International Labor and Working-Class History*.

Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS) established The Cheryl Allyn Miller Award for graduate students and recent PhDs working in the area of women and paid work: employment and self-employment, informal market work, illegal work. The award was originally founded by a bequest from the family of the late Cheryl Allyn Miller, a sociologist and feminist who studied women and paid work.

Special thanks to the Cheryl Allyn Miller Award Subcommittee Members: Tre Wentling (Chair), Kumiko Nemoto, and Mary Virnoche.
Congratulations to the 2019 Esther Ngan-ling Chow and Mareyjoyce Green Dissertation Scholarship Award Winner: Chriss Sneed!

Chriss Sneed is a Ph.D. Candidate in the Sociology Department at the University of Connecticut. In the dissertation tentatively named “Queer Passages and the Assemblages of Blackness,” Chriss examines how Black identity is constructed, negotiated, and utilized by Black/Afro-descendant activists in the United States and Brazil. This multi-site, qualitative research focuses on activists who are also gender and sexual minorities – those identifying as women or LGBTQ – involved in transnational racial justice organizing across the Western Hemisphere and the two aforementioned nations specifically. Because of the funds available to Chriss via the 2019 Esther Ngan-ling Chow and Mareyjoyce Green Dissertation Scholarship, Chriss will do full time research and writing in the United States this upcoming academic year. The 2019 Esther Ngan-ling Chow and Mareyjoyce Green Dissertation Scholarship will financially enable Chriss to focus their full attention on writing and defending their dissertation.

Chriss spent the 2018-2019 academic year working on their dissertation and other manuscripts-in-progress as a Research Associate in Residence at the Five College Women’s Studies Research Center located in South Hadley, MA. During the Spring 2019 semester, Chriss also worked at Wesleyan University as Visiting Instructor of African American Studies. In the past, Chriss served as Student Representative of Sociologists for Women in Society, Visiting Scholar & Adjunct at St. John’s University, and as an intern for the Trans Justice Funding Project. Outside of these activities, Chriss is the founder and co-organizer of the interdisciplinary conference “Borderlands: A Critical Graduate Symposium,” held each year at the University of Connecticut.

Chriss’ research, teaching, and service are intimately tied to the theorization and praxis of identity, self-making, and social justice. Some of their recent publications include "Everyday Conversations with Dr. Rod Bush: The Radical Potentials of Mentorship, Intimacy, and Practice" and "Ga(y)tekeeping Identity, Citizenship, & Claims to Justice" in the edited volumes Rod Bush: Lessons from a Radical Black Scholar on Liberation, Love, and Justice (Okeir Press) and Queer Activism After Marriage Equality: The After Marriage Series - Volume 2 (Routledge), respectively, as well as another piece co-authored with David Embrick, “Sociology as a Discipline and an Obligation” (Contexts). Two forthcoming works – a co-authored piece on Black activist-research in the Americas and “Apocalypse, Afro-Futures, & Theories of the Living Beyond Human Rights: Octavia E. Butler’s Parable Series” – are slated to be published later this year.

Special thanks to the Co-Chairs of the Sister to Sister Committee: Andrea (Drea) S. Boyles and Sasha R. Drummond-Lewis and the Esther Ngan-ling Chow and Mareyjoyce Green Dissertation Scholarship Award Subcommittee Members: Adelle Montebelano and Anjana Narayan.

We hope you will join us in congratulating all this year’s SWS award winners and that you will make plans to join us for the 2019 SWS Awards Reception to be held on Sunday, August 11, 2019 starting at 6:30 pm at the Hilton Midtown, New York, NY. Click here to register for the meeting.
Introducing SWS Intern, Shuchi Sanyal

Shuchi Sanyal is a second-year student at Hollins University studying sociology and philosophy with the intent of prelaw. She aspires to someday become a child advocate with a concentration in educational rights, as she is a firm believer that our future is dependent on education reform across the globe. Shuchi’s path became more and more clear as she became involved with volunteering and leading group service projects, including teaching young autistic children in her community and later at the Vijaywada orphanage in India. The more involved she became, the problems in our education system inspired her passion for sociology. Her journey with the SWS organization has just begun, but she hopes to gain experiences to aid in her mission of someday ensuring that every child has the wholesome education that they deserve.

SWS Council Signs a Joint Appeal to Defend NGO Rights and to Protest China’s Anti-Muslim Racism

SWS Council has elected to sign an international joint appeal to defend the rights of NGOs and to protest China’s Anti-Muslim racism as a response to a request from Hillel C. Neuer, Executive Director of United Nations Watch in Geneva, Switzerland. According to Mr. Neuer, “China aggressively interrupted and tried to stop” his speech at the UNHRC on behalf of 1 million Muslim Uighurs who are being detained in Chinese camps. The appeal, written jointly by an international coalition of non-governmental and human rights organizations, will be sent to the UN Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres, Human Rights Council President, Coly Seck, High Commissioner, Michelle Bachelet, and Member States. It urges them to condemn China’s actions toward Mr. Hillel and “to defend the right of all NGOs to speak out for human rights victims at Human Rights Council sessions.” The entire joint appeal can be found here.
Assistant Professor Position at Georgia Institute of Technology, School of Public Policy

The Georgia Institute of Technology’s School of Public Policy is seeking applications for a tenure-track faculty position at the assistant professor rank. We are seeking a Ph.D. in public policy-related fields who focuses on information and communications technology policy. A specialization in FinTech, e-commerce and an ability to cover public finance and budgeting would be ideal. Specialists in other areas, such as cybersecurity, privacy, content regulation or social justice are also encouraged to apply.

Applicants may be from a variety of disciplinary and field perspectives in keeping with the interdisciplinary profile of our School. Our work in these areas benefits from synergy with Georgia Tech’s world-class programs in engineering, data analytics, computer science, design and planning, energy and environmental sustainability, and biomedical engineering curricula. Our School has a tradition of interdisciplinary innovative research. Job duties will include research, teaching and advising students, and service activities at Georgia Tech.

Applicants should submit: 1) a cover letter; 2) curriculum vitae; 3) up to three publications; 4) a research statement, including descriptions of future research plans; 5) a teaching statement, including descriptions of teaching interests; and 6) names and contact information of three academic references. Please apply using the on-line application process at https://academicjobsonline.org.

Direct any questions by email to facsearch@pubpolicy.gatech.edu with “PubP Asst. Professor” in the subject line. Applications are due on or before September 30, 2019. An earned doctorate is required by the start of the appointment, and a background check must be completed prior to employment.

The School of Public Policy has 31 faculty members and we instruct students in undergraduate, master’s and Ph.D. programs. See our webpage at http://spp.gatech.edu/ for more information. Georgia Tech is a top-ranked public research university situated in the heart of Atlanta, a diverse and vibrant city with great economic and cultural strengths. The Institute is a member of the University System of Georgia, the Georgia Research Alliance, and the Association of American Universities. Georgia Tech prides itself on its technology resources, collaborations, high-quality student body, and its commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

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Opportunity to Serve as SWS Liaison to the ASA Minority Fellows

SWS is proud to support the American Sociological Association’s Minority Fellowship Program each year. Each year, ASA names two SWS Minority Fellows. To learn more about the ASA Minority Fellowship Program, please visit the following website.

After consulting with SWS President, Tiffany Taylor, SWS Treasurer, Veronica Montes, and ASA Director of Minority and Student Affairs, Jean Shin, we have developed the following job description for the SWS Liaison to the ASA Minority Fellows. If you are interested in serving in this term starting in 2019, please email us at: marybeth.stalp@uni.edu and swseo.barretkatuna@outlook.com by July 1.

SWS Liaisons to the ASA Minority Fellows will serve two year terms in a staggered term format (e.g., one liaison will serve in an odd calendar year, the next in an even calendar year, and so on to maintain some liaison memory and consistency). SWS will always have two liaisons. The role of the liaisons will be to welcome the SWS MFPs to SWS and to answer any questions that they might have about SWS-related matters including SWS committee work and Summer and Winter Meetings, for example. Liaisons will work with the Career Development Committee, Sister to Sister Committee, and Mentoring Manager to ensure that the MFPs feel fully supported by SWS. The liaisons will be SWS members who frequently attend both the Summer and Winter Meetings and may or may not have been a past MFP winner. The liaisons will be asked to serve by the Awards Committee Chair in consultation with the ASA MFP Program Director, the SWS Executive Officer, and the SWS President. In order to best support the MFPs, it is expected that the liaisons will attend SWS meetings while serving in this role.

Please feel free to reach out to us if you should have any questions.

Best wishes,
Marybeth Stalp, SWS Awards Committee Chair
Barret Katuna, SWS Executive Officer
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