



# NETWORK NEWS

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## Editor's Desk

Dear SWSers,

This issue shares news for the 2021/2022 winter season. During a recent(ish) [SWS writing group session](#) I attended (this one was hosted by the amazing [Jasmine Hill!](#)) we each shared a book that resonated with us. I shared *Wintering: The Power of Rest and Retreat in Difficult Times* by Katherine May. Reflecting on “wintering” with her family through a difficult life season, May writes, “*In our winter a transformation happened. We read, and we worked, and we problem-solved, and we found new solutions. We changed our focus away from pushing through with normal life, and towards making a new one. When everything is broken, everything is also up for grabs. That’s the gift of winter...Change will happen in its wake, whether we like it or not. We can come out of it wearing a different coat.*” For me, the pandemic has felt like a continuous winter, laying a foundation for transformation and change; testing our collective resilience. This issue’s [Timely Topics](#) column is dedicated to more reflections from our members on the vastness of pandemic related challenges in our lives - sharing new research about the precariousness of exercising reproductive rights in Texas, and processing the grief from shutdowns and travel restrictions that severed our kinship connections and caregiving networks.

Also, inside you will find news from [SWS leadership](#) about the [2022 Winter Meeting](#), updates [from our many dedicated committees](#) about new initiatives, a gratitude column paying [tribute to our Past President Mignon Moore](#) that celebrates her accomplishments and leadership, and more. Thank you to all of the contributors, and to [Barret Katuna](#) and Natasha Santana in the Executive Office for all of your support for this issue.

**Please send news** of your publications, accomplishments, feminist impact work, committee reports, inquiries for Timely Topics, etc. for the **2022 Spring Issue** to [swsnewsletter@socwomen.org](mailto:swsnewsletter@socwomen.org) by **April 1, 2022**.

In Solidarity,

*Melissa D. Day*

NN Editor (2021-2025)

## President's Column

Dear SWSers,

To begin, let me thank you for your patience as we rode the Omicron wave and [reorganized](#) our [Winter 2022 Hybrid Meeting](#). It was certainly a trying situation and while recognizing the inconveniences it caused, I trust that we will remember this as proof of our feminist resilience.



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Second, let me celebrate the labor of committee chairs and members and their participation in their virtual winter committee meetings in January, and during Business Meeting I, held on February 4<sup>th</sup>. Moreover, please join me in congratulating those who presented their research during the virtual portion of the Winter Meeting on February 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, as well as the award winners we celebrated on February 7<sup>th</sup>. While attending roundtables, panels, workshops, book salons and the awards ceremony, I was invigorated by the greatness of this organization that's so evident in the meaningful and groundbreaking work of its members! On March 5<sup>th</sup>, we offered "[Teaching Gender Justice and Health in Pandemic Times in the High School Classroom](#)," a free workshop for high school teachers organized by Nancy López and Josephine Beoku-Betts, an excellent professional development opportunity that expands SWS' outreach.

On March 31<sup>st</sup>, we will be finally meeting in person for the [remaining portion of the Winter Meeting](#). I cannot fully express in words how excited I am for us to get back together after two years of purely virtual contact! If you have not done this already, I invite you to take a moment to look through the [program](#) (all Live Streamed Events are marked with an "LS"), which, because of your contributions and the amazing work of the [Program Committee](#), includes an extraordinary line up of stimulating presentations. I'm planning to clone myself to be able to attend multiple events simultaneously and make the most out of it! Kidding aside, [let me point to plenaries and other presidential programming that I hope you will enjoy](#).

To start, we will hold a pre-conference workshop "Transnational Feminist Praxis in Pandemic Times" and then, our welcoming receptions, on Thursday evening (March 31<sup>st</sup>) - try to be there: it will be great! Then, on Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> we will have our first plenary, "Feminist Mobilizing for Better Futures: A Transnational Perspective." Later, we will hold the Inaugural Honorary Feminist Sociology Distinction, with a keynote by our first awardee, [Ochy Curiel](#) (Professor and Researcher, Universidad Nacional and Universidad Javeriana, Bogotá, Colombia). After, we will get ready for the evening's silent auction with "Collective Solidarities and Community Organizing in New Mexico," a panel with leaders from the local organizations involved, [El Chante](#), [Casa de Cultura](#), [MANA de Albuquerque](#), and [TEWA Women United](#), and then, we will end our night with the traditional SWS banquet and good music (to be held on Friday night because Ramadan begins the following evening). Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, will feature our second plenary, "Challenging Feminist Sociologies in the Era of Global Pandemics," followed by the keynote by [Distinguished Feminist Lecturer Awardee, Katie Acosta](#) (Associate Professor, Georgia State University). We will hold the third plenary, "Decolonizing Sociology: Liberatory Feminist Praxes," and to close, the presidential panel "Celebrating Interdisciplinary Perspectives as Integral to Feminisms."

All these share a clear thematic thread to reflect on the winter meeting's theme, "Rethinking Feminist Sociologies in the Era of Global Pandemics," and discuss questions like

- How should we rethink the way we do social science as feminist sociologists?
- How can feminist sociologists be more effective in advancing equity across geographical, political, economic, and intersecting social and cultural borders?
- How can feminist sociologists work together and learn from/with social movements activists and public forces? How can we best understand and also contribute to collective solidarities?
- How can feminist sociologies do better to restore current and prevent future crises?
- How can we update our feminist sociologies so that, instead of reacting to the inconsistencies of a new era, we can imagine a different future by shaping it proactively and creatively in the present?
- How could we engage with critical interdisciplinary and humanistic traditions to further enhance our modes of thinking and theorizing? In short, how can we imagine liberatory feminist sociologies in our times?

Moreover, the presidential programming includes speakers from various ethnoracial, regional and national backgrounds, gender and sexual identities, institutional affiliations, disciplines, and occupations, with the purpose to advance efforts to dismantle dominant structures and practices of power within the academy and rigid sociological positions as well as decenter the Global North by foregrounding the breadth and wealth of feminist sociologies - a task to be further explored institutionally by the Task Force on Inclusivity. Last, but not least, these events are complemented by a rich variety of book salons, panels, workshops, roundtables, posters, open format presentations, and themed lunches and dinners. Furthermore, portions of the program will be livestreamed for those who cannot attend in person and bring the hybrid format of our meeting to full circle. Simultaneous interpretation will be offered for the presentations in Spanish and Turkish to English, and our non-English speaking guests will count with shadow interpreters to be able to fully participate in the meeting as well - both a first for our organization, which will be followed up by the Task Force on Language Accessibility.

As I stated earlier, I'm very enthusiastic about the way our first hybrid meeting shaped up despite all challenges. Let's keep our fingers crossed that not too far from today, we will be gathering in Santa Ana Pueblo, contemplating the Sandia Mountains, from where we will connect virtually and beyond limits!

In appreciation of your support, take good care,

*Roberta Villalón*  
SWS President

# Our Gratitude to Past President Mignon R. Moore

By: Barret Katuna and Melissa D. Day

On Friday, February 4, 2022, SWS held Business Meeting I, via Zoom, as part of our [hybrid 2022 Winter Meeting](#). During this meeting Mignon R. Moore passed the presidential gavel to our new President, [Roberta Villalón](#), to begin her term.



SWS extends our utmost gratitude, appreciation, a huge 'THANK YOU!' to Mignon for her steadfast leadership of our feminist community. Mignon's term (2021-2022) marked our 50th anniversary year. Mignon's leadership kept our community engaged and connected during trying times, including leading our organization at a time when we had no physical meetings due to the global pandemic. She hosted two virtual meetings: [Winter 2021: "50 Years of SWS: Embracing the Past, Analyzing the Present, Anticipating the Future"](#) and [Summer 2021: "Retaining and Building an Inclusive Feminist Community."](#) Mignon brought her energy and creativity to the Winter and Summer Meetings with new and innovative events. For example, since we couldn't toast to SWS' 50th anniversary in person, Mignon had the brilliant idea to toast virtually and we had a mixologist, Alexis Brown of [Causing a Stir](#), spice things up with some delicious concoctions for our [Drinks with a Genius](#) with [Tressie McMillan Cottom](#), who received a 2020 MacArthur Foundation Fellowship "Genius Grant" and then for our Drinks with a Famous Feminist, [Enobong \(Anna\) Branch](#). Mignon also conceptualized Book Salons and plenaries to highlight SWS' anniversary through acknowledging our history and challenges that lie ahead for us as an organization.

Under her leadership, SWS established the three funds, the Victim Advocacy Fund, Systemic Racism Fund and Member Emergency Fund, collectively named the [SWS 50th Anniversary Funds to Provide Direct Financial Support to Members in Crisis](#). Requests by members for monetary support from these funds are [still available](#). Mignon saw this moment of celebration for our 50th Anniversary as one where we could invest in our members and to let them know that SWS is a place to find support.

Mignon led Council at a time when SWS saw a need to [endorse statements](#) that are in line with our feminist mission. Under her leadership, SWS endorsed the following:

- [SWS Signs Asian Americans Advancing Justice-Atlanta Collective Statement: A Community-Centered Response to Violence Against Asian American Communities \(March 2021\)](#)
- [SWS Stands in Solidarity with Dominican Feminists Defending Women's and Girls' Lives, Health and Dignity \(April 2021\)](#)
- [SWS Supports the Right to Mobilization of Women, Students, Indigenous and Afro-descendant Communities and Other Sectors of Cali, Colombia Who Called a National Strike to Oppose Unjust Laws that Deepen Social Inequalities Already Exacerbated by COVID-19 \(May 2021\)](#)
- [SWS Call to Action Against Voter Disenfranchisement and Support for Federal Voting Rights Legislation \(January 2022\)](#)

Thank you Mignon for your service. We look forward to your leadership as the incoming Chair of the Nominations Committee and Personnel Committee.

SWS celebrates all of our Past Presidents who have faced diverse challenges. Please take a look at SWS leaders who have shaped who we are today. To learn more about all [SWS Past Presidents and officers, visit our website](#).

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## From the Executive Officer

Thank you all for your patience and flexibility as we have [had to modify the 2022 Winter meeting dates](#). I am so grateful for the support of [SWS President, Roberta Villalón](#) and [Program Committee Chair, Tracy Ore](#), who put hours and hours of work into the creation of the program and then the reconfiguration of [the program](#) once we decided that we would need to change the dates of the meeting. SWS is resilient. Our members are resilient and so is our leadership.

Thank you for your patience with return time on emails as there have been quite a few twists and turns to navigate. I want to thank all of the outgoing officers who gave so much of their time to SWS throughout these past few years. I look forward to orienting new leaders to their roles and I am always happy to chat with members who might be interested in taking the leap by running for office now or in the not too distant future.



Please always feel free to see me as a resource if there are ways that SWS either via our Executive Office or via one of our committees can be of support to you and your colleagues. I am always happy to schedule a call if you have ideas as to how SWS can support the ever-changing needs of our members. That's one of the exciting aspects of my position, being able to flex to the needs of a changing landscape for the field of sociology within academia and in applied settings and to respond to the circumstances we are confronting.

[I am very much looking forward to seeing many of you in New Mexico.](#) Thanks again for your kindness and support throughout the past few months. It means the world to me and it is my honor to serve this amazing organization.

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*Barret Katuna*  
SWS Executive Officer

## COMMITTEE NEWS & REPORTS

### AWARDS COMMITTEE

**Outgoing Chair: Rebecca Hanson**  
**Incoming Chair: Maria Cecilia Hwang**

#### SPRING AWARDS & DEADLINES

**Awards with the April 1, 2022 at 11:59 pm Eastern Time deadline are:**

##### **Esther Ngan-ling Chow and Mareyjoyce Green Dissertation Scholarship**

This scholarship, administered by the [Sister-to-Sister Committee](#), offers support to women and non-binary scholars of color who are from underrepresented groups and are studying concerns that women of color face domestically and/or internationally.

##### **Beth B. Hess Memorial Dissertation Scholarship**

This scholarship is awarded to a PhD student who has studied for at least one full academic year at a two-year college in the U.S., before transferring to complete a BA. Students who attended the international equivalent of a U.S. two-year college are also welcome to apply. Candidates who are already in the writing stage and apparently close to completion will be preferred.

##### **Barbara Rosenblum Dissertation Scholarship For the Study of Women and Cancer**

The purpose of the scholarship is to encourage doctoral research in sociology, anthropology, psychology and related fields on women's experience of breast cancer and other reproductive cancers and the prevention of these cancers. Another goal of the scholarship is to encourage scholars to make this type of research accessible to the public through speaking and publishing for lay audiences.

##### **Social Actions Initiative Award**

The Social Actions Initiative Awards is SAC's efforts to directly support and encourage the social activism of SWS members. Awards are given out twice per year on a competitive basis until funds are fully dispersed. The social actions represented by this initiative are central to advancing the mission of SWS.

**Nominate or apply today!**

Apply here: <https://sws.memberclicks.net/april12022awards#/>

Learn more [HERE](#), or go to: <https://socwomen.org/awards/>

**\*\*If you are interested in making a gift to support any of our awards or scholarships, please contact Barret Katuna, Executive Officer, at [swseo.barretkatuna@outlook.com](mailto:swseo.barretkatuna@outlook.com), or make a gift via [this form](https://sws.memberclicks.net/donation-form): <https://sws.memberclicks.net/donation-form>.**

## Congratulations to the Winter 2022 SWS Award Winners!

SWS extends congratulations to winners of our 2022 Winter Awards. We honored winners at a virtual reception on February 7, 2022. We will make a recording available in our Virtual Meeting Platform soon. Please stay tuned. We will honor more awardees during the in-person portion of our 2022 Hybrid Winter Meeting. You can [read more about all of the 2022 Winter awardees HERE](#).

### Feminist Mentoring Award

The [SWS Feminist Mentoring Award](#) was established in 1990 to honor SWS Members who are outstanding feminist mentors. 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.



**Dr. Jennifer Edwards** accepted a tenure-track position at [Northeastern State University \(NSU\)](#) in Tahlequah, Oklahoma in 2003. Currently in her nineteenth year at NSU, Jennifer serves as Professor of Sociology. Jennifer teaches various sociology and women’s and gender studies courses, such as social research methods, urban sociology, rural sociology, social psychology, social change, criminology, sociology of gender, and introduction to women’s and gender studies. Her research interests include social inequality and the relationship between ritual behavior and power. Specifically, Jennifer focuses on the Orange Order (a fraternal religious organization) in Northern Ireland and the Notting Hill Carnival in London, U.K. More recently, Jennifer is now examining the role of women in the Orange Order. In 2013, Jennifer was selected to serve as the inaugural Director of the Center for Women’s Studies at NSU.

**Dr. Jane Ku** is an Associate Professor at the [University of Windsor](#). She coordinates the Women’s and Gender Studies program and is the Graduate Chair in Sociology and Criminology. She teaches courses on gender, race, social movements, and qualitative methodologies. She has conducted research on racism, immigrant experiences of belonging and integration and antiracist and feminist activism. Her publications have appeared in [Atlantis: Critical Studies of Gender and Social Justice](#); [Journal of Women’s Ethnic and Racial Studies](#); [International Journal of Women’s Studies](#); and [Social Identities](#). Her research has taken an autoethnographic turn recently with the publication of “*Journeys to a Diasporic Self*” (*Canadian Ethnic Studies*, 2019) and “*Intentional Solidarity as a Decolonizing Practice*” (*Intermedialités: History and Theory of the Arts, Literature and Technologies* 2019). Her work has been influenced by transnational feminist and antiracism scholarship.



[Read more about the winners with excerpts from their nominators HERE](#).

### Feminist Lecturer Award

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, underfunded and without 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.

**Dr. Marlese Durr** is a Professor of Sociology at [Wright State University](#), a Senior Fellow of the [Yale University Urban Ethnography Project](#), and a Research Associate at the [Center for the Elimination of Minority Health Disparities at the University at Albany](#). Her research focuses on African American women in managerial positions in public institutions, alongside specialized interests in labor markets, social networks, entrepreneurship, inner-city neighborhoods, and stressful life events for African American women. She has served as the President of the [Society for the Study of Social Problems](#) (SSSP) (2014-2015), [Sociologists for Women in Society](#) (2004-2005), and as a Chair of the Publications Committee for Sociologists for Women in Society. She currently serves as an Advisory Board Member for [Social Problems](#). Marlese is also a member of the American Sociological Association’s Publications Committee and serves on the [American Sociological Association’s W.E.B. Du Bois Career Distinguished Scholarship Committee](#). She is also a Founding Editorial Board Member of [The Sociology of Race and Ethnicity](#). [Read more about Marlese’s distinguished career HERE](#).



## Feminist Activism Award

The [SWS Feminist Activism Award](#), established in 1995, is presented annually to an SWS member who has notably and consistently used sociology to improve conditions for women in society. The award honors outstanding feminist advocacy efforts that embody the goal of service to women and that have identifiably improved women's lives.



**Dr. Georgiann Davis** is a feminist medical sociologist and an intersex activist who is dedicated to three goals: 1) raising intersex awareness, 2) educating future medical doctors, and 3) ending the genital mutilation doctors often subject intersex people in order to surgically squeeze the intersex body into the arbitrary sex binary. Georgiann Davis is a scholar-activist whose research, teaching, and activism are at the intersection of medical violence and feminist theories. She is currently working on a feminist autoethnography tentatively entitled *Five Star White Trash* where she discusses the complexities of intergenerational mobility, whiteness, gender dogma, and the ways in which anti-fatness is rooted in anti-Blackness. She is a former board president of interACT: Advocates for Intersex Youth (2017-2020) and a past-president of InterConnect Support Group (2014-2015). You can read more about her research, teaching, and activism at <http://www.georgianndavis.com>. [Read more about Georgiann with excerpts from nominators HERE.](#)

## Cheryl Allyn Miller Award

Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS) established [The Cheryl Allyn Miller Award](#) for graduate students and recent PhDs working in the area of women and paid work: employment and self-employment, informal market work, illegal work. The award honors the late Cheryl Allyn Miller, a sociologist and feminist who studied women and paid work.



**Sekani Robinson** is a PhD candidate in the department of Sociology at the [University of California, Santa Barbara \(UCSB\)](#). She completed her Master of Arts degree at the University of California, Santa Barbara and her Bachelor of Arts degree at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. Her research is centrally concerned with intersections between the racial, gendered, and cultural foundations and inequalities structuring creative spaces, work and occupations, aesthetic and emotional labor, and elites. Her dissertation, "Controlling the Image of the Black Swan: Race, Gender, Culture and the Discourse around Black women's Bodies in Ballet" examines how ballet's strict elite and "traditional" regimes foster discrimination and marginalization for Black women and Black men in ballet. Drawing on interviews and surveys with Black women and Black men dancing at the upper echelons of professional ballet in the U.S., this work investigates the gendered and racialized forms of emotional and aesthetic labor that Black dancers endure. While the study includes both Black men and women professional ballet dancers, the focus of the project is on Black

women's experiences of marginalization, harassment, and discrimination with this elite creative industry and occupation.

[Read more about Sekani HERE.](#)

## Cheryl Allyn Miller Award Honorable Mention



**Evelyn Pruneda** is a PhD candidate in sociology at the University of California, Riverside. Her research and teaching interests include critical race and gender studies, social inequality, Latinx sociology, labor, environmental sociology, and global climate change. Her dissertation, "Navigating Multidimensional Borderlands: How Spatial Politics and Inequalities Shape the Working Conditions and Lived Experiences of Women Farmworkers in Rural California" examines how gender, race, class, and citizenship status interact with national and municipal level boundary-making to shape with working and living conditions of women in California's San Joaquin Valley. She uses feminist qualitative research methods, including in-depth interviews to focus on three key domains of women farmworker's lives, including paid labor conditions, unpaid reproductive labor in their homes, and community conditions, specifically looking at how municipal boundary-making impacts residents of low-income unincorporated communities who lack access to basic city services and political representation. [Read more about Evelyn HERE.](#)

We also extend our congratulations to the winners of the Social Action Initiative Awards and the Undergraduate Social Action Award, administered by the [Social Action Committee](#).

# CAREER DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Co-Chairs: Heather Laube & Mindy Fried

## Career Development Committee taking the lead in launching a new initiative to support and engage applied sociologists!

Over the past seven years, SWS has encouraged and supported an annual session at our winter meetings on choosing applied sociology as a career. In response to member interest, the [Career Development Committee](#) - in collaboration with other SWS Committees and SWS members - is launching a new initiative that supports and engages applied sociologists. Some elements of this initiative will include:

- Outreach to applied sociologists, with Career Development Committee coordinating with the Membership Committee, to build our membership base of sociologists who work in applied settings;
- A website portal, supported by SWS's Executive Office, focused entirely on applied sociology with:
  - Bios of applied SWSers who work in varied settings, [in collaboration with Applied Worldwide](#)
  - Blog posts written by applied sociologists, coordinated by Career Development Committee
  - Video interviews with applied sociologists regarding their journey into applied careers, as well as ways they apply sociological theory and methods in applied settings, coordinated by Career Development Committee
- A listserv for SWSers interested in and/or currently engaging in applied sociology, supported by SWS's Executive Office;
- Mentoring for applied sociologists or aspiring applied sociologists (e.g., one-on-one matches and peer group mentoring), coordinated by Career Development Committee; and
- Lots more!

Stay tuned for details! For more information, please contact Mindy Fried at [friedmin@mit.edu](mailto:friedmin@mit.edu).

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# MEDIA RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Chair: Erin Baker

## Launch of the SWS Podcast, *Feminist Intersections!*

The Media Relations Committee is excited to [announce the launch \*Feminist Intersections\*](#), a [podcast created by Sociologists for Women in Society to highlight the work of feminist scholars and activists](#).

[Produced by Whitney Hunt and Erin Baker](#), the guest of the first episode is **Salam Aboulhasan**, a PhD candidate in the [Department of Sociology at Wayne State University](#), who discusses her research on Gendered and Racialized Muslim Experiences at Work. Salam's past research explored intimate partner violence and the social construction of reputation among Arab American women, publishing her first set of findings in the [Journal of Family Issues](#). Her current research focuses on the racialization of Muslims within U.S. workplaces. In 2019, she was awarded the [National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement grant](#). She is also a community activist who focuses on issues of sexual abuse and sexual assault within immigrant Arab communities.

You can listen to the first episode, "Salam Aboulhassan: Gendered and Racialized Muslim Experiences at Work" [HERE \(https://www.buzzsprout.com/1931436/10038748\)](https://www.buzzsprout.com/1931436/10038748).

## FEMINIST INTERSECTIONS PODCAST CALL FOR GUESTS

The podcast's producers are currently looking for guests to be featured in our 2022 episodes. Our theme for the year is aligned with the 2022 winter meeting theme: "Rethinking Feminist Sociologies in the Era of Global Pandemics." If your work is in conversation with this theme – directly or indirectly – we want to hear from you! We want to feature activism, community work, applied sociology, and research in our episodes. [For more information SEE HERE.](#)

## NEW! On The SWS Blog

["Overlooked Sports, Overlooked Fans – A Sociological Reflection on Women's College Basketball Fandom" by Mairead Carr](#)

# NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

**Chair: Josephine Beoku-Betts**

**Incoming Chair: Mignon R. Moore**

## **Congratulations to the Newly Elected SWS Officers!**

**Co-Presidents-Elect** – [Melanie Heath](#) and [Mary Osirim](#)

**Secretary** – hara bastas

**Treasurer-Elect** – Rodica Lisnic

**Parliamentarian** – Chloe Bird

**Awards Committee Chair** – Maria Cecilia Hwang

**Academic Justice Committee Co-Chairs** – Andrea Hunt and LaTonya J. Trotter

**Sister to Sister Committee Co-Chair** – Pallavi Banerjee

**International Committee Chair** – Fumilayo Showers

**Awards Committee Members** – Saida Grundy and Shobha Hamal Gurung

**Membership Committee Members** – Miriam Abelson and Christobel Asiedu

**Nominations Committee Members** – Jaime Hartless and Baker A. Rogers

**Publications Committee Members** – Andrea “Drea” S. Boyles and Chaitanya Lakkimsetti

**Student Representative-Elect** – MaryAnn Salinas-Vega

**Career Development Committee Co-Chair** – Mindy Fried

**Social Action Committee Co-Chair** – Heather R. Hlavka

Thank you to all of the Nominations Committee Members including Josephine Beoku-Betts (Chair and Past President), Tristan Bridges, Maria Cecilia Hwang, Manashi Ray, and Ranita Ray for all of their work in putting together such a wonderful group of candidates for elected office.

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# PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

**Co-Chairs: Victoria Reyes & Yasemin Bessen-Cassino (outgoing)**

**Incoming Co-Chair: Jo Reger**

**CALL FOR PROPOSALS: New Editor of [Gender & Society](#)**



*Gender & Society*, published by Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS) since 1987, is a top ranked journal in both gender studies and sociology. The journal receives over 650 new submissions each year with about 11,000 subscribers and about 500,00 article downloads each year. The journal has a strong tradition of supporting mentoring, professional development, disseminating gender scholarship broadly, and for developing feminist scholarship throughout the peer review and editorial process.

The SWS Publications Committee announces a search for the next Editor of *Gender & Society*, the official journal of SWS. The Editor will serve a four-year term beginning August 2023 with Volume 37 and ending with Volume 40 in December 2026. There will be two transition periods, May to July 31, 2023, to transition into the editorial duties and January through July 31, 2027, to transition to the next Editorial Office. The Publications Committee seeks an Editor or Editorial team with a demonstrated consistent track record of productive scholarship, commitment to the mentoring mission of the journal, and a vision and strategy for maintaining and strengthening *Gender & Society* as a prestigious interdisciplinary journal. While the publisher, SAGE Publications and SWS provide resources to the editorial office, the journal's host institution is also expected to provide support for both the Editor and the office. The proposal should indicate the expected institutional support, including a letter from an institutional representative, such as Chair and/or Dean. The proposal must also formally specify the details of the proposed editorial structure, including names and qualifications of all Editors who will be actively involved in the reviewing and editing processes and the methodological and substantive range of the Editorial team.

*Gender & Society* operates on an electronic platform (Manuscript Central) through which the Editor manages all aspects of the publication and review process. In 2021, the journal received an average of 55 new submissions each month, resulting in about 750 decisions on manuscripts in a year. The average time to a decision on externally reviewed manuscripts is less than 70 days.

It is the Editor's responsibility to work with the publisher to ensure timely and accurate delivery of manuscripts for bi-monthly publication. The Editorial Office also works with the Book Review Editor and the SWS Media Relations Committee with the aim of promoting the scholarship in the journal through a variety of mechanisms (e.g., blogs, Twitter, Facebook, podcasts, and press releases). The Editor is accountable to SWS (through the Publications Committee) for accomplishing the goals of the journal within the budget.

Editors have taken different approaches to the journal, as discussed in this SWS 2020 session with former editors (<https://journals.sagepub.com/home/gas>). We strongly encourage prospective applicants to have a preliminary discussion of the work, key issues, resources provided, and expectations with the Chair of the Search Committee and SWS Publications Committee co-chair Victoria Reyes ([vreyes@ucr.edu](mailto:vreyes@ucr.edu)), and the current Editor, Barbara Risman ([brisman@uic.edu](mailto:brisman@uic.edu)). Members of SWS are encouraged to apply and/or suggest colleagues who might apply. Editorial teams, preferably at the same institution, are welcome to apply.

Applicants should send a cover letter of application including a vision for the future of the journal, detailed outline of the proposed editorial structure, including capacity to manage the journal's volume, documentation of institutional support, and curriculum vita of the proposed Editor or Editorial team and any Deputy Editors by **June 1, 2022** to: Victoria Reyes at [vreyes@ucr.edu](mailto:vreyes@ucr.edu).

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## SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

**Co-Chairs: Kris De Welde & Heather R. Hlavka (incoming)**

### **[Congratulations to the 2022 Winter SWS Social Actions Initiative Award \(SAIA\) Winners!](#)**

[The Social Actions Initiatives Awards \(SAIA\)](#) began in 2016 as a mechanism to support and encourage SWS members' direct actions impacting their communities (locally, regionally, nationally, and globally). Current SWS members can apply for funding up to \$1,000 to support broadly defined social action initiatives (e.g., advocacy, public education, organizing, movement-building) that also support [the mission of SWS](#). The SAIA are offered twice each year in the spring and fall (submission deadlines April 1 and October 1). The most recent funding cycle (November 2021 – the deadline was extended) was *seriously competitive* with many excellent proposals reviewed by dedicated SWS/SAC members **Natascia Boeri, Kristy Kelly, Rosalind Kichler, Kira Escovar, and Rebecca Plante**. The SAC awarded four incredibly exciting projects, summarized below.



***Funds for Language Translation of Outreach Materials to Promote Maternal Environmental Health*** proposed by **Adelle Dora Monteblanco (she/her)**. Adelle is an assistant professor in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Middle Tennessee State University. She studies inequality at the critical nexus of health, gender, and environment. Based on previous successes in El Paso Texas, Adelle's project focuses on translation of outreach materials that communicate health risks of heat exposure among pregnant people to encourage precautions and diminish risk of adverse birth outcomes. While materials are currently available in English and Spanish, there is a need for translation to additional languages (e.g., Arabic, Mandarin, Somali), so that they can be more accessible as a counter to the structural inequalities that influence pregnant people's risk from exposure, which may be higher in ESL populations' paid work and housing situations and also exacerbated by less access to medical care.



***Center for Equity Education K-12 Title IX Basics Course*** proposed by **Colleen Schoenfeld (she/her)**. Colleen is a Ph.D. student at the California Institute of Integral Studies where she studies sexual violence in educational and military environments and she is the founder and President of the Board of the Center for Equity Education. Her proposed project will allow for Coordinators, Decision Makers, and other interested staff members at under-resourced K-12 schools to receive comprehensive Title IX training covering legal and policy requirements, definitions of sexual harassment under Title IX, rights of the parties, reporting requirements, confidentiality, and roles of the Title IX administrators.

**Colors of Soil, Friendships, and Resilience: A Winter School** proposed by **Swati Birla (she/her)**. Swati is a doctoral candidate in the Department of Sociology at UMass Amherst with a Certificate in Advanced Feminist Studies from Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at UMass Amherst and a Master's in Public Health. Her primary research interests include political sociology, ethnographies of violence, critical geography, and global histories of empire and imperialism. Swati's project will help to fund a winter school for climate refugee youth in Baishnabghata Patuli Township in the eastern state of W. Bengal of India. The winter school aims to offer a 10-day science fair and writing camp and a workshop on Joyful Learning, Cohabitation and Climate Change led by a team of local soil scientists, climatologists and ecofeminists. In partnership with the Rokeya Shiksha (education) Center, these efforts intervene to prevent school dropouts, offer health care, political education, dry food rations, books, saris, and sanitary products.



**Voices, Visions, and Advocacy (VVA) Series at International Association of Maternal Action and Scholarship** proposed by **Katie Garner (she/her)**. Katie researches and writes on motherhood issues, including labor inequality, the wage gap, childcare, and the relationship between mothers and care providers. She is the executive director of the International Association for Maternal Action and Scholarship (IAMAS), and leads seminars at local colleges and via public workshops. Katie's project financially supports the participation of historically under-represented mother-scholars in the VVA series, which promotes empowered mothering, particularly for mother-scholars facing structural inequities. The VVA series is intended to help mothers become better self-advocates, connect folks outside of academia with maternal scholars and their public scholarship, amplify diverse voices, and serve as a bridge between activist organizations who often provide more direct community support and those doing scholarship.



It is worth noting that we had approximately \$10,000 in funding requests, and a modest total of \$1,000 to distribute.

### [Congratulations to the 2022 Winter SWS Undergraduate Social Action Award Winner!](#)

The Undergraduate Social Action Award was founded in 2003 as an undergraduate scholarship program that celebrated student activists (team or individual) making substantial contributions to improving the lives of women [defined broadly] in society through activism. The Undergraduate Social Action Awardee receives an award of \$500 to acknowledge and celebrate their social activism. They also receive a one-year SWS Membership. A special thank you to the SWS 2021 Undergraduate Social Action Subcommittee: **Shaonta' E. Allen**, **Heather Dillaway**, and **Minwoo Jung**. This year the award went to...



**Kelsie Joseph**, a passionate intersectional feminist activist with the IGDS Ignite, a student-led social justice activist group of the Institute of Gender and Development Studies (IGDS), at the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad. She is the co-founder of Cat Calls of UWI, a project focused on combating street harassment and gender-based violence, sharing real stories and educating through cyber-activism, community engagement and chalk graffiti on campus and in the wider society. Kelsie currently serves as Education Lead for Chalk Back, a global, feminist, youth-led, non-profit organisation working against gender-based street harassment, using chalk art, digital media and education. She is also a mental health advocate and an active member of the Willow Foundation, the AJSA Girls' College Tunapuna Past Pupils Association, the Student Psychology Association of UWI and the UWISTAT Corps where she currently serves as the Deputy Vice President of the Disaster Mitigation and Climate Change sub-committee and the Secretary of Programming and Volunteerism sub-committee. Kelsie is committed to amplifying the voices of the most vulnerable, acknowledging our biases and privileges through meaningful engagement in hopes of creating a gender-just world. Are you inspired by this? So were we! Congratulations Kelsie!

## Kelsie Joseph's Activism



### Committee Business

During the virtual SAC summer meeting (July 13, 2021), we prioritized discussion of carryover items from previous meetings as well as new action items. These included:

- Continued conversation about an Instagram account to specifically engage undergraduate students who might be interested in developing visual content (e.g., infographics). There are ongoing concerns about the management/logistics and oversight of such an account. *Update: pending.*
- Development of a new SAC award to honor SWS members' "service," specifically with respect to intersectional justice work. *Update: pending.*
- Development of ideas for forthcoming workshops, panel sessions, and initiatives.

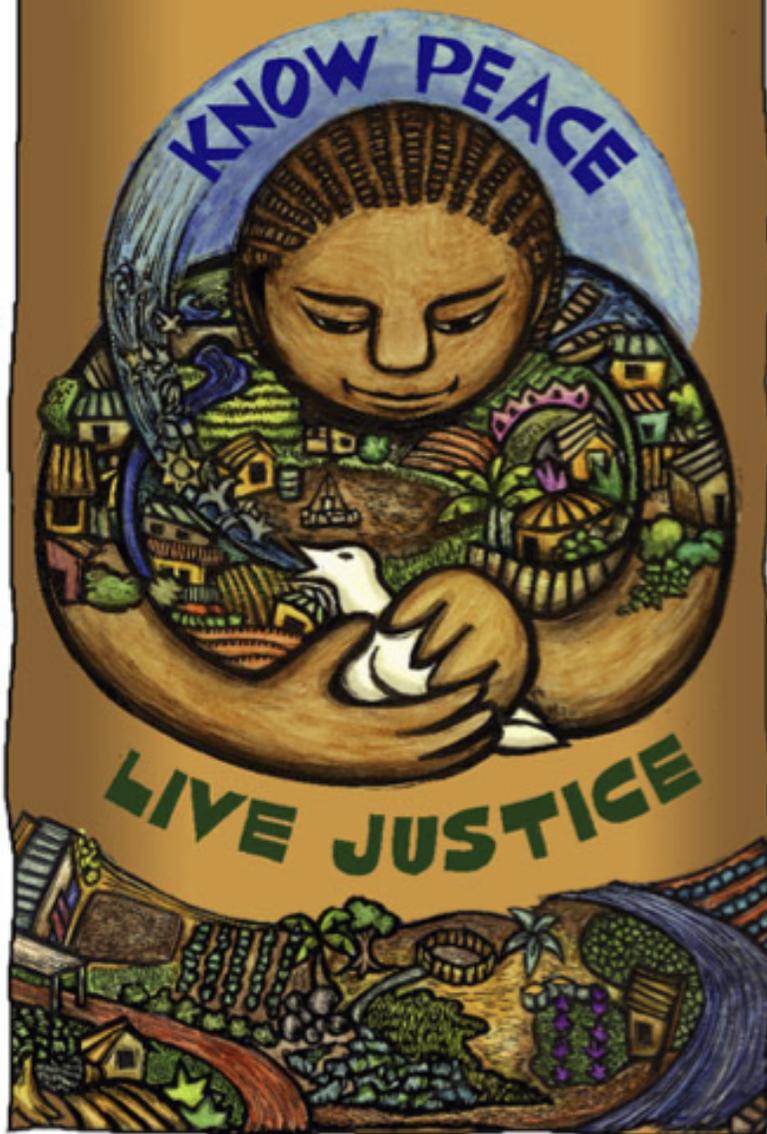
Additional work underway or accomplished in recent months:

- The SAC submitted a proposal to establish staggered co-chairs for the SAC.
  - *Update: This was proposed in June 2021, approved by Council, and voted on favorably by members in October. Heather Hlavka (Marquette University) was elected co-chair of SAC, to begin her term at the 2022 winter meetings. **Congratulations Heather!***
- The SAC submitted a proposal to amend the SAC bylaws to reflect increased inclusivity by adding "international" to our committee mission description. An increasing number of SWS Members are not based in the United States and many U.S.-based scholars are engaged in global/transnational/international work. Furthermore, Social Actions Initiative Awards are not limited to US social action, and we also want to celebrate the work of our Undergraduate Social Action awardees who may be located outside of the United States. This change would reflect both the work that the Social Action Committee is already promoting, and the general trend of increasing our international presence and relevance as an organization.
  - *Update: This was proposed in June 2021, approved by Council, and voted on favorably by members in October. The new SAC mission reads as follows: "The Social Action Committee is composed of two elected co-chairs and volunteer members. One co-chair is elected each year by SWS Members for 2-year terms. The charge of this committee is to engage the Organization in projects that facilitate achieving its goal of promoting social justice through local, national, and/or international activism and via Members' research, teaching and community service."*
- Discussion of a new SAC podcast to generate recognition and visibility for "everyday activism" that SWS members are doing.
  - *Update: In partnership with [Media Relations](#), we will be [launching a new podcast in spring 2022!](#) We will secure an intern to work directly with the SAC chair(s) and Erin Baker-Giese (Media Relations) in this effort. Stay tuned!*

The SAC co-sponsored, with the [Career Development Committee](#) and the Student Caucus, a session during the summer 2021 meetings: **Trauma Informed Feminist Pedagogies During the Pandemic and Beyond**. The session was well-attended and well-received. Presenters/organizers included: Kylie Parrotta, Andrea Hunt, Elycia Daniel, Heather Laube, and Kris De Welde.

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Questions? Contact Social Action Committee co-chairs, Kris De Welde at [deweldek@cofc.edu](mailto:deweldek@cofc.edu) or Heather Hlavka at [heather.hlavka@marquette.edu](mailto:heather.hlavka@marquette.edu)

## In the Thick of It: Texas Abortion Funds

By: **Ophra Leyser-Whalen and Kari White**

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, [Texas Governor Greg Abbott issued an Executive Order that suspended most abortion services in Texas](#) from March-April 2020. Simultaneously, abortion facilities adopted new health safety protocols to minimize COVID transmission, resulting in fewer clients served. These changes exacerbated challenges that people living on low incomes already had to face given [the numerous restrictions on abortion in Texas](#) and [economic uncertainty brought on by the pandemic](#).

Less attention has been paid to how this situation also led to an increased onus on [abortion funds](#), non-profit organizations that help low-income Texans try to overcome barriers to abortion care through providing funding to cover part of the cost of clinic-based abortion care or practical travel support.

[Researchers, including ourselves](#), from [The Texas Policy Evaluation Project at UT Austin](#) and the [Department of Sociology at UT El Paso](#) conducted 23 in-depth interviews with abortion fund staff and volunteers in Texas and neighboring New Mexico from 10 different organizations from July-September 2020 to explore how the Executive Order and COVID affected their operations and the clients they serve.

In our interviews, abortion fund staff and volunteers revealed that the clinic closures due to the Executive Order resulted in appointment cancellations and rescheduled appointments, which delayed care. Delays are particularly problematic for a time-sensitive service such as abortion, particularly in a state that unduly places restrictions on clients that already delay care. For example, clients are required to obtain an ultrasound 24 hours before the abortion in the same clinic where the abortion will occur. There are also wide swaths of [abortion deserts](#) - dozens of clinics have closed as a result of ongoing restrictions, leaving a paucity of clinics in a state that is 800 miles long and 800 miles wide.

The Executive Order forced hundreds of Texans to travel out of state for abortion care (White et al. 2021). Abortion funds reported that substantially longer travel distances increased clients' concerns such as cost, finding childcare for their children, and taking days off of work, which was already precarious due to pandemic-related lay-offs. Clients were worried about contracting COVID-19 while traveling, and potentially bringing it home to their family. Concerns about contracting COVID-19, multi-day absences, and having to rely on larger social networks for funding or childcare assistance also undermined people's ability to keep their abortion private. Ultimately, though, we saw patient determination for many in getting the abortions that they deserved, albeit through difficult circumstances.

At the organization level, fund staff and volunteers reported making many changes in their operations and support for clients. This included forging new relationships with clinics and hotels in other states and helping clients navigate more complex travel plans. They also reported that this new work required increased emotional labor as they worked in an increasingly stressful and unknown situation. Despite these challenges, funds reported greater relationship building with other funds across the state of Texas as they worked together more closely to help get Texans the care they needed.

Unfortunately, this was very timely research because abortion funds and clients are now among the hardest hit by [Texas' SB8 extreme ban that limits abortions past 6 weeks gestation](#), which is often too early for many people to even know that they are pregnant. [The newly enacted SB4 bans Texans from obtaining abortion pills in the mail](#). Now more than ever, funds are playing a critical role in supporting people trying to realize their right to abortion. At this juncture in time, we need to continue to help people seeking abortions, more money, policy change, a shift away from abortion stigma, and people power and time to make these things happen. We need greater widespread knowledge about abortion funds. We need to protect physicians and patients from criminalization suits.

[Reproductive justice legal experts foresee the abolition of Roe v. Wade in the near future](#), thereby turning the right to abortion back over to the states. This means that the abortion travel that we have seen in Texas will become more

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widespread nationally. This may spark the growth of more non-profit organizations to support people who have to obtain care out of state – and a need to ensure that these organizations maintain a commitment to justice. After the fallout of Roe and raising awareness of the harms that come when people are denied access to care in their communities, we can work to reshape the national right to abortion where quality care is equitable and accessible – one in which people don't have to decide between paying their bills and putting food on their table to cover care or undergo biased counseling and medically unnecessary procedures.

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**Kari White** is an Associate Professor in the [Steve Hicks School of Social Work and Department of Sociology at The University of Texas at Austin](#). Her [research](#) focuses on evaluating the interrelationship between people's reproductive health behaviors and outcomes and the health services and policies that shape their access to care. She leads the [Texas Policy Evaluation Project](#) and has conducted mixed methods studies examining factors influencing vasectomy use and people's access to abortion care in the Deep South.

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## Different Lives: The Continued Impact of the Pandemic on Parents of Young Children

By: Penny Harvey

Is the pandemic over? Some people seem to think so or have perhaps conveniently forgotten. [Yet, at the time of writing, December 2021, due to the Omicron variant hospitalization rates for covid have increased by 22% in the U.S. in the past week](#). Global peaks are mirroring those that induced lockdowns, travel restrictions, and other additional measures last Summer (2021), Spring (2021), and Winter (2020).

The pandemic has had some unquestionably devastating effects, from the measurable 5.3 million deaths at the time of my writing this, the toll taken on the [economy](#), and the [detrimental impact of the pandemic on the mental health of many front line workers](#) - many of whom earn minimum wage.

On top of the measurable effects listed above, I find myself thinking about the less apparent effects. During the pandemic, I was lucky enough to have a baby. After being told at 19 I would never carry a child, it was my little miracle in the midst of a global disaster. I was someone who never believed the 'pandemic will last two weeks' estimates. I expected the pandemic would go on for months, the best part of a year perhaps, but never did I think two years on we would still be suffering in ways I couldn't imagine.

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As part of controlling the spread, there have been a variety of [travel bans](#) globally. These bans have meant canceled vacations for the masses, but from first-hand experience, the effect has been more significant than people's missed trips. I had my baby in April 2021 and my immediate family, my mum, my child's uncle and aunt, my dad, several guide-parents, have never met my child. I use my example as I am one of many people whose nearest and dearest have missed out on major life events. I think about the canceled plans. I think about what happened when people were supposed to visit. My mum missed the first time my child crawled, laughed, and many trips to see new things - watching her first grandchild's eyes light up at the amazing world before them. All of which would have happened while she visited in the Fall

2021 semester, stopped by the U.K. travel ban first enacted in Spring 2020. These moments she'll never get back. My dad has got progressively sicker during the pandemic. It's likely he may never meet his grandchild. I may never see him in person again. I wonder what our last moments could have been had the pandemic not happened.

On top of this, is the effect on careers. As part of the academic parent community, I have witnessed many new academic parents trying to juggle the burden of childcare and work, many of whom had plans for wider family support when they returned to work after having their first child. Support that was made almost impossible by the travel bans. Some were able to get around the bans by having parents stay in Mexico or other 'acceptable' locations for two weeks before entering the U.S. Others, like myself, did not have such options. Instead, they birthed their children with no one around. No one to help with dishes, cook them dinner or even bother them how they 'should' feed their baby.

I'm all for caution. I've been notably cautious throughout the pandemic, but when I see my Instagram feed of people dancing mask-less in bars, but my masked, vaccinated, and tested-negative mother cannot get on a plane, it feels senseless. Though the European travel ban has now been lifted, new plans have been made. The lost moments that we can never get back hurt the most. It's the struggle that wasn't necessary, where precautions could have been taken. And this is not over, with the new variant (and I'm sure many more) travel bans have been reestablished in many countries worldwide. It feels like parents, and let's be honest mothers, have been left behind in this pandemic, and that isn't changing anytime soon.



**Penny Harvey**, [Assistant Professor of Human Sexuality studies at the California Institute of Integral Studies](#), is a scholar of gender, sexualities, families, health, and culture. Their publications include [LGBTQ+ Family Expansion in the Age of COVID-19: A Brief Report](#), [Queer at Camp: The Impact of Summer Camps on LGBTQ Campers in the United States](#), [Trans men's access to knowledgeable providers and their experiences in health care settings](#), and [Let's talk about porn: The perceived effect of online mainstream pornography on LGBTQ youth](#). They are currently working on two projects on [gender inequality and sexual pleasure](#) and [contemporary family conceptions](#).

**\*\*“Timely Topics” is a recurring short column (~1,000-words) in Network News. We are looking for submissions! Send your inquiries and ideas to the Editor at [swsnewsletter@socwomen.org](mailto:swsnewsletter@socwomen.org).**

## MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Publications

#### ARTICLES

- ★ **Jocelyn Elise Crowley**, [“Sexual Harassment in Display Work: The Case of the Modeling Industry.”](#) *Gender & Society*.
- ★ **Maro Youssef**, [“Unlikely Feminist Coalitions: Islamist and Secularist Feminist Organizing in a Democratizing Tunisia.”](#) *Social Politics: International Studies in Gender, State and Society*.
- ★ **Myra Max Ferree**, [“Democracy and Demography: Intersectional Dimensions of German Politics”](#) in *Social Politics* and [“Under Different Umbrellas: Intersectionality and Alliances in U.S. Feminist Politics”](#) in *European Journal of Politics and Gender*.
- ★ **Katherine M. Johnson, Ophra Leyser-Whalen** and colleagues, [“The Infertility-Abortion Nexus: Does Having an Abortion Influence Distress and Help-seeking for Infertility?”](#) *Women’s Reproductive Health*.
- ★ **Ophra Leyser-Whalen** and colleagues, [“Revealing Economic and Racial Injustices: Demographics of Abortion Fund Callers on the US-Mexico Border.”](#) *Women’s Reproductive Health*.

## NEW BOOKS

- ★ **Jessie Daniels**, (2021). [\*Nice White Ladies: The Truth about White Supremacy, Our Role in It, and How We Can Help Dismantle It\*](#). Seal Press.
- ★ **Jo Reger**, (2021). [\*Gender and Social Movements\*](#). Polity.
- ★ **Joya Mirsa** and Kyla Walters, (2021). [\*Walking Mannequins: How Race and Gender Inequalities Shape Retail Clothing Work\*](#). University of California Press.
- ★ **Melanie Heath**, Akosua Darkwah, **Josephine Beoku-Betts**, and **Bandana Purkayastha (Eds.)**, (2022). [\*Global Feminist Autoethnographies During COVID-19: Displacements and Disruptions\*](#). Routledge.

### Chapters by SWSers:

- ★ **Esther Hernández-Medina** colleague, “The Inequality the Pandemic Unveils: Teaching and Learning in the Times of COVID”
- ★ **Ziwei Qi** and colleagues, “Navigating Empowerment and Activism in the Ivory Tower: A Co-autoethnography Gives Voice to Feminist Identity in a Criminal Justice Program”
- ★ **Manisha Desai**, **Rianka Roy**, and colleagues, “Writing on Self, Together: Collective Autoethnography as Praxis of Solidarity and Collective Care during the Pandemic”
- ★ **Medora W. Barnes**, Gendered Life Transitions and the Blurring of Work-Family Boundaries during COVID-19
- ★ **Barret Katuna**, “Trying My Best to Be My Badass Self: Parenting, Homeschooling, and Leading a Professional Feminist Academic Organization Amid a Pandemic”
- ★ **Sarah Robert** and colleagues, “Invoking Abuelita Epistemologies for Academic Transformation in the Coronavirus Age: Autoethnographic Reflections from a Motherscholar Collective”
- ★ **Alexis Grant-Panting**, **Vanessa Ellison**, and **Celeste Graham**, “Black Women, Work, and COVID-19: Reflections on Navigating Graduate School, Work, Motherhood and Relationships During the COVID-19 Pandemic”
- ★ **Melanie Heath**, “Transnational Families, Welfare States, and Marriage Rules in the Time of COVID-19”
- ★ **Shobha Hamal Gurung**, “COVID-19: Lived Realities, Reflections, and Analysis”
- ★ **Edelweiss Murillo Lafuente**, “Knitting an Autoethnography”

## BOOK CHAPTERS

- ★ **Chandra Waring**, “Introduction” in [\*Trailblazers, Black Women Who Helped Make America Great: American Firsts/American Icons: Volume 1. 2\*](#)LeafPress.

## Celebrations - Congratulations!!!

- ★ **Amy Agigian**, founder and Director of [The Center for Women's Health & Human Rights](#), celebrates the [receipt of an anonymous \\$2 million gift](#) to endow the center, which will enable it to carry on the mission of the path breaking book, *Our Bodies, Ourselves*, through a reinvigorated [Our Bodies Ourselves Today](#) online platform providing trustworthy information and resources on health and sexuality. [The Center for Women's Health & Human Rights](#) is the first academic initiative in the United States to focus on women's health as a human rights imperative.
- ★ **Julia McQuillan** has been [named a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science \(AAAS\)](#).
- ★ **Nasra Abubakar** defend the dissertation "[Understanding How Somali Women Practice Their Culture: FGM and How It Fits Within Somali Culture](#)" and was awarded a doctoral degree from Kent State University's Sociology Department.
- ★ **Lorena Garcia** is a recipient of the [University of Illinois at Chicago 2021 Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching](#).
- ★ **Kris De Welde** and colleagues [were awarded a \\$1.9 million National Science Foundation grant for the research project "ADVANCE and Beyond: Understanding Processes of Institutional Change to Promote STEM Equity and Education."](#)
- ★ **Mangala Subramaniam** received the 2021 Award for Advancing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion from the American Sociological Association's (ASA) Section on the [Political Economy of the World-System](#) for her work on the [Coaching and Resource Network \(CRN\)](#).

## Feminist Impact Work

- ★ **Zakiya Luna** reflects on the legacy of bell hooks in [Refinery29](#), "[How Bell Hooks Raised A Generation of Radical Feminists](#)" and [Ms. Magazine](#), "[Other Mother](#)" of a Generation: On bell hooks and Living Black Feminism."
- ★ **Leta Hong Fincher** was [quoted in The Washington Post](#) and [published an Opinion piece](#), "[Why Peng Shuai Has China's Leaders Spooked.](#)" in [The New York Times](#) about the feminist response to Peng Shuai's disappearance after she accused a top Chinese leader of sexual assault.
- ★ **Krystale E. Littlejohn** published a recent op-ed piece in [The Washington Post](#), "[Mississippi is wrong. Even with birth control, abortion access is necessary.](#)" on why contraception isn't a viable alternative to abortion.
- ★ **Stacy Torres** published recent op-ed pieces in [USA Today](#), "[My sister survived the pandemic in a nursing home. How will she fare in a climate disaster?.](#)" and the [Los Angeles Times](#), "[How the pandemic helped prepare me to cope with my father's final days.](#)"
- ★ **Mangala Subramaniam** and Donna Riley in [Inside Higher Ed](#), "[Applying an Equity Lens to COVID Impact Statements](#)" about how promotion committees should assess a faculty member's COVID impact statement.
- ★ **Ophra Leyser-Whalen** was interviewed and quoted in: "[When lawmakers cut access to abortion, these groups put care within financial reach.](#)" [San Antonio Express-News](#); "[SCOTUS may limit abortion access. So might climate change.](#)" [E & E News Green Wire](#); and "[Climate Change and Reproductive Rights Collide in Texas.](#)" [Women's Media Center](#).
- ★ **Chloe E. Bird** published a piece in [Fortune](#), "[Increased funding for research in women's health issues could unleash staggering returns.](#)"

# PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES

★ **SWS 50th Anniversary Funds to Provide Direct Financial Support to Members in Crisis:** SWS Council has approved the establishment of three funds to support the needs of our members. Grants from these funds are designed to be small awards to alleviate immediate needs. SWS can offer this funding in 2021 because of cost savings from not holding in-person meetings in Summer 2020, and Winter and Summer 2021.

**SWS Member Emergency Fund (\$20,000):** During these uncertain economic times, we recognize that some members need immediate help, so we have strategized about how to offer modest relief. Members will be able to request one-time financial assistance with an economic setback and we will do our best to help them.

**Victim Advocacy Fund (\$10,000):** The Victim Advocacy Fund will offer financial assistance to those in need of legal services because they have been the victim of a crime or of unfair treatment in the academy or in larger society.

**Systemic Racism Fund (\$10,000):** The Systemic Racism Fund offers support to expressly combat systemic racism faced by our members during political protests, interactions with institutions, and other types of experiences.

Members can only apply for funding from one fund for up to \$500 USD. Please see [the form](#) for more details.

Direct link to the form: <https://sws.memberclicks.net/servicefunds50thanniversary>

★ **SWS LISTSERVS:** SWS has a [number of listservs](#) available for members. You can manage your subscriptions to them in your [MemberClicks Profile](#). To subscribe to the general listserv, send an email to: [sws@lists.socwomen.org](mailto:sws@lists.socwomen.org). If you have questions about your listserv setup, please email Natasha Santana at: [nsantana@socwomen.org](mailto:nsantana@socwomen.org).

★ **Call for Papers: The 2023 Catharine Stimpson Prize for Outstanding Feminist Scholarship:** [The University of Chicago Press and Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society are pleased to announce the competition for the 2023 Catharine Stimpson Prize for Outstanding Feminist Scholarship.](#) Named in honor of the founding editor of *Signs*, the Catharine Stimpson Prize is designed to recognize excellence and innovation in the work of emerging feminist scholars. The Catharine Stimpson Prize is awarded biennially to the best paper in an international competition. Leading feminist scholars from around the globe will select the winner. The prizewinning paper will be published in *Signs*, and the author will be provided an honorarium of \$1,000. All papers submitted for the Stimpson Prize will be considered for peer review and possible publication in *Signs*. **Eligibility:** Feminist scholars in the early years of their careers (fewer than seven years since receipt of the terminal degree) are invited to submit papers for the Stimpson Prize. This includes current graduate students. Papers may be on any topic that falls under the broad rubric of interdisciplinary feminist scholarship. Submissions must be no longer than 10,000 words (including notes and references) and must conform to the [guidelines for Signs contributors](#). **Deadline for Submissions: April 1, 2022.**

★ **Applied Worldwide Partnering with Sociologists for Women in Society:** Applied Worldwide has forged a new partnership with Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS) to highlight and connect feminist applied professionals. SWS members have been invited to submit Applied Worldwide profiles that are also linked to the SWS web site and feminist applied professionals are encouraged to join SWS. Applied Worldwide is a content production and media company focused on enhancing a vision of applied sociology. They provide their audience with high quality content, services, and partnerships that center sociology on its practical knowledge and skills. By partnering with professional organizations, university departments, and individuals, we represent the work and ideas of over 100 sociologists and students from over 20 countries. To learn more about Applied Worldwide, you can visit the website at <https://www.appliedworldwide.com>.

★ **FEMINIST RESOURCE COLLECTIONS FOR COURSE PLANNING AND BEYOND:** Looking for feminist resources for the (re)design of a course? Check out the following:

- SWS member crowdsourced list of [Global Teaching Resources on COVID-19](#) and [SWS's list of Black Feminist Scholars](#).
- The [Gender & Society blog's](#) pedagogy project includes a series of [teaching modules](#) created by students from around the world that center topics important to the sociology of gender. [Gender & Society](#) authors and board members reviewed and edited these lesson plans to ensure that they will be helpful tools in building your syllabi.
- *Signs* has a [collection of syllabi suggestions](#) for some of the most commonly taught courses in women's, gender, and sexuality studies in the U.S.

★ **COUNCIL FOR CONTEMPORARY FAMILIES (CCF) CALL FOR BLOG POSTS:**

- Do you have a recent research paper out related to families or relationships, and want more people to know about it?
- Do you have a research-informed opinion on a current event related to families and relationships, such as COVID-19, the new child tax credit, the end of the eviction moratorium, or new laws about teaching critical race theory in schools?
- Do you have some interesting research findings that you had to cut from your last paper, but would make a great short stand-alone piece?
- Did you recently publish an op-ed on families or relationships that you have permission to repost?
- Are you interested in getting involved in more "public sociology"?



[The Council on Contemporary Families Blog at The Society Pages](#) is interested in publishing your blog post! Posts should be 1-2 pages single spaced, and written for a general audience (avoid or explain jargon). Please contact editor Arielle Kuperberg [atkuperb@uncg.edu](mailto:atkuperb@uncg.edu) with your ideas or post drafts.

★ **ASA SEX AND GENDER SECTION FEMINIST SCHOLAR-ACTIVIST AWARD:** The Sex and Gender Section seeks nominations for the 2022 Feminist Scholar-Activist Award, established in 2010 to recognize and honor scholars who have used feminist research and strategies to foster social change in public understandings and treatments of gender. Nominees may have contributed to a range of efforts, including (but not limited to) critically engaged pedagogy, community-based or participatory research, translational work, advocacy research, media campaigns, and grassroots organizing. Scholar-activist efforts may be local, regional, national, or international, and nominations may recognize groups or individuals at any point in their career. The committee will consider self-nominations. Nominees must be current members of the American Sociological Association and of ASA's Sex and Gender Section. Nominations must be submitted at <https://forms.gle/HYR9m1Aijnhmd4guw6>. Email submissions will not be accepted.

Nomination packets must include a single PDF with the following materials:

- (1) letter of nomination
- (2) a copy of the nominee's vita
- (3) one supporting letter
- (4) \*optional\* and any additional relevant supporting material

Please direct any questions to the Committee Chair, Susila Gurusami ([gurusami@uic.edu](mailto:gurusami@uic.edu)). **The nomination deadline for this award is March 15, 2022.**

★ **CALLS FOR PAPERS (CFP) & ABSTRACTS:** View more details about these and other calls on SWS's [Learning Management System](#). The Learning Management System is accessible for all current members.

★ **Call for Papers for Special Issue of *Teaching Sociology* - "Teaching and Learning a Humanistic Sociology":** Guest Editors: Amy E. Traver ([ATraver@gcc.cuny.edu](mailto:ATraver@gcc.cuny.edu)), Hwaji Shin ([hshin2@usfca.edu](mailto:hshin2@usfca.edu)), and Malgorzata Bakalarz Duverger ([bakam123@newschool.edu](mailto:bakam123@newschool.edu)). While all submissions are welcome, they encourage those that address teaching and learning a humanistic sociology with first-generation and new-majority students, diverse learners, and adult or returning students, and those that unfold in often-ignored contexts like pre-college or dual-enrollment programs, community colleges, tribal colleges and universities, HSIs, HBCUs, graduate programs, and institutions of higher education located in the territories of or outside the United States. All submissions for and questions about this special issue should be sent to the guest editors. Initial submissions are due by **July 1, 2022**; selected submissions will undergo peer review. [Read the full call here.](#)

★ **Call for Papers *School's A Mess: Pandemic Public Schooling Anthology.*** Please send submissions and inquiries to the co-editors Dr. Sarah Rainey-Smithback ([sasarah@bgsu.edu](mailto:sasarah@bgsu.edu)) and Dr. Sandra Faulkner ([sandraf@bgsu.edu](mailto:sandraf@bgsu.edu)) with "School's A Mess" in the subject line. Deadline for submissions is **April 1, 2022.**

Parents are not okay. Education was already a hot mess before Covid-19. We didn't think it could get worse. It did. This anthology is about witnessing the trauma parents experienced around schooling since the pandemic. The pandemic has been stressful for everyone, but for parents, tasked with the care and wellbeing of our children, the trauma has been deep and specific, and ongoing. Suddenly in March 2020, millions of us were tasked with helping our kids finish the school year virtually, at home, serving as an untrained liaison between teacher and student. But we're not just any teaching assistant, we're their parents, the people kids can show all their warts too and still be loved, and most of us also had to figure out how to continue to work. That spring, we thought virtual schooling at home was a temporary blip, something to survive. Two years later, still dealing with decisions around in-person schooling versus virtual learning, masking in the classroom, and other Covid-19 worries and restrictions, we're weathered, but wiser.

The only way to heal and forge forward is to give voice to our worry about our kids' health and safety, the exhaustion of managing work from home with homeschool, frustration with school policies, and our collective anxiety about how our kids will fare in the future. We hope such public witnessing can help heal our PTSD, or at least move us along the path. But we also hope that making visible our traumatic experiences of parenting children and dealing with schools can help change our educational priorities and policies. Before the pandemic, schools were underfunded and over-governed. Politicians have pushed steadily for standardized testing and bureaucratic policies, despite decades of educational research that show such strategies are antithetical to real growth and learning. Teachers are underpaid, and asked to do increasingly more with packed classes and few resources. The pandemic only exacerbated all these problems. We need to demand change, not only for the kids and the teachers, but for ourselves.

We seek short stories, reflections, and poetry from parents about surviving pandemic schooling for an upcoming anthology. We want to hear your struggles, your fears, your defeats, but also your stories of survival. Topics may include:

- Managing (and mismanaging) working and schooling from home
- The horror of school board meetings, anti-mask protests, and anti-vaxers
- Impossible decision making; balancing safety concerns
- Children revolting; battle fatigue; how to teach your kids and still love them
- Chasing the wifi; managing the demand for internet and computers against poverty and rural isolation
- Hierarchies of risk, disability and Covid-19 and protecting "all kids" in the classroom; IEP's and virtual schooling
- Managing the guilt of a generation academically behind
- Working with teachers and administrators

Editorial note: We will only accept submissions that reflect accurate scientific information about masking, vaccines, and Covid-19.

## SWS Endorsed Statements - Call to Action

[Call to Action Against Voter Disenfranchisement and Support for Federal Voting Rights Legislation](#) (Jan 2022)

## SWS Virtual Feminist Engagement Opportunities

<p><b>SWS WRITING GROUPS SCHEDULE</b> *MEMBERS ONLY GROUPS. COME JOIN US!</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p><b>Monday</b> 12:30-3:30 ET</p> <p><b>Tuesday</b> 10:30-12:30 ET 6:00-7:30 ET</p> <p><b>Wednesday</b> 10:30-12:30 ET 12:30-3:30 ET</p> </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p><b>Thursday</b> 10:30-12:30 ET 12:30-2:00 ET</p> <p><b>Friday</b> 10:30-12:30 ET 12:30-3:30 ET</p> </td> </tr> </table> <p><small>*See MemberClicks "SWS Writing Groups" for more detailed information and Zoom links</small></p>	<p><b>Monday</b> 12:30-3:30 ET</p> <p><b>Tuesday</b> 10:30-12:30 ET 6:00-7:30 ET</p> <p><b>Wednesday</b> 10:30-12:30 ET 12:30-3:30 ET</p>	<p><b>Thursday</b> 10:30-12:30 ET 12:30-2:00 ET</p> <p><b>Friday</b> 10:30-12:30 ET 12:30-3:30 ET</p>	<p>GRAB A CUP OF YOUR FAVORITE BEVERAGE AND JOIN MEMBERS OF THE SWS COMMUNITY AS WE NAVIGATE CHALLENGES TOGETHER.</p> <p><b>SWS FEMINIST SUPPORT GROUP</b></p> <p>Tuesdays 2:00 - 3:00 ET</p> <p><small>Visit Memberclicks "Upcoming Conversations" for the Zoom link and password</small></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SWS Latinx Feminist Collective</b></p> <p>This is a space where we can share and reflect on our experiences and create collective knowledge about being critically conscious Latinx Feminist Sociologists in the Global North and developing an intersectional, antiracist, transnational, liberatory praxis.</p> <p>Meetings are held on the first Friday of every month from 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm ET</p> <p style="text-align: center;">VISIT MEMBERCLICKS "Upcoming Conversations" for more information and to register</p>
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\* May is the next meeting of The Collective

More information about all of these opportunities and resources can be found on the SWS Member Portal, MemberClicks: <https://sws.memberclicks.net/>

# IN MEMORIAM

## PAULINE BART (1930-2021)



Photo of Pauline Bart  
(Photo taken by Christine Williams at the SWS 2015 Winter Meeting)

[SWS remembers Pauline Bart](#), feminist sociologist and activist extraordinaire who studied violence against women who died at the age of 91 in October of 2021. [Pauline was one of many early sociologists who organized for the inclusion of women in Sociology](#). Pauline's obituaries appeared in [The New York Times on October 30, 2021](#) (alternate link [HERE](#)) and in [The Washington Post on November 2, 2021](#). SWS held a Zoom celebration of life for Pauline on February 18, 2022, at 4:00 pm EST. If you'd like to view the Celebration of Life that Jenny Mansbridge organized on Pauline Bart's birthday, February 18, please email her at: [jane\\_mansbridge@hks.harvard.edu](mailto:jane_mansbridge@hks.harvard.edu).

### Memories of Pauline By: Myra Max Ferree

Pauline was trained as a social psychologist (as was I) but found sociology a more congenial home for her expansive view of gender politics. [She edited a special issue of \*Journal of Marriage and The Family\* in 1971](#) (which has since changed its name to [Journal of Marriage and Family](#)), that presented a variety of significant feminist insights very early for academic feminism. Pauline was always strongly motivated to tie her academic insights to activist interventions, and [her work inspired the establishment of what is now the SWS Feminist Activism Award](#). She was a regular at SWS winter meetings where she interacted a lot with the junior members. She was a mentor to me when I was first elected to ASA Council (a role she had held not very long before) and wanted me to keep the feminist flame alive there during a time that predated the organization having feminist presidents and council majorities. Pauline did all she could to create feminist spaces in sociology. In all spaces, including decades of SWS meetings, she provided a vivid presence with wild hair, multiple bags, flamboyant dresses, and firm opinions.

### In Memory of Pauline Bart: "The personal is sociological" By: Martha E. Thompson

Few sociologists have been published in the [American Journal of Sociology](#), even fewer have been quoted on an SWS t-shirt, and I'm guessing [Pauline Bart](#) could be one of the few (if not the only) who experienced both. Her presence in *AJS* as well as on an SWS t-shirt captures her wide-ranging influence. Pauline asked "where are the women?" When she didn't find women in sociological literature, she set out to bring women in. She researched married women's depression, gender injustice, violence against women, pornography, fighting back, and feminist activism. Pauline faced and challenged a sociology dominated by men, not only in numbers but in men's lives being what was important. Pauline saw the potential for sociology to address injustice and, at every turn, she used her brilliance, her wit, and her personal life to fight for women's place in sociology.

I first "met" Pauline Bart in 1973 as a doctoral student in the stacks of the [University of Iowa](#) library when I read hers and Diana Scully's *AJS* article "[A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Orifice: Women in Gynecology Textbooks.](#)" I can't remember ever laughing out-loud in a library before, let alone while reading a title in *AJS*. I didn't have the SWS t-shirt with Pauline's quote "Everything is data, but data isn't everything," but I did find a bumper sticker with that quote.

By the time I met Pauline in person in the late 1970s, I had read more of her work, such as, [“Why Women’s Status Changes in the Middle Ages: The Turns of the Social Ferris Wheel”](#) (Sociological Symposium 1969), “Mother Portnoy’s Complaint” (Trans-Action 1970), [“Sexism and Social Science: From the Gilded Cage to the Iron Cage, or the Perils of Pauline”](#) (Journal of Marriage and Family 1971), [“Rape Doesn’t End with a Kiss”](#) (VIVA 1975), and [“The Mermaid and the Minotaur: A Fishy Story That’s Part Bull”](#) (PsycCRITIQUES 1977). Her titles highlight her trademark of bringing unexpected and witty attention to deeply serious subjects that were often taboo in polite conversations and neglected in sociology.

Through the 80s and 90s, I saw Pauline at various social science and sociology meetings in Chicago, audited a class with her at the [University of Illinois-Chicago](#), and interviewed her for a television course *Women and Social Action*. Through the decades, I continued to be awed by her ability to spot, identify, and crucify misogynist and patriarchal thinking in scholarship, culture, and social institutions. I marveled as she wrote about pornography (e.g. with Maureen Jozsa [“Dirty Books, Dirty Films, and Dirty Data” Take Back the Night](#) 1980), feminist activism (e.g., [“Seizing the Means of Reproduction: An Illegal Feminist Abortion Collective: How and Why it Worked.”](#) *Qualitative Sociology* 1987), and violence against women (e.g. with Eileen Geil Moran [Violence Against Women: The Bloody Footprints](#) 1992).

[As a feminist self-defense instructor](#), I was particularly heartened by Pauline’s and Patricia O’Brien’s book [Stopping Rape: Successful Survival Strategies](#) (1985), the result of their groundbreaking research of women who did and did not avoid rape. Feminist self-defense colleagues continue to acknowledge the importance of Bart and O’Brien as being the first to provide evidence that challenged conventional notions that women were incapable of defending themselves and were likely to experience additional injury if they fought back. Through their in-depth interviews comparing women’s experiences with avoiding and not avoiding rape, they documented effective self-defense strategies and were the beginning of evidence-based and feminist self-defense research.

As much as I admired Pauline, I also experienced discomfort when she would start a conversation as if everyone present knew the backstory, but actually had no context for what she was talking about or at a social gathering when she would call out others for falling short of her expectations. One time, I hesitantly started a conversation with her about these moments of discomfort for me. Pauline listened intently and then went to one of the many stacks of papers in her apartment and pulled out her poem “I have no skin,” a poem about vulnerability and not having a protective barrier against injury, having no means of regulating pain, and never having the capacity to heal before there would be another wound. My discomfort didn’t disappear, but I more clearly saw her courage. In spite of/because of her wounds, she courageously analyzed women’s lives, fearlessly challenged others about sexism and antisemitism, and powerfully used her voice on behalf of women and girls.

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## CATHERINE (KAY) G. VALENTINE

SWS remembers Catherine (Kay) G. Valentine, who passed away on December 18, 2021. Kay was [Professor Emerita of Sociology and Founding Director of Women’s Studies at Nazareth College](#). Her work life was devoted to teaching feminist sociology, guiding students, and doing sociological research and writing. Her publications included journal articles and book chapters on women’s bodies and emotions, teaching the sociology of sexuality, gender and qualitative research and emotions, teaching the sociology of emotions, and the sociology of art museums. She was co-author of a successful text/reader in gender studies entitled [The Kaleidoscope of Gender: Prisms, Patterns and Possibilities](#) (6th edition, 2019) and co-author of [Letting Go: Feminist and Social Insight and Activism](#) (2015).

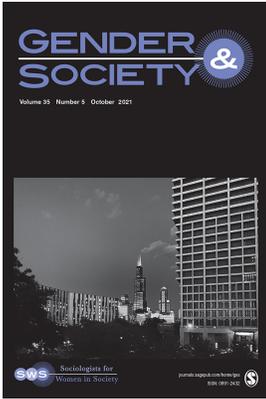


At Nazareth, Kay founded the women’s studies program in a period of widespread activism for women’s rights. She saw the program through periods of backlash and periods of growth. Her work on behalf of women’s studies included mentoring generations of students, creating new courses, forging multiple connections to the community, and sponsoring many conferences and workshops which brought important public intellectuals and cutting-edge activists to the college and upstate region. Kay was a long-time, active member of the [American Sociological Association](#), [Sociologists for Women in Society](#), and the [Eastern Sociological Society](#). She served as president of the [New York State Sociological Society](#) and held a variety of positions in Sociologists for Women in Society.

Kay’s activism was defined by her unwavering support for feminist, LGBTQI+, anti-racist, and anti-war organizations and movements. In everyday life, she lived her principles. She was a risk-taker with a strong spirit of adventure and a gender maverick who chose defiance and challenge over conformity and surrender. You can [read the full obituary HERE](#).

Donations in Kay’s memory can be made to the Minority Scholarship Program of the American Sociological Society ([www.asanet.org/donate](http://www.asanet.org/donate)).

# GENDER & SOCIETY



**About Gender & Society:** *Gender & Society* is a peer-reviewed journal, focused on the study of gender. It is the official journal of *Sociologists for Women in Society*, and was founded in 1987 as an outlet for feminist social science. Currently, it is a top-ranked journal in both sociology and women's studies. *Gender & Society* publishes less than 10% of submitted papers. Articles appearing in *Gender & Society* analyze gender and gendered processes in interactions, organizations, societies, and global and transnational spaces. The journal primarily publishes empirical articles, which are both theoretically engaged and methodologically rigorous, including qualitative, quantitative, and comparative-historical methodologies. *Gender & Society* also publishes reviews of books from a diverse array of social science disciplines.

The [SWS Publications Committee](#) Announces A Call for Proposals: New Editor of *Gender & Society* (<https://socwomen.org/call-for-proposals-new-editor-of-gender-society/>)

## Gender & Society Podcast

Did you know G&S has a podcast?! [Check it out here.](#)

## NEW! On The Gender & Society Blog

[“Business or Personal? Gendered Professional Pathways After Job Loss” by Aliya Hamid Rao](#)

[“A Little Word That Means A Lot: Reassessment of Singular They In A New Era of Politics” by Abigail C. Saguy and Juliet A. Williams](#)

[“In the Name of Equality? Are Finish Relationship Enhancement Seminars Post-Feminist?” by Marjo Kolehmainen](#)

[“Schools as Hostile Institutions: Everyday Violence Against Black Girls and Immigrant Girls of Color” by Ranita Ray](#)

[“Maintaining the Gender Gap in Orgasms Takes Work” by Nicole Andrejek](#)

[“Why Can't They Just Use Cloth?: Diapers And The Gendered Politics of Basic Needs” by Jennifer Randles](#)

[“Amsterdam Black Women Refusing Myths of Color-Blindness” by Ariana Rose](#)

# SWS-CHAPTER UPDATES

## SWS-South

### SWS-South T-Shirts

SWS-South is excited to introduce a custom designed t-shirt to our members. The shirt is designed by one of our members. The t-shirts are in unisex adult sizing XS – 6XL. The shirts are Port and Co. PC 450, in the color Team Navy, and are 100% cotton. Also, in an effort to support small woman run businesses, the shirts are printed by [The Dragonfly](#). There is a suggested donation of \$18.00 per shirt (shipping included). Shirts will be shipped out in mid-fall. Use your SWS Member Clicks username and password (what you use to register for SWS-South), you can order here:

<https://sws.memberclicks.net/sws-south-t-shirt>.

# 2022 WINTER MEETING



## SWS 2022 Winter Meeting “Rethinking Feminist Sociologies in the Era of Global Pandemics” Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico Thursday, March 31st - Sunday, April 3rd, 2022

### THEME:

The global pandemic unleashed by COVID-19 exacerbated pre-existing social inequalities while simultaneously generating intersecting issues across socioeconomic, racial, ethnic, gender, sexual, geopolitical lines worldwide. As feminist sociologists, we were able to identify the inequalities that were intensified and were also ready to join forces with the many social movements devoted to dismantling systems and practices of oppression. However, we were frustrated with the arbitrariness of local, national, regional and international policy-making, the widespread resistance to be informed by science and the persistence of disciplinary and partisan fragmentation and mutual distrust, all of which delayed or prevented the imperative need of bridging across differences to collectively address a global threat to humanity. Moreover, we were puzzled with the ontological and epistemological crisis that the coronavirus presented: assumptions about the form and nature of social reality as well as existing theories of knowledge and research methodologies were put into deep questioning. [In our 2022 Winter Meeting, we will reflect on how this complex crisis challenges feminist sociologies.](#) Join us in this joint reflection so that we can ensure that the relevance of feminist thought and practice becomes key to turning the page, end the era of extreme inequalities, and build alternative futures.



SWS President: Roberta Villalón

### GENERAL INFORMATION:

The in-person portion of the 2022 SWS Winter Meeting will be taking place at the [Hyatt Tamaya Resort & Spa at Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico](#). High vaccination rates, safety protocols, contributing to the Santa Ana Pueblo economy, and the beautiful location that offers a retreat-like experience for us to recharge as a feminist community guided our principles for making this selection.

Moreover, to address affordability, [we will provide a series of mechanisms to help members offset travel costs.](#)

As in the past, we will offer childcare services (Note: deadline to request this service was March 4, 2022), a lactation space, and gender-neutral restrooms, and we will accommodate dietary needs.

See the Full Program [HERE](#)

Can't join us in person? [Register for the Live-Streamed \[LS\] Programming.](#)

Virtual Programming Already Took Place on Friday, February 4 and Saturday and February 5, 2022. Thank you to those who participated! We will be making recordings of some of the programming available to Winter Meeting registered attendees in our [Learning Management System](#). Please stay tuned for updates.

# MEETING HIGHLIGHTS!

## Thursday

1:30 - 4:30 pm Pre-Conference Workshop: Transnational Feminist Praxis in Pandemic Times

5:00 - 6:00 pm Student Caucus Reception

7:00 - 9:30 pm Welcome Reception and [Artivism by El Chante - Casa de Cultura](#)

## Friday

10:00 - 11:30 am Plenary I: Feminist Mobilizing for Better Futures: A Transnational Perspective [LS]

12:15 - 1:15 pm Inaugural Honorary Feminist Sociology Distinction Keynote by Awardee, [Ochy Curiel](#) [LS]

3:15 - 4:15 pm Collective Solidarities and Community Organizing in New Mexico [LS]

6:30 - 10:00 pm Silent Auction and Awards Banquet

## Saturday

8:15 - 9:45 am SWS YouTube Channel Interviews

10:00 - 11:30 am Plenary II: Challenging Feminist Sociologies in the Era of Global Pandemics [LS]

11:45 - 1:15 pm Business Meeting II, Lunch, and [Keynote by Distinguished Feminist Lecturer Awardee, Katie Acosta](#) [LS]

1:30 - 3:00 pm Plenary III: Decolonizing Sociology: Liberatory Feminist Praxes [LS]

7:15 - 8:15 pm Sister-to-Sister Reception and Themed Dinners

\*Times are in Mountain Standard Time (MST)

### **“Thank you!” to the 2022 Winter Meeting Program Committee Members:**

Alexis Grant-Panting, Andrea (Drea) S. Boyles, Chriss Sneed, Erika Busse-Cardenas, Erika Marquez, Esther Hernández-Medina, Ghassan Moussawi, Nancy López, Özlem Altıok, stef shuster, Tracy Ore, Tristen Kade, and Veronica Montes

### **“Thank you!” to the 2022 Winter Meeting Local Arrangements Committee Members:**

Nancy López, Assata Zerai, Jessica Goodkind, Maricarmen Hernandez, Ranita Ray, Georgiann Davis, Lisa Broidy

**\*\*For the most up-to-date information about the meeting visit:**

<https://socwomen.org/winter-meeting-2022/>

### **Questions??**

Please direct questions to Barret Katuna, SWS Executive Officer, at [swseo.barretkatuna@outlook.com](mailto:swseo.barretkatuna@outlook.com).

# SWS 2022 Winter Meeting Revised COVID-19 Health and Safety Protocols

[UPDATED: December 22, 2021](#)

We have modified these protocols upon consultation with our legal team and updated CDC Guidelines.

SWS is carefully monitoring recommendations from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) and others regarding the COVID-19 situation as we plan for the [2022 SWS Winter Meeting in Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico](#). Meeting attendees will be required to follow all health and safety protocols mandated at the time of the meeting.

We are dedicated to ensuring our attendees have a healthy and safe meeting experience. Based on current information, we are implementing the following protocols:

1. Vaccinations are a mandated requirement for participation in the 2022 SWS Winter Meeting. We are collecting proof of vaccination from our attendees in our 2022 Winter Meeting Registration form.
2. COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Shots are highly recommended in accordance with [CDC Guidelines](#).
3. Exemption requests can be sent to [swseo.barretkatuna@outlook.com](mailto:swseo.barretkatuna@outlook.com) to be reviewed. If approved, proof of a negative [COVID-19 test](#) result within 72 hours prior to arrival to Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico will be required for non-vaccinated attendees.
4. We understand that minors under the age of 5 years of age who may be participating in our childcare programming are not presently eligible for vaccines. As soon as this changes, we will announce our policy in this regard.
5. International travelers must follow [CDC Travel Guidelines](#).
6. According to the latest guidelines of the CDC and New Mexico, we will have a strict mask policy in all indoor public spaces of the meeting hotel. Masks that completely cover your nose and mouth and fit snugly are expected to be worn by all individuals in accordance with CDC recommendations. Check [this link](#) for further information on masks. For those who are immunocompromised or who have exemption from the mandate, they will be asked to wear masks both in indoor and outdoor public spaces. The use of masks outdoors by fully vaccinated attendees will be left to their best judgment.
7. Social distancing will be recommended. Seating will be set up accordingly for all indoor and outdoor events, including receptions and SWS organized meals so when masks are taken off to eat or drink, we will still be distanced.
8. The hotel staff will follow strict health and safety protocols, and the audiovisual support team will ensure cleanliness of microphones and other equipment.
9. Hand sanitizing stations will be set up throughout the event spaces. Moreover, attendees must follow thorough hand washing CDC recommendations.
10. Childcare services and lactation rooms will follow similarly strict health and safety policies.
11. Meeting attendees are asked to sign a COVID-19 waiver that will be part of the 2022 SWS Winter Meeting Registration form.

We will all play a role in keeping our meeting as safe as possible, so we expect attendees to be responsible and caring, including when leaving the hotel. If adjustments must be made due to changes reported by the CDC, we will communicate them promptly.

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