Greetings SWSers,

I hope that you and your loved ones are well and safe in this new “normal” that we are all experiencing during the time of COVID-19. All of us are having to make many adjustments as we transition in various ways in our places of employment, homes, and personal lives. These are challenging times that make us realize how small our world is and how interdependent we really are, whether or not we choose to recognize that. One of the positives we can take away from this overwhelming experience is that as a professional organization, SWSers have come together to give support and encouragement to members and past members, especially those who are most vulnerable at this time. In doing this, we have come to know each other much better and to learn to work with each other in mutually beneficial ways. Thank you to all who have participated in the Virtual Tea Party Meetings so far, committees that have come together to provide particular resources and services to targeted groups, Council and members who are providing leadership where needed, and all those involved in the regular functioning of SWS, especially Barret Katuna (Executive Officer) and Natasha Santana (Assistant to the Executive Officer). The efforts and dedication of everyone to adhere to and to advance the mission of our beloved SWS are greatly appreciated at a time when in our own lives, we have many priorities.

As earlier mentioned, Barret Katuna and I initiated a number of targeted virtual meetings in response to the needs and concerns of our members during the COVID-19 pandemic. These meetings will continue as long as they are needed. They cover faculty concerns, student concerns, job market concerns, global concerns, writing groups, self-care/coping, and research interruption concerns during a time of significant conflict. You are all welcome as members to join any Virtual Meeting at your convenience and you will find the Meetings Schedule posted in the Members Only section of our website. While we are inviting past members of the SWS Community to join us for these meetings, we are not publicly sharing these opportunities at this time.

I also want to thank everyone who
attended, presented, and participated in planning the SWS Winter Meeting in San Diego, California. The meeting was well received by many who attended based on compliments regarding the three sessions involving the Plenary speakers, the panels and roundtable sessions, and the stimulating scholarly discussions that followed in organic spaces that emerged around the conference site.

We are now moving ahead with arrangements for the SWS Summer Meeting, which as usual will coincide with the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association (ASA) in San Francisco in August, 2020. We are following the lead of the ASA in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic and, currently, the ASA is proceeding as planned with programming for the Summer Meeting. If the ASA chooses not to hold the 2020 Summer Meeting, SWS will have a plan in place for virtual programming. We will continue to keep you posted regarding definitive details in forthcoming updates to our members. The Summer Meeting is usually smaller but always includes popular programs such as the Roundtable discussions and the Critique Me session. Two invited panel sessions will address the topics “Sociological Research and Practice in Authoritarian Times: Feminist Discourses in SWS, ASA, and ISA” (organized by Josephine Beoku-Betts, President) and “Got Critical Race Feminist Studies? The Possibilities and Challenges of Institutionalizing Intersectionality in the Neoliberal University” (organized by Nancy López, Vice President).

Although SWS will officially celebrate its 50th Anniversary at the Winter Meeting in Jacksonville, Florida in 2021, followed by the Summer Meeting in Chicago, Illinois in 2021, we will mark the beginning of these celebrations with a Panel Discussion and Digital Exhibit at Glide Memorial Church in San Francisco on August 7, 2020. Glide Memorial United Methodist Church holds a special place in the emergence of SWS because it is the site of initial discussions among women sociologists who attended the annual ASA Meeting in San Francisco in 1969. The panel discussion will consist of Past Presidents and/or officers representing the different decades since the establishment of SWS. Taking an historical perspective, they will discuss the accomplishments, challenges, and visions of SWS as they organized to advance their mission and goals in respective decades. A Digital Exhibit will also display past presidents, officers, committees and members of SWS from the 1970s to the current period. A panel discussion with past Editors of Gender & Society will also be held to mark the launching of the SWS 50th Anniversary during the Summer Meetings. Mignon Moore (President-Elect) and I will co-chair the 50th Anniversary Committee.

Finally, SWS Council continues to ensure the smooth functioning of the organization. Committee reports indicate ongoing progress and some adjustments to advance their respective missions and goals and you will read about this throughout the newsletter. In the meantime, progress is being made with strengthening our liaisons with other professional organizations in our discipline and building on our strong financial portfolio with our new financial advisors at The Jamrog Group. A new and exciting collaborative initiative under planning by Nancy López and I is to host a pilot pre-conference professional development workshop for high school teachers at the Summer Meeting. This first workshop will target Ethnic Studies teachers and will cover issues on intersectionality, critical inquiry, pedagogy and praxis.

Finally, we have extended the deadline for abstract submissions for the Summer Meeting to May 7th, 2020 at 11.59 p.m. (ET). The conference is still scheduled to be held August 7-10, 2020, San Francisco, California. Despite the challenges we are currently facing with the COVID-19 pandemic, we can only hope that it will be over by August. We hope to see as many of you as can attend face-to-face or virtually. We are all in this together and we will get through it as our predecessors did during so many traumatic events that affected their lives locally and globally. Thank you all for your dedication and commitment to the advancement of our beloved SWS.

Josephine
SWS Executive Officer’s Column: Barret Katuna

It’s been quite busy in the Executive Office since the 2020 Winter Meeting in San Diego. I would like to extend a BIG THANK YOU to those of you who came to the 2020 Winter Meeting and who contributed to the programming in various ways. I echo Josephine Beoku-Betts’ gratitude to all of the individuals who made the meeting such a success. It was wonderful to work with the Program Committee, led by Marybeth Stalp, and the Local Arrangements Committee, led by Minjeong Kim. I hope you all came home from the meeting feeling rejuvenated to continue your work. It certainly was amazing to have a meeting in such a beautiful location where we could all really get outside and enjoy the California sunshine in between meetings. I would also like to thank those of you who completed the Winter Meeting Evaluation Form. We will be taking this information into consideration as we plan for future meetings.

At the present time, the only Winter Meeting sites that we have planned are the 2021 Jacksonville, Florida Meeting and 2025 Jacksonville, Florida Meeting. These meetings will take place at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront. Please stay tuned for more information about that meeting that will be President-Elect, Mignon Moore’s Winter Meeting to plan. While we had planned to return to Paradise Point Resort & Spa in 2024 for our Winter Meeting, we ended that contract without any penalty to SWS in February 2020. Paradise Point Resort & Spa will rebrand as a Margaritaville Island Beach Resort with an anticipated opening between 2020-2021. SWS Council agreed that this was not the right type of setting for an academic meeting and we were able to release ourselves from our contract. We will move forward with planning for the 2022 Winter Meeting once it is safe to travel again given the challenges that we presently face because of COVID-19.

The timing of the 2020 Winter Meeting was such that we were able to avoid the impact of COVID-19 on our programming this year. For those of you who have been closely following emails from the Executive Office, you will see that we have been very busy responding to the needs of our members at this time. During the week of March 23, Josephine and I began hosting calls to gather information from our members and lapsed members to learn more about how SWS could support their needs at this time. We continue to have these supportive conversations and have initiated focused responses to address specific challenges. For example, we created the Virtual Critique Me Support Form to provide focused guidance to members who are confronting an uncertain job market and who would greatly benefit from the opportunity to receive constructive feedback on their materials. On the Job Market Concerns call, we discussed how this time could be used to polish job market materials. We discussed how it’s important to focus on what we do have control of, which is to lift each other up as best we can in the spirit of feminist support. The Virtual Critique Me Support Form closed on April 15, but the Career Development Committee and Mentoring Task Force will likely be offering another round of this support in the foreseeable future. Thank you to those of you who have responded to provide guidance to our members on the job market. I am very proud of our collective response to help our community. If any of you have ideas of other ways that we can support each other at this time, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. I have felt very connected to the SWS community throughout these challenging times and I hope we can continue to have more open conversations in the future. Josephine and I have both remarked that we have really gotten to know members via these conversations that start-
ed out as “Afternoon Tea” sessions. I would really like to continue these in the future to remain connected throughout the year since many of us only see each other maybe once or twice a year … or maybe not at all if we cannot make it to in-person meetings. For information on conversations and writing groups, please visit the MemberClicks page: [https://sws.memberclicks.net/](https://sws.memberclicks.net/) where I am posting that information. We are also compiling resources [HERE](https://sws.memberclicks.net/) on our website on a variety of topics that are related to navigating the challenges that the COVID-19 pandemic has presented for our community. Please let me know if you have anything to add as this is a resource that will continue to grow.

As Josephine noted, we continue to plan for the 2020 Summer Meeting to take place in San Francisco and we hope that it will be safe for us to all travel this coming August 2020. I hope that you will consider submitting a roundtable paper submission for the 2020 Summer Meeting. We extended the submission deadline, in addition to the deadline for the awards we will be giving out at the Summer Meeting, as a result of the challenges that the COVID-19 pandemic has caused for us in professional and personal contexts. The Awards Deadline is now May 1, 2020 at 11:59 pm Eastern Time and the 2020 Summer Meeting Submission Deadline is now May 7, 2020 at 11:59 pm Eastern Time. Please go to: [https://sws.memberclicks.net/](https://sws.memberclicks.net/) for more details.

Please keep in touch and let me know if the Executive Office can support you during these times. Stay well, and I look forward to seeing you in San Francisco this summer where we will kick off the 50th Anniversary Celebration of SWS! It’s going to be an exciting 2020 and 2021 for SWS and I look forward to celebrating with you all.

Barret

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**Message from Past President, Tiffany Taylor**

Hello SWSers! The Past President wears several hats. In this position, you often are trying to finish some things you had in the works while President. The Past President also chairs the Personnel Committee and the Nominations Committee. Another hat I am wearing, for the time being, is working with the other folks on the Investment Committee to figure out the best way we can continue to make sure SWS is in a strong financial position. Needless to say, we did not anticipate some of the dramatic changes with the COVID-19 pandemic. SWS beyond admirable. All the Presidents (Elect, Current, Past) are in frequent contact to make above which do really seem Barret’s leadership has been sure everything is running quite scattered.
First and foremost, I want to thank people for their support while I served as SWS President. There are too many people to list here, but I am so very appreciative. I would definitely characterize myself as someone who is far more comfortable with operations work than speaking in front of people. I have an anxiety disorder that makes the latter pretty nerve-racking. A lot of people helped me along the way with that and took on more of the public speaking for me. Again, I am very thankful.

Secondly, and as an operations nerd, we had a lot of task forces working on various projects, and I wanted to share updates on their work. The Task Force on Mentoring continues to work hard for SWS and they are even working now on a few items to help members navigate our current climate. Stay tuned for more! The Task Force on Meeting Costs has made recommendations to Council on ways we might reduce meeting costs. The Task Force on Inclusivity has also made recommendations to Council, including recommendations to revise our Mission Statement and some Bylaws revisions that may improve SWS’s ability to be more critically reflexive.

One major focus has been on figuring out how SWS might best use an Ombudsperson. In the process of figuring that out, it became clear we needed to broaden our focus some. To do so, we have transitioned somewhat from having an Ombuds Task Force (who submitted their recommendations when Adia Harvey Wingfield was President) to an Anti-Harassment Task Force with a broader charge. Some members of the Ombuds Task Force have thankfully continued serving and are on the Anti-Harassment Task Force. The Anti-Harassment Task Force is tasked with developing a comprehensive anti-harassment policy, making recommendations for ways to better support SWS members who have experienced harassment, and suggesting ways SWS can lessen harassment that may even occur within our organization. This task force was just getting started when we learned COVID-19 would change so many things in our daily lives. Needless to say, our work is on hold as we focus on the many pressing matters in our lives. I will continue to work with this task force and I will continue to work with other sociology organizations to share information and to form a more united front against harassment in our discipline. I thank Josephine for her enthusiastic support so that we can continue this important work.

Finally, a few quick notes related to my other hats. First, the Nominations Committee is grateful for all the wonderful nominations we have received. We still welcome nominations, of course. We will begin contacting nominees and developing our slate of candidates soon. We also want to thank everyone who has agreed to run for an elected position and to serve SWS. So more to come!

Second, in terms of the Personnel Committee, we evaluate the performance of the Executive Officer. Being on the Personnel Committee is a pretty sweet job since we are so fortunate to have such awesome people running this organization! Finally, as you might imagine, we are thinking a great deal about our investments right now, and the Investment Committee (members include Manisha Desai, Don Ferree, Barret Katuna, Veronica Montes, and I), as well as the Operating Budget Management Committee, are proactively working with our financial advisors to make sure SWS remains in a good financial position. We will likely have more to report in the Summer Network News issue, after our First Quarter call with our financial advisors in early April.

Tiffany
Winter Meeting 2020 Committee Reports

Awards Committee

Marybeth Stalp, Outgoing Awards Committee Chair, Rebecca Hanson, Incoming Awards Committee Chair

We have a lot of new members on the Awards Committee, and we’re up to some great work, so wanted to share our updates with you. All updates have been made in the spirit of inclusion and democratic practices. Some may take us some time to get used to, but in the long run, will help SWS awards operate in a more efficient manner, and provide a consistent and fair way to operate for all those involved.

First, we have streamlined our processes for awards nomination and submission, using universal deadlines with firm deadlines of April 1 and October 1.

Second, upon advice from Council, we have moved some awards to the Winter Meeting. Moving some awards to the Winter Meeting will help us to find better ways to highlight and support award winners in our community. Additionally, the community aspect of the Winter Meetings is perhaps a better place for these awards.

Third, each award committee is now required to have at least one student member serving on the committee. Creating opportunities for student members includes integration into the various Awards Committee structures, provides diversity of academic rank, and is reflective of best practices.

2020 SWS Awards Committee Schedule

January 2020 Winter Meeting January 30 – February 2, 2020 San Diego, CA
Awards Committee Meeting and Banquet, Saturday, February 1, 2020

2020 Winter Meeting Awards Presented: (from Oct 1 2019 deadline):
• SWS Feminist Activism
• SWS Feminist Lecturer
• SWS Feminist Mentoring
• Cheryl Allyn Miller
• Natalie Allon Research
• Social Action Undergraduate

April 1 2020 (no extensions) Application deadline (for awards given out at 2020 Summer Meeting):
• Barbara Rosenblum Dissertation
• Beth B. Hess Memorial
• Esther Ngan-ling Chow and Mareyjoyce Green Dissertation
• Social Actions Initiative

August 2020 Summer Meeting, TBD, San Francisco, CA (ASA is August 8-11, 2020)
Awards Committee meeting and Banquet, TBD 2020 Summer Meeting Awards Presented: (from April 1 2020 deadline)
• Barbara Rosenblum Dissertation
• Beth B. Hess Memorial
• Esther Ngan-ling Chow and Mareyjoyce Green Dissertation
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AND Campus visit applications for Activism and Lecturer for 2020 awardees
**Career Development**
Shauna Morimoto, Chair

The Career Development Committee enjoyed a rejuvenating and rewarding Winter Meeting in beautiful San Diego. With 10 members in attendance at the committee meeting, we brainstormed our SWS’s current mentoring programs in an effort to assess the needs of our membership. Working in conjunction with the Task Force on Mentoring, the Career Development Committee is strategizing ways to meet the mentoring needs of our membership. Along with these new ideas, we continue to highlight our longstanding commitments to Critique Me, professional needs mentoring, and Hey Jane! Career Development Chair, Shauna Morimoto, has finished her audit of Hey Jane! columns and has solicited a few new pieces that we hope to see this coming year. In addition, our Critique Me session ran alongside Breakfast With Scholars, with eight participants (those both seeking and giving advice) and a commitment to match those in need of mentorship with advisors on a regular basis. Those seeking a mentor should contact Shauna (smorimot@uark.edu) to be matched with a mentor for individual job market advice.

We sponsored two additional sessions in San Diego, including an always popular and important session on non academic careers organized and facilitated by Mindy Fried. Nina Bandelj also put together a great session on negotiating, with very helpful pointers for negotiating in all careers and at all stages, as well as a process for identifying allies, mentors, and champions. In the short time since our meetings, with everything having turned upside down with the Covid-19 crisis, we are grateful that we had the opportunity to connect in San Diego and will seek ways to continue to provide professional support through these difficult and uncertain times.

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**Discrimination and Academic Justice**
Katie L. Acosta and Shweta M. Adur, Co-Chairs

We began our term during 2018. During the time we have focused on advocating for SWS members who have experienced sexual harassment or gender discrimination in the workplace. Recently, the committee was separated into two committees, i) Committee on Discrimination and the ii) Committee of Academic Justice. While Katie Acosta’s term ends this year, Shweta Adur will continue to serve on the Discrimination Committee for another term to provide stability to the ongoing cases. According to the current guidelines, the Discrimination Committee:

1. Guides the organization’s response to a member’s allegations of discrimination based on gender, sexuality, race/ethnicity, disability, age and other identities within sociology or that involve SWS members.
2. Where appropriate to protect confidentiality, the committee appoints a subcommittee chaired by a tenured person.
3. Liaises with the SWS Executive Officer on the allocation of Allon Fund money in line with the first two priorities.

A snapshot of our work:

1. Advocacy for individual members: We received 13 cases between 2018-20. Some of the cases are ongoing. There has been a significant upsurge in the number of cases received. Due to the confidentiality clause, we are unable to provide a more detailed account. However, in each case, we offered phone consultation and other forms of assistance that include writing letters of support and, in at least two cases, provided support to defray legal costs.

2. The financial support that the committee provides is primarily through the Natalie Allon Fund. Every year we have $2,500 available through the Fund and we disburse it based on the priority areas set up by the donors. The Allon Fund has three funding priorities. When funds are available for the third priori-
ty, we award the Natalie Allon Research Award.

a. Legal fees for SWS Members who are protecting their rights by fighting discrimination cases that are based on sex, gender, gender identity, sexual identity, or sexual orientation.

b. Legal fees to fight cases of institutional discrimination that disproportionately affects women such as threats to tenure or the exploitation of adjunct instructors.

c. Support for research on institutional gender-based discrimination (e.g., discrimination based on sex, gender, gender identity, sexual identity, or sexual orientation). The research grant will support a range of research, from applied to academic, on issues related to gender, its numerous intersections, and discrimination.

1. This year the committee further streamlined and instituted guidelines for disbursing the funds for priorities 1 and 2.

2. The committee sent out the call for the 2019 Natalie Allon Research Award. We thank Dr. Cynthia Deitch and Dr. Vasilikie (Vicky) De-mos for reviewing the applications. Dr. Shan-
tel Gabrielle 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 strong pool of recipients.

3. Based on our previous recommendation – to best protect members’ identities the committee has now switched to using our personal emails. We initially had our school emails - both of which are public institutions - on the website. State university emails can be retrieved by members of the general public through a FOIA request. Some members are aware of this and take the precaution of using a personal email account when communicating with us but others may not be aware. The Co-chairs have also suggested that SWS set up an email account for the committee and going forward for future Co-chairs so that our members’ privacy can be protected.

We also consulted with SWS office to update the website for resources on Discrimination and Academic Justice – however, we presume that much of it will now be handled by the incoming chairs of the Committee on Academic Justice.

International Committee

Subcommittee #1 – United Nations Advocacy

Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC):
Solange Simões - Lead Delegate, Nicky Fox, Vicky Demos, Kristy Kelly, and Mollie Pepper - Delegates

Department of Global Communications (DGC):
Jennifer Rogers-Brown - Lead representative, Diana Papademas (representative), Francesca Deguili (representative), Karis Fuller (youth representative), and Alexes Ramirez (youth representative).

CSW64 (Commission on the Status of Women) - Beijing+ 25 Representation

SWS will be represented at CSW64 Beijing+25 by 20 delegates, faculty and students, and Solange Simões (ECOSOC, Lead Delegate), Jackie Goldman, Shobha Gurung, Jessica Cabrera, Thao Nguyen, Amy Blackstone, Pallavi Banerjee, Kathryn Elizabeth Elliott, Anita Forrester, Carmen V. Poston-Farmer, Zhanar Tuleutayeva, Hannah Bollin, Adriana Jean Stacey, Gianna Lete, Alexes Williams, Bzu Shiferaw, Anne Marie Miscioscia,
Emma Colarossi, Katie Chan Ka Na, Iblin E. M. Lafuente, hara bastas (International Committee, Chair), Vicky Demos (ECOSOC), Nicky Fox (ECOSOC), Mollie Pepper (ECOSOC), Jennifer Brown (DPI) and Susan Lee (The US Women's Caucus at the UN) will also be attending CSW64 with the SWS delegation.

**CSW64 Parallel Event - Our Ninth Year at CSW!**

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The UN CSW64 was canceled due to COVID-19.)

All parallel events are open to the public, so if you’re in NYC please join us on March 9 at 8:30 am at the Church Center for the United Nations, 777 United Nations Plaza, on the 8th floor.

**Title:** Sociological Research for a Beijing+25 Agenda

Women and girls have different experiences, needs, and strategies for mainstreaming gender to address gaps in education, migration, reproduction, and economic development. Drawing on empirical sociological research grounded in a variety of global and local policy arenas, this panel highlights the role research plays in moving forward a Beijing+25 agenda. Representing Sociologists for Women in Society for the ninth year at CSW, scholar-activist sociologists will present their work at the cutting-edge of feminist theory and action research, and present a research framework for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

**Papers and Panelists:**

- **Reproductive Justice in Global Context.** Amy Blackstone, Ph.D., University of Maine
- **Co-Opted Compliance: How University Management Mediated the Co-Optation of Title IX Anti-Harassment Laws by Men’s Rights (1972-2020).** Jessica Cabrera, PhD Candidate, University of California, Irvine
- **Women Fleeing Genocide: The Cost of Family Separation for Yazidi and Rohingya Refugees in Canada and the U.S.** Pallavi Banerjee, PhD, University of Calgary; Negin Saheb Javaheer, MA Student, University of Calgary, and Soulit Chacko, PhD Candidate, Loyola University Chicago
- **Translational Research: From Theory to Practice in Women’s Economic Empowerment in Uganda.** Jolly Lux, Executive Director of Guiding Light Orphans, Uganda
- **Rethinking Sex Trafficking in Global Context: From Criminalization to Labor Rights and Economic Equity.** Thao Nguyen, M.A., University of Chicago

Many thanks to Kristy Kelly for organizing the SWS CSW64 Beijing +25 panel!

**SWS Statement to CSW64 Beijing +25**

The main focus of the session (taking place at the UN headquarters in New York, March 9-20) will be on the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. The review will include an assessment of current challenges that affect the implementation of the Platform for Action and the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of women and its contribution towards the full realization of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

SWS submitted a Written Statement to CSW64 Beijing+25, as a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council. The SWS Statement recommended that

“Member States review the current barriers to the full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and respond to setbacks particularly regarding: 1) Women’s and other minority genders’ sexual and reproductive health rights; 2) Migration of women, girls, and other minority genders. In order to develop informed responses to setbacks, we urge Member States to improve data collection and dissemination.”

The full Statement can be seen at E/CN.6/2020/NGO/86 - E - E/CN.6/2020/NGO/86

The Lead Delegate, Solange Simões, worked with a committee, which included Andrea Boyles, Natascia Boeri, and hara bastas, on the preparation and submission of the SWS Statement.
The US Women's Caucus at the UN

For the last couple of years and under the vision and leadership provided by Susan Lee, SWS members and ECOSOC and DGC representatives Jennifer Rogers-Brown, Vicky Demos, Heather Hurwitz, and Amira Karaoud have been instrumental in starting up the US Women's Caucus at the UN. The aim of the Caucus is for progressive US-based NGOs to have a larger, louder, smarter voice at the United Nations. Membership in the US Women's Caucus is open to US-based NGOs and individuals who are committed to the principles of CEDAW and the Beijing Platform for Action. For more information, see the Caucus website: http://www.uswomenscaucus.org

(Editor’s note: The US Women’s Caucus meeting took place virtually. See the report from the meeting by Susan Lee elsewhere in this NN issue.)

CEDAW (UN Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women)

Chaired by Vicky Demos and active SWSers Nancy Martin, Rodica Lisnic, Shuchi Sanyal, and our newest member, Amy Agigian. At the SWS Summer Meeting 2019, the subcommittee held a workshop to inform participants about CEDAW and Cities for CEDAW. Since that time, the committee has held two teleconferences meant to define the goals of the committee and to prepare for the CEDAW workshop held on Saturday, February 1 from 8-9 am at Breakfast with Scholars. The committee is discussing how it can facilitate the integration of CEDAW into campus life, from teaching about it to passing a CEDAW campus resolution. It is looking to begin a “Colleges for CEDAW” movement. For more information, please contact Vicky Demos (demosvp@morris.umn.edu) and visit Cities for CEDAW.

UN Department Change in Name and SWS representatives

The UN changed the name of the Department of Public Information (DPI) to the Department of Global Communications (DGC). Karis Fuller and Alexes Ramirez are ending their time as representatives. We can elect two new representatives for 2020. Celeste Richards, a student from SUNY Old Westbury will join us. This leaves room for one more student representative. Most of us attended the UN CSW events as well as other events at the UN in the past year. Please nominate yourself or others (between the ages of 18-32) for the youth rep position. This is particularly good for someone in the NY area who has easy access to attend UN events.

CSW Third Annual Public Event to Celebrate International Women’s Day!

Diana Papademas and Jennifer Rogers-Brown are organizing a film with discussion on gender, the environment, and environmental health in Huntington, NY, to mark the beginning of the CSW on March 8th 11-2pm. If interested in attending and/or participating in the panel, please let us know. 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.

Subcommittee #2 - Partnerships with global feminist scholars and activists

Partner update

- Incoming partner: The Institute of Gender and Development Studies at The University of the West Indies - St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago
- Organization representative: Sue Ann Barratt PhD, Lecturer
- SWS Liaison: Dr. Josephine Beoku-Betts

At the SWS Winter Meeting, Dr. Barratt presented at:

1) Plenary #1 – Feminist Futures in the Global South - Are We There Yet? Contemporary Struggles for Gender Justice and the Legacy of Carib-
**bean Feminisms** and

2) GFP Sponsored Session - **The IGDS Legacy: Caribbean Feminist Activist Scholarship Contemporary Struggles for Gender Justice**

Abstract: Caribbean feminist scholarship and activism has a long history of work in multiple areas that influence social consciousness and struggles for gender justice. This presentation is an evaluative account with a view to elaborating contemporary opportunities and threats, considering closely the influence of Caribbean colonial and postcolonial histories on these. In focus is the ongoing work of the Institute for Gender and Development Studies, a multi-disciplinary department of the University of the West Indies (UWI), which is engaged in research, advocacy and community engagement relating to women, men/masculinities and gender, particularly in Caribbean society. I draw attention to the activities done at the St. Augustine Campus, describing how the Institute’s work to attain gender justice through scholarly research and to build stakeholder commitment through collaborative advocacy rests in mainstreaming gender, student mentorship, and strategic marketing. I then discuss contemporary issues that continue to trouble gender justice in the region, especially as they affect women’s experience of intimate partner violence, economic and climate insecurities, and bodily autonomy.

**General updates**

1. GFP nomination process:
   a. Starting date for membership: January and August.
   b. Clear process for membership benefits (i.e., *G&S* journal subscription, invitation to SWS Winter Meeting, etc.).
   c. New evaluation process began at the Winter Meeting.
2. Looking for new partners – please contact Yun Ling Li (subcommittee chair) at yun-ling_li@uml.edu for assistance!

**Subcommittee #3 - International Sociological Meetings**

*International Sociological Association (ISA)*

IV ISA Forum of Sociology

Challenges of the 21st Century: Democracy, Environment, Inequalities, Intersectionality

Porto Alegre, Brazil

July 14-18, 2020

For more information: [https://www.isa-sociology.org/en](https://www.isa-sociology.org/en)

Many SWSers and IC members are feminist leaders of RC-32 (Women, Gender, and Society), including current President Melanie Heath, Co-Presidents Elect Marlise Matos (Former GFP) and Solange Simões, Treasurer Manashi Ray, Past Co-Presidents Akosua Adomako Ampofo and Josephine Beoku-Betts, and Past ISA president Margaret Abraham.

Even if you cannot make it to Brazil, you can still participate with ISA in the ‘Social Justice and Democratization Space’ which aims to “build a global community who can access and share resources through an open participatory approach to research, policy, pedagogy and practices on social justice and democratization”.

For more information: Social Justice and Democratization - ISA

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**Investment Committee**

Ronni Tichenor, Past Treasurer (Outgoing)

The year 2019 was one of proactive and strategic change for SWS. In 2018, we moved to a new accounting firm that could offer us better services. In 2019, they were better positioned to help SWS understand how we spend our money and our cash flow needs. With that knowledge, we recognized that we were keeping too much cash on hand and we were able to take the bulk of that money and invest it in Feminist Futures (more in a moment), giving us a greater return and allowing us to move closer to our goal of an endowment that can meet the future needs of the organization.

We also realized that we needed a broader range of financial advice than our former investment team could provide. Therefore, in April of 2019,
we moved to The Jamrog Group, Inc. and, in August of 2019, the transfer of our investment accounts to this new firm was completed. In the past, we have had our investments in individual stocks chosen for their compatibility with SWS values and socially responsible investing. We had a fairly aggressive 70/30 split between stocks and bonds. Amy Jamrog and her new team advised us to invest a little more conservatively (with a 60/40 stock-bond split), as they anticipated some volatility in the coming year leading up to the 2020 elections. SWS now has an ESG (Environment, Social, Governance) portfolio, also consistent with our values. Our money is in ETFs (exchange traded funds), and the Jamrog Group works with BlackRock, who adds another layer of research and management to the equation. We now have a diverse portfolio with lower-than-average internal costs.

The Jamrog Group has been providing other strategic financial advice—most notably, working to find a way to allow SWS to receive tax deductible donations (despite our 501 (c) (6) non-profit status). We may be able to accomplish this using a donor advised fund that would receive donations (for example, for scholarships) and allow donors to claim a charitable deduction on their taxes. This option is still in discussion and the Investment Committee will continue conversations on this topic over the coming months.

The Jamrog Group has provided additional resources: meeting with our EO and Council in person as well as providing programming on investments at the Summer Meeting in New York in August 2019. They are also willing to help SWS with development initiatives and bequest planning. For this wide range of services, SWS is paying .87% — a modest increase from the .75%...
we were paying to our previous advisors.

As is clear in the graph, Feminist Futures (our long-term investment fund) grew substantially in 2019, but some explanation is necessary to see the full picture. A portion of this growth is due to substantial investment by SWS into the fund directly. Since 2017, SWS has had a line item in the budget for Feminist Futures of $50,000. In addition to that investment, we were able to move over excess cash (thanks to the analysis done by our accountants) in the amount of $294,421. This means that the growth in Feminist Futures due to investing for 2019 was actually $575,140. We anticipate another infusion of cash in 2020 from two sources: $100,000+ additional excess cash in the checking account (once all final Winter Meeting bills are paid); $120,000 in 6 CDs (that were kept for “emergencies”) which will mature over five successive months (at 20K each). When they mature, the money will be added to Feminist Futures.

This great infusion of extra money is very exciting! For years we have known that the royalties that SWS receives from SAGE Publications for publishing *Gender & Society* are not guaranteed over the long term. Indeed, rapid changes in the publishing industry mean that the royalties could be reduced substantially—or disappear altogether—with very little notice. SWS could not afford to support all of the causes that it does or invest so heavily in its members—e.g., by providing the cost share to attend the Winter Meetings or subsidizing the memberships and meeting registration of our graduate students, retirees, or lower-income members—without those royalties. An endowment of $7,000,000 has been judged to be the magic number SWS would need to be able to
carry on as we have without the royalties from SAGE Publications.

As the above graph shows, both the Rosenblum and Allon Funds also grew substantially in the last year. Both were established for specific purposes. The Rosenblum Fund is earmarked for supporting research on cancer; the Allon Fund (from which $2,500 is spent each year) is meant to assist people facing gender discrimination with their legal fees, and (secondarily) to support research on gender discrimination. SWS does not add money to these accounts, but relies on the growth in the investment to fund the allocations that come from each account.

One last note about changes in the Investment Committee over 2019. As we looked for a new financial advising team, conversations with our attorneys made it clear that SWS was not engaging in best practices in the way the Investment Committee had been operating. In particular, the committee members should be fiduciaries of SWS, and there should be a formal mechanism for rotating members on and off the committee. Our Bylaws state that members are appointed by Council and serve at the pleasure of Council. In mid-2019, Council reconstituted the committee to be composed of the (Past) Treasurers and (Past) Presidents, with our EO as an ex-officio member. Late in 2019, a call went out for interested members with financial experience/expertise to join the committee. Manisha Desai and Don Ferree were added to the committee. The group’s charge in 2020 is to make a recommendation to Council for how the committee should be constituted going forward.

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**Membership**

Nancy López, Chair

Membership Committee 2020 SWS Winter Meeting Attendees:
Shannon Carter - SWS South
Ethel Mickey
Tristen Kade (student member)
Laura Simons
Kylie Parrotta
Nancy López (chair)

- 770 active SWS members, working toward 1000 by the end of the membership year.
- Revisiting HAND Program: Provide options to meet multiple needs: 1) could we explore making virtual matches? 2) Face-to-face meetings; 3) Read drafts; 4) Organize by research interests; 5) organize according to other identity/affinity groups.
- Create some Professional Development opportunities during Plenary.
- Who feels welcome and represented? Inclusivity and outreach, optics.

- What can we do to also reach out to undergrads? Listserv for undergrads? Professional Development: Applying to Grad School/Peer Mentoring Workshop.
- Provide Continuing Education (CE credits for fulfilling workshops); Contact: Sarah Garret-Bayside Chapter for 2020 Summer Mtg; University of North Florida for Winter Meeting in 2021 Jacksonville, FL.
- Teaching and Learning Opportunities.
- Membership for the Summer Meeting?
- SWS - Sex and Gender Grad Students; Summer and Sponsoring Students; Write name of students
- Deadline Coincide?
- #10 Trends; Bigger room; A lot of people can't get funding from their home institutions if not on the program.
- Reconsider Nomenclature: Lightening Talk
- Consider Sunday Panel: Programming with Panels?
- Skip Thurs.?
Publications Committee

Bandana Purkayastha and Yasemin Besen-Cassino, Co-chairs

Publications Committee oversees the operations of G&S as SWS’s flagship journal; oversees and/or liaises with the Network News Editor, Book Review Editor, and SWS social media specialists; and works in collaboration with the SWS Executive Officer to ensure thorough and efficient completion of the above tasks. The Publications Committee Co-chairs also participate in the meetings of multiple other SWS committees at the Winter and Summer Meetings and throughout the year.

Report August 2019 through January 2020

1. G&S Editorial transition
   a. Pubs worked with the new G&S Editor and the SWS Executive officer to facilitate the replacement of Editorial Board members who rotated off the board in 2019. The Publications Committee Co-chairs consulted regularly with the G&S Editor to ensure this process followed SWS guidelines and to support the Editor’s efforts to ensure the breadth of gender expertise on the Board.

   b. After the SWS editor transition was completed in summer 2019, the Publications committee (and the SWS Executive Officer) continued to work closely with the G&S Editor as she put her Deputy Editor team into place.

   c. Last spring and summer (2019), the Publications Committee, in consultation with past G&S editors and the SWS Executive Officer Barret Katuna, worked to formalize and routinize a procedure for identifying and ensuring avoidance of conflicts of interest by Editor, Deputy Editors, Managing Editors, and Editorial Board members. This ensures that new editorial board members review, accept, and sign COI agreements. The SWS Executive Officer keeps these documents on file.

2. The Publications Committee reviewed G&S Special Issue guidelines to identify and make needed revisions (this was finalized at Pubs II meeting).

3. The Committee worked with the Executive Officer to put out a call for interest in refining the vision of a second SWS journal with a broader focus than Gender & Society (e.g., that would have an audience that includes professionals with a more applied focus).

4. Pubs co-chairs also fulfilled additional duties associated with the transition of the previous Investment Committee to the new OMB structure.

During the Winter Meeting

Publications elected members, Jan 31st meeting: Sharon Bird (Co-chair), Bandana Purkayastha (Co-chair), Minjeong Kim, Yasemin Besen-Cassino, Vrushali Patil, Zakaya Luna (new in 2020), Victoria Reyes (new in 2020). (Tristan Bridges could not attend).

Additional attendees (MEETING I): Barret Katuna (Executive Officer), Veronica Montes (outgoing Treasurer), Roberta Villalón (Treasurer), Kristy Shih (Treasurer-elect), Andrelisa Livingston (SAGE), Barbara Risman
(Gender & Society Editor), Marjukka Ollilainen (Network News Editor), and Wendy Christensen (Social Media).

February 1st meeting: Bandana Purkayastha (Co-chair), Yasemin Besen-Cassino (Co-chair), Minjeong Kim, Vrushali Patil, Zakaya Luna, and Victoria Reyes.

Additional attendees (MEETING II): Barret Katuna (Executive Officer), Roberta Villalón (Treasurer), Kristy Shih (treasurer-elect),

After a general introduction, welcome to the newly elected members, and thanks to outgoing senior Co-chair Sharon Bird, the several reports were presented and discussed (overviews below). At the end of the meeting, Yasemin Besen-Cassino was elected the new Pubs Co-chair.

SAGE Report: Andrelisa Livingston presented the publisher’s data which included peer review details. 559 manuscripts were submitted in 2019 (a 2% increase from 2018); 18% of the submissions were accepted (up from 17% in 2018); the average time to final decision was 48 days (compared to 60 days in 2018). The circulation of Gender & Society increased from 9,344 in 2018 to 11,558 in 2019. There was an 11.4% increase in full-text downloads between 2018 and 2019. The impact factor of the journal was 3.058 in 2018, the last full year for which data was available at the time of the meeting (in 2017 it was 2.360). In 2018, the 5-year impact factor was 4.382. The rank of the journal within sociology was 12/148. Ranking in Women’s Studies: 2/44.

According to google analytics, the top ten countries of visitors, in order of the number of visits, were US, UK, Canada, Australia, India, Philippines, Germany, South Africa, Netherlands, and Sweden (ranging from 247,849 visitors to 6,453 visitors). The most downloaded article in 2019 was R. W. Connell and James Messerschmidt’s “Hegemonic Masculinity: Rethinking the Concept” (Vol 19). SAGE offered several suggestions for continuing to improve publicity and outreach beyond Gender & Society’s core audience. SAGE continues to focus on its global dissemination and outreach.

Gender & Society Editor’s report (Editor, Barbara Risman): The transition to the new editorial office is complete. 15 editorial board members finished their terms in December 2019. The journal specifically needs board members with quantitative expertise, along with thematic and international expertise. The Editor, in collaboration with the Publications Committee, is creating a list of potential board members. The journal now has six Deputy Editors, including the newest member Ann Travers (Simon Fraser University) and Irma Mooi-Reci (University of Melbourne) who replaces Silke Aisenberry (Yeshiva University). Four out of the six will be active for three years to keep within the journal’s budget.

The Editor has received a request for a special issue from Julia McQuillan, Sheryl Skaggs (editorial board member), and Kevin Stainbeck about Gender Transformations of Higher Education Institutions. It is a proposal for a special issue focused on theory and research on how organizational or institutional change is possible. The Publications Committee approved this special issue. The Editor suggested we increase the word limit of each article to 10,000 words to bring it in line with several other sociology journals. After discussion, the word limit will remain the same for now, with editorial discretion for a slight increase in length (especially for mixed methods articles). A part of the Editor’s work involves publicizing the journal’s articles and topics. Dr. Risman is exploring avenues to complement the publicity of the journal—since SWS does not have a media person. She is exploring links with CCF. The Gender & Society blog has seen a 6% increase, Facebook likes have increased by 1%, and twitter subscribers increased by 9%.

Second Journal: The publication committee discussed the second journal during the first meeting. Despite calls of interest, there were no viable responses. Further, the committee discussed that the presence of several other new gender related journals in the field, very limited support from SAGE, and the challenges of getting sup-
Sister to Sister

Sasha Drummond-Lewis and LaTonya Trotter, Co-chairs

The Sister to Sister (S2S) Committee had several goals for this year’s Winter Meeting, including providing panel and workshop sessions that would incorporate the theme of the meeting with an emphasis on aspects important to women and non-binary feminists of color; contributing to Mentoring Task Force discussions; gathering our membership in a committee meeting, and hosting our first ever reception for women and non-binary feminists of color. We are happy to report that we accomplished all of our goals!

We hosted an emotionally stirring panel session, entitled “Transformative Sociology: Highlighting Transnational/Global Feminists’ and Black Feminists’ Contribution through Scholar Activism,” where we heard about the experiences, contributions, and challenges of transnational/global and Black feminist sociologists. We held a joint workshop with the Social Action Committee, called “The Squad Workshop: The Political Mobilization of Women of Color and Preparation for the 2020 Elections,” where local activists of color provided much needed guidance on how to get involved and support efforts that progress the issues of women of color in the upcoming 2020 elections. We participated in the Mentoring Task Force and the Career Development Committee’s workshop on mentoring and held our S2S committee meeting, during which we called for applications for this year’s Chow-Green Dissertation Scholarship and encouraged widespread dissemination of the call. We were pleased with several ideas generated from open discussions in the meeting, including exploring the idea of an award liaison (the past year’s award winner) to answer questions of current year’s award winner and formally recognizing this as a position. We also received some ideas for workshops for the 2021 Winter Meeting. Our membership provided feedback on the S2S inaugural “Feminists of Color Reception,” which was overwhelmingly positive with sentiments to continue to hold such events to foster more organic mentorship relationships. We reminded meeting attendees that the committee has a private Facebook group to facilitate discussion, share information, and stay connected in between meetings. We are now exploring potential workshop topics in preparation for the Summer Meeting in San Francisco. In closing, anyone desiring mentoring, having suggestions or general inquiries, we encourage you to email us at sister2sistersws@gmail.com. We gladly await to correspond with you!

Social Action

Ruth Marleen Hernández, Chair

Awards

Social Actions Initiative Awards were launched in 2016 to support SWS members engaged in social actions in their local communities. Based on two funding cycles per year, awards are given to proposals that promote the mission of SWS. See the Social Actions Initiative Awards page for more information. The actions of award winners will be reported in Network News and on the SWS website. This year, we awarded three projects. I would like to thank Dr. Angie Carter (Michigan Technological University), Dr. Dakota Raynes (Oklahoma State University), and Shawn Ratcliffe (University of Nebraska-Lincoln). Below are excerpts of the application written by awardees.

Ragini S. Malhotra (Graduate Student at UMASS Amherst) — ”Workshop on Childhood and Maternal Deaths in Delhi’s Informal Communities”
Both of the community organizations I have been working with consistently over the past two years supported the idea of a single workshop on childhood and maternal deaths. However, after conversations with these organizations this summer and after speaking with members of the communities in which I have been consistently working, I believe the funds awarded to me can be used most effectively, and with greatest social impact, through a series of community-based meetings, similar in nature to the workshop initially conceptualized. Since I applied for the grant, street medicine initiatives in one of my field-sites have shed some light on new health needs and challenges that women and children have. In addition to conversations with state representatives and government/non-government health providers, there is a demand for more referral support, as well as educational meetings, from within these communities.

Katrina Bloch (Associate Professor, Kent State) — “Fundraiser to Benefit Kent State University at Stark’s Food Pantry and Raise Awareness of Food Insecurity”

The proposed social action is to address food insecurity among students with children through a service-learning component of my Sociology of Food class. The goals of the event are to provide much needed resources to our campus food pantry, increase visibility of the campus food pantry, and spread awareness of the importance of food insecurity. The event is a two hour, faux “baby shower,” where attendees (students, faculty, staff, community members) will be asked to bring baby food/items or cash donations as “gifts.” We will also create an Amazon gift registration to allow people to participate who could not attend or wanted to donate via credit card. The “baby shower” is open to the entire campus and local community. Kent State University at Stark is a regional and commuter campus within the Kent State system, located in North Canton, Ohio. During the baby shower, attendees will play games typical to baby showers, while learning more about the importance of food security and nutrition. For instance, a class member (who is also a full-time chef) will provide a demonstration on preparing a child-friendly and nutritious meal.

Frankie Frank, Graduate Student at University of Wisconsin Madison

The Menstruation Collective became a formalized organization in the summer of 2019 when I drove to McAllen, Texas to hand out menstruation kits and supplies at the Greyhound Bus Stations outside detention centers. Driving 24 hours from Madison, Wisconsin, I met amazing organizations along the way who were helping migrant women, girls, and genderqueer people with supplies, but menstruation products were almost unheard of in this arena. With the help of other University of Wisconsin – Madison friends and members of the Latinx community, I raised $2,500 and made over 500 menstruation kits before driving to the border for a week. I stopped in San Antonio, Dallas and Austin along with McAllen, Brownsville, and small border communities. I hope to continue the work of The Menstruation Collective, but we are not yet a formal non-profit and doing so may take time. Instead, I’ve been using my own funds and working extra jobs in order to send supplies to Texas, make menstruation kits, host events, and purchase items for fundraising. We are currently working on social media impacts and websites. Several of my undergraduate students have expressed an interest in continuing the work of the project for students of the University of Wisconsin – Madison. In order to support them as a parent organization, I would need additional funds to give them start-up supplies and event support. I’m requesting funds in order to support undergraduate student efforts on behalf of the work for The Menstruation Collective, specifically for a kit-making event in the Spring 2020 semester.

Social Action Undergraduate Award - this year we did not have any nominations. In 2003, SAC began an undergraduate scholarship program to select up to three student activists who have engaged in internships or faculty projects to promote the status of women. See the Undergraduate Social Action Award page for
more information.

Solutions? Ideas? Proposals?

Feedback from Committee on awards
- Funding to come is not built into the award.
- If they can’t come we need to make a video to speak their story?
- Members propose that SAIA should have registration paid for.

SWS Undergraduate Award
- April 1- deadline would make more sense.
- Travel paid for (required to come- committee funding cost share is higher, so the undergraduate award should have).

Live Auction
- Consensus is that people would like to keep the live auction because it raises more funds, BUT there are a lot of stakes on the ground:
  - Rotate the responsibility (the live auction)
  - Past presidents can assist
  - Having two people as MC’s

I. Volunteers to Review Proposals
- SAIA - Three members (October 1 and April 1)
- Social Action Undergraduate Award - three members (October 1)

II. Silent Auction
- Silent Auction: We need volunteers to help with the organizing of the auction.
- Live Auction: Concerns about keeping the live action portion. Thoughts? Ideas? Proposals?

III. Workshops for Summer 2020- August 8-11 (San Francisco, CA)

Workshops Ideas
- Roz Kichler - making locations?
- Sam Harvey - activism as a career… (health promotion, project coordinator) (WINTER)

IV. Nominations for SAC Chair
- Workload
- Benefits

V. Open the Floor/New Business
- Communication: SAC@sws.memberclicks.net (don’t forget to sign in)
  - Lack of indigenous voices is a concern among members
  - Members are interested to know the process of who picks the organizations that receive the donation. Members suggest that SAC should be involved in this process.

Student Caucus

Jax Gonzalez & Tristen Kade, Student Representatives

At the Winter Meeting this year, students gathered to continue our organizing for those most marginalized in our discipline. Since the 2019 Winter Meeting - a second student representative has been added to Council, bridging a burden of service work across two members instead of one. With this change, we now have two student representatives to collaborate on serving our student community. At the Winter Meeting, Tristen Kade officially joined SWS Council as the second student rep and will be in this position for two years. At the Winter Meeting, we piloted a new structure for Breakfast with Scholars (BWS), bringing in scholars to discuss topics of advice for navigating different sectors of our discipline - look out for this new type of submission for the 2021 Winter Meeting!

At the Winter Meeting, we were able to host a
student dinner and provide food thanks to SWS Council and the work of President Josephine Beoku-Betts. The Student Caucus meeting yielded a great conversation about how to harness our community to reach students across sociology programs. We are re-establishing the Student Caucus Committee to organize both the in-person meetings and projects to support students in programs across the country. Some of the new initiatives we are exploring include: opportunities for funding, membership drive through department scholarships, mentorship for public and government careers, mentorship for non-R1 jobs, and a Student Perspective column in *Network News*. If you would like to join the student caucus committee, email us at students@socwomen.org or fill out this form.

Finally - the Student Caucus is collecting information on university and college responses to the Covid-19 pandemic. Please head over to this form to help us!

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YOU’RE INVITED TO THE 2020 ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE MID-SOUTH SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

OCTOBER 14-17 IN NASHVILLE, TN

To organize a session, present a paper, or for general questions, contact Dr. Tina Hebert Deshotels at tdeshotels@jsu.edu or visit www.midsouthsoc.org

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!
Obstacle Course tells the story of abortion in America, capturing a disturbing reality of insurmountable barriers people face when trying to exercise their legal rights to medical services. Authors David S. Cohen and Carole Joffe lay bare the often arduous and unnecessarily burdensome process of terminating a pregnancy: the sabotaged decision-making, clinics in remote locations, insurance bans, harassing protesters, forced ultrasounds and dishonest medical information, arbitrary waiting periods, and unjustified procedure limitations.

Based on patients’ stories as well as interviews with abortion providers and allies from every state in the country, Obstacle Course reveals the unstoppable determination required of women in the pursuit of reproductive autonomy as well as the incredible commitment of abortion providers. Without the efforts of an unheralded army of medical professionals, clinic administrators, counselors, activists, and volunteers, what is a legal right would be meaningless for the almost one million people per year who get abortions. There is a better way—treating abortion like any other form of health care—but the United States is a long way from that ideal.

This book explores Mississippi Christians’ beliefs about homosexuality and gay and lesbian civil rights and whether having a gay or lesbian friend or family member influences those beliefs. Beliefs about homosexuality and gay and lesbian rights vary widely based on religious affiliation. Despite having gay or lesbian friends or family members, evangelical Protestants believe homosexuality is sinful and oppose gay and lesbian rights. Mainline Protestants are largely supportive of gay and lesbian rights and become more supportive after getting to know gay and lesbian people. Catholics describe a greater degree of uncertainty and a conditional acceptance of gay and lesbian rights; clear differences between conservative and liberal Catholics are evident. Overall, conservative Christians, both evangelical Protestants and conservative Catholics, hold a religious identity that overshadows their relationships with gay and lesbian friends or family. Conservative religion acts as a deterrent to the positive
benefits of relationships with gay and lesbian people.


Through the voices of 51 trans men, Baker A. Rogers analyzes what it means to be a trans man in the southeastern United States. Rogers argues that the common themes that pervade trans men’s experiences in the South are complicated by other intersecting identities, such as sexuality, religion, race, class, and place. This study explores the intersectionalities of a group of people who are often invisible, by choice or necessity, in broader culture. Rogers engages with debates about trans experiences of masculinity, ‘passing,’ and discrimination within LGBTQ spaces in order to provide a comprehensive study of trans men’s experiences.


While people used to conceal the fact that they were gay or lesbian to protect themselves from stigma and discrimination, it is now commonplace for people to "come out" and encourage others to do so as well. *Come Out, Come Out, Whoever You Are* systematically examines how coming out has moved beyond gay and lesbian rights groups and how different groups wrestle with the politics of coming out in their efforts to resist stigma and enact social change. It shows how different experiences and disparate risks of disclosure shape these groups' collective strategies. Through scores of interviews with LGBTQ+ people, undocumented immigrant youth, fat acceptance activists, Mormon fundamentalist polygamists, and sexual harassment lawyers and activists in the era of the #MeToo movement, *Come Out, Come Out, Whoever You Are* explains why so many different groups gravitate toward the term coming out. By focusing on the personal and political resonance of coming out, it provides a novel way to understand how identity politics work in America today.

Butler Center-ADVANCE Working Paper Series
Navigating Careers in the Academy: Gender, Race and Class

The Susan Bulkeley Butler Center for Leadership Excellence, in partnership with ADVANCE Purdue-Center for Faculty Success, introduced a Working Paper series titled, Navigating Careers in the Academy: Gender, Race, and Class, in Spring 2018. The series serves as a means for documenting and sharing interventions and/or practices and/or processes developed by and/or utilized by those in the academy to navigate their careers. The Working Paper series has two issues during an academic year - one in the fall semester and one in the spring semester. This peer reviewed series includes work by senior scholars, graduate students, and faculty at all stages as a space for the discussion of issues related to various aspects of academia.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS FOR THE FALL 2020 ISSUE IS NOW OPEN
DEADLINE for submission of abstracts: Friday, August 21, 2020

Abstracts for the fall 2020 issue are now being accepted. The deadline for submission of abstracts is Friday, August 21, 2020. For details and a general description please see, https://www.purdue.edu/butler/working-paper-series/index.php. Additional information about submitting an abstract can be found at https://www.purdue.edu/butler/working-paper-series/submissions-instruction.php or email ButlerCenter@purdue.edu to submit an abstract.
Mary Frank Fox, ADVANCE Professor, School of Public Policy, Georgia Institute of Technology, has been elected Chair-elect of the Social, Economic, and Political Sciences Section of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). AAAS is the world's largest multidisciplinary scientific society, and a leading publisher of cutting-edge research through the Science family of journals.

Dr. Amy Leisenring has accepted the inaugural position of Associate Dean of Inclusive Student Success in the College of Graduate Studies at San José State University.

Marjukka Ollilainen (Weber State University) was awarded The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Endowed Professor for 2020-2023.

Rhacel Salazar Parreñas and Rebecca P. are the 2020 Feminist Mentoring Award Winners

Rhacel Salazar Parreñas is Professor of Sociology and Gender and Sexuality Studies at the University of Southern California. Her areas of research include labor, gender, international migration, the family and economic sociology. She is an ethnographer whose research examines experiences of migrant workers from the Philippines and has published five monographs as well as numerous peer-reviewed articles, including the book Servants of Globalization: Migration and Domestic Work (Stanford Press, 2015). Her most recent project examines the constitution of migrant domestic workers in the United Arab Emirates as unfree workers. She has received research funding from the Fulbright, Ford Foundation, Rockefeller Foundation, and National Science Foundation, and fellowship invitations from the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford University and the Institute for Advanced Study. In 2019, Rhacel received the Jessie Bernard Award. She is currently Vice President-Elect for ASA and is a former Vice President for SWS.

Rhacel’s nominators mentioned her energy and compassion. Several noted that she is able to mentor others to do excellent feminist scholarship partly because she is such a great scholar herself - having done important intersectional work on Filipina domestic worker migrants and their families and on human trafficking. Kimberly Kay Hoang of University of Chicago lauded her mentoring work with the Ford Foundation Scholars program. Letter writers talked about her mentoring as multidimensional, helping budding scholars to make their work better, explaining unspoken norms, suggesting when and how to negotiate, and connecting them with networks helpful to their interests. Rick Baldoz of Oberlin College wrote that it is common for her to commit to writing 6-9 tenure and/or promotion letters per year, prioritizing writing on behalf of those “doing cutting edge feminist work that might not be legible to older scholars.” Several writers noted that she actively links feminist ac-
Recent activism has focused on sexual harassment and abuse of power in graduate programs. She cherishes her mentorship of undergraduates and works extensively to create communities that inclusively support faculty, staff, and students.

Rebecca’s nomination packet was submitted by 10 of her students and colleagues. One of her nominators indicated, “Rebecca helped me navigate the complex experience of being a feminist woman in sociology, supported me through the sometimes debilitating self-doubt that accompanies the doctoral process and job search.” One undergrad noted: “As a first-year student who primarily learned about gender and sexualities from a conservative Christian family, Dr. P. played a pivotal role in my development as a feminist thinker. Like so many of the other supporters of her nomination for this award, Dr. P. provided the right combination of high expectations and enthusiasm for social analysis that was helpful both inside and outside of the classroom. Her empathetic yet critical approach to teaching has served as my model for helping students, faculty, and (unfortunately) administrators unpack their similarly dogmatic assumptions about ‘racial’ differences and crime.”

Nominators noted that Dr. P. constantly promotes the value of self-care—especially with undergraduate students. Finally, one nominator wrote “Rebecca is the epitome of feminist mentor. She is fierce in her commitment to the field and her students/mentees. She is critical of the inequalities that structure our lives and our discipline. She is vulnerable, sharing her real experiences of life in the academy. While some mentors try to make success look effortless, Rebecca keeps it real and messy—because that is the truth. Striving for ease and perfection makes us fall to pieces; Rebecca has always let me know that it is ok to feel like falling apart, to take time to take care of myself, and to celebrate my achievements for the hard work that we put in.”

The subcommittee for selecting the Feminist Mentoring Award winners included Manisha Desai (Subcommittee Co-Chair), Paula England (Subcommittee Co-Chair), Laura Simon, Courtney Caviness, Patti Giuffre, and Nicole Bedera.

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 Activism Award goes to Ophra Leyser-Whalen, Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of Texas at El Paso. Ophra is enjoying living, learning, and contributing to the US-Mexico border community, both as a civilian, and a sociologist collaborating with community groups, such as the local abortion fund and a local birth resource center. She is a mixed-methods researcher working extensively with undergraduate and graduate students, publishing in clinical and social science journals on issues of reproductive health and justice with specific attention to issues of fertility, contraception, and abortion.

What stood out to the selection committee was Ophra’s commitment to engaging in feminist activism with regard to her students and in local community. As her nominator(s) said “Ophra’s entire career has revealed the depth of her feminist focus and her commitment to making the world a better place for women, politically and socially. Fortunately for her community—UTEP, SWS, El Paso and beyond—she applies mind, body, and spirit to this goal.”

At the university level, her nominators stated “As a faculty member in a position of power, Ophra takes very seriously her responsibility to mentor marginalized students at all stages of their career, especially female scholars—another example of her commitment to feminist activism within the academy. Ophra has been highly engaged with undergraduate research (UR)—intensive research mentorship of undergraduate students… Ophra is also a careful and attentive mentor to graduate students and postdoctoral fellows, as evidenced by the four co-authored publications produced by her mentored research with graduate students.” She also has worked to cultivate a supportive network among junior faculty at her university.

More than her university-related service, Ophra is committed to working with three non-profit organizations: Texas Rising, West Fund, and El Jardin, all of which are dedicated to reproductive justice, LGBTQ rights and women’s rights. As the nominators described, the university is located in El Paso, “along the U.S.-Mexico border [and] reproductive health care, women’s rights and LGBTQ rights have been consistently undermined and underfunded by the state.” With Texas Rising, Ophra has served as faculty advisor for its UTEP chapter student group for six years and she has “has supported a variety of their leadership efforts, including voter registration, inviting State Representative Wendy Davis to UTEP, co-organizing the El Paso Women’s March, and co-organizing a fashion show for queer justice and reproductive justice.”

Nominators describe West Fund as an El Paso-based nonprofit and, more specifically, it “is a small group of volunteers who believe reproductive justice is only possible when all people have the information, ability, and resources to make their own healthcare decisions. West Fund fulfills its reproductive justice mission in part through gap funding. Raising these gap funds for West Fund is a responsibility Ophra has taken seriously: At every sociology conference she attends, Ophra brings West Fund merchandise and trades it for donations; she has raised nearly $1,000 through this effort. In addition, she also
Katie Kaufman Rogers Wins the 2020 Cheryl Allyn Miller Award

The 2020 Cheryl Allyn Miller Award Winner is Katie Kaufman Rogers, a Doctoral Candidate in Sociology at the University of Texas at Austin. Her dissertation, "Breaking the Grass Ceiling: Gender, Race, and Class in U.S. Legal Cannabis Industry," examines women’s labor experiences as workers, executives, and entrepreneurs in a historically male-dominated cannabis labor industry. Her dissertation is a qualitative study of women in the regulated cannabis industry, a multibillion-dollar market in the United States. This research uses in-depth interviews with women workers, executives, and entrepreneurs, as well as field observations in dispensaries and a qualitative content analysis of marketing materials, advertisements, and news reports, to investigate women’s roles in the industry. The goal is to learn which groups, if any, are benefiting from legalization(s), and examine how the construction of regulated cannabis is gendered, racialized, and classed.

Katie is a graduate affiliate of the UT Austin Urban Ethnography Lab and the Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice. Her research is supported by the National Science Foundation.
Katie L. Acosta is Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology at Georgia State University. She earned her Bachelor’s degree from Hunter College in New York. She went on to earn her MA and PhD from the University of Connecticut. She is unapologetically proud of being a first generation college student and daughter of immigrants. Her research and scholarly interests center the intersections of gender, sexuality, Latinx Studies, race/ethnicity, family, and immigration. She is the author of Amigas y Amantes: Sexually Nonconforming Latinas Negotiate Family, which explores the ways sexually nonconforming Latinas manage relationships with their partners, families of origin, and families of choice. Her second book, Stepping into Queer Parenting centers the social, and legal experiences of LBQ step-parent families before and after marriage equality. Stepping into Queer Parenting, which highlights the complex dynamics that influence parenting under these circumstances and the ingenious ways respondents make their families work, will be available for purchase in 2020.

Kaufman Rogers’ article, “Breaking the Grass Ceiling: Gender, Labor, and Legitimacy in U.S. Legal Cannabis Industry,” is the 2018 winner of the Bruce D. Johnson Best Graduate Student Paper Award (American Sociological Association on Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco section). The article draws on 20 in-depth interviews with women workers, executives, and entrepreneurs in the U.S. cannabis industry. Kaufman Rogers investigates women’s participation in an otherwise male-dominated and masculinized cannabis occupation and industry. She finds women use three discursive strategies to promote and justify their buying, selling and production of cannabis, which ultimately, serves to re-gender cannabis labor as legitimate for women. However, these discourses, she argues, draw on race and class stereotypes, further entrenching gender stereotypes and simultaneously reconfiguring symbolic boundaries that maintain segregation.

Congratulations to Katie L. Acosta, the 2020 SWS Distinguished Feminist Lecturer Award Winner

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In addition to her books, her work appears in the *Journal of Family Theory & Review*, *Family Relations*, *Sexualities*, *Journal of Homosexuality*, *Sexualities Research and Social Policy*, *Gender & Society* and various edited volumes. Her most recent research project is a mixed-methods study that explores the experiences of Central American and Mexican asylum seekers in the age of Trump. This project focuses on how this most recent influx of asylum seekers shapes race and ethnic ties with impoverished racially minoritized Atlantans. Dr. Acosta regularly teaches Race and Ethnic Relations, Families & Society, Qualitative Research Methods, Sexualities, and Gender & Society. As a public sociologist and scholar activist, Dr. Acosta has served as a consultant for nonprofit organizations interested in promoting racial equity in their workplaces. She also serves in a consulting capacity for educators committed to bringing a multicultural curriculum to their schools. She is a current council member for the American Sociological Associations’ Sex and Gender section, Vice President elect for the Southern Sociological Society and Co-chair of the Discrimination and Justice Committee for the Sociologists for Women in Society. Julia McQuillan and Nancy Napes submitted the central nomination letter for Acosta. They highlight that Acosta’s work advances feminist insights in innovative and exciting ways to understudied areas (i.e. the intersections of family, sexuality, and ethnicity). The note that she is dedicated to bringing feminist intersectional lenses to multiple audiences inside and outside the academy. Her blog (http://www.katielacosta.com/blog/) makes clear that she can bring feminist research to broader audiences and speak to publics that may not be familiar with feminist scholarship. They note that Katie’s area of research – feminist intersectional approaches to families, sexuality, immigration, race, and gender – focused primarily on Latinas – is innovative and important.

Others who contributed to Acosta’s nomination include: Jessica Fields, Carla A. Pfeffer, Barbara Gurr, J.E. Sumereau, Marni Brown, Wendy Simonds, Mindy Stomler, Elisabeth O. Burgess, alithia zamantakis, Dresden Lackey, and Dionne Parris.

J.E. Sumerau wrote the following statement about Acosta, “Stepping outside the academy, there are even more examples of her impact and ability to speak to multiple audiences. For example, I think about the way she started blogging about politics, laws, classroom negotiation, and civil rights battles happening in her own part of Atlanta and throughout the nation.”

Carla A. Pfeffer notes, “Dr. Acosta also maintains a blog, on her personal website, in which she writes about the experiences and struggles of women of color in the academy, the emotional labor of women in the #metoo movement, navigating the world and its assumptions as a mixed-race family, academic precarity and surviving the job market, and racist and xenophobic social policy in the U.S. today. It is in this way that Dr. Acosta continuously, through her research and teaching practices across numerous and diverse modalities, continues to productively push, challenge, and transform disciplines and disciplinary boundaries. Dr. Acosta’s research publications have also been reprint-
ed, which attests not only to their importance and popularity, but to their ability to shift and broaden thinking and conversations as well.

Wendy Simonds, Mindy Stomblner, and Elisabeth O. Burgess note the following regarding Acosta: “She recently gave a talk on her results to our department and she did a wonderful job sharing her findings in a clear and engaging way, despite the complexities of presenting the effects of family law across states (and time).”

As part of the recognition, Acosta will develop a lecture that she will deliver in two venues: 1) at the 2022 Winter Meeting and 2) on one selected college or university during the 2021-2022 academic year. Her lecture or a paper based on it will be published in *Gender & Society*.

Thank you to the SWS Distinguished Feminist Lecturer Subcommittee that was comprised of Marybeth C. Stalp (Chair), Kimberly Kelly, Angela Hattery, and Koyel Khan.

The SWS Distinguished Lectureship was founded in 1985 as a way of recognizing members whose scholarship employs a feminist perspective, and of 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.

By Drs. Adelle Monteblanco and Ophra Leyser-Whalen

As social scientists, we know birth is marked with great social significance. As medical sociologists, we have found birth to be a helpful entry point for students to examine themes such as gender and class inequality, as well as the many ways institutions shape their lives. As co-instructors of two Introduction to Sociology courses, we worked with an El Paso nonprofit, El Jardín Birth and Family Resource Center, who had collected video-recorded interviews with El Paso mothers, maternal health providers, and social scientists in order to highlight some problematic issues in our hospital birth system, with specific focus on stories from women who gave birth. To support this nonprofit’s effort, we entered into a mutually beneficial collaboration with our courses over two semesters (with 24 and 18 students enrolled).

Briefly, our effort to embed undergraduate research directly into the course curriculum required students to transcribe interviews, code transcripts, complete academic literature searches, and write brief synthesis papers for the nonprofit staff. Although the film producers and directors had already collected the interview data, our students could still contribute in a meaningful way and develop a diversity of skills.

We screened this documentary at the recent SWS Winter Meeting in San Diego, CA. Sorry if you...
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**Student Perspective**

By Jeff Lockhart and Jax Gonzalez

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Birth in Pieces Movie Poster

Birth in Pieces missed the meeting and/or film screening! We got good feedback from the audience, which we relayed back to El Jardin. SWSers said they thought the film would make a valuable contribution in courses. We encourage readers to review the trailer for Birth in Pieces. If you are interested in ordering DVDs, hosting a screening, or licensing information, please send an email to: eljardin.birthandfamily@gmail.com.
that students’ job market opportunities are stratified by interest area. Those of us who study religion, for example, are structurally disadvantaged.

This generation of students is overwhelmingly interested in sociology as an emancipatory discipline; however, the job market has not caught up to our passion.

For students, the lack of opportunities for tenure track jobs in our areas is leading many of us to abandon academia for government and private sector. We need more support for developing skills and CVs that make us competitive applicants for a multitude of careers.

If you're interested in diving deeper into a topic of student interest, please email students@socwomen.org.

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Reflections from the Winter Meeting

By Edelweiss Murillo Lafuente

This is a note of gratitude to all the women and folks who organized the Winter Meeting. I felt humbled not only to witness, but to share such a range of academic insights, personal stories and plans. The Winter Meeting made me realize that feminist spaces exist outside academic literature. The people who attended are amazing humans and I felt surrounded by love, solidarity, subversion and by a sense of belonging. My name is Edelweiss, this was my first meeting as part of the SWS. I decided to join because of Erin Baker-Giese and Megan St George. I met them at the 2019 Michigan Sociological Association Conference, and they suggested that I look for the SWS Winter Meeting. I was truly fascinated that the topic for the meeting was “Feminist Futures in the Global South: Visions, Scholarship, Activism and Creativity.” My first thoughts were: What! It
was hard to believe that there would be an entire meeting dedicated to research from the Global South. It was even more surprising for me that creativity and activism were a core part of the formal conversation. I felt honored, but also lost because SWS is a big organization with many activities going on at the same time.

All my questions, which were many, were kindly answered by Barret Katuna and Natasha Santana, who made me feel welcomed via emails. I submitted my proposal “Disability in the Global South: Experiences of Bolivian Disabled Women,” which is part of my Master’s thesis research at the University of Toledo, Ohio. A week before the meeting, I participated in a Zoom online meeting where Josephine Beoku-Betts and Nancy Lopez encouraged new members to join the different committees and activities during the Winter Meeting. I found this online encounter to be helpful and a great community builder. On my first day at the meeting, I participated in a Zoom online meeting where Josephine Beoku-Betts and Nancy Lopez encouraged new members to join the different committees and activities during the Winter Meeting. I found this online encounter to be helpful and a great community builder. On my first day at the meeting, I ran into Tristen Kade, who in a chill manner offered guidance and explained the various resources that the Student Caucus offers. Later on the same day, I participated in the 18th semi-annual Gender, Professions, and Organizations Writing Workshop. Sharla Alegria and Ethel Mickey organized a productive workshop where I understood that everyone struggles with stress, even the scholars with a lot of experience. I appreciate all the suggestions and warnings that are usually not shared in academic settings. I found a safe space to learn at the workshop.

During the welcome remarks, President-Elect, Josephine Beoku-Betts, acknowledged respect to the Kumeyaay Nation, as well as raised awareness to the migratory dynamics of a city such as San Diego, only 30 minutes away from Tijuana. It was only there that I felt proud and appreciated for my indigenous heritage. It also called my attention that migratory issues are major points of interest for several feminist researchers who are indeed contributing as activists on the topic. At the end of the welcome reception, I visited the Priya's Shakti comic book exhibit, presented by Marybeth C. Stalp. I was happy to meet a super heroine that made me feel safe. During the Friday morning, I participated in Roundtable 42: “Poverty and Inequalities,” with Annie McGlynn and Brianna Turgeon. The question round opened my mind to new avenues for my research as we discussed the role of welfare programs at a national and international level.

Plenaries were moments of deep contextual reflection regarding women in the world, women trespassing borders, and the history behind women’s, gender and sexuality studies. My favorite parts, besides dancing at the auction/awards dinner, were the three plenaries, Feminist Futures in the Global South, Migration and Politics of Borders and 50 Years of Women’s, and Gender and Sexuality Studies: Looking Backwards, Looking Forward. Another great moment at San Diego was the International Committee Meeting, where I had the pleasure to learn about the incredible work Solange Simões, hara bastas, Manisha Desai, and Andrea “Drea” Boyles had prepared for the session: Global Gender Equality Regime 25 Years after Beijing. I am still connected with the International Committee and I am excited to participate on the online forums for NGO’s Consultation day as part of the alternative activities of the Commission on the Status of Women soon. I participated on the Breakfast with Scholars table called “Teaching as Womxn of Color Graduate Instructors,” where I met Jen Casper, Alexis Grant, Kim–Phuong Truong–Vu, Alexia Angton, Celine Maria Ayala, and Koyel Khan. My respects to all these women who shared their academic and professional commitment as professors. After listening to them and many others at the meeting, I found inspiration and passion for education. On the final day, I had the joy to visit the border wall at the San Ysidro Land port of entry facility with experts on migration and feminist activism such as Veronica Montes, Roberta Villalón, and Erika Márquez Montaño. I am now more aware of migration and its geopolitical power dynamic implications.

The SWS Winter Meeting was a once in a life opportunity that I am glad I had. It was crucial for my decision to continue in the academic path. I will begin a PhD program at the University of
Florida this fall, and I am sure it will be challenging, but I will remember that I stand on the shoulders of strong, resilient women who paved the path for me. I am grateful to everyone, including those who I did not mention and that contributed to the wonderful work that SWS does. It was an honor to meet all of you, thank you for all your work. Thanks to the Past President Tiffany Taylor and President Josephine Beoku-Betts as well as all the officers and committee chairs. As part of the new generation of feminist sociologists, I can proudly say that I believe in a better world, even in times of chaos. Thank you for all your drive for social justice, you have all inspired me.

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**Dispatches from SWS Global Partners on COVID-19 Measures and Experiences**

*SW is an international organization whose members around the world are experiencing the COVID-19 pandemic in the context of their government policies and institutional responses. President Josephine Beoku-Betts recently asked a few of SWS’s Global Partners to write about what they are experiencing in their countries and communities. Regardless of location and quarantine practices, it appears that we all are sharing similar concerns for our students, colleagues, and families.*

**From Colombia**

Dear Josephine and SWS colleagues,

It’s great to hear from you in these times of uncertainty. Here in Colombia, COVID-19 containment measures started more seriously last weekend. It took a lot of discussion but, hopefully learning something from Spain and Italy, the government finally announced on Sunday that all schools would be closed, shortly followed by Universities’ decisions to go online. This morning we had the first training to virtualize our classes, yet from moment one, when our instructor failed to make many of the remotely attending faculty mute their Zoom sessions, it was apparent that our tradition as a classroom-based University would mean we have a steep learning curve ahead. Fortunately, my “shero” of the week, School of Education Dean, Sociologist, and Gender Studies’ ally, professor Ana Lucia Paz, brought her team to create a whole new platform for students and teachers to develop their classes more smoothly. Thanks to that, we have gone from basic Moodle to a whole range of resources, and the challenge now is technical as much as it is pedagogical so we can continue practicing the active learning model that is the hallmark at my university. I know this sounds like a lot. And it is. We are clearly not used to being away from school—ever. We the full time appointed faculty (and especially us program directors) are in school all day, every day of the week, and suddenly going online is hard. We don’t have a tradition of working from home (even though I know there are people who do it occasionally) and now we have three ongoing collective chats with minute planning details and, if you are like me, four more Gender Studies-related Whatsapp channels with messages popping up every second. And email. And Facebook. And yet, we crave contact, or at least I do, as a single woman living through the newly decreed quarantine by herself... rushing to the store, fighting and giving up a bottle of antiseptic alcohol to a dealer, carrying one by one large bags through my empty building halls. We crave contact, I was saying, and it’s 14 hours since I started working, now going for another “social” long screen shift, contacting elderly, at risk parents, following local and totally alarming foreign news, and finally watching Netflix. Yesterday I heard, for the first time since living in this apart-
ment, what seemed to be a sort of loud domestic dispute. Trying times. Still, I'm privileged in many ways: I live in a place with good windows, I'm working when adjunct hirings seem to have gone frozen, it's warm and sunny here in Cali… And best news to end: Yesterday, we had our university approve the first gender violence attention route. I'm very proud of the work we Gender folks did to get here. Hugs to you all… my best wishes.

Erika

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From Norway/Iran

Dear friends,

Good early morning to you all. Thank you, Josephine, for reaching out. Pls accept my apologies for the delay and for holding back. I have spent many of the past weeks in silence, disbelief, and energy overdrive. I just haven't had the spirit to write, perhaps because when I write something down, it makes it a reality and thus a nightmare that is being re-enacted every day, like some sick Groundhog's Day for the 21st century.

I am in Oslo, where the government has placed us under a relatively flexible lockdown for close to 2.5 weeks. I feel safe, protected, and encouraged by the social distancing that is observed. The infection rates seem to be kept steady because the quarantine measures are quite strict. If one is quarantined and breaks it, the fine is around $2,000. In Norway, the government seems prepared, calm, and has our communal health interests in mind. We feel very lucky, in all honesty.

My partner Sami and I have been filling each day with activities to keep our 22-month-old in good spirits (and also to expend her energy so we can all sleep well at night). Though we generally have a few hours in the evening to "work," this is the last thing on our minds. We are exhausted, not just because of keeping up with an energetic toddler, but because some days are better than others. I am constantly on What'sApp with relatives in Iran, who have been in personally instituted lockdowns for about 40 odd days. I read the Johns Hopkins virus stats and shake my head at the official stats for the country. According to family and friends, these numbers about deaths and infections are grossly incorrect and underreported, unreflective of what they see, hear, and experience. In just my aunt's family alone, her husband has lost 2 relatives.

It's just simply disgusting how governments use these moments to achieve their own political agendas, despite facts and common sense. Family members claim that Iran has the most number of deaths globally, surpassing Italy and Spain, but for reasons likely attributed to pride and defiance, the government refuses "foreign" help and to let the true numbers come out. In fact, even though satellite photos show the appearance of mass graves being dug up for the COVID-19 dead and activists posting clips of medical workers under severe distress because of the lack of PPE and medicines, and people fainting and dyeing on the streets because of losing breath, they still claim 29k infections and just under 2500 deaths! There isn't even a national lockdown; it's just a list of suggested measures! Many folks still walk down the street without protective wear, shop at their regular stores, don't observe social distancing, etc! There have been too many times I've heard a family member recount hearing, after they've questioned why someone is not protecting himself/herself outside, "If God wills this..." or "God will protect us..." It is infuriating. So many people are just taking whatever precautions they can, provided they have the resources and access to information outside the government framework. Oh, yes, and let us not forget those bloody sanctions...

So, indeed, I am very emotional about this all. I feel like living in Norway has presented me with a contradictory utopian existence. When I look at events and decision-making of authorities in Iran and the USA, it feels like I'm living in a strange Twilight Zone. But I must digress, my daughter wants to watch Sesame Street. Hope to see you all on one of the virtual teas. Pls stay safe and well.
Soraya

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From Ghana

Dear Josephine,

Apologies oh. I saw your email but was a bit overwhelmed with the changes going on here. In the space of one week, we went from no cases of COVID-19 to 21 with one death. Government response has been swift (sent you a WhatsApp) including a two week closure of all our borders, although some of us wish we had done that before the first person came through with it from Europe. Lots of political economy of global public health issues to discuss when all of this is over. As a sociologist, I think about the unfairness of it all. Middle class Ghanaians and others bring it in and then we come up with solutions that make no sense if you’re low income. What do self-isolation and social distancing mean when you live in a communal space with very little room to yourself? And what are the homeless to do? What does it mean to say “work from home” when the majority of our economy is informal and people earn their livelihoods on the street? A couple of citizens are putting together a citizen response to all of this; food banks, free sanitizers, etc. Only the future will tell how adequate all of the efforts both by the government and the private sector will have been.

Here at the university, we have extended the semester by two weeks to enable faculty members undergo a two week training for online learning. While we have the online platforms, very few of us actually use it. Most of us upload course material, have students turn in their assignments online to check for plagiarism and perhaps hold one or two discussions online, but that is about it. Some faculty have not done any of that before. There’s also the matter of accessibility. Thankfully, the major internet service providers are offering free internet access to educational material for primary and secondary schools (to enable access to some specific sites) and are offering data to both faculty and students in the public universities. Teaching, which was suspended on the 16th, will resume on the 30th of March through May 15th.

On the home front, the streets have emptied out in very visible ways as citizens are heeding the President’s advice to stay home as much as possible. The traffic jams of the early morning and evenings have disappeared. Religious services have been banned for a month and no social gatherings of more than 25 people are allowed, which means funerals have also been suspended (given how big a deal funerals are here, people are postponing the funerals rather than have small ones). A bit of hoarding is taking place. I went grocery shopping today and saw a notice where limits were actually put on how much one individual could buy. No more than five packs of sausage, two bottles of hand sanitizer, etc. On the latter, prices have skyrocketed in unimaginable ways. It has been refreshing to see the local companies rise to the challenge though. Over the weekend of March 14-15, the Ghana Standards Board worked overtime to approve a number of locally produced ones and provided the names and contact information for these small companies via WhatsApp. Community education is also ongoing in the five major languages in the country: English, Twi, Ga, Ewe, and Dagbani. I overheard an information services van in my neighborhood this morning. We are also being encouraged to use mobile money instead of cash to pay for a range of services as a means of decreasing contact with others.

Life sure is interrupted and our older folk especially are having a hard time with it. My 80-year-old aunt who lives with a caretaker is terribly lonely after a week of being isolated. I worry about going to visit because I don’t want to put her at risk, so I am making a lot of phone calls daily to her, my parents, and my granduncle. I guess the bright side of this is that we all now have quality time to spend with family. When all of this is over, I bet there’ll be a global discussion about what truly matters in this rat race of a
world we have created for ourselves. I wish all of us well as we travel this new path. Keep us posted about forthcoming teas, I may just join one of them.

Health and peace to us all.

Akosua

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From Trinidad and Tobago

Dear Josephine,

Good to hear from you. It is indeed a time of uncertainty and much heartbreak globally. Thank you for the updates and for the report on the Tea Party. I couldn’t join yesterday because I spent much of the day talking with older relatives, touching base by phone, and checking in with family overseas.

In terms of an update on the situation in Trinidad and Tobago, our government is really trying to be proactive in preparing and protecting our health system. We currently have 50 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in T&T, the state defines these as “imported” with no evidence of community spread yet. Many people in TT though are skeptical and believe there might be community spread in light of Carnival celebrations in February when the country had thousands of visitors from across the globe. So some are moved to panic and panic buying. The government communicates often and has closed schools like other places, closed our borders, and banned public gatherings of more than 10. This last order is proving difficult for some of our people, who are being very very stubborn, especially some religious groups. Most are adhering to the preventative measures, though, and the media campaign is strong about "flattening the curve" and personal hygiene.

Personally, I am being very vigilant because I live with my mother who is elderly, and I have asthma and allergies and so we are both in the high risk groups. As for work, business must go on according to our University and Campus Management. We have gone fully online, but it is not too difficult for us at the IGDS since our courses were already blended using melearning. We do have limits in terms of technology, as not everyone enjoys the same access, speed, and efficiency. So that is taking some attention. In light of that, we are leaning more to pre-recorded delivery than synchronous live formats.

We find especially useful the use of WhatsApp to keep in touch with each other and we meet via Zoom to work through action items. We are also encouraging each other not to overwork. Our Centre for Excellence in Teaching and Learning has encouraged us to write messages to students that support them through their anxieties. Like students everywhere, our students are concerned about completing the semester, financial security, going home or not being able to go home, and their health.

So in all, we are pushing ahead while schools remain closed and supporting each other as far as possible. It is not without difficulty and anxiety, but we have taken the position that we do what we must.

Stay strong and stay safe.

Kind regards,

Sue Ann

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From Mexico

Dear Josephine,
Thank you very much for your message. In Latin America and the Caribbean, we are facing the crisis with very diverse actions, in some cases with extreme isolation measures (closure of airports, borders, curfew, use of public force, criminal sanctions and fines) and in others (Mexico case), with gradual government actions and from my point of view reassuring. I always work from home, but now I have company, my daughters and my partner, who since last Friday will be working at home, with the challenge of living together 24 X 24 :/

Until this week, schools and meeting places for more than 50 people were closed, although some states and municipalities of the Republic were ahead in taking more extreme measures. CLADEM is particularly concerned about the inequality that prevails in our countries and the looming economic catastrophe, and we are also concerned that the #QuedateEnCasa measures place women and children who suffer from domestic violence at high risk. We are preparing a communiqué to demand from the states feminist measures against the pandemic, as soon as it is ready we will socialize it.

Warm greetings and best wishes to keep you safe.

P. S. I apologize for my google translation.

Julia Escalante De Haro, Coodinacion Regional, CLADEM, Mexico

US Women's Caucus at the UN Meets Online in March due to COVID-19

By Susan Hagood Lee

The US Women's Caucus at the UN met online for its annual March meeting this year due to the last-minute cancellation of the full session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women. The session would have drawn thousands of women from around the globe to New York, and UN Secretary-General António Guterres felt that was too hazardous in light of the COVID-19 outbreak. In conducting the virtual meeting, the Caucus was very pleased to have the technical assistance of the Society of Gender Professionals co-led by SWSer Kristy Kelly.

With an online meeting, the US Women's Caucus was able to hear from its scheduled speaker from Human Rights Watch (HRW), Nisha Varia, as well as two of her colleagues from the HRW Women's Rights Division, Amanda Klasing and Skye Wheeler. The three advocates talked about current human rights issues for US women with suggestions for action in the coming year. For instance, Nisha Varia informed us of the "Be Heard in the Workplace Act," proposed legislation that would expand legal protections against discrimination and sexual harassment, particularly for low-wage workers. Among other provisions, it would ban non-disclosure contracts. Nisha encouraged the Caucus to build support in Congress for the Be Heard Act by creating voter guides, making alliances with other organizations working on the bill, and circulating lists of large companies that have eliminated non-disclosure agreements.

Nisha also discussed the new International Labor Organization (ILO) Violence and Harassment Convention (ILO 190). It provides uniform standards for national laws on workplace harassment with comprehensive definitions of harassment and the workplace, such as commuting, work-related travel, and social events. The Convention is currently in the process of being ratified by UN member states. The US has failed to ratify other international conventions, such as CEDAW, the international women's treaty, and the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Nisha said that the US is not expected to ratify ILO Convention 190 either. However, she encouraged us to advocate for adoption of ILO 190 provisions at the state level where there has been interest in addressing sexual harassment in the workplace.

We also heard about US efforts to suppress UN language refer-
ring to gender, with "women's empowerment" as the US preferred substitute. The US has objected to broadly accepted UN terms such as "gender-based violence" and "sexual and reproductive health and rights." The Human Rights Watch advocates were deeply concerned that the US has taken steps to undermine the concept of human rights generally.

More about the US Women's Caucus at the UN can be found on our website, uswomenscaucus.org. A number of SWSers are active members of the Caucus, including Susan Lee, Jennifer Rogers-Brown, and Vicky Demos. We welcome new members!

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Continuing Social Research during COVID-19: Lessons Learned from Completing My Dissertation while Bed-Bound

By Katelyn Alderfer, Drexel University

In the last few weeks, unprecedented events have forced us to change our way of life. Schools have shut down, events have been canceled, and if you are anything like me, you might be juggling full-time work while also acting as a full-time caretaker. In this time of social distancing, you may be thinking to yourself, “what am I going to do next?” Or, “how will I complete my social research?” For the former, that will vary from person to person, but for the latter, I can tell you from experience that the research can be done! Yes, we may need to get creative, but the “show must go on,” and in fact, now more than ever, it is imperative that we conduct social research.

Although being homebound at a national (and global) level is something most of us have never experienced before, I have a unique insight into what it means to research from home. About a year ago, I was pregnant and diagnosed with a condition that forced me to be bed-bound. In the middle of dissertation data collection was probably the worst time for this to happen. Still, I was willing to do anything for my baby (now a very vocal 8-month-old). As I was completing a multi-method ethnographic study on social media, some of my methods were already positioned to take place online, but for others, I had to go back to the drawing board.

Because of the current situation, I think it is imperative to share...
what I learned:

*Online Methods are EVERYTHING*

We are lucky to be situated in a time where there are a vast number of programs and technologies that allow us to work from home, and I have found that human subjects research can be done from the comfort of your living room.

For face-to-face interviews, try using Skype, Zoom, WebEx, or any other video conferencing platform. Phone interviews and email interviews are also an option. When completing participant observation, consider conducting your research by observing human subjects on social media or attending an event via a video conferencing platform. *Surveys* have been moving to the online environment for some time now, programs like Qualtrics and SurveyMonkey are especially helpful. Please make sure to check with your individual institution about their requirements, though; some platforms are more secure than others. Recruitment of individuals can also be done online, think about recruiting via emails or ask to be featured in a newsletter, or even use social media to circulate flyers.

Lastly is the topic of ethics. It is SO important to do your research on ethics in online spaces. Make sure to contact your IRB committee/office and discuss your options. Remember, everything can be googled, so using direct quotations might not be the best idea for certain research. Learn how to blur parts of images and make yourself very familiar with the privacy policies of various websites.

*Stay Sane but also On Task*

Staying sane was probably the most challenging part of being in bed for months on end. Work can begin to pile up, and watching Tiger King for the third time is tempting when the days start to blur together.

My #1 advice is to **stick to a routine**. You have probably heard it before but get up at the same time you usually would, and work! If you are pulling double duty like I am, be present during your workday, but make sure to make up those hours whenever possible. **Time management** is your friend.

Make sure to also set aside time for **breaks and exercise** (if you can). You need to stay healthy, and part of that is staying mentally healthy. Learn to be kind and to forgive yourself and to forgive the others who are working with you. Spend time with your **family**, even if it’s via Facetime; now is a time to make memories.

Lastly, pick up a new **hobby**. It might sound impossible right now, especially with the difficulty of having to stay inside. Still, there are plenty of hobbies that you can take up at home. Have an old book? Try book folding!

You’ve Got This!

Through it all, I survived; my dissertation was completed, and I successfully defended. Despite the drawbacks of being stuck in bed, there were several positives. I learned how strong I could be mentally and emotionally, and I became incredibly familiar with online methods and new technologies for research.

Based on my experience, what I say now to you is this: Keep washing your hands, practice social distancing, and keep researching! We need researchers now more than ever. We’ve got this, and we are all in this together!

From my dining room,
-Dr. Katelyn Alderfer

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In Memoriam - Mareyjoyce Green (1928-2019): A Tribute to an Early Feminist Mentor

Professor Mareyjoyce Green, Associate Professor at Cleveland State University (CSU), passed away on September 13, 2019, at age 91. She was one of the founding faculty of Cleveland State University, serving in the Sociology Department from 1966 until her retirement in 2009. During her long career, she served in many capacities, including as the President of the Association of Black Sociologists and Vice President of Sociologists for Women in Society.

Professor Green shares the namesake for the Esther Ngan-ling Chow and Mareyjoyce Green Dissertation Scholarship which offers support to women scholars who are from underrepresented groups and are studying concerns that women of color face domestically and/or internationally. She was an early feminist mentor for many SWS members who had recently learned about her passing and remembered her fondly on the SWS-Listserv:

Vasilikie Demos recounted, “When I was a young sociologist, Mareyjoyce Green supported me. She was my friend and a mentor. In a time when many feminists were choosing between fighting racial injustice and gender inequality, Mareyjoyce in her soft but deliberate voice spoke for both racial and gender equality. Undeterred by opposition, she persisted. She believed in the power of organizations to bring about change, and she believed in SWS.” Myra Marx Ferree remembered her as “an active SWSer, who was always a big supporter of junior colleagues and enthusiastic about what we as an organization could do for those coming along.” Barbara Risman described her as “an amazingly committed feminist, an early SWSer who helped pave the way for the rest of us,” and Cecilia Ridge-way called her “a steadying inspiration as a feminist and a scholar.” Verta Taylor summed up, “Maryjoyce leaves quite a legacy. Her memory will live in SWS.”

SWS Responds to Food Insecurity - COVID-19 Crisis

In the midst of the COVID-19 crisis, we at SWS would like to provide some resources for those who are confronting food insecurity and for those who would like to provide assistance. A special thank you to Tiffany Taylor, SWS Past President, for putting together these resources.

For members who can, we encourage donations to local and regional foodbanks. You can give to Feeding America linked above and they will put the money to good use. You can also look up your local food banks using that same locator and probably give to your local place through the linked website (where there is one). In NE Ohio, for example, there is a regional food bank that supplies 100s of small food pantries throughout the region. Currently grocery stores are selling food at such a high rate, that they are not donating to food banks. So food banks are buying a huge portion of the food they distribute. This is why money donations to food banks are so important. Then, they can negotiate good bulk prices. Food donations are great, but it is MUCH better right now to donate money. If you want to do-
SWS is pleased to recognize many forms of outstanding feminist work. SWS gives awards at the Awards Reception during the Summer Meeting, held each August, and at the Winter Meeting Banquet. Awards with an October 1 Deadline are given at the Winter Meeting. Awards with an April 1 Deadline are given at the Summer Meeting.

SWS recognizes that COVID-19 has been incredibly disruptive for both applicants and those writing recommendation letters. Thus, the Awards Committee has decided to extend the deadline for the following awards (those that previously had a deadline of April 1, 2020) to May 1, 2020 at 11:59 pm Eastern Time.

Awards

- Esther Ngan-ling Chow and Mareyjoyce Green Dissertation Scholarship
- Beth B. Hess Memorial Dissertation Scholarship
- Barbara Rosenblum Dissertation Scholarship
- Social Actions Initiative Grants

Submit applications through the SWS Member Portal.

You do not need to be an SWS member to apply for this award, but you need to use the portal.

Submission Opportunities

2020 Summer Meeting Submission & Participation System

Deadline Extended: The submission system will close on May 7, 2020 at 11:59 pm Eastern Time.

SUBMIT HERE

You can submit roundtable presentations in addition to your interest in participating in the Career Development Committee-sponsored Critique Me Session. You can indicate your interest in either providing feedback or in receiving feedback, as part of the Critique Me Session, on this form.

We are not accepting proposals for workshops or sessions for the SWS 2020 Summer Meeting.
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Winter Meeting 2020: San Diego

The Network News team wishes to thank Tracy Ore whose photos from the San Diego Winter Meeting--as well as many SWS Meetings over the years--continue to capture the joy and spirit of members coming together.