Message from the President

Our recent conference in Athens should remind us all how much the intellectual interests we share invigorate and energize us. Conference coordinator Kathleen Clark and program chair Laura Edwards put together a wonderful Sixth Conference on Women’s History. It was an impressive array of sessions and activities that alternatively instructed and entertained. The University of Georgia was a gracious host, and even the weather sometimes obliged. Our commendations and warmest thanks to the Program Committee (Vikki Bynum, Stephanie Camp, Laurie Green, Lu Ann Jones, Laura Green, and Bryant Simon) and Local Arrangements Committee (Mary Ella Engel, John Inscoe, Laura Mason, Diane Batts Morrow, Claudio Saunt, and Bryant Simon) for a job well done.

In Athens it was also exciting to see Searching for Their Places: Women in the South Across Four Centuries, the essays from our Fifth Conference in print. Plan soon to get your copy from the University of Missouri Press. We all owe a vote of thanks to Tom Appleton and Angela Boswell for their excellent editing of the volume.

Now is the time for planning for our seventh Conference to get underway. Our secretary Melissa Walker and former conference coordinators such as Sandy Treadway, Amy McCandless, and Kathleen Clark all are wonderful resource people for those of you who have been thinking about hosting SAWH in 2006. Proposals are due in October for this conference. While we’ve had some expressions of interest, no one has “locked up” this conference. We have a tradition of excellent conferences; let’s keep it going with a new meeting place in 2006.

In addition to needing a host for next upcoming Conference, we also need a new institutional home for our organization and a new secretary. Melissa Walker’s term will draw to a close in July 2005. Converse College has been a generous sponsor, and quite frankly, Melissa is the most thoroughly organized person I have ever met. She will be turning over a well-oiled machine to her successor. While she and our previous secretaries have set an extremely high standard, I am constantly reminded of the many abilities of our membership. If you would like to undertake the office of secretary and your institution would be willing to be a home, please contact Melissa for details about the application.

Our imaginative and hardworking ad hoc mentorship committee (Carol Berkin (chair), Carole Bucy, and Jennifer Gross) has submitted a plan that would create a mentorship program in SAWH. This program depends on a pool of senior scholars volunteering to be a mentor for a junior member to be assigned. We will be working on implementing a trial version of this in the coming year. I know how busy all of you are, but for mentorship to work, we will need a commitment from many of our most active and knowledgeable members, especially those who do not have Ph.D. students of their own.

Coming up more recently will be the annual Southern Historical Association in Houston on November, 69, 2003. Please keep in mind a number of our SAWH events. Our members’ meeting will take place on Saturday, November 8 at 1:15 p.m. This is a chance for you to learn about our activities of the past year and help us make future decisions. That afternoon and early evening will be a thoroughly enjoyable SAWH tradition: our annual presidential address, reception, and book sale, beginning at 4:45. I’m delighted that Marjorie Julian Spruill of Vanderbilt University will be delivering the annual presidential address. Many of you know her pathbreaking work on suffrage and women’s activism. Her presentation, “Countdown to Houston: The 1977 International Women’s Year Conferences and the Polarization of American Women.” will be not only timely but also particularly apt for our meeting in Houston. Be sure to plan to stay for the reception and book sale in the Arboretum room following.

As usual, numerous SAWH members are participating in sessions of great interest. Particularly significant to many of us, in part because our members have played an integral part in the SHA’s Committee on Women will be the Workshop on Friday, November 7 from 11:45 A.M.-1:30 entitled “Surveying SHA Women: Report from the Committee on Women.” Many of us are also members of the SHA—try to take time to attend that business meeting, over which Darlene Clark Hine will be presiding, at 1:45 p.m. on Friday and play a part in the SHA as well.

All best wishes on the opening a new school year for many of us. I look forward to seeing you in Houston.

Jane Turner Censer
George Mason University
jcense1@gmu.edu
Interested in Hosting the Seventh Southern Conference on Women’s History?

The SAWH Executive Council is soliciting proposals from SAWH members who are willing to organize the 2006 SAWH conference at their home institutions. If you are interested in learning more about what is involved in hosting a conference, please contact Melissa Walker, Executive Secretary, at melissa.walker@converse.edu. Formal proposals are due October 20, 2003.

Please Keep Us Informed

We would love to know what you’ve been doing lately. Please send member news and address changes to us by December 1, 2003 for the Winter 2004 newsletter. (Please write legibly. Sometimes it is quite a challenge to decipher member names and news.)

Please send all correspondence to:
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2003 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE ON WOMEN’S HISTORY
IMPORTANT UPDATE ON THE SAWH ANNUAL ADDRESS IN HOUSTON

"Countdown to Houston: The 1977 International Women's Year Conferences and the Polarization of American Women"
by Majorie Julian Spruill

Saturday, November 8, 2003
4:45 p.m.
Regency Room
Hyatt-Regency – Houston

Reception and Book Sale following
Arboretum Room–Hyatt-Regency - Houston
6 to 7:30 pm.
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The SAWH invites all friends and sponsors to this year's Annual Address, given by Marjorie Julian Spruill of Vanderbilt University. Spruill is the author of New Women of the New South: The Leaders of the Woman Suffrage Movement in the Southern States (Oxford University Press) and One Woman, One Vote: Rediscovering the Woman Suffrage Movement (NewSage Press), and has co-edited numerous projects in southern and southern women's history, including The South in the History of the Nation (Bedford/St-Martin's) and Mississippi Women: Their Histories, Their Lives which will be published this fall with the University of Georgia Press. In "Countdown to Houston," Spruill will discuss the subject of her new book project, the 1977 International Women's Conferences and their significance. These conferences, involving over 300,000 women and men, were funded by Congress seeking women's views on how the federal government could make this a better society for women. There were conferences in each state and territory, culminating in a major National IWY Conference in Houston, Texas in November 1977. Spruill sees these conferences as key to understanding the cultural conflict between feminists and antifeminists and the rise of social conservatism in American politics in the 1970s, as well as the larger question of the role of gender issues in the "right turn" in American politics in the late 1970s.

ATTENTION SAWH MEMBERS!

DON'T FORGET THE ANNUAL MEMBERS’ MEETING
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8
1:15 TO 2:15 P.M.
MAGNOLIA ROOM—HYATT REGENCY HOUSTON
GENERAL NEWS

Society for Historians of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era Best Article Prize: The Society for Historians of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era (SHGAPE) announces its biennial competition for the best published article by a new scholar dealing with any aspect of United States history between 1865 and 1917. The article must have appeared in a journal dated 2001 or 2002. Any graduate student or individual with a doctorate awarded after 1992 who has not yet published a book is eligible to compete for a $500 award. An article may be submitted for consideration by the author or by others (e.g., a journal editor). Deadline is December 1, 2003. Submit three copies of the article plus a copy of the table of contents of the issue in which it appeared. Questions and submissions should be directed to: Jacqueline M. Moore, SHGAPE Prize Committee, Department of History, Austin College, 900 N. Grand Avenue, Sherman, TX 75090.

The European History Section of the Southern Historical Association is almost 50 years old. As part of the celebration of achieving this milestone, the executive committee has commissioned a history of the organization. Unfortunately, many of the documents needed to complete this history are widely scattered. Please search your files and photo albums for materials relating to the evolution of the EHS. Of special interest is the role women have played in the EHS since 1954 as officers, committee members, and luncheon speakers. We are also soliciting memories of particular events from members. Send materials to: Dr. June K. Burton, 64 Waldorf Drive, Akron, OH 44313, Telephone/fax: (330) 864-4161.

Call For Papers: 47th Annual Missouri Valley History Conference, Omaha, Nebraska, March 4-6, 2004
Proposals for panels or individual papers in all areas of history, including public history, are welcome for the 47th annual Missouri Valley History Conference. Proposals, consisting of abstract(s), and one-page vitae, should be sent by October 15, 2003 to the program coordinator, Professor Tom Buchanan, Missouri Valley History Conference, Department of History, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, NE 68182. Those wishing to have their proposals acknowledged should include a stamped, self-addressed postcard. See www.unomaha.edu/uno/history/mvhchome.htm for additional details. The conference email is mvhc@unomaha.edu. A prize of $200 will be awarded to the best graduate student paper presented at the conference.

2004 OAH Lerner-Scott Dissertation Prize: The Lerner-Scott Dissertation Prize was given for the first time in 1992 for the best doctoral dissertation in U.S. Women’s History. The prize was named for Gerda Lerner and Anne Firor Scott, both pioneers in women’s history and past presidents of the Organization of American Historians.

A dissertation must be completed during the period 1 July 2002 through 30 June 2003 to be eligible for the 2004 Lerner-Scott Prize. Each application must contain a letter of support from a faculty member at the degree-granting institution, along with an abstract, table of contents, and sample chapter from the dissertation. Please include email addresses for both the applicant and the adviser, if available. One complete copy of each entry must be received by each member of the prize committee by 1 December 2003. Finalists will be asked to submit a complete copy of the dissertation at a later date.

The winner of the prize will receive $1,000 and a certificate. The prize will be presented at the 2004 annual meeting of the OAH in Boston, Massachusetts, 25-28 March. One copy of each entry, clearly labeled “2004 Lerner-Scott Dissertation Prize,” must be mailed directly to:

- Joyce Antler, Department of American Studies, MS 005, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA 02454-9110
- Leslie M. Harris, Dept. of History, Bowden Hall, Emory University, Atlanta, GA 30322
- Marjorie Julian Spruill (Chair), 221 Kirkland Hall, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN 37240

The Southeastern American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies (SEASECS), 2003 Percy Article Prize:
The Percy Article Prize recognizes excellence in scholarly studies on subjects from any discipline focusing on any aspect of the eighteenth century. Authors of essays, publishers, or editors of journals, anthologies, or scholarly works containing independent essays are invited to submit for consideration essays or articles published between September 1, 2002 and August 31, 2003. Three copies should be sent to the chair of the article prize committee: Professor Robert M. Craig, College of Architecture, Georgia Tech, Atlanta, GA 30332-0155 (rob.craig@arch.gatech.edu). Please provide your email address. Winning authors must be current members of the SEASECS. The $500 prize will be awarded at the SEASECS Annual Meeting in Savannah in March 2004. Deadline for submission is November 15, 2003.
**JOB OPENINGS**

**South African History.** The History Department at Emory University invites applications for a position in South African history at the rank of associate professor or, in exceptional cases, professor. The position includes responsibilities to the graduate and undergraduate programs in History and Africans Studies, and applications must demonstrate strong credentials in teaching and scholarship, as well as an ability to teach the history of the southern African region. A letter of application, curriculum vitae, and three letters of recommendation should be sent to Kristin Mann, Chair, African History Search Committee, Department of History, Bowden Hall, Emory University, Atlanta, GA 30322. Review of applications will begin on October 20 and will continue until the position is filled. Emory University is an AA/EOE employer.

**Early Modern Britain, 1400-1750.** The History Department at Emory University invites applications for a tenure-track position at the rank of assistant professor in early modern British history, 1400-1750, effective Fall 2004. Ph.D. required, teaching experience and publications desirable. Ability to contribute to a strong graduate program in early modern European history essential. Letter of application, c.v., and three confidential letters of reference should be sent to William Beik, Chair, Early Modern Search Committee, Department of History, Emory University, Atlanta, GA 30322. Review of applications will begin on November 14. Preliminary interviews will be conducted at the AHA. Emory University is an AA/EOE.

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**A Note From the Executive Secretary**

In July 2005, my term as SAWH secretary will end, and Converse College’s commitment as host institution will also expire. My years as SAWH secretary have been the most rewarding of my career. I have had the opportunity to meet literally hundreds of fine and supportive scholars and to expand my own professional networks even as I served an organization of scholars who have pioneered the study of Southern women and the expansion of opportunities for women historians. My institution has also benefited enormously from increased visibility within the scholarly community which has in turn assisted our students who apply to graduate school. In addition, over a dozen individual students at Converse benefited from internship opportunities within the organization and from the chance to attend SAWH conferences. The SAWH is currently seeking applications for the position of executive secretary. For more information on the responsibilities of the office, the time involved, and the financial commitment required of a host institution, please contact me at Melissa.walker@converse.edu or at (864) 596-9104.
Member News

Carol Berkin (City University of New York) has published *A Brilliant Solution: Inventing the American Constitution* with Harcourt. Another book, *Our Revolutionary Mothers: Women in the War for Independence* is forthcoming from Knopf.

Daina Ramey Berry (Michigan State University) is a Ford Foundation Fellow in the Department of History at Duke University for the 2003-2004 academic year.


Ellen Blue (Phillips Theological Seminary) was awarded the 2003 Women in United Methodist History Research Grant by the United Methodist Church’s General Commission on Archives and History. She will conduct research on and record oral histories with retired Methodist deaconesses.

Elaine Breslaw (University of Tennessee) published an article entitled “Marriage, Money, and Sex: Dr. Hamilton Finds a Wife” in the *Journal of Social History*. Her lesson plan on “Witches in the Atlantic World” was published in the summer issue of the *OAH Magazine of History*.


JoAnna Gillespie (Independent Scholar) published an article entitled “Emily M. Morgan’s ‘Religious Order’: The Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross, 1884” in the 2002 issue of *Journal of the Canadian Church Historical Society*.

Rose Gladney (Independent Scholar) has retired from the University of Alabama after 29 years of teaching in the Department of American Studies. Gladney’s teaching career spanned 35 years.

Debra F. Greene (Lincoln University, Missouri) received her Ph.D. from the University of Missouri at Columbia. Her dissertation, “Published in the Interest of Colored People: The St. Louis Argus Newspaper in the Twentieth Century,” is a narrative of the founding and development of one of the premiere black newspapers in the Midwest.

Randolph Hollingsworth (Kentucky Virtual University/Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education) published an essay entitled “Mag Preston: Personal Honor in Southern Politics” in *The Human Tradition in the Old South*, edited by James C. Klotter. She is currently writing a history of Lexington, Kentucky for Arcadia Press.

Anya Jabour’s (University of Montana) book, *Marriage in the Early Republic: Elizabeth and Wiliam Wirt and the Companionate Ideal*, has been issued in paperback from Johns Hopkins University Press.

Lu Ann Jones (East Carolina University) received grants from the Hagley Museum and Library in Wilmington, Delaware, and the Faculty Senate at East Carolina University to support research for her new project, “DuPont Comes to Tobacco Road: Industrialization in the Postwar South.” Along with Kathryn Nasstrom, she is serving as co-chair of the 2004 annual meeting of the Oral History Association, to be held in Portland.

Karen Kossie-Chernyshev (Texas Southern University) has been elected to a five-year term on the editorial board of the Society of Pentecostal Studies. She will spend the 2003-2004 academic year at Oberlin College as Visiting Assistant Professor of History and Religion. She was awarded a research grant from the Otis Lock Endowment Committee (East Texas Historical Association) for her project ”Mapping the Early Missionary Impulse of African-American Pentecostals in the Southwest.” Her essay ”A Grand Old Church Rose in the East: The Church of God in Christ (COGIC) in East Texas” was recently published in the *East Texas Historical Journal*, Number 2, 2003.

Shirley W. Moore (Texas Southern University) is the chair of the Department of English and Foreign Languages at Texas Southern University. She has also been elected a member of the faculty senate.
Lee Polansky (Independent Scholar) received her Ph.D. from Emory University in May 2003. Her dissertation was entitled “For It Made Me a Lady: The Georgia Training School for Girls and the Delinquent Girl, 1914-1922.”


Teri L. Snyder (California State University, Fullerton) has published Babbling Women: Disorderly Speech and the Law in Early Virginia with Cornell University Press.

Leni Ashmore Sorensen (Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History) has taken the position of research coordinator for the development of a new core exhibit entitled, “And Still We Rise: Our Journey Through African American History and Culture at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit.

Mary Stanton’s (Independent Scholar) book, Freedom Walk: Mississippi or Bust, was published by the University of Mississippi Press in 2003.

Melissa Walker (Converse College) received a Franklin Research Grant from the American Philosophical Association and a Guion Griffis Johnson Research Fellowship from the Wilson Library at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, to support research for her project, “History, Memory, and Meaning: Social and Economic Transformation in the Oral Narratives of Southern Farm People.”

Ruth Winegarten (Independent Scholar) has been elected a fellow of the Texas State Historical Association, and her name has been added to the Fellows plaque, along with 2000 distinguished Texas historians who have received this honor since 1897. She co-edited a book with Dr. Maceo C. Dailey, Jr. The book, by African American poet Bernice Love Wiggins, is entitled Tuneful Tales, was published by Texas Tech Press. Her book Las Tejanas: Three Hundred Years of History, co-edited with Teresa Palomo Acosto, was published by University of Texas Press. Las Tejanas is the first detailed account of women of Spanish/Mexican descent in Texas history. Acosta and Winegarten have been awarded a Heritage Award from the Webb County Heritage Foundation in Laredo for this book.

Nancy Beck Young (McKendree College) has been awarded a residential fellowship at the Woodrow Wilson Center in Washington, D.C. for the 2003-2004 academic year. Nancy was incorrectly listed as “Mary” in the spring issue of the newsletter. The editor apologizes for the error.

New Members

Tiffany Agnew, Georgia College and State University
Jane M. Aldrich, College of Charleston
Lisa Marie Brown, University of New Orleans
Celeste De Roche, Independent Scholar
Heather Davis-Holder, Georgia College and State University
E. Murrell Dawson, Florida A & M University
Meg Devlin, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Crystal Feimster, Boston College
Betsy Foy, Georgia College and State University
Sara Frear, Auburn University
Yvonne Davis Frear, Texas A & M University
Lori Fulton, Mississippi State University
Ellen Garrison, Middle Tennessee State University
Caroline Gebhard, Tuskegee University
Jennifer Guidry, Georgia College and State University
Alisa Harrison, Duke University
Joyce Harrison, University of Tennessee Press
Ramona Houston, Morehouse College
Catherine M. Jannik, Georgia Institute of Technology
Amy Johnson, Duke University
Gwendolyn S. Jones, Tuskegee University
Melanie Kirkland, Texas Christian University
Karen Kossie-Chernyshchev, Texas Southern University
Anne S. Lee, Independent Scholar
Melanie Lynch, Georgia College and State University
Glenn McNair, Kenyon College
Karen P. Miller, State University of West Georgia
Sara E. Morris, Mississippi State University
Kelvin Redmond, Morehouse College
R. L. Reid, Athens Academy
Rosetta E. Ross, Spelman College
Barbara Ellen Smith, University of Memphis
Teri L. Snyder, California State University, Fullerton
Mary Stanton, Independent Scholar
Keira Williams, University of Georgia
Kitty Wilson-Evans, Historic Brattonsville
## Membership Form

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**2003 Membership Form**

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Please mail this form with your check payable to the SAWH to: Melissa Walker, SAWH, Department of History and Politics, Converse College, Spartanburg, SC 29302