Thank you to everyone who attended this year’s Southern Sociological Society (SSS) meeting in Myrtle Beach, SC! It was nice to reconnect with returning SWS-S members and meet new members. SWS-S supported a wonderful organization this year – T-Time: Myrtle Beach Transgender Support Group at our annual Coffee-for-a-Cause/Silent Auction event (learn more in our Vision Chair’s report).

At the annual SWS-S business meeting, we proposed new ideas for the 2023-2024 year while also offering a space to share and discuss concerns regarding our work in this southern climate.

Given the heightened scrutiny and tension many are feeling, it’s important to connect with one another as we navigate this terrain. As a chapter, we will continue our discussions at the SWS Summer National Annual Meeting on how we can support each other. I hope that many of you will join us for those events/panels (especially grad students and non-tenured faculty).

Additionally, the outgoing and incoming SWS-S leadership team members are participating in a virtual training session hosted by the Transgender Training Institute this summer to ensure that we are evolving as a chapter in our support and representation of trans and non-binary people.

A huge thank you to our outgoing leadership team members: Vice President - Ashley Vancil-Leap; Secretary – Harry Barbee; Awards Committee Chair – Rachel Allison; Hand Mentor Program Coordinator – Ariane Prohaska; and our Student Delegate/SWS National Liaison – Brianna Patterson. You all did an amazing job in your roles. You will be missed.

Join us in congratulating SWS-S member Dr. Ashley Vancil-Leap (past VP of SWS-South) and her partner who welcomed their first child, Harper Leap, on October 19th, 2022. They are both very excited to teach her all about Sociology in the future!
As we bid farewell to the outgoing leadership team, we welcome our incoming leadership team members: Vice President – Sarah Rogers; Secretary – Ariane Prohaska; Awards Committee Chair -Verna Keith; Hand Mentor Program Coordinator – Bri Turgeon; and Student Delegate/SWS National Liaison – Megan Phillips. Thank you for supporting SWS-S! Please feel free to reach out to me anytime! I would be happy to connect with you all.

Best,

Mandi Barringer, SWS-S President 2022-2024
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**Member Announcement**

Join us in congratulating SWS-S member Lyla Byars who won Most Outstanding Doctoral Student Award in the Department of Sociology at Virginia Tech.

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**Membership Renewal**

You can join or renew your membership by going to either the SWS website ([https://socwomen.org/](https://socwomen.org/)) or the SWS-South webpage ([https://socwomen.org/sws-south/](https://socwomen.org/sws-south/)). You are not required to join both organizations but for those who do or want to belong to both, it simplifies membership renewal. New and returning faculty member dues are $20. Student (graduate and undergraduate) member dues are $5. Self-identified lower income general member dues are $5. Lifetime memberships are $500.

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**Vision Committee Chair Update**

Our Coffee for a Cause event was very successful at the Southern Sociological Society conference in Myrtle Beach. Sociologists for Women in Society-South’s chapter would like to thank all who attended and contributed to our sponsored organization T-Time. T-Time’s work is essential to our mission to support and be co-conspirators with our LGBTQIA folks particularly, Trans folks who are under direct attack in the South. T-Time shared their mission and creativity with us throughout their time at the silent auction. They auctioned some of their poetry and swag. We are happy to report, that with your help we were able to donate $500 to their mission. To those of you who were not at the Southern Sociological Meetings in Myrtle Beach, please feel free to donate here. Every cent goes to the struggle for queer liberation. Thank you for making our event successful.

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Editor’s Corner

I would like to thank everyone who submitted contributions to the Spring 2023 Newsletter. Submissions for future newsletters are always open and can be sent to the newsletter editor with the topic “SWS-S Newsletter Item” at any time during the year. An official call for Fall newsletter items will go out in October for items to appear in the Fall 2023 newsletter in early November.

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The Mission of Sociologists for Women in Society

Sociologists for Women in Society is a nonprofit professional feminist organization dedicated to:

1. **Transforming** the academy and professional organizations, including our own, by actively supporting feminist leadership and advancing career development of feminist scholars.

2. **Recognizing** that structural inequalities impact those marginalized by their identities and that this requires proactively promoting the creation of inclusive institutional spaces in an ongoing manner and by practicing critical reflexivity.

3. **Advocating** and encouraging the development of sociological feminist theory rooted in intersectionality and cutting-edge research for publication and dissemination.

4. **Promoting** social justice research within local, national, and international activist spaces by supporting scholar-activist communities seeking to dismantle intersecting systems of oppression.

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**Member Announcement**

Join us in congratulating SWS-S member Shaneda Destine on their first Gender & Society Publication: *The Interior of the Movement for Black Lives: “A New Political Generation”*
https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/08912432231157637

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**Member Announcement**

Join us in congratulating SWS-S member Adriana Ponce of the University of Michigan on the defense of their dissertation entitled "Invisible Work, Power, and Money: Gender Inequality in Shared Parenting within Child Custody Arrangements" at the University of Michigan on Monday, May 15, 2023.

Their dissertation committee is Professor Karin A. Martin (Chair), Professor Elizabeth A. Armstrong, Associate Professor Erin A. Cech, and Associate Professor Katie Richards-Schuster.

Adriana will be starting a tenure-track Assistant Professor position at Southwestern University in July 2023, a private liberal arts college in Georgetown, Texas.
**Upcoming Meetings:**

*SWS Summer Meeting 2023*

**August 19-20, 2022 | Philadelphia, PA**

- Friday, August 18, 2023 – Committee and Business Meetings
- Sunday, August 20, 2023 – Workshops
- Sunday, August 20, 2023 – SWS Awards Reception and the 2022 SWS Feminist Activism Awardee Talk by Goergiann Davis at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown. More details to come.

Please be reminded that SWS Summer Meetings are held in tandem with the ASA Annual Meeting. As per a long-standing agreement between SWS and ASA, SWS Summer Meeting attendees **must be registered** for the [ASA 2023 Annual Meeting](https://www.asanet.org/annual-meeting/2023-annual-meeting/).

Visit [https://socwomen.org/2023-summer-meeting/](https://socwomen.org/2023-summer-meeting/) for more information.

**ASA 2023 Annual Meeting**

**118th Annual Meeting: The Educatve Power of Sociology**

**August 17-21, 2023 | Philadelphia, PA | #ASA2023**

The Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association provides the opportunity for professionals involved in the scientific study of society to share knowledge and new directions in research and practice. Nearly 600 programmatic sessions are convened that provide a scholarly outlet for more than 3,000 research papers, over 4,500 presenters, and 5,000 attendees. The 2023 Annual Meeting will be held in Philadelphia on August 17-21, 2023.

Visit [https://www.asanet.org/annual-meeting/2023-annual-meeting/](https://www.asanet.org/annual-meeting/2023-annual-meeting/) for more information.

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**Member Announcement**

Join us in congratulating SWS-S member Gina Marie Longo on her recent publication "Moral Lines of Credit: Forging Race Projects, Citizenship, and Nation on Online U.S. Spousal Reunification Forums". in *Migration Politics*. Available at: [https://scipost.org/MigPol.1.1.005](https://scipost.org/MigPol.1.1.005) (open source).
MSSA 2023 Annual Meeting

October 11-14, 2023 | New Orleans, LA

Session Submission Deadline: May 1, 2023
Paper Submission Deadline: September 1, 2023

The 49th Annual Conference for the Mid-South Sociological Association, Unity in Community: Standing together for Racial Justice will be in New Orleans, LA, October 11-14, 2023, at the historic Dillard University. The submission portal for the annual meeting is NOW OPEN! We are accepting in-person and virtual presentations. We invite research papers from any and all disciplines, including those with an interdisciplinary focus. Please consider submitting your papers/abstracts early, to help ensure a spot in the session of your choice. We have some very exciting paper session topics! Also, consider participation in one of our panels, roundtables, poster sessions, or workshops that will be included in the program this fall. Submit your paper title and abstract through our online submission marketplace. Indicate whether you will present in-person or virtually. Instructions for navigating the marketplace and submitting your proposal is available, HERE.

Visit https://www.midsouthsoc.org/ for more information.

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