



Sociologists for  
Women in Society - South



## *President's Corner*

I want to start by thanking everyone for an amazing Southern Sociological Society (SSS) meeting! It was so great to be back in person finally and to see so many new and familiar faces. At the meeting, April 6-9 in Birmingham, AL, we were able to collect over 100 names and email addresses for people interested in learning more about and joining SWS-S. We had a lot of wonderful people stop by our SWS-S table and held a very successful Coffee-for-a-Cause event. We will be donating at least \$550 (still counting the Venmo receipts) to the Invisible Histories Program from this fundraiser. We also raised funds for SWS-S so that we continue our good work and be ready for the SSS meetings next year in Myrtle Beach, SC. Finally, we had a wonderful business meeting, with over 20 people in attendance, quite a few of whom were new members.

As we discussed at the business meeting, we've had a very busy two years as a chapter and are looking forward to more exciting work under our new leadership team. In the past two years, we have completed drafting our policies and procedures for the chapter, formalized our relationship with SWS Nationals, completed some vital anti-racist work as a leadership team, and started an oral histories project to learn more about our chapters history as we look towards our future.

My hope is that SWS-S can live up to its mission of being a place for marginalized scholar, especially a place where we can network and hold each other up. At my first SSS meeting in 2012, I attended the SWS-S business meeting and have been a strong supporter ever since then. SWS-S and SWS Nationals are my homes within

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sociology. They are the places where I have found my people, my supporters. I am honored to have served as the president of this chapter for two years. I believe in our mission and goals and believe that we can still grow and become even better as we learn how to support everyone across our diverse identities and locations.

Lastly, I want to take a moment to thank everyone. First, thank you to our previous leadership, especially our past-president, Marni Brown, and past-vice president, Bri Turgeon, without the two of you I would have been completely lost. Thank you to our leadership team over the last two years, including our outgoing team members who wrapped up our service at the SWS-S business meeting. Thank you to Cheri Chambers, Kimberly Kelly, Amelia Davies Robinson, and Ashley Stone. A special thank you to our current vice president, Ashley Vancil-Leap, who hit the ground running and is a major reason that the SSS meeting was a success for our chapter.



## Member Announcement

Join us in congratulating SWS-S-er Susan C. Pearce, who has been promoted to Full Professor in the Department of Sociology at East Carolina University. Their promotion will take effect Fall 2022.



Finally, I want to thank everyone who ran for SWS-S office in Fall 2021 and welcome those who began their new roles at the SWS-S business meeting. Our new leaders include Mandi Barringer (President), Corinne Schwartz (Treasurer), Stacy Salerno (Membership Committee Chair), Shaneda Destine (Vision Committee Chair), Jennifer Carruth (Newsletter Editor) and Brianna Patterson (Student Delegate). I'm excited to see what direction SWS-S takes going forward!

Keep up the awesome work and keep supporting one another.

In solidarity,  
Baker A. Rogers, SWS-S President 2020-2022  
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## Treasurer's Report

Greetings from your treasurer!

It has been my honor to serve SWS-South in this position. I welcome our new Treasurer Corinne Schwarz of Oklahoma State University ([corinne.schwarz@okstate.edu](mailto:corinne.schwarz@okstate.edu)).

We have more than \$3,180.44 in our account. This is more than we typically have at this time of year and due primarily to the SSS meeting not being in person from 2019 until 2022, and therefore not incurring the usual expenses. The current amount reflects the expenses that were incurred at the SSS meeting and have been paid (the table fee, Coffee for a Cause beverages and the plaque for this years' award). At the SSS meeting we raised \$307 in donations (including the t-shirt and pin donations). We also raised \$636.81 for IHP (which is not included in the \$3,180.44). We have some money (not included in the \$3,180.44) from membership dues paid during the SSS meeting, but we do not have those totals yet.

## Member Announcement

Join us in congratulating SWS-Ser Amelia Davies Robinson of Kent State University being awarded the Kent State University Sociology Department's Lewis-Benson Graduate Student Teaching Award.





American society shape the health and well-being of the population and individuals as they age. Her recent work has been published in *American Sociological Review*, *Demography*, *American Journal of Public Health*, *Social Forces*, and *Social Science & Medicine*.

As the winner, Dr. Homan will receive a plaque and will have a session organized in their honor at next year's Southern Sociological Society annual meeting.

As their nomination letter explained of Dr. Homan's research, "It takes its lead from the theory of "structural racism" to develop a new conceptual framework: "structural sexism."...She theorizes and operationalizes gender inequality at the macro level (six measures that draw on state-level data, including items like percent of women living in counties lacking an abortion provider, ratio of men's to women's poverty rate, and the like), at the meso level (three measures that draw on couples' data, including ratio of husbands' to wives' earnings), and at the micro level (4 items centering on gender-role ideology). It is this multilevel system of gender inequalities that comprises structural sexism, and this paper applies the theory to health outcomes... Analyzing the mechanisms that link ascribed characteristics to outcomes is crucial for understanding inequality and for devising policies to undermine it."

Please join me in congratulating Dr. Homan. We look forward to learning of all future successes!

My sincere thanks go to Anne Barrett, Mia Brantley, and Brandi Woodell for their contributions to this committee. For general information about SWS-S awards please visit <https://socwomen.org/sws-south/>. In January 2023, SWS-South will solicit nominations for that year's Graduate Student Paper Award on the Study of Gender.

Best,  
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## *Reflection on Coming Back Together: Birmingham 2022 SSS/SWS-South Conference*

Hello SWS-S!

Now that we have returned from the Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting in Birmingham, AL, I was asked to reflect upon my experience. Overall, it was wonderful! This was my first time attending an in-person meeting since the world shut down due to COVID-19. It was also my first in-person meeting as your Vice President. Going into the meeting I was certainly nervous. I

## Member Announcement

Congrats to Rebecca G. Adams, Professor and Gerontology Undergraduate Coordinator in the Department of Social Work at the University of North Carolina Greensboro on her recent publication. *Deadhead Social Science: "You Ain't Gonna Learn What You Don't Want to Know,"* co-edited by Rebecca G. Adams and Robert Sardiello in 2000, has been released as an e-book. It can also be ordered as print-on-demand wherever hard copy books are sold (including Rowman.com).



wondered how it would feel to be surrounded by so many people and if all of our SWS-S events would go well. Luckily, my worries were eased as the meeting went on.

It was wonderful to catch up with old friends and colleagues and to meet new ones! This first began early morning on Thursday when I arrived at the SWS-South table. I was so happy to see that our traditional quilt was found (we were initially unsure of where it was located), and that we had a beautiful SWS-S table scape, with lots of swag! Pins, pens, cups, t-shirts and literature about SWS-S decorated our table. The pins were definitely the most popular item, along with the t-shirts. For the next conference, we will have to make more pins and t-shirts, because they attracted many people to pass by, learn about SWS-S, and sign-up to get more information at a future date. Despite the masks, you could also tell how many smiles there were while people listened to us describe SWS-South and all that we do. We also gave out many invitations to our events for the weekend.



Up first was our annual Coffee-for-a-Cause event on Friday evening. Since most of the members of the leadership team had never attended an in-person Coffee-for-a-Cause while in our roles, many of us were nervous about how well the event would go. Luckily, it was a huge success! All the funds raised from this event went to the [Invisible Histories Project](#). The mission of IHP “locates, preserves, research, and creates for local communities an accessible collection of the rich and diverse history of LGBTQ life in the US South.” While final tabulations still have to be calculated at the time of this writing, we are able to donate at least \$550.00 dollars to IHP through the generation donations and funds raised at Coffee-for-a-Cause!

Our final event for the weekend was our annual Business Meeting held on Saturday at 11:30am. Once again, it was great to see returning members, as well as many new people who were interested in learning more about SWS-South. We discussed the great work the leadership team and organization had been doing since the last time we met in person, we discussed future concerns for the organization, we transitioned leadership positions, and we did our favorite activity of celebrating our accomplishments, small and large.

Overall, my experience at SSS, on behalf of SWS-South, was a great time back to conferencing. I look forward to seeing everyone again in Myrtle Beach in 2023!

Thank you and take care,  
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Vice-President  
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## Member Announcement

Congratulations to SWS-S-ers Marni Brown of Georgia Gwinnett College, Tiffany Taylor of Kent State University, and Sam Nousak of Kent State University for their fantastic work co-editing the Winter/Spring 2022 issues of *Sociation*. This is a Special Issue on COVID-19, Disability, & the Sociological Imagination.

<https://sociation.ncsociologyassoc.org/new-issues-articles/>



## Upcoming Meetings:

### SWS Summer Meeting 2022

August 5-9, 2022 | Los Angeles, CA

More information forthcoming. Visit <https://socwomen.org/future-sws-meetings/> for updates.

### Mid-South Sociological Association Meeting

Fall 2022 | Nashville, TN

Held at the Millennium Maxwell House Hotel  
More information forthcoming in Summer 2022. Visit <http://www.midsouthsoc.org/conference/callforparticipation/> for updates.

### SSS 2023 Annual Meeting

*"I Will Find A Way or Make One": Embracing and Advancing the American South's Tradition of Sociological Innovation and Scholar-Activism*

March 29-April 1, 2023 | Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

**Theme:** This year's theme, "I Will Find A Way or Make One!: Embracing and Advancing the American South's Tradition of Sociological Innovation and Scholar-Activism," is an invitation to those located in or engaged with research on the American South to show how their work continues the efforts of early Southern sociologists to impact the discipline through theory, methods, and substantive topical areas including, but not limited to, gender & sexuality, health & medicine, race, regionalism, and rural sociology. We welcome your participation as we celebrate this region's past and, more importantly, map the discipline's future through dynamic research that engages with "everyday people" in ways that address the many challenges facing this nation and world.

The American South has long been the bellwether for this nation's future direction(s). Let us, as Southern sociologists, again meet the challenge of using science to confront the pressing issues of this moment and lead the way toward societal transformations that positively impact the life chances and life outcomes of our fellow Americans. This is our legacy. This is our charge. This is our responsibility!

Submissions will open in Fall 2022, visit the link below for updates: <https://www.southernsociologicalsociety.org/meeting/>.

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*Welcome to Our Incoming Board Members!*

President: Mandi Barringer

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Programing Coordinator: Brenda Savage, Louisiana Tech University

Newsletter Editor: Jennifer Carruth, Mississippi State University

Student Delegate: Brianna Patterson, University of Alabama, Birmingham

***Thank You For a Wonderful Meeting!***  
***We are looking forward to seeing Y'all in***  
***Myrtle Beach in 2023!***

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