

SWS-S Newsletter



President's Corner

Happy Fall! Well, almost fall. It is still 90 degrees in Atlanta! Let me say it is my great honor to continue my service (2ND year) as SWS-S President. I believe in our organization and feel grateful for our members, friendships, mentorship, and community support. Since we saw each other last, (SSS of 2019; See photo below), much has happened with SWS-S and the national SWS organization.

We are so fortunate to have such a dedicated E.O. in Barrett Katuna. Barrett and I proposed a new membership policy for SWS-S members and have received positive feedback. Our goal with this change was to make joining the organization SWS-S and SWS

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easier and more efficient. This will help us with communication, transparency, and networking.

In addition to aligning our membership, we are being used as the model regional chapter for SWS nationals. We have begun working and communicating with other SWS chapters in the hopes to align our efforts. Not only have we been fine tuning our membership, we have also been re-writing our by-laws so they align with the national organization. Thank you again to Barret and V.P Bri Turgeon for all your hard work.

Lastly, as we look forward it is time to organize our program at the SSS 2020 meeting in Jacksonville, Florida. Please get your sessions filled and consider volunteering at our table during the meeting. We will continue to sponsor a local organization and in our talks about pairing with SSS to raise funds for another local organization. Stay tuned for details.

Have a great semester. In solidarity,
Marni A. Brown, SWS-S President 2018-2021



Photo: SWS-S executive board and members at the 2019 SSS/SWS-S annual meeting in

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENT

Bri Turgeon published an article from her dissertation work entitled "When "Best I Can" is Not Enough: Welfare Managers' Appraisal of Clients' Mothering Practices" in Sociological Inquiry.

Photo: Dr. Turgeon (bottom left) and SWS colleagues at the 2019 SWS winter meeting.



Treasurer's Report

Greetings from your treasurer! It is my honor to serve SWS-South in this position.

Since the Spring 2019 newsletter when we had \$2,573.56 in the bank we have had one expense of \$38.15 for the Square chip reader and membership dues income of \$14.26. Needless to say, summer and early fall are our slow seasons. As of October 18, 2019, we have \$2,549.67 in the bank. This is slightly more than the amount we had last year at this time.

Historically, since most members have renewed or joined at the



Southern Sociological Society annual meeting our coffers typically decrease from summer to the beginning of the year. This year we are offering a bundled package membership with SWS. Our dues will remain the same (\$20 for faculty; \$15 for new/contingent/retired faculty members; \$5 for students) but our

membership renewal is moving to November 1st to align with SWS. You are not required to join both organizations but for those who do or want to belong to both it simplifies membership renewal. We will still accept renewals and new memberships at our table at the Southern Sociological Society annual meeting in Jacksonville.

As is our tradition, we will be holding our “Coffee for a Cause” reception and silent auction in Jacksonville. Last year, we raised \$1,721.15 for S.O.N.G. (which almost reached the record we set with GenderBenders in 2017). We hope to match if not surpass that amount with the local Jacksonville organization. Start thinking about your

donations for the silent auction! Handcrafted items, signed books and jewelry have done well in the past. We have many talents – so be creative with your contributions.

If you have any questions or fund raising suggestions please contact me at cheri.chambers@saintleo.edu.

See you in Jacksonville!

Cheri Chambers
SWS-S Treasurer

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to Dr. Denise Bissler (Randolph-Macon Colette) for recently being recognized with a teaching award called The United Methodist Church Exemplary Teaching Award!



Membership Update

After much consideration and discussion, we the executive committee of SWS-S, with support from SWS nationals are now going to offer a bundle membership package. We have decided upon this option because of the opportunities that come from both organizations. We, SWS-S are aware of limitations when it comes to traveling to national conferences, which is why the southern regional chapter of SWS does so

well. As such we want our members to have the opportunity to join nationals in an easy and effective way.

SWS-S costs will remain the same; \$5 for undergraduate and graduate students, \$15 for new faculty, and \$20 for returning faculty. Our fees will remain the same but membership renewal will now align with nationals in which renewing will occur on 11/1. We are hoping that by aligning our membership renewal it will provide SWS-S with a larger operating budget going into the SSS meeting in the spring. Please know you are not required to join nationals, but we do encourage it because of what a wonderful organization SWS is and the amazing opportunities provided through membership.

We appreciate your support in expanding our regional relationship with nationals. If you have any questions please let us know, Marni Brown SWS-S president or Barret Katuna SWS Executive Officer.

In solidarity,
Marni Brown
SWS-S President



Photo: Members of SWS-S at the 2019 SSS annual meeting in Atlanta, GA.

SSS Conference Theme and SWS-S Sessions

The theme for the 2020 meeting is “Sociology In Action.” Our focus will be on the many ways that we can, should, and/or do utilize sociological knowledge, theories, and methods to address problems,

policies, and practices in the world. Sociologists are well positioned to recognize critical problems and to identify effective solutions for them. Our students are increasingly eager to see the connections between what they learn in the classroom and what they experience outside. Wherever we work, sociologists rely on our disciplinary expertise to improve the experiences of those we serve, to make good decisions and to work toward social justice. Our meeting will highlight the myriad ways that we engage sociological knowledge to remedy societal problems. (<http://www.southernsociologicalsociety.org/2020Meeting/SSS2020CFP.pdf>). We are also planning to offer some sessions and/or workshops centered on self-care practices ranging from meditation and movement to crafting.

Bri Turgeon
SWS-S Vice President

Organized by	Sessions
Ashley Vancil-Leap	Teaching Community-Engaged Feminist/Activist Courses (panel); Co-Sponsored by the Committee on Gender and Sexuality
Baker Rogers	Trans Activism in the Southeastern US; Co-Sponsored by the Committee on Gender and Sexuality
Baker Rogers	Butch and Stud Lesbian Identities
Estye Fenton	Reproductive Politics, Reproductive Justice, and the Child Welfare System
Jeanette Wade	Black Feminism: 2020 and Beyond; Co-Sponsored by the Committee on Racial and Ethnic Minorities
Mandi Barringer	Gender, Sexualities and Religion
Naomi Simmons	Emotional Labor and Non-Promotional Work
Naomi Simmons	Get a Helping Hand! The 411 on Teaching Institutions
Naomi Simmons	Get a Helping Hand! The 411 on Research Institutions
Nik Lampe	Navigating Cisnormativity in the Academy as a Trans* Scholar (panel)
Nik Lampe	Interviewing Minority Populations; Co-Sponsored by the Committee on Racial and Ethnic Minorities (panel)

Nik Lampe	Reproductive Experiences on the Margins
Nik Lampe	Amplifying Marginalized Voices in Sociology; Co-Sponsored by the Committee on Racial and Ethnic Minorities (panel)
Sarah Donley	Gender and Work
Shannon Carter	Sociology of Reproduction
Lyla Byers & Ariane P.	Fat Studies/Body Politics
Tiffany Taylor	Marginalized Mothers; Co-Sponsored by the Committee on Gender and Sexuality
Victoria Kurdyla	Queer Criminology
SWS-S	JASMYN Session

SWS-S Sponsoring JASMYN for Annual Fundraiser Event

This year, at the annual Southern Sociological Society (SSS) Meeting, SWS-S is shaking things up a bit by combining two of their annual fundraising events into one awesome event being held at a local museum in Jacksonville, FL! The event will feature live music, happy hour beverages, and a silent auction at the Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA) to raise proceeds for JASMYN.



JASMYN is a nonprofit organization located in Jacksonville that supports LGBTQ young people by creating safe space, providing health and wholeness services, and offering youth development opportunities, while bringing people and resources together to promote equality and human rights.

The SWS-S fundraiser event is scheduled for Thursday, April 2 around happy hour time. Be on the lookout for more details regarding this event as we get closer to the SSS meeting in 2020! If you have any questions, please contact the Vision Committee Chair, Mandi Barringer (m.barringer@unf.ued) or President, Marni Brown (mbrown30@ggc.edu).

2020 SWS Winter Meeting in San Diego, California

Feminist Futures in the Global South: Research, Activism and Creativity

President-Elect, Josephine Beoku-Betts

The thematic vision for the 2020 SWS Winter Meeting is transnational feminism with an emphasis on the Global South. We will have plenaries focusing on feminist futures in the Global South, migration issues and border politics with an emphasis on the border politics in San Diego, and a celebration of women, gender, and sexualities studies programs in San Diego and beyond. The Program Committee for the SWS 2020 Winter Meeting invites you to submit abstracts for papers, sessions or workshops to present at the meetings.

Deadline for Submissions is: November 5, 2019 at 11:59 pm Eastern Time. You must be a member of SWS National in order to submit a proposal for a session, workshop, or roundtable.

On November 1, 2019, the next membership cycle for 2020 SWS Membership and 2020 SWS-South will begin. To submit something for the 2020 SWS Winter Meeting in San Diego, please log into your membership profile at: sws.memberclicks.net Meeting Hotel is Paradise Point that's located at: 1404 Vacation Road, San Diego, CA 92109

- Thursday, January 30, 2020-Sunday, February 2, 2020
- Hotel Room Cost is \$179 Per Night
- A limited number of rooms are available at a Student Rate of \$169 Per Night. During your Winter Meeting Registration, students can request the Student Rate and we will accommodate as many requests as we can.
- Please review information about the SWS Cost Share Policy that makes meeting attendance more affordable.

To submit, go to: <https://sws.memberclicks.net> to log into your membership profile.

SWS-South Elections

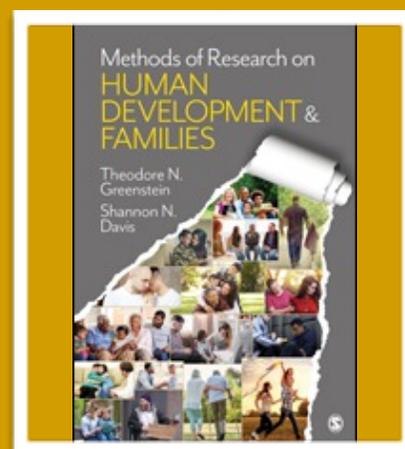
In an effort to align our SWS-South annual activities more closely to SWS National, we are moving our elections to the Fall! Officers elected this Fall 2019 will assume their roles at the end of the upcoming SSS meeting in April 2020. This will give newly elected officers more time to get the 411 on what their position entails and allow for possible opportunities for incoming and outgoing officers to parley at the SWS national meetings. Which means...It's time for nominations!

There are so many opportunities to get involved this year! The positions we are electing for are: President, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, Membership Chair, Vision Committee Chair, and Student Delegate to SWS. All of these positions have a 2-year term, except the Student delegate (who serves a 1-year term). See the detailed list of positions below.

Know of someone who is looking to get more involved in professional organizations? SWS-South is a great place to start!

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to Shannon Davis (George Mason University) on her recent publication: Greenstein, Theodore N. and Shannon N. Davis. 2019. *Methods of Research on Human Development and Families*. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE. (ISBN: 9781506386065)



Throw their name in the pool for one of the several positions we are seeking to elect for the upcoming year!

Want to get more involved in this wonderful organization yourself? We also welcome (and even encourage!) self-nominations!

If you're a student looking to get a start in some of these positions, the SWS Student Delegate, Newsletter Editor, and Membership Chair positions are a great place to start!

Have additional questions about what a position will be like? I also included the email address of the current officer so you can email any questions you have about what a year (or two!) in the life of this position entails to see if you think it's a good fit for you.

Help us get some amazing folks to run SWS-South! Email your nominations to bturgeon@jsu.edu by Friday 11/1.

Be on the lookout in early November for the chance to vote in our upcoming election. Your voice matters in choosing the leadership for this organization!

Thanks in advance!

-Bri Turgeon

President (current officer – Marni Brown mbrown30@ggc.edu)

- To work with the SWS Executive Office and SWS President in representing the chapter before the public, in relation to SSS and other chapters and organizations.
- To preside as chairperson of meetings of the membership.
- To coordinate the work of the committees and to execute their directives.
- To cooperate with other officers in formulating and implementing policy within the general framework laid out by the membership.
- To cooperate with the other officers in drawing up agendas for membership meetings, and to have primary responsibilities for such agendas.
- To give progress reports at meetings.
- To perform any other duty or responsibility normally associated with office of President.
- President must be a current member of SWS National. Attendance at the SWS Summer and Winter Meetings is strongly encouraged.

Treasurer (current officer – Cheri Chambers Cheri.Chambers@saintleo.edu)

- To be responsible for the collection, safekeeping, and distribution of chapter funds.
- To prepare a written financial report to be made available at the annual meeting and published in the newsletter following the annual meeting.
- To work with the SWS Executive Office in reporting the income and expenses each year.
- To work with the SWS Executive Office to receive and deposit dues from members.
- To perform any other duties assigned by the President.

Newsletter Editor (current officer- Ashley Vancil-Leap avleap@soc.msstate.edu)

- To edit and publish at least two issues of the newsletter per year.
- To liaise with officers and chairpersons of all committees for news.

To liaise with similar chapters and organizations having their own newsletters by exchanging newsletters and reprinting useful information as it seems feasible.

Membership Chair (current officer – Penny Harvey pharvey5@gsu.edu)

- To work with the SWS Executive Office to maintain all membership records to ensure consistency of data.
- To be the Chair of the Membership Committee.
- To organize and coordinate recruitment of new members.

Vision Committee Chair (current officer – Mandi Barringer m.barringer@unf.edu)

- Planning the social programming for the meeting.
 - Reaching out to the community where meeting will take place for ideas on auction beneficiary that is locally based.
- Finding local vendors to work with that are in line with the mission of SWS.
- To coordinate the annual fundraiser.

Student Delegate to SWS

- To attend the SWS Winter Meeting and write a report for SWS-S.
- To write reports of the activities of SWS-S for the SWS national newsletter.
- To attend the National and Local Collaborations Committee Meeting at the SWS Winter Meeting

Early Career Gender Scholar Award

Junior scholars who are making a noteworthy contribution to our understanding of the sociology of gender will have an opportunity to apply for the Early Career Gender Scholar Award. Nominees should have authored groundbreaking work (that can include articles and/or a book) and which advances the scholarship of gender. As a “career” award, the awards committee will make decisions based on the nominee’s career thus far. While the award is for a gender scholar, consistent with trends in gender scholarship, intersectional work is welcomed.

Eligibility: Assistant professors, postdoctoral scholars, contingent faculty, research associates, or other early career scholars who earned their Ph.D. within the last six years are eligible for this award. Nominees may come from the applicant or from a third-party nominator and are due January 15, 2020. Nominees must be affiliated with SWS-South (if not a current member, join here).

Nominations: Nomination may be submitted electronically to ahunt3@una.edu and packets should include the following:

- o One nomination letter detailing the merits of the nominee's work,
- o A copy of any articles or books* to be considered for the award,
- o A current CV of the nominee.

*Books, but not articles will be returned to the nominator. Please provide electronic versions of books if at all possible.

Award winners will receive a plaque, alongside a one-year membership to SWS-South. In addition, the winner will be featured in the following year's SWS-South newsletter and will present their work at an SWS-South/SSS special session.

Please send all nomination packets by January 15th directly to the SWS-South Awards Committee Chair: Andrea Hunt at ahunt3@una.edu.

SWS-S Graduate Student Paper Competition Winner Spotlight: Victoria Kurdyla

We had a chance to catch up with last year's graduate student paper award winner Victoria Kurdyla (North Carolina State University) who won for her paper titled "Disclosure Experiences for Transgender and Nonbinary Abuse Survivors."

What has winning this award meant to you?

This award definitely felt meaningful for me. First, it gave me validation and encouragement to continue the work I was doing, but it was also helpful by pairing me with a mentor to prepare my paper for publication. While I am still working on making the paper a publication, having someone in that area give me guidance and feedback has been very helpful! Additionally, I feel like winning this award got me more connected to SWS-S. I always valued SWS-S as an organization, but actually attending the business meeting has encouraged me to be more involved!

What are you currently working on?

Currently, I'm in my third year of my doctoral program, so I am working on writing my dissertation proposal, which will be another study exploring transgender IPV survivors' experiences. I've also been co-writing two papers which analyze transgender survivors' help-seeking rates and patterns (one of which is forthcoming at the Journal of Interpersonal Violence). Finally, I've been working as a research assistant with Celeste Curington and Jennifer Lundquist to renew the Online College Social Life survey.

What are your career goals?

After graduating, I would like to work in a tenure-track position within a sociology department, preferably specializing in gender, sexuality, and/or criminology. Both teaching and research are passions of mine, and I would love to continue teaching and research about queer and trans communities.

Do you want to learn more about Victoria's research? Look for the special session on queer criminology honoring Victoria's research.

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENT

Shelia Cotten and colleagues from Michigan State University just received a 2.49 million dollar grant from the National Science Foundation to examine workforce impacts of autonomous vehicles. She will be recruiting for a postdoc position to work on this project. If you have students who will finish soon or have recently finished who are interested in impacts and use of technology or in workforce impacts, please have them contact her

at cotten@msu.edu. She is also seeking new graduate students who are interested in technology use and the impacts of technology use on health, aging, quality of life, stress, and related outcomes to join the PhD program in Information & Media (<https://comartsci.msu.edu/information-media-phd>). Two of her recent PhD students came out of sociology programs in the south.



2019-2020 SWS-S Officers

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