

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! As 2003 is a conference year for us, it promises much in terms of intellectual stimulation and camaraderie at our upcoming meeting in Athens. Yet it is also worth recalling our excellent meeting at Baltimore.

Our SAWH events in Baltimore were well attended, and our outgoing president Sandy Treadway and executive secretary Melissa Walker were indefatigable in making this an excellent meeting. Jane Dailey gave an outstanding keynote address for our annual gathering and reception. Our book sale featured a larger number of publishers, because of their generosity and the unflagging efforts of our book sales chair, E. Susan Barber. The profits from this will help to support our on-going projects. We also owe a special thanks to the institutions and presses that directly sponsored the talk and reception.

At our executive council meeting and annual members meeting, we discussed a number of financial matters. Our organization is in good shape financially, and so we worked on tweaking procedures. To better align our expenses with our collection of dues, we voted to amend the fiscal year. We decided to dissolve our Audit Committee and assign its ongoing responsibilities to the Finance Committee. We also dissolved the Fundraising Committee as a standing committee, choosing instead to appoint ad hoc fundraising committees to support specific projects.

A topic of great interest was the status of our publications. Our Editorial Board's expert guidance has been enormously helpful in regard to our publications. Betty Brandon has agreed to serve another term on the board, and Lu Ann Jones and Amy McCandless will be joining her. We are delighted to announce that *Searching for Their Places: Women in the South Across Four Centuries*, the conference volume of articles from our Fifth Conference, will be published by the University of Missouri Press in time for our sixth conference in June. Kudos to Tom Appleton and Angela Boswell for their expert editing of this volume. The Council also chose as co-editors of the volume from the Sixth Conference, Angela Boswell and Judith McArthur, who will be searching for possible articles at the conference. Our oral history volume is also nearing its final stages.

Among the other topics we discussed is the work of our Ad Hoc Committee on the Status of Women in the Profession. Judy Gentry and her committee are continuing their statistical study and will be reporting on it next November in Houston. Among the suggestions coming from our active Graduate Committee was the possibility of a more formal system of mentoring. In order to explore how SAWH may aid mentoring for both graduate students and junior faculty, I will be setting up an ad hoc committee.

Please consider including among your new year's resolutions a rapid renewal of your membership in SAWH and a renewed willingness to participate in our activities and our upcoming conference. Over the next few months I will be filling our standing and ad hoc committees and your continued support can help us further build our organization.

Happy New Year,
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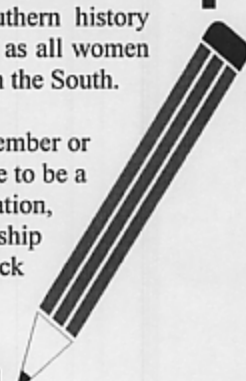
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Membership is \$18 per year for regular members, and \$5 per year for graduate students, retirees, and independent scholars. A lifetime membership is available for \$200, payable in quarterly installments. The SAWH especially welcomes as members women and men who are interested in southern history and/or women's history, as well as all women historians in any field who live in the South.

If you would like to become a member or know of someone who would like to be a member of this dynamic organization, just fill out the enclosed membership form and mail it in with your check made payable to SAWH.



**WANT TO BECOME MORE
INVOLVED IN SAWH?**

First Vice President, Stephanie Cole is developing a list of volunteers willing to serve on SAWH committees next year. The opportunities include three prize committees (Rose, Spruill, and Taylor), graduate committee, membership committee, fund-raising committee, and finance committee. If you are interested in serving, please email Stephanie about your interest at scole@uta.edu.

SAVE THE DATE!
SIXTH SOUTHERN
CONFERENCE ON WOMEN'S
HISTORY
JUNE 5-7, 2003
University of Georgia, Athens, GA

The Sixth Conference committee and the program committee continue to plan exciting activities for the Sixth Southern Conference on Women's History. A highlight of the conference will be a performance by balladeer Sheila Kay Adams on Friday, June 7. The performance will be held at the Morton Theatre in Athens, a historic black vaudeville theater and will be free to conference participants. In performance, Sheila sings traditional Appalachian ballads that were handed down to her from her family. Under the direction of Lee Smith, Sheila has compiled several of these stories for a collection published by the University of North Carolina Press. The book, titled *Come Go Home With Me*, was 1997 winner of the North Carolina Historical Society's award for historical fiction. In April 1998, Sheila was selected to receive the prestigious North Carolina Folklore Society's Brown-Hudson Award in recognition of her valuable contributions to the study of North Carolina folklore. For more information on Sheila Kay Adams, visit her website at www.jimandsheila.com.

Watch your mail and the conference web site (<http://www.uga.edu/scwh/>) for more details of the plans for Athens.



SAWH PUBLICATION PRIZES

The Southern Association for Women Historians invites submissions for its annual publications prizes. To be eligible, entries must be written in English, but the competition is not restricted to works published in the U.S.

Books

The **Julia Cherry Spruill Prize** for \$750 is awarded for the best published book in southern women's history. The **Willie Lee Rose Prize** of \$750 is awarded for the best book in southern history authored by a woman (or women). For both of these prizes, only monographs are eligible. Books with a copyright date of 2002 are eligible for both the Spruill and/or Rose prizes.

Articles

The **A. Elizabeth Taylor Prize** is awarded annually for the best article published during the preceding year in the field of southern women's history. Articles published in journals and anthologies between January 1 and December 31, 2002 are eligible. Editors, scholars, and authors are invited to nominate eligible articles for the prize.

To Nominate a Publication

Four (4) copies of each entry must be mailed to the following address no later than **April 1, 2003**, and all entries must be clearly marked with the name of the prize competition being entered. Please mail submissions to: Melissa Walker, Converse College, Department of History and Politics, 580 East Main St., Spartanburg, SC 29302. If you have any questions about any of these competitions, you may contact SAWH executive secretary at (864) 596-9104 or melissa.walker@converse.edu.

SAWH members who published a book during 2002 are encouraged to ask their presses to nominate them. Members who published articles are encouraged to nominate themselves.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Anne J. Bailey (Georgia College and State University) has a new book, *War and Ruin: William T. Sherman and the Savannah Campaign* (Scholarly Resources, 003). She also has a chapter in a book on African American soldiers, *Black Soldiers in Blue: African American Troops in the Civil War Era*, edited by John David Smith (University of North Carolina Press, 2002). Her last book, *The Chessboard of War: Sherman and Hood in the Autumn Campaigns of 1864* (University of Nebraska Press) won the Richard B. Harwell Award for the best book on the Civil War in 2000.

Luann Bloodworth (Georgia Southwestern State University) recently became a member of SAWH. She is currently a student at Georgia Southwestern State University majoring in history with a teaching certificate. Her long-range goal is to earn a Ph.D. in American history concentrating on Southern history.

Karen L. Cox (University of North Carolina, Charlotte) joined the faculty of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in fall 2002 as the new director of public history. She will have her book, *Dixie's Daughters: The United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Preservation of Confederate Culture*, published by the University Press of Florida in Spring 2003. Her essay "The Confederate Movement of Arlington: A Token of Reconciliation," will be published in the forthcoming *Women, Art, and the Landscape of Memory* (University of Tennessee Press).

Anita Price Davis (Converse College) has published two new books: *Real Heroes: Rutherford County, North Carolina Men Who Made the Supreme Sacrifice* and *Images of America: Chimney Rock and Rutherford County*. Her book, *North Carolina in the Great Depression: A Documentary Portrait of a Decade*, will be published in January 2003. She has given numerous talks to local civic groups in the past six months.

Lee Farrow (Auburn University-Montgomery) published an article entitled, "Grand Duke Alexei and the Origins of Rex, 1872: Myth, Public Memory, and the Distortion of History" in the fall issue of *Gulf South Historical Review*.

Tammy H. Galloway (Independent Scholar) published her second book, *The Inman Family: An Atlanta Family from Reconstruction to World War I* (Mercer University Press, 2002). Her first book was *Central of Georgia Railway* (Arcadia 1998).

Lu Ann Jones (East Carolina University) published her book *Mama Learned Us to Work: Farm Women in the New South* (University of North Carolina Press, 2002) and two articles: "God Giveth the Increase": Lurline Stokes Murray's Narrative of Farming and Faith" in *Southern Cultures* (Fall 2002); and "Taking What She Had and Turning It into Money: the East Female Farm Economy," in *Cornbread Nation, 1: The Best if Southern Food Writing* (University of North Carolina Press, 2002).

Jean B. Lee (University of Wisconsin-Madison) published two articles: "Historical Memory, Sectional Strife, and the American Mecca: Mount Vernon, 1783-1853" in *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* (2001) and "Mount Vernon Plantation: A Model for the Republic," in Philip L. Schwarz, ed., *Slavery at the Home of George Washington* (2001). In addition, she also was awarded the William M.E. Rachal Award for best overall article published in *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* in 2001.

Judith K. Schafer (Tulane University) has a new book forthcoming from the Louisiana Historical Association Press entitled, *Becoming Free, Remaining Free: Manumission and Enslavement in New Orleans, 1846-1862*.

Antoinette van Zelm (Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area) is an interpretive services specialist at the Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area, which is coordinated by the Center for Historic Preservation at Middle Tennessee State University.

Karin L. Zipf (East Carolina University) was appointed assistant professor at East Carolina University in August 2001.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
2002 SAWH PUBLICATION PRIZE
RECIPIENTS**

The A. Elizabeth Taylor Prize for the Best Article in
Southern Women's History

To

Stacy Braukman

For

"Nothing Else Matters but Sex":

**Cold War Narratives of Deviance and the Search for
Lesbian Teachers in Florida, 1959-1963"**

Published in

Feminist Studies

The Julia Cherry Spruill Publication Prize for the Best
Book Published in Southern Women's History

To

Nancy Hewitt

For

*Southern Discomfort: Women's Activism in Tampa, Florida,
1880s-1920s*

The Willie Lee Rose Publication Prize

To

Elizabeth Urban Alexander

For

*Notorious Woman: The Celebrated Case of Myra Clark
Gaines*

The Best Book in Southern History Authored by a
Woman

**ATTENTION GRADUATE STUDENTS
AND JUNIOR FACULTY**

The program committee of the Sixth Conference of Southern Women's History has planned four workshops especially designed for you. Check your conference program or the conference web site (<http://www.uga.edu/swch/>) for more details. Below is a list of subjects that will be discussed at these workshops.

- 1) Considering Career Alternatives: A Candid Discussion of Life On and Off the Tenure Track
- 2) From the Dissertation to a Book
- 3) So You Want to Get that Article Published
- 4) Job Search and CV Workshop for Graduate Students

SAWH WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Luann Bloodworth, *Georgia Southwestern State University*

Jamie Bounds, *University of Southern Mississippi*

Joyce L. Broussard, *California State University, Northridge*

Mary Ellen Curtin, *University of Essex*

Anita Price Davis, *Converse College*

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Kelly Obernuefemann, *Louisiana Tech University*

Kyra Popiel, *Banneker Douglass Museum*

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Jennifer Lund Smith, *North Georgia College and State*

University

Kim Steele, *Michigan State University*

Julie Anne Sweet, *Baylor University*

Florida J. Yeldell, *Prairie View A&M University, retired*

JOB OPENINGS

Latin America History. The University of Albany, State University of New York seeks applicants for a full-time, tenure-track assistant professor in the history of Latin America to begin in the fall 2003. Applications are invited from candidates working on any time period and any country or region except the Caribbean. The deadline for applications is January 17, 2003. If interested please visit the following websites for more information: www.albany.edu/history and www.albany.edu/lacs.

History. Purdue University history department invites applications from, and nominations of, senior historians to join the department at the rank of full professor with tenure to serve as department head. The department seeks an academic with an earned doctorate in history, a record of distinguished scholarship, demonstrated administrative success, and a commitment to open and collegial leadership. Review of applications will begin January 15, 2003. If interested, please contact the Chair of History Department Search Committee c/o Purdue University, Department of History, University Hall, 672 Oval Drive, West Lafayette, IN 47907-2039.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Interested in Hosting the Seventh Southern Conference on Women's History?

Although we're still looking forward to the Sixth Southern Conference of Women's History at University of Georgia in June 2003, it's not too early to begin thinking about the seventh conference in 2006. The SAWH Executive Council would like to hear from SAWH members who might be willing to organize a 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 will be due October 20, 2003.

SAWH Membership

SAWH membership renewal notices went out in December. Don't forget to renew your membership when you receive your notice. You may also want to pass this newsletter on to colleagues or graduate students who may be interested in joining the SAWH. Better yet, you can give a gift membership to some of your most promising graduate or undergraduate students. Student memberships are only \$5, and they provide a great way to introduce students to the historical profession. You may use the membership form at the back of this newsletter for gift memberships.

Moving Giveaway

Barbara Brandon Schnorrenberg is moving and downsizing in March 2003. She is giving away bibliographical information, about British women ca. 1750-1850. Also included are folders of Xerox letters of Elizabeth Montagu and Jane Porter and her sister from the Huntington Library as well as copies from other manuscript collections. If you would like to have all this material or any folders on specific women or a group, please contact Barbara Schnorrenberg 3824 11th Avenue South, Birmingham, AL 35222 205-596-1683 bbschnor@bellsouth.net

Exhibit and Symposium at the Museum of York County

All are welcome to an exhibit and symposium at the Museum of York County in Rock Hill, South Carolina that features antebellum embroideries and women's education of the Carolina Piedmont, with an emphasis on female academies and teachers, March 8-July 20, 2003. The symposium on April 4-6, 2003 at the Museum of York County will feature presentations by textile historians, curators and a session by Christie Ann Farnham Pope on Southern female refinement and education. For more information, see the museum web site at <http://www.yorkcounty.org/calendar/index.html>.

Call for Proposals to Edit the *Journal of Women's History*

The *Journal of Women's History* invites proposals for a new editorial home for a five-year term beginning July 1, 2004. Interested parties should contact the *Journal* office as soon as possible at the Department of History, Ohio State University, 230 W. 17th Avenue, Columbus, OH 43210, to request a prospectus that outlines the current organization and funding of the *Journal*.

Proposals to edit the *Journal* should include: 1) a statement of editorial policy, including an analysis of the current place of the *Journal* in the historical profession and a potential agenda for the future; 2) an organizational plan for the editorial and administrative functions of the *Journal*; 3) a statement of commitment of institutional support; and 4) copies of curriculum vitae for the editor or editors. Proposals are due to the *Journal* office at the above address by February 28, 2003.