Editor's Desk

Dear SWS,

Happy New Year! I’m happy to share this most recent issue of Network News with you all. Note that even though we are in a new year (2024), this issue is inclusive of news mostly from the Summer and Fall seasons of 2023. Thanks for your patience awaiting this issue!

I encourage you to direct your attention to the messages our leadership so carefully crafts for this newsletter. Their columns contain personalized messages about SWS initiatives and our upcoming 2024 Winter Meeting.

In this issue, you can also find opportunities for year round SWS engagement, Committee Reports, and about our most recent awards winners – congratulations!

Thank you to Natasha and Barret in the Executive Office for your support in the creation and dissemination of this publication.

Please send news of your publications, accomplishments, feminist impact work, committee reports, inquiries for a Timely Topics column, etc. for the 2024 Winter Issue to swsnewsletter@socwomen.org by February 15, 2024.

In Solidarity,

Melissa D. Day
NN Editor (2021-2025)

Co-Presidents’ Column

Dear SWS'ers,

It has been our pleasure to serve you as Co-Presidents of SWS this year. It has been a dynamic and eventful period. We have been delighted by the great participation and excitement for the Winter and Summer Meetings, and the Student Symposium this year. We are also pleased by your engagement in our several conversations about Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB) in SWS.

Since our Winter Meeting in New Orleans followed the more typical conference format of plenaries and panels, we wanted to offer a different approach for our Summer Meeting in Philadelphia. We provided a series of workshops, focused on the theme, "Stages in the Life Cycle of a Sociologist: From Milestones in the Life of a Graduate Student Through Preparing for Retirement." There were 120 people registered for over a dozen workshops, on such topics as "Tips for Preparing for Retirement," "How to Publish Your First Article," and "Creating Sustainable Leadership in SWS." Many members let us know that they appreciated the workshop format and the diversity of topics addressed.
We heard dynamic presentations from our two distinguished SWS awardees: Sharon Harley, our 2023 Honorary Feminist Sociologist, and Georgiann Davis, our 2022 Feminist Activist Awardee. It was gratifying to see that so many of our SWS members were able to attend the Awards Reception and hear Georgiann’s very moving keynote address.

The second part of our Summer Meeting was our SWS Virtual Student and Junior Community Scholar Symposium (SJCSS), led by Alexis Grant-Panting and Pedrom Nasiri, our graduate student representatives. Pedrom and Alexis did an amazing job of contacting over 300 institutions, including 15 in Australia and New Zealand, 59 in Canada, 71 in the United Kingdom, and 153 in the United States. The program was 3-days long and had 14 sessions, including the Town Hall on Queer Inclusion. Panels focused on a broad array of topics such as: “On Violence and Belonging in the Digital Commons,” “On Kinning: Queering Family Practices,” and “Student Activism, Public Policy, and the United Nations: ‘Colleges for CEDAW’ and how to get involved.” We want to say a special thank you to Pedrom, Alexis, and all the participants who made this symposium such a success!

It has been an honor to continue the important discussion of DEIB that past SWS leaders have initiated. During the Summer Meeting, we asked our Committee Chairs to present key accomplishments in their committees since the Winter Meeting and concerns about DEIB in SWS. Our Summer Meeting also had workshops on DEIB issues, including “Language Justice Struggles” and “Developing a Space for Queer and Trans SWS Members.” We also were grateful to the student organizers of the SJCSS who provided the time for us to hold the Town Hall on DEIB. Some of the concerns expressed by our members in these forums that particularly focused on a greater sense of belonging in SWS included: the need for a name change, the need for mentorship of graduate students, the importance of affinity groups having safe spaces in our meetings, and the desire to transform land acknowledgments into action.

In response to the violence in Israel and Palestine, SWS Council issued this statement. We are also collecting resources for our members to share the work of critical feminist scholars from the region. This list is a living document, and we encourage our members to contribute.

Our programming and other initiatives this year would not have been possible without the hard work of our Executive Officer, Barret Katuna, and our Administrative Officer, Natasha Santana. Thank you, Barret and Natasha, for your dedication to enhancing the excellence of SWS! We would also like to express our thanks to the members of Council, our Committee Chairs and all that we had the pleasure of working with this year. We enjoyed our time together and your efforts to advance SWS as a highly treasured feminist organization!

With our best wishes,
Mary Osirim & Melanie Heath
SWS Co- Presidents

PHOTO: Mary J. Osirim
PHOTO: Melanie Heath

President-Elect Message

S.L. Crawley

Happy New Year! I want to start by congratulating and thanking Mary and Melanie on a wonderfully successful Co-Presidency. The Winter and Summer Meetings under their direction were fun and intellectually generative. In addition, while the world has seemingly been on fire, they have guided SWS carefully and steadily with their professional leadership. We owe them a debt of gratitude for their significant energies on our behalf. Thank you, Mary and Melanie, for all of your hard work!

As we look forward to the 2024 Winter Meeting, I want to reiterate the theme: “Queering SWS: Seeking Radical Inclusion in a Complex World.”

While recently “queering” has come to imply a focus on gender and sexualities, queer theory’s inception offered a much broader focus on: (1) anti-essentialism and (2) anti-normativity, which can interrogate all forms of power and
boundary-making--heteronormativity, cisnormativity, racialization, and imperialism/colonialisms. Anti-essentialism focuses our attention on distinctly constructionist ideals; that is, embodiment, identities, and practices are outcomes of social order, not independent variables. Anti-normativity questions and resists normative social control mechanisms that maintain inequalities and curb our plethora of interests, abilities, and desires. These have always been central concerns for SWS!

The theme centers radical inclusion; hence, EVERY idea/topic/paper fits the theme. Everybody, all topics, all interests! How do we envision and accomplish radical inclusion?

Queering is a broader path to radical inclusion — seeking models that avoid centering privilege. Working against binaries and other habits of mind, queer work especially critiques fixed identity categories (i.e., Butler’s question: what is a woman?). Yet, lived experience often draws on categorical identities (race, class, gender, sexuality, religiosity, generation) in important ways which we must not demean. We will ask: How does categorical identity politics help us understand our lived experiences and how does it raise problematic boundaries? In this meeting, together we will be inquiring and critiquing what radical inclusion can look like.

To begin queering, we have altered some traditional practices at the Winter meetings, working to innovate some new experiences as well as planning some time for FUN/JOY/REGENERATION. Our major goal is to gather face to face and talk to each other. New sessions include:

Research Incubator/Collaborative Conversations – set up by topic, the goal is to connect members by scholarly interest
Workshops – designed to help us work together to strategize for our careers
Affinity Groups – social spaces for members of color, queer/non-binary, and the Latin+ Feminist Collective to commune with like members
Book Celebration – a collective celebration for new book authors
Tribal/Native events - an opening ceremony, Native marketplace, Native dance, and queer performance and closing ceremony--each will honor our meeting site on Native land.

Also, the Silent Auction has become the Shop for a Cause. To reduce the workload and streamline the process of offering donations for sale, we are shifting to a sort of “Etsy” shop model (no longer an auction model). Come and buy your colleagues’ donations! Proceeds go to the local philanthropic cause.

First and foremost, we want to spend time together--in person. Recognizing that in the post-covid era we can do our bureaucratic and service work virtually throughout the year, we have focused meeting time in person with each other on intellectual, career-building, and friendship-building events.

Meet friends. Make new colleagues. Challenge yourself to attend something that doesn’t seem like your work. I bet you find that you have connections and expand your work.

I can’t wait to see you there!

Collegially,
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PHOTO: S.L. Crawley, SWS President-Elect

From the Executive Officer

Happy New Year! With the start of the new year, we jump right into our Winter Meeting at the Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort and Spa in Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico. As I look back on 2023, I am so grateful for all of the opportunities I have had to grow and learn as your Executive Officer. It has always been my great honor to serve this organization that has helped me so much throughout all of the twists and turns of graduate school, as a new PhD, and still as your Executive Officer. I continue to be inspired by our members and I am grateful that my work brings new challenges, excitement, and opportunities each and every day.

I want to thank Mary Osirim and Melanie Heath for their leadership as Co-Presidents. I could not believe it when I learned that they were not life long friends and colleagues when they decided to run for Co-President-Elect together. Seeing the way that they collaborated together and continue to partner is incredible. They have been a dream team to work with and that’s evident in the successes of our last two meetings.
S and I had the opportunity to map out the meeting together this past November at our Planning Visit in New Mexico and also had the opportunity to meet with Carmela Roybal who is Chairing the Local Engagement and Tribal Outreach Committee for SWS. I am so grateful that we have such committed volunteers each year who make our meetings so successful. I would like to thank the full SWS Program Committee, chaired by Piper Sledge, for their dedication to putting such a magnificent program together. Thank you to S, for your leadership and vision. This meeting is going to be enriching, inspiring, and FUN!

Thank you all for your messages of support and ideas that come throughout the year. I want to encourage you to keep those ideas coming. I am always happy to talk with you, one of your colleagues, or one of your students if there are ways that SWS can be of support.

See many of you soon in New Mexico!

Barret Katuna
SWS Executive Officer
Barret’s email: swseo.barretkatuna@outlook.com

PHOTO: Barret Katuna, SWS Executive Officer

COMMITTEE NEWS & REPORTS

Congratulations to the Newly Elected SWS Officers!

Thank you to all of you who have voted and to all of you who ran for SWS Elected Office in the SWS 2023 Election.

Thank you to the members of the Nominations Committee (Robert Villalón (Chair), Sasha Drummond-Lewis, Amy Stone, Jaime Hartless, and Baker Rogers) for all their work in putting together such a wonderful group of candidates for elected office. Their official terms will begin during the SWS 2024 Winter Meeting. Congratulations!

- President-Elect – Sylvanna Falcón
- Secretary– Crystal Jackson
- Treasurer-Elect – Corinne Castro
- Parliamentarian – Maria Cecilia Hwang
- Student Representative-Elect – Jinsun Yang

The above individuals will join SWS Council.

- Awards Committee Chair – Ophra Leyser-Whalen
- Discrimination Committee Co-Chair – Roberta Villalón
- Sister to Sister Committee Co-Chair – Brittany Battle
- Social Action Committee Co-Chair – Christina Chica
- Academic Justice Committee Co-Chairs – Florence “Emily” Castillo (+ one year term appointment TBD)
- Media Relations Committee Co-Chairs – Mindy Fried and Erin Baker-Giese (one year term)
- International Committee Chair – Assata Zerai
- Career Development Committee Co-Chair – Stephanie Wilson
- Awards Committee Members – Jaime Hartless and Vrinda Marwah
- Membership Committee Members – Cynthia Deitch and Marcella Gemelli
- Nominations Committee Members – Marni Brown and Alexis Grant-Panting
- Publications Committee Members – Daniela Jauk-Ajamie and Ranita Ray
ACADEMIC JUSTICE

Co-Chairs: Andrea Hunt and LaTonya Trotter

The Committee on Academic Justice’s mission is to support members in navigating structural and institutional forms of exclusion and inequality in academia. Over the past two years, we have focused the committee's efforts into organizing the Higher Ed Action Team (HEAT) as a space to share experiences, provide support, and co-create strategies to address austerity measures on our campuses.

On August 9th, our year-long work with HEAT culminated in an online pre-conference, “Raising Our Voices: Strategies for Organizing in Higher Education.” The mission of this free, interactive, virtual, conference was to build capacity across higher education to organize for stronger union representation and other forms of true, shared governance. As a part of building that capacity, we felt it was important to widen HEAT’s conversations—so we co-sponsored this event with the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSP) and the Association of Black Sociologists (ABS). It was an informative day with speakers from higher ed as well as the AAUP and Labor Notes. We could not have created this conference without the support of the larger organizing committee which included Christina Barmon, Wendy Christensen, Abby L. Ferber, Heather Laube, and R Plante.

Be on the lookout for ongoing HEAT meetings and find out what’s next! HEAT meets monthly during the academic year, so if you want to get involved, stay tuned to the listserv for dates and times! As part of HEAT’s on-going work, the group has created a shareable list of SWS Resources for Organizing Against Layoffs, Program Closures, and Other Austerity Measures in Higher Education. Please feel free to pass it on!

In addition to our support of HEAT, the Committee on Academic Justice has continued to create spaces of conversation within the SWS winter and summer meetings. During the most recent Summer Meeting we co-sponsored a session with the Committee on Academic Discrimination called “Resisting Together - Connecting the dots between sexism and racism in Higher Education.” A special thank you to the three moderators who facilitated this important conversation: Andrea Hunt, one of the co-chairs of the Committee on Academic Justice, and Beatriz Padilla and Marisela Martinez-Cola, co-chairs of the Committee on Academic Discrimination.

AWARDS

Chair: Maria Cecilia Hwang

SPRING AWARDS & DEADLINES
Awards with the April 1, 2024 at 11:59 pm Eastern Time deadline are:

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

For more information on each award, visit our website: https://socwomen.org/awards/

Submit applications through the SWS Member Portal. You do not need to be an SWS member to apply or nominate someone for these awards, but you need to use the portal.

SWS is pleased to recognize many forms of outstanding feminist work. SWS gives awards at the Awards Reception during the Summer Meeting, held each August, and at the Winter Meeting, held each January/February. Awards with an October 1 deadline are given at the Winter Meeting. Awards with an April 1 deadline are given at the Summer Meeting.

**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, or make a gift via this form: https://sws.memberclicks.net/donation-form.}
Congratulations to Dr. Mindy Fried, the 2024 SWS Feminist Mentoring Award Winner!

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.

This year’s Feminist Mentoring Award Subcommittee included Saida Grundy (Subcommittee Chair) Emily S. Mann, Heather Laube, and LaToya Council. The Subcommittee chose Dr. Mindy Fried as the recipient of the SWS 2024 Feminist Mentoring Award

Mindy Fried, Ph.D., MSW, is an applied sociologist with over 25 years of experience conducting research, teaching, and conducting policy analysis on organizational and workplace issues. She is co-founder and Principal of Arbor Consulting Partners, a small research consulting group based in Boston, Massachusetts. Mindy is also the Executive Director of Hoopla Productions, a nonprofit organization that produces arts events aimed at building community across the divides of race, class, culture and immigrant status. She co-founded Jamaica Plain Porchfest in 2014, and is currently focusing on productions about immigrant stories, music and dance. Most recently, she collaborated with a youth nonprofit, ZUMIX, which culminated in a live staged, intergenerational production at Boston’s City Hall Plaza called Open Your Heart: Immigrant Stories and Music from Boston and Beyond. Mindy also founded and co-produced an award-winning podcast about caregiving called The Shape of Care, which features caregivers and paid care workers, creators of innovative programs, and activists organizing nationally to mobilize care workers and implement a progressive national care agenda. She is currently developing a new podcast about growing older called Next Chapters, which is affiliated with Our Bodies Ourselves Today. Mindy has taught sociology courses on gender, work and public policy at universities throughout Boston, including MIT, Brandeis and Tufts.

Her published books include Caring for Red: A Daughter’s Memoir (Vanderbilt University Press, 2016), and Taking Time: Parental Leave Policy and Corporate Culture (1998). Mindy earned her Masters and Doctoral degrees in sociology from Brandeis University, and an MSW from Syracuse University, with a focus on Community Organizing and Social Policy Planning. In her spare time, she loves to take long (fast) walks, dance and sing, eat ice cream, play piano, knit, read, hang out, and take care of her “grand-cats”.

Here are some highlights from Mindy Fried’s nomination materials that were submitted by Chloe Bird, with support from Josephine Beoku Betts, Mary Bernstein, Tristan Bridges, Wendy Christensen, Tricia Bruce, Kimberly Fox, Bandana Purkayastha, Jax Gonzalez, LaToya Council, Rodica Lisnic, Nili Gesser, Anneliese Hager Preciado, and Sela Harcey.

In addition to her work supporting SWS members interested in applied sociology as a career, Mindy has supported SWS members interested in building skills as public sociologists. For example, she has taught multiple blog writing workshops at SWS Winter meetings; she taught an (invited) all-day workshop at the ASA summer meeting in Montreal; and she has provided hands-on support to academic sociologists working on transforming their scholarly writing for public/popular audiences. Most recently, at the 2020 SWS Winter meeting, Mindy taught a workshop on creating a podcast as public sociology, in which she shared her own work as producer of The Shape of Care podcast and featured three sociologists of color who produce powerful sociologically inspired podcasts.

Mindy has mentored sociologists who are interested in applied careers at all stages of the process, including those who are: deciding whether to pursue an applied career, researching possible job opportunities, transforming CVs into resumes, writing cover letters, interviewing for potential jobs, and negotiating salaries and working conditions. It is not surprising that Mindy has influenced hundreds of sociologists, including graduate students and academics who are exploring a move to – or have accepted offers to work in applied jobs. As such, she is an exemplary mentor.

In all of the work Mindy does, she is committed to supporting and encouraging her colleagues to take risks in exploring new career options, and in sharing their knowledge and skills as public sociologists. She is committed to the advancement
of sociologists representing diverse racial and cultural backgrounds, and gender identities, and has worked tirelessly in her many initiatives to support women of color.

Join us in congratulating Dr. Fried at the 2024 Winter Meeting Awards Banquet and Reception, Saturday, January 27.

Congratulations to Dr. Ghassan Moussawi, the 2024 SWS Feminist Lecturer Award Winner!

The 2024 SWS Distinguished Feminist Lecturer Award Winner is Dr. Ghassan Moussawi. 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.

Thank you to the SWS Distinguished Feminist Lecturer Subcommittee: Jaime N. Hartless (Chair), Jill Bystydzienski, Margarita Levine, and Sara Tyberg.

Ghassan Moussawi is an Associate Professor of Sociology and Gender and Women’s Studies and the Director of Graduate Studies in Sociology at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, where he is also an affiliate of the Department of Anthropology, Unit for Criticism and Interpretive Theory, Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, Global Studies, and the Women and Gender in Global Perspectives Program. His research lies at the intersections of transnational gender and sexuality studies, postcolonial feminisms, affect studies, and queer of color critique, with keen attention to nation and empire. Professor Moussawi’s book, Disruptive Situations: Fractal Orientalism and Queer Strategies in Beirut (Temple University Press, 2020,) won the 2021 Gloria E. Anzaldúa Book Prize from the National Women’s Studies Association and the 2021 ASA Sociology of Sexualities’ Distinguished Book Award. In it, he examines queer strategies of survival amidst everyday life violence and disruptions. He has also published multiple award-winning peer-reviewed articles and chapters, which have appeared in Feminist Formations, Sociological Forum, The Sociological Review, Gender, Place & Culture, Sexualities, Mobilities, and Research Handbook on Intersectionality (Edited by Mary Romero), among others. Professor Moussawi earned his PhD in Sociology from Rutgers University. He was recognized with the 2022 ASA Sociology of Sexualities’ Early Career Award, was a Woodrow Wilson (now Institute for Citizens and Scholars) Dissertation Fellow in Women’s Studies, and has received multiple awards for his teaching.

PHOTO: Ghassan Moussawi

As noted in his nomination materials collected by Victoria Reyes:

Dr. Moussawi through his scholarship, teaching, mentoring and service has been fearlessly pushing back against all forms of injustice within academia in the service of dismantling mostly unchallenged and harmful assumptions around queerness of color subjectivities in the North American academia. ... Dr. Moussawi is an inspirational scholar whose work and presence in academic spaces I inhabit has pushed my own scholarship to be more critical and justice oriented and this is a scholarly voice that needs to be centered and amplified within and beyond organizations such as SWS. I extend my unreserved support for Dr. Moussawi’s nomination for SWS Feminist Lecture Award.

I wanted to remark on his excellence as a mentor. Ghassan is a fierce advocate for his students, reaching outside of his university even, to create the sort of intellectually supportive milieu for them to explore their ideas, and for them to grow. He has asked me to serve as an external person on two of his students’ committees, both of whom work on India. Ghassan’s deep sense of obligation to his students is remarkable. He is committed to their research projects, quietly nurturing but also strongly directing, to help them successfully navigate their first large research project. I have learned so much about mentoring through watching Ghassan work with his students.

When [Dr. Moussawi] began to mentor and eventually advise me, I found a sense of belonging. Along with his other advisees, I became a part of a feminist academic community. [Dr. Moussawi] has always shown me kindness, generosity, encouragement, and incredible academic guidance. I have never experienced nor seen such a dedicated advisor and mentor in all my eleven years in higher education. Not only does he support my understandings and uses of radical feminist and queer theory and methods in my research (something that I struggled to find in my department prior to his support) but he always gives me the space, respect, and time I need to care for and prioritize the other important things in my life, like my
community organizing, health, and financial stability. Observing and learning from his feminist pedagogy has helped me to become a better supporter and educator to those who I now mentor and teach.

Join us in congratulating Dr. Moussawi at the 2024 Winter Meeting Awards Banquet and Reception, Saturday, January 27.

**SWS Celebrates Dr. Maria Mayerchyk, SWS 2024 Honorary Feminist Sociologist!**

The Honorary Feminist Sociologist Distinction is presented annually to a feminist who is not a sociologist by training but has contributed significantly to the development of the field of feminist sociology. Established in 2021 under the leadership of then President-Elect Roberta Villalón, this initiative recognizes how the inherent interdisciplinary character of feminist theory and praxis has been fundamental to the development of feminist sociology. The work by feminists like bell hooks, Audre Lorde, Angela Davis, Gloria Anzaldúa, Kimberlé Williams Crenshaw, and Maria Lugones, to name just a few, has been of great influence on our field. The President-Elect selects the annual recipient of the Honorary Feminist Sociologist Distinction and invites the awardee to participate at the SWS Winter Meeting to foster constructive interdisciplinary relationships among feminists who are devoted to advancing gender and sexual justice as well as dismantling intersecting systems of oppression.

The 2024 SWS Honorary Feminist Sociologist Distinction is awarded to Dr. Maria Mayerchyk, selected by S.L. Crawley, SWS President-Elect. Past awardees include Dr. Ochy Curiel (2022) and Dr. Sharon Harley (2023).

**Dr. Maria Mayerchyk** is a feminist academic and activist from Ukraine. She has a double affiliation as a Deputy Professor of Social Anthropology at Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences (Germany) and a Senior Research Associate at the Ethnology Institute of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine.

In 2003, she obtained a Candidate of Sciences degree (= PhD) in History, specializing in Ethnology. Later, she held an academic position at the University of Alberta (2019-2020) and was a visiting scholar at the Ukrainian Research Institute at Harvard University (2012), Lund University (2019), the University of Greifswald (2022-2023), as well as held postdocs at the University of South Florida (2007-2008) and the University of Alberta (2008-2009). Maria’s research interests include a decolonial perspective on gender, sexuality and body, queer and feminist movements and epistemologies of Eastern Europe, diaspora and migration studies, and folklore and traditional knowledge.

She is a co-founder and editor-in-chief of the refereed open-access journal Feminist Critique: East European Journal of Feminist and Queer Studies (2015-now), which provides a platform for feminist knowledge production and encourages debates on socially important issues related to Eastern Europe among global scholarly and activist communities.

In 2011–2014, she was the principal investigator on the Gender, Sexuality, and Power project supported by the Open Society Foundation.

Maria has authored/edited seven books, numerous journal articles, and special issues. Her current monograph, Coloniality of the Indecent: Erotic Folklore in the Modern Design of Sexuality, as well as her previous book Ritual and the Body: Ukrainian Rites of Passage (first published in 2011), are being translated into English.

Maria will be a participant on the 2024 SWS Winter Meeting Plenary: Transnational Feminist Resistance to “Anti-Gender” Politics and Authoritarianism which will be on Friday, January 26, 2024 from 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm.

PHOTO: Maria Mayerchyk

Join us in congratulating Dr. Mayerchyk at the 2024 Winter Meeting Awards Banquet and Reception, Saturday, January 27.

**Congratulations to Sejin Um, the 2024 SWS Cheryl Allyn Miller Award Winner!**

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.

The 2023 Cheryl Allyn Miller Award Winner is [Sejin Um](#).

Thank you to the Cheryl Allyn Miller Award Subcommittee: Laura Bunyan (Chair), Asmita Aasaavari, Rianka Roy, and Sarah A. Robert.

**Sejin Um** is a PhD candidate in sociology at New York University, where she works on topics in gender inequality, organizations, work, and family. Her dissertation uses 126 in-depth interviews to examine how young women and men employed in large corporations in Korea evaluate their jobs and develop different career pathways and understandings of success. In another line of work with others, she studied American families’ experiences and coping strategies during the Covid-19 pandemic. Sejin holds an MA degree in Gender, Race, Sexuality, and Social Justice from University of British Columbia, Vancouver, and a BA in International Studies from Korea University, Seoul.

Sejin’s article, “The Militarized Workplace: How organizational culture perpetuates gender inequality in Korea” is part of her dissertation research. The paper examines the experiences of young women who leave full-time employment at large corporations in Korea early in their career, even in the absence of motherhood responsibilities. She demonstrates three distinct organizational features that shaped their decision to quit, synthesizing these aspects into the framework of the “militarized workplace.” The notion of the militarized workplace illuminates how everyday organizational culture and practices of large Korean firms are embedded in and operate within military discipline and how gender inequality is perpetuated in the process. The notion not only helps understand the high levels of gender inequality in Korea, but also appreciates the role of external institutions, such as male conscription and the military, in shaping organizational culture and outcomes.

Join us in congratulating Sejin Um at the 2024 Winter Meeting Awards Banquet and Reception on Saturday, January 27.

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**CAREER DEVELOPMENT**

**Co-Chairs: Mindy Fried & Sharla Alegria**

This year, the Career Development Committee (CDC) conducted the following activities:

- We organized a Critique Me session at the SWS Summer Meeting, moderated by Sharla Alegria, and featuring panelists, La Toya Council and Marybeth Stapl.
- We organized a series of three introductory meetings/webinars to establish peer mentoring groups focused on applied sociology. Featured presenters included Chriss Sneed and Alison McGrath. We then established two peer mentoring groups focused on applied sociology, one led by Mindy Fried and the other, by Stephanie Wilson.
- The CDC continues to support mentor-mentee matches.

**Ask Alix:** After a short hiatus, we are now looking for a co-coordinator for Ask Alix. If anyone is interested, please contact Sharla Alegria at sharla.alegria@utoronto.ca

One of the Career Development’s peer mentoring groups – Preparing for the Applied Job Market – recently featured Andres Lopez as our speaker. Andres is the Director or Research for the Coalition of Communities of Color in Portland, Oregon. Check out his presentation: [https://socwomen.org/sws-applied-sociology/interviews/](https://socwomen.org/sws-applied-sociology/interviews/)
And while you’re on the video page for the Applied website page, check out our other videos, including: A dialogue between Andres and Melissa Abad and a Presentation by Chriss Sneed. They are all INSPIRING!

ALSO – we’re looking for MORE content for our page! Do you have a blog post or a podcast episode or a video related to applied soc? Would you like to share your own journey as an applied sociologist – in a short video or voice memo? PLEASE send any and all of the above to Mindy.

INTERNATIONAL

Chair: Fumilayo Showers
Co-Chairs of the UN Subcommittees: Solange Simões and Diana Papademas

Read the US Women’s Caucus Statement on Hamas and Isreal War.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS from the International Committee – DUE January 31, 2024

Please join us in representing SWS at the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) 68th Annual Meeting held virtually and in person!

We are looking for panelists whose research supports the theme of “Accelerating the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls by addressing poverty and strengthening institutions and financing with a gender perspective.” This may include but is not limited to research on the feminization of poverty, housing insecurity, financial inequity, the gender pay gap, sexual harassment and policy to advance women in the workplace.

If your research (at any stage) addresses this theme, we encourage you to participate! We welcome students and early career scholars, as well as seasoned CSW attendees, who can help us demonstrate how feminist sociological research contributes to the work of the CSW.

Please submit a 150-word abstract with a title to Nicky Fox (Nicole.fox@csus.edu) by WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2024. Please note if you have a preference to be on the in person or zoom panel.

Please note, the in-person event is scheduled on March 22, 2024 (at the UN headquarters in Manhattan at 12:30 EST) and the online session has not yet been scheduled.

If you have any questions about the International Committee, please contact the incoming committee chair, Asata Zerai at zerai@unm.edu.

Congratulations to Dr. Olga Plakhotnik, the 2024 SWS Global Feminist Partner!

The SWS Global Feminist Partnership Program (GFPP) establishes collaborations with feminist and women-centered organizations and non-governmental organizations across the globe. The GFPP reflects the commitment of SWS to foster activism and advocacy for and by women, support research by women and on gender issues, increase organizational inclusiveness, and build organizational strength by increasing our visibility in the discipline of sociology, on campuses, and in society. The GFPP is an initiative of the International Committee.

The 2024 Global Feminist Partner is Dr. Olga Plakhotnik.

Dr. Olga Plakhotnik (no pronouns) is a Chair in Ukrainian Cultural Studies at the University of Greifswald and a PI of the team project “UnDisciplined: Pluralizing Ukrainian Studies—Understanding the War in Ukraine.” The project is funded by the German Ministry of Education and Research and aims at methodological pluralization and networking of Ukrainian studies and related areas in Germany and internationally.

Olga’s educational and professional trajectory has been quite twisted across disciplines, countries and continents, languages, and academic traditions. Olga's first PhD was completed in Social Philosophy (2004) at the National Aerospace University in Kharkiv (Ukraine), where Olga taught and did research in critical epistemologies and feminist/queer pedagogies. Olga was a recipient of prestigious fellowships such as the Fulbright Scholar Fellowship at the University of South Florida, the IREX Fellowship at the University of Urbana-Champaign, the DAAD Fellowship at Free University (Berlin), Central European University in Budapest, and the Swedish Institute Fellowship at the Linkoping University. Simultaneously, Olga was involved in intense academic-activist work and community service in Ukraine. Several summer
schools for educators, activists, and artists were organized to discuss the topics of gender, feminism, queer, and others. The largest was an international three-year project, “Gender, Sexuality, and Power,” supported by the Institute of Open Society and aimed at developing teaching excellence in gender and queer studies.

Then Olga’s professional interest turned to sociology. Olga entered a doctoral program at the Open University (UK) and completed it in 2019. The doctoral dissertation, “*Imaginaries of Sexual Citizenship in Post-Maidan Ukraine: A Queer Feminist Discursive Investigation*,” was defended with distinction. Four years after the defense, it was downloaded from the university website more than 600 times. Olga intended to rework it into a book manuscript provisionally titled “Sexuality, Citizenship, and War” and received an advanced contract for it from McGill-Quinn University Press. Although this task was partially completed in 2020-2022, during Olga’s postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Alberta, the beginning of the full-scale Russian invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 led to the termination of the book project. Meanwhile, some parts of the dissertation appeared in the journals *Feral Feminisms* (2022), *Qualitative Research in Psychology* (2023), and several book collections. Olga’s recent research project at the University of Greifswald explores discursive mechanisms of feminist and queer subjectivation using the concept of “border” as both a locality and a method.

Another part of Olga’s scholarship, completed in co-authorship with Maria Mayerchyk, focuses on theorizing feminist and LGBT discourses in Ukraine and Eastern Europe from the perspective of coloniality. Olga and Maria’s texts on this topic were published in the books *Feminist Circulations between East and West*, edited by Annette Bühler-Dietrich (Frank & Timme Verlag, 2019), *Postcolonial and Postsocialist Dialogues: Intersections, Opacities, Challenges in Feminist Theorizing and Practice*, edited by Redi Koobak, Madina Tlostanova & Suruchi Thapar-Björkert (Routledge, 2021), and *Lambda Nordica* journal (2023). Recently Olga and Maria started a new research project seeking to theorize a specific entanglement of race/ethnicity and gender in the case of war refugees from Ukraine in Germany.

Olga and Maria are founders and editors-in-chief of the refereed journal *Feminist Critique: East European Journal of Feminist and Queer Studies* launched in 2016. The journal publishes papers in English, Russian, and Ukrainian on a wide range of topics with strong feminist and/or queer-theoretical positionality. The editors state: “We consider feminism broader than mere debates on women’s rights and gender equality, and we see queer theory as more than LGBT studies. We take feminism and queer theory as a tool for critical analysis of the implications of power, knowledge, and politics through which various “others” are constructed and naturalized, and global and local regimes of inequalities are established and maintained.”

Join us in congratulating Olga Plakhonik! Olga will be a participant at the 2024 SWS Winter Meeting Plenary: Reproductive, Gender, and Sexual Justice in a Non-binary Utopia on Friday, January 26, 2024 from 11:45 am – 1:15 pm.

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**MEDIA RELATIONS**

**Chair: Erin Baker**

**New Episodes of** [**Feminist Intersections**](https://www.buzzsprout.com/1931436/13760194)

NEW EPISODES! of *Feminist Intersections*, a podcast created by Sociologists for Women in Society to highlight the work of feminist scholars and activists! The podcast is produced by Whitney Hunt and Erin Baker.

**EPISODE 3: Tanya Cook**: The One Where We Talk About Fandoms, Disability, and Activism

**EPISODE 4: Gina Longo**: Citizenship, Family, Gender, and Digital Spaces

[Read a Q&A from the SWS Blog with Gina HERE!](https://www.buzzsprout.com/1931436/13760194)

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SOCIAL ACTION

Co-Chairs: Heather R. Hlavka & Evonnia Woods

During Fall 2023, the Social Action Committee hosted the “Integrating Teaching, Research, and Activism Series.” Read more about these past events HERE.

“Shop for a Cause” Marketplace
Greetings SWS!

The 2024 Winter Meeting is very soon! Each year we raise funds during the winter meeting to donate to a local organization that advances feminist goals.

This year, all the proceeds from the Marketplace will go to the Transgender Resource Center of New Mexico. The Transgender Resource Center of New Mexico supports transgender, nonbinary, and gender nonconforming communities through direct services, education, and advocacy. They provide food assistance, case management, housing and employment services and support other basic needs within the community. They partner with diverse organizations, many of which are focused on native concerns.

The marketplace will be open during the banquet dinner on Saturday evening. Please consider contributing and shopping for donated items to support the Transgender Resource Center of New Mexico. SWS will accept payment in three forms: 1) USD, 2) Venmo, and 3) credit card.

Donate Items for Purchase

It would be enormously helpful if you bring your item(s) with you or ship them to the resort. For anyone wishing to mail items (especially folks who can’t make it), ship them to arrive no earlier than January 22, 2024 to: Barret Katuna, SWS Executive Officer, C/O Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort and Spa, 1300 Tuyuna Trail, Santa Ana Pueblo, NM 87004.

Please provide the following information written and submitted with your item: your name, what the item is (if not readily obvious), and a price. These products do not necessarily have to be new, and can be donated from something you own that is in excellent condition. Thank you in advance for your contributions and support!

If you are unsure of what to donate to the ‘Shop for a Cause’, here are some ideas:

● Jams and preserves
● Jewelry, purses, accessories (please no broken jewelry or bags of discarded items)
● Pottery
● Coffee and tea
● Scarves, gloves, hats and fabrics
● Chocolate and Candies
● Local crafts
● Vintage or recent books (signed editions)
● Art & crafts (yours or another person’s)
● Stickers/buttons (vintage ones sell well!)
● T-shirts

Many thanks,
Congratulations to V Mancebo, the 2024 SWS Undergraduate Social Action Award Winner!

The Undergraduate Social Action Award is given annually to recognize students or a team of students making a substantial contribution to improving the lives of women in society through activism. SWS initiated this award in 2003. The work honored by this award is central to the SWS goal to foster activism for women. SWS recognizes that action “for women” does not mean that the work was done “with women” or even “by women.” Substantial need exists for social action working with men, boys, LGBTQ communities and other groups where change will benefit women and can be understood as feminist action. Therefore, SWS recognizes work done in this spirit regardless of applicant gender identity.

V Mancebo is the 2024 Undergraduate Social Action Awardee! A special thank you to the SWS 2024 Undergraduate Social Action Subcommittee: Evonnia Woods (Co-Chair), Heather Hlavka (Co-Chair), Kristy Kelly, and Nicole Bedera. Thank you to Sophia Boutlier for nominating V Mancebo for this prestigious award.

V Mancebo is a first-generation Dominican American studying psychology and sociology at Stony Brook University. With their education, V plans to pursue a career as a social worker and researcher to better serve their community. They strive to make resources available and easier to navigate throughout New York City and are passionate about making the medical system more equitable for low-income communities. V has previously volunteered with MinKwon Center for Community Action and Asia Initiatives to bring resources to local and global communities. They have interned with the NYC Commission on Gender Equity where they conducted research on street harassment and worked to increase awareness on issues affecting LGBTQ+ youth and the transgender community. V is currently a resident assistant, a member of Stony Brook’s campus emergency response team (a campus organization dedicated to maintaining community safety through campus-wide trainings about disaster preparedness and on-site activations during campus events), and serves as vice president of Stony Brook University’s chapter of Out in STEM (a national organization dedicated to increasing access and representation for the LGBTQ+ community in STEM careers and studies). Their involvement in student life helps to bring resources to the campus community and to the LGBTQ+ students of Stony Brook. Through their research on the intersectionality of anti-fat discrimination and rape culture, V hopes to minimize the marginalization of fat people in the medical system and create equitable spaces for other marginalized communities.

![PHOTO: V Mancebo](image)

As noted in the nomination materials collected and submitted by Dr. Sophia Boutlier:

V has always been an active and contributing member and is a great vice president. We reestablished our Stony Brook chapter last semester and as a new organization on campus, we have a lot to do in bringing awareness about the lack of queer diversity in STEM. Last semester, V was a very active member of oSTEM. They attended all of our general body meetings, always participated in our discussions, and often helped out during larger events. This semester, as vice president, V has continued developing our organization by collaborating with other campus organizations with events to raise awareness for queer topics and they continue to further discussions amongst our general members to create a positive atmosphere and community both in the organization and on campus. V helps to facilitate deep, difficult, discussions about literature about LGBTQ+ people and the controversial, negative impacts they pose to the queer community overall. V is very passionate about queer diversity and has been achieving the goals we have set out for the organization and connecting with people on and off campus in an effort to increase awareness and aid to those out in STEM. - Raisa Rahman, Member of oSTEM, Student at Stony Brook University

V worked as a Policy & Programs intern at the NYC Commission on Gender Equity (CGE) during the summer of 2023, working on the Safety portfolio, which covers issues at the intersection of gender equity and safety, including gender-based violence and access to safe public spaces. V supported the Policy and Programs team in a number of ways, including drafting agendas ahead of key meetings, summarizing and circulating meeting notes and next steps, and researching and drafting original knowledge products related to gender equity and safety, including the challenges faced
by gender expansive people during migration. They consistently performed at a high level and were an engaged, thoughtful, and helpful team member, and made many positive contributions to the office during their tenure with CGE. - Sarah Milner-Barry and Melanie Weniger, New York City Commission for Gender Equality

Join us in congratulating V at the 2024 Winter Meeting Awards Banquet and Reception on Saturday, January 27.

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Publications

NEW BOOKS

★ Moving from the Margins: Life Histories on Transforming the Study of Racism (2024) edited by Margaret L. Andersen and Maxine Baca Zinn. This is a collection of autobiographical essays by prominent sociologists whose work has transformed the understanding of race and ethnicity. All proceeds will support the ASA Minority Fellowship Program.


ARTICLES


★ Chandra Waring, “We are Going to be the New White [People]” Multiracial Americans Envision the Future” in Ethnic and Racial Studies and “Be Confident,” “Creative,” and “Careful”: Advice from Multiracial Adults” in Journal Committed to Social Change on Race and Ethnicity.


★ Gina Marie Longo, “The Internet as a Social Institution: Rethinking Concepts for Family Scholarship” in Family Relations.

Celebrations - Congratulations!!!

★ Bandana Purkayastha was elected as the Vice President for National Associations, International Sociological Association (2023-2027). ISA has individual members from over 125 countries. In addition, 73 national associations, including ASA, are members. She will continue to strengthen collaborations and amplify sociologies from across the world.

★ Zakiya Luna was the inaugural winner of the American Sociological Association’s Distinguished Early Career Award for Contribution to Social Movements Scholarship.

★ Zakiya Luna was the winner for the Washington University in St. Louis Dean’s Award for Diversity Advancement.
Feminist Impact Work

★ Adrienne Trier-Beiniek hosts a podcast, “Most Popular” - listen and learn about about to be a guest HERE.

★ Sharla Alegria and Catherine Yeh share a pre-print of their essay about generative AI tools like ChatGPT for Contexts on SocArXiv, “Machine Learning and the Reproduction of Inequality.”

★ Stacy Torres shares an Op-Ed in the Los Angeles Times, “Grocery stores used to be my happy place. Then they started locking up detergent,” two essays on W.W. Norton’s Everyday Sociology Blog, “How I Become a Professor: My Parents Gifts for Pursuing the Impossible Dream” and “You Want to Work or You Want to Steal?” The Impossible Choices Migrants Face Without Work Authorization,” her interview on the podcast Science Vs. about her research on gossip among older adults (listen on Spotify or watch on YouTube, an Op-Ed in the San Francisco Chronicle, “S.F. photoshopped away its warts for APEC (Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation). It shouldn’t have.”

★ Carole Joffe shares work on “The Impact of Dobbs on Pregnancy Care” on the Society for Maternal Fetal Medicine blog and a co-authored piece (with David S. Cohen) in Slate, “Ending Roe v. Wade May Have Had the Opposite Effect That Conservatives Had Hoped For.”

★ Leta Hong Fincher shares a New York Times Op-Ed, “Young Chinese Women are Defying the Communist Party,” an essay adapted rom the new, 10th Anniversary Edition of her book, Leftover Women: The Resurgence of Gender Inequality in China (Bloomsbury)

★ Gina Marie Longo shares a piece was written for the London School of Economics’ U.S. Phelan Centre, “Immigrant spouses who want to come to the US are forced to learn to play along with the state’s idealized version of the American family.”

PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES

SWS Virtual Feminist Engagement Opportunities

MEMBERS ONLY

WRITING GROUPS
COME JOIN US!

WRITING GROUPS SCHEDULE
EVERYDAY
Monday thru Friday
10:30-12:30 ET
12:30-3:30 ET

*See MemberClicks ‘SWS Writing Groups’ for more detailed information and Zoom links

*THANK YOU to Dina Pinsky and Penny Harvey for organizing this initiative and to all of our current writing group hosts (Jinsun Yang, Dina Pinsky, Lauren Clingan, Emily Mrig, Erika Slaymaker, Mindy Fried, Dani Jaek-Ajamieh, Kate Berheide, Namita Manohar, Surbhi Shrivastava, Stef Shuster, and Crystal Jackson) for tending to these empowering co-writing spaces.

SWS Sexuality Researchers Workshop Group
If you are an SWS member and your research relates to sexuality, please consider joining the SWS Sexuality Researchers Workshop Group. We meet once a month to share our works in progress and give each other feedback. If you are interested in being added to our contact list and receiving a Zoom link, please contact Dina Pinsky pinskyd@arcadia.edu.
Latinx Feminist Antiracist Liberatory Praxis Collective: Learn more about the collective [HERE](https://www.latinplusfeministcollective.org/blog).

The Latin+ Feminist Blog: [https://www.latinplusfeministcollective.org/blog](https://www.latinplusfeministcollective.org/blog)

**Latinx Feminist Collective Meetings**

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.

For more information contact Roberta Villalón at latinxfemsoc@gmail.com.

The Collective will host our open virtual gatherings the following dates:

- February 2nd (1-2 PM EST)
- March 1st (1-2 PM EST)
- April 5th (1-2 PM EST)
- May 3rd (1-2 PM EST)

The meeting link: [https://sju.webex.com/sju/j.php?MTID=m0d606205076a1ceefbfd2bdcaabcf038](https://sju.webex.com/sju/j.php?MTID=m0d606205076a1ceefbfd2bdcaabcf038)

Specific details will be distributed via email, so we recommend interested people to register in the Collective through this page: [https://www.latinplusfeministcollective.org/join-us-1](https://www.latinplusfeministcollective.org/join-us-1)

Also, for more information about the Collective and its initiatives, we recommend interested people to visit our site: [https://www.latinplusfeministcollective.org/](https://www.latinplusfeministcollective.org/)

**Resources for Members**

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

- The [SWS Applied Sociology website](https://sociology.southwest.org/).
- SWS member crowdfunded list of [Global Teaching Resources on COVID-19](https://www.sociology.southwest.org/covid-teaching-resources) and [SWS's list of Black Feminist Scholars](https://www.sociology.southwest.org/learn/our-people/black-feminist-scholars).
- The [Gender & Society blog](https://www.sociology.southwest.org/gender-society)’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](https://www.sociology.southwest.org/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](https://www.sociology.southwest.org/learn/signs) has a [syllabi resource collection](https://www.sociology.southwest.org/learn/signs/syllabi-resource-collection) for some commonly taught courses in women’s, gender, and sexuality studies.
★ 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. If you have questions about your listserv setup, please email Natasha Santana at: nsantana@socwomen.org.

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★ CONNECT WITH SWS ON SOCIAL MEDIA!
SWS Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/SocWomen/
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★ UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA:
- Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) - ANNUAL MEETING & CALL FOR PAPERS: SSSP invites you to join us in Montréal, Canada, August 9-11, 2024. The program theme selected by President Mary Bernstein is Toward a Sociology of Violence. Papers or extended abstracts for presentations must be submitted via our online submission process no later than 11:59 p.m. (Eastern Time) on January 31, 2024 in order to be considered. COMPETITIONS: SSSP is pleased to announce our 2024 Student Paper Competitions and Outstanding Scholarship Awards. In order to be considered for any of the Student Paper Competitions, applicants are required to submit their papers to a session through the Call for Papers no later than 11:59 p.m. (Eastern Time) on January 31, 2024. Please note that students may only submit to one division and that each division has its own deadline and submission process. For more information contact sssp@utk.edu. FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: SSSP is soliciting applications for the 2024 Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Fellowship. Persons identified as either American Indian or Alaska Native, Arab/Middle Eastern/North African, Asian/Asian-American, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latinx, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, or, including Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) from one of the aforementioned groups, accepted into an accredited doctoral program in any one of the social and/or behavioral sciences are invited to apply for the $15,000 fellowship. Two students will be funded. Online applications must be received in their entirety no later than 11:59 p.m. (Eastern Time) on February 1, 2024. All applicants must be a 2024 SSSP member at the time of their application. Contact Dr. Shaonta’ E. Allen, Chair, Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Fellowship Committee, with questions: shaonta.allen@dartmouth.edu.

SWS Statements and Calls for Action

SWS Statement on Israel-Gaza (November 9, 2023)

SWS Response to the recent Supreme Court’s Decisions Curtailing Basic Civil and Human Rights (July 17, 2023)
Statement From the New Editors of Gender & Society: Patricia Richards (University of Georgia) and Sharmila Rudrappa (University of Texas - Austin) share a statement about their vision for the journal. You can read it HERE. The team began their editorial work with new submissions on May 1, 2023. Their first full issue, as the new editorial team, will be out in February 2024.

Read a “Farewell from the 2020-2023 Editorial Team” HERE

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. It is currently a top-ranked journal in 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, theoretically engaged, and methodologically rigorous articles, including qualitative, quantitative, and comparative-historical methodologies. Gender & Society also publishes reviews of books from a diverse array of social science disciplines. Gender & Society is a member of the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE).

ARTICLES IN CURRENT ISSUES:
EDITOR: Barbara Risman (2020-2023)

Volume 37 Issue 4, August 2023

"Parental Leave Policies, Usage Consequences, and Changing Normative Beliefs: Evidence From a Survey Experiment" by Marie-Fleur Philipp, Silke Büchau, Pia S. Schober, and C. Katharina Spiess

"Gender-Atypical Learning Experiences of Men Reduce Occupational Sex Segregation: Evidence From the Suspension of the Civilian Service in Germany" by Maik Hamjediers

"The Fragile Male: An Experimental Study of Transgender Classification and the Durability of Gender Categories" by Katharine Khanna and Tey Meadow

"Coming Into Identity: How Gender Minorities Experience Identity Formation" by Sonny Nordmarken

"Stratified Reproduction, Hysterectomy, and the Social Process of Opting into Infertility" by Andréa Becker

Volume 37 Issue 5, October 2023

"It's Hard Out Here for a Unicorn": Transmasculine and Nonbinary Escorts, Embodiment, and Inequalities in Cisgendered Workplaces" by Angela Jones

"Modern, Empowered, but Stigmatized: Analyzing the Construction of Menstrual Cups as Feminist Technologies" by Malissa Kay Shaw

"Feminist Pedagogies on the Front Lines: Struggling Against a Mine, Struggling Against Patriarchy" by Tamar Shirinian
"What Biological Stories are Americans Telling About the Egg and the Sperm? A Study Inspired by Emily Martin 30 Years Late" by Rene Almeling

"The Discursive Work of “Bottom-Shaming”: Sexual Positioning Discourse in the Construction of Black Masculinity" by Terrell J. A. Winder

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"Farewell from the 2020–2023 Editorial Team"

"However I talk about it, my kids tell me I'm doing it wrong": U.S. Mothers of Cisgender Children Grapple With Gender Diversity" by Naomi Darom

"Linked Fate and Social Identity: Black and White Women's Attitudes About Abortion and MeToo" by Kelsy Kretschmer, Christopher Stout, and Leah Ruppanner

"Illusion of Inclusion: Examining Trickle-Down Effects of the Board Gender Quota Regulation in India" by Esha Mendiratta

"Do Couples Take Financially Rational Decisions When They Become Parents? No, But They Believe They Do" by Regula Zimmermann

"Gender Segregation in Civic Life: Women's and Men's Involvement in Voluntary Associations" by Kasimir Dederichs and Nan Dirk de Graaf

NEW! On The Gender & Society Blog

Gender-Atypical Learning Experiences for Men Reduce Occupational Sex Segregation by Maik Hamjediers

Who is Trans and How Do We Know? By Tey Meadow and Katharine Khanna

‘Maternity’ Services Need to be Inclusive of Trans and Non-Binary People Who Give Birth by Sally Pezaro, Gemma Pearce, and Adam Jowett

Gay Sexual Positioning and Black Hypermasculinity by Terrell J.A. Winder

Does Money Shape Couples' Labor Division After the Birth of Their First Child? By Regula Zimmerman

Gender Segregation in Civic Life - Women's and Men's Involvement in Voluntary Associations by Kasimir Dederichs and Nan Dirk de Graaf

Reconciling Normative Expectations with Stigmatized Desires by Pamela Tsui

Gender & Society Podcast

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2024 WINTER MEETING

January 25 - 28, 2024
Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico
SWS President-Elect: S.L. Crawley

**For the most up-to-date information about the summer meeting and to see a draft program visit:** [https://socwomen.org/meetings/winter-meeting-2024/](https://socwomen.org/meetings/winter-meeting-2024/)

THANK YOU TO THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE:
Piper Sledge (chair), Nasra Abubakar, LaToya Council, S.L. Crawley, Hayden J. Fulton, Shuvechha Ghimire, Pedrom Nasiri, Carmela M. Roybal, Mangala Subramaniam, and Barbara Sutton

S. L. Crawley (PhD, 2002, University of Florida) is Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology and Interdisciplinary Social Sciences and Affiliate Faculty in the Department of Women’s and Gender Studies at the University of South Florida. Dr. Crawley’s areas of interest include embodiment (gender/sexualities/race/class) theories, queer and feminist theories, epistemology and qualitative methods, social psychology and sociology of sport, focusing on productions of identity and social impacts on the physical body.

President-Elect Message – S.L. Crawley:

The 2024 Winter meeting theme is: “Queering SWS: Seeking Radical Inclusion in a Complex World.” In recent years, “queering” has come to imply a focus on gender and sexualities as topics, though queer theory offers a much broader focus on anti-essentialism and anti-normativity. Including heteronormativity, cisnormativity, racialization, and imperialism/colonialisms, queer work critiques all forms of power, especially boundary-making around identity categories (ie, Butler’s question: what is a woman?). I see queering as a broader path to considering radical inclusion — seeking a model that avoids centering common forms of privilege in meaning-making. Yet, lived experience often draws on categorical identities (race, class, gender, sexuality, religiosity, generation) in important ways which we must not demean. We will ask: How does categorical identity politics help us understand our lived experiences and how does it raise problematic boundaries? In this meeting, together we will be seeking—inquiring, critiquing, developing—what radical inclusion can look like.

We are contracting with the [Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort & Spa at Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico](https://www.hyat.com/hotels/new-mexico/crawley). SWS is holding its 2024 Winter Meeting on the land of the Pueblo of Santa Ana – Tamaya. The Tamaya Indian Reservation is located in North-Central New Mexico, along the Rio Grande. Tamaya is made up of three villages: Rebahene, Ranchitos and Chicale. More than 800 tribal members call the Pueblo of Tamaya home. Many tribal members are bilingual and proudly speak the Keresan language, the original language of the people of Tamaya. We honor the land itself and those who remain stewards of this land throughout the generations and are grateful to have the opportunity of gathering here and developing relationships with the local community.

PHOTO: Attendees of the 2022 Winter Meeting in Santa Ana Pueblo
SAVE THE DATES!

SWS Summer 2024 Meeting
*Coincides with the American Sociological Association (ASA) events - August 9-13, 2024
Montréal, Canada

SWS Winter 2025 Meeting
January 30 - February 2, 2025
Jacksonville, Florida

Network News
2024 Issues Submission Deadlines

Issue 1: Winter - February 15th
Issue 2: Spring - May 15th
Issue 3: Summer - August 15th
Issue 4: Fall - November 15th

We encourage members to send news of celebratory announcements, new publications, feminist impact work, obituaries, professional development announcements, and inquiries for our Timely Topics column to:

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