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## Mentoring in the SAWH

The SAWH is excited to announce a new mentoring initiative. A mentoring toolkit will debut soon on the SAWH Web site (<http://www.hnet.org/~sawh/sawh.htm>). Volunteers from throughout the organization are contributing to the toolkit, providing advice on a variety of topics of interest to graduate students and new professionals. Are you working on turning your dissertation into a book? Anne Scott will have some advice for you via this new resource. You will find many other useful and engagingly written essays in the toolkit.

Mentoring has long been a subject of interest and concern for the SAWH and its members. Through the years, the association has informally fostered numerous mentoring relationships and has sponsored mentoring activities at its triennial conference. Subscribers to H-SAWH have discussed mentoring in online forums as well.

Over the past few years, the SAWH Executive Council has discussed ways that the organization can do even more to encourage and support graduate students and young professionals through mentoring. In January 2006, President Glenda Gilmore put together an Ad Hoc Committee on Mentoring, and the committee has spent the last several months meeting in cyberspace and at the SAWH conference. The members of the committee are Jessica Brannon-Wranosky, Carole Bucy, Claudrena Harold, Kelly Kennington, Marion Roydhouse, Lee Thompson, and Antoinette van Zelm (chair).

The committee is pursuing three priorities: developing the Web-based toolkit on mentoring, exploring the establishment of a system of pairing mentors and mentees, and promoting mentoring opportunities more aggressively in available resources.

The Mentoring Workshop held at the 2006 SAWH conference provided a wonderful opportunity for members to brainstorm about mentoring. Marion Roydhouse chaired the workshop, and panel members included professionals at all stages of their careers: Yvonne Davis Frear of Texas Southern University, Shannon L. Frystak of West Virginia University, Janet Coryell of Western Michigan University, and Suzanne Lebsock of Rutgers University.

To start the workshop off, the panelists described their experiences with mentoring, both as recipients of advice and as advisors themselves. They sprinkled their comments with suggestions of strategies and resources. All agreed on the importance of individual initiative in gathering advice and support. The larger discussion among workshop attendees echoed this point and also identified areas where more veteran SAWH members can contribute: directing graduate students toward departmental and campus-wide programs that prepare students for professional life; outlining for students the “ins and outs” of how the system works at their institutions and within the profession as a whole; providing young faculty with information about helpful resources on campus, especially those concerning family-related issues; and encouraging the American Historical Association and the Organization of American Historians to develop more mentoring workshops.

An important issue raised at the workshop was the reciprocal nature of the mentoring relationship. Mentees have an obligation to acknowledge the advice and support that they receive, and to return the favor by serving the profession similarly when able to do so. To this end, Elizabeth Payne of the University of Mississippi will contribute a mentoring “code of expectations” section to the toolkit.

Be sure to take advantage of this new resource. We’ll have features on “choosing a graduate program,” “presenting at conferences,” “completing your dissertation,” “the academic job market,” “alternatives to the academic job market,” “minority faculty experiences,” “teaching venues and cultures,” and “juggling family and career”—plus many more. We will phase in new topics over time, and we hope eventually to incorporate an interactive aspect to the toolkit as well.

Please feel free to contact me or any members of the Mentoring Committee with your ideas or questions about the toolkit or other mentoring initiatives.

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## ***(Not the) President's Message***

*The big news, of course, is recapping our successful seventh conference at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. I decided that the membership might have had enough of the president talking about how great things were, so I asked a first-time attendee to give us her thoughts on the conference. Barbara C. White is an M.A. candidate at Virginia Commonwealth University. She was game enough to take my up on my offer to write the President's Message. I asked her to introduce herself to our members and give us her thoughts on the conference and our organization. See you in Birmingham, where we will be honored to hear Anne Firor Scott at our annual Presidential Address, and we will have another memorable reception, this year organized by our First V.P. Cindy Kierner.*

Glenda Gilmore

### **At the SAWH Conference Barbara C. White**

I am currently a M.A. candidate in the history program at Virginia Commonwealth University. I came to graduate school to follow my passion for history after many years working in business and technology and hope to pursue my PhD following my graduation from VCU. When I began my education, my interests were focused on the antebellum South, the Civil War and the New South. My interests have since evolved to focus on Southern Women. I recently completed an interesting research project on women indentured servants in Chesapeake Virginia that examined motivations for women to emigrate as indentured servants and the social and legal issues they faced as indentured women in Virginia. I am currently embarking on research for my master's thesis that will examine women's suffrage in Virginia in the early twentieth century with a focus on contributions made by Adele Clark.

The Seventh SAWH conference was held June 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. As a graduate history student at Virginia Commonwealth University and a recent member of the SAWH, I was very excited to attend my first SAWH conference and looked forward to the opportunity to network with fellow historians, graduate students and pioneers in Southern Women's history. The conference pamphlet promised "learning in a casual setting" and I hoped that I would have the opportunity to discuss my project with other scholars who held similar interests.

Early in the conference the SAWH offered a barbecue in honor of the graduate students that was open to all attendees and provided a relaxed social setting to meet other students and scholars. Although I was able to talk with a few folks, it would have been helpful if the barbecue had been organized by areas of interest to encourage people to discuss their projects. A suggestion might be to set up tables or locations with areas of interest to encourage

attendees to congregate in those areas. In addition to the graduate barbecue, a reception was held at the Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History and Culture in downtown Baltimore where scholars could interact socially as well as tour the museum exhibits.

I was very pleased to find a broad range of topics in the plenary sessions, presentations and workshops. Each conference day included workshops on topics pertinent to historians such as adjunct teaching, successful grant-writing and careers in public history. As a graduate student, I found the workshops particularly helpful as I look down the road to planning my career and found the advice offered by experienced historians to be invaluable.

Although the workshops and social events were helpful, my primary objective in attending the conference was to attend the conference sessions. Topics for this conference covered a wide variety of scholarship in Southern Women's history and I chose to attend sessions that matched my interests as well as those where I had no background in an effort to expand my knowledge. Attending the conference sessions offers graduate students a tremendous opportunity to not only hear the latest scholarship on a variety of topics but also to see how other scholars approach their research. As a relatively new graduate student, I find this to be invaluable. I was able to glean several ideas on how to approach my project from listening to conference papers as well as the commentary and suggestions delivered by panel participants.

The SAWH conference on Women's History is an excellent way for seasoned scholars as well as graduate students to share ideas and promote the study of southern women's history. I recommended the SAWH and future conferences to my fellow graduate students and look forward to continued involvement with the SAWH and the next conference in 2009.

## **We Need Your Books!**

Do you have extra books sitting around your office in need of a new home? Want to free up some space and help a worthy cause at the same time? The SAWH is soliciting contributions of unused books for its annual book sale. All proceeds from this event will be used to support SAWH activities and programs. If you have books, please send them to:

Dr. Victoria E. Ott  
Birmingham-Southern College  
Box 549031  
Birmingham, AL 35254



## New Members:

Catherine Allgor, University of California-Riverside  
Katharine Antolini, West Virginia University  
Heidi Ardizzone, University of Notre Dame  
Marise Bachand, University of Western Ontario  
Evan P. Bennett, College of William and Mary  
Robert Bonner, Dartmouth College  
Cristina Bryan, National Trust for Historic Preservation  
Arica L. Coleman, Johns Hopkins University  
Nicole Cox, University of South Florida  
Janet Davidson, Cape Fear Museum  
Crystal A. de Gregory, Vanderbilt University  
Caroline Emmons, Hampden-Sydney College  
Lynne Getz, Appalachian State University  
Tiffany M. Haggard Fink, Hardin-Simmons University  
Margaret L. Freeman, The College of William and Mary  
Latricia Gill-Brown, Pensacola Junior College  
Susan Hamburger, The Pennsylvania State University  
Jean Shepherd Hamm, East Tennessee State University  
Kimberly Hill, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
Sarah Eppler Janda, Cameron University  
Bernie D. Jones, University of Massachusetts-Amherst  
Megan Jones, University of Delaware  
Amy K. Jordan, Hampshire College  
Hannah Kelley, Clark University  
Kelly Kennington, Duke University  
Chana Revell Kotzin, Independent Scholar  
Cynthia Kussman, Fairfield County Schools  
Jon Kukla, Patrick Henry Memorial Foundation  
Modupe Labode, Colorado Historical Society  
A. Lee Levert, University of New Orleans  
Kimberly Little, Ohio University  
J. Vincent Lowry, University of Mississippi  
Donald Mathews, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
Jennifer Malia McAndrew, University of Maryland, College Park  
Jeffrey McClurken, University of Mary Washington  
Karen Medlin, North Carolina State University  
Kaarin Michaelsen, University of North Carolina-Greensboro  
Mary Niall Mitchell, University of New Orleans  
Katherine C. Morgan, Coastal Carolina Community College  
Cristina Nelson, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
Sara Newell, Duke University  
Brian Newsome, Alfred University  
Mary Mac Ogden, University of South Carolina  
Robin Payne, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
Greta Brown Quinn, Lenoir Community College  
Kerry Pimblott, University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana  
Pamela T. Roseman, Georgia Perimeter College  
Barbara Sauer, Clemson University  
Lynn Sacco, University of Tennessee

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## Announcements:

**The Southern Textile Heritage Association** is an association interested in exploring the cotton and textile industry in the South. Its goal is to heighten awareness of the contributions made by southern cotton mill workers, men and women, and residents in mill towns. Membership in the association is \$30 a year. For more information, contact: The Southern Textile Heritage Order of the Bobbin and Shuttle; PO Box 667; Cooleemee, NC; 27014

### **A Message from the Western Association of Women Historians:**

I am the Executive Director of the Western Association of Women Historians (WAWH). The WAWH is a regional organization that promotes the interests of women historians in both the historical profession and the field of history. I am writing to extend a special invitation to SAWH members to join the WAWH and to submit a proposal for our 2007 Annual Conference. In addition to submissions by individuals, I would like to invite SAWH to sponsor a panel.

For the first time, our organization will be meeting in the San Diego area. We will meet May 4-6, 2007, at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice at the University of San Diego. Our keynote speaker will be Asunción Lavrin. Our call for papers will be posted on our web site, <http://www.wawh.org>, in early summer. The deadline will be November 1, 2006. Please share this information with your colleagues and students.

Please let me know if you have any questions about the organization or the 2007 conference.  
Amy Essington

### **Please join us at the following SAWH events in Birmingham!!!!**

Annual Members' Meeting: Friday, November 17, at 1:00 pm in East Meeting Room F.

Annual Address and Reception/Booksale: details on page 4.

Annual Workshop, Writing Southern Women's Biography: Friday, November 17, 11:45 in East Meeting Room L.

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To an address by

**ANNE FIROR SCOTT**

*W.K. Boyd Professor Emerita, Duke  
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## Member News

**Susan Youngblood Ashmore** (*Oxford College of Emory University*) received tenure and promotion to associate professor.

**Karen Cox** (*University of North Carolina-Charlotte*) will be faculty-in-residence for the University of North Carolina-Washington Program in the 2006-7 academic year. She will teach the seminar on Washington, DC for students from throughout the University of North Carolina system.

**Celeste DeRoche** (*Barry University*) was recently appointed to the Florida Historical Society Board of Directors.

**Lisa Lindquist Dorr** (*University of Alabama*) received tenure and promotion to Associate Professor in May 2006.

**Kathleen Du Val** (*University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill*) has recently published her first book, *The Native Ground: Indians and Colonists in the Heart of the Continent*, in the University of Pennsylvania Press's Early American Studies Series.

**Antoinette Emch-Deriaz** (*University of Florida*) has published articles with Gerard G. Emch, including "On Newton's French Translator: How Faithful Was Madame du Chatelet?" in *SVEC 2006* (pps. 226-251); "Mathematicienne et Comment" in *Catalogue de l'exposition de la Bibliotheque Nationale de France: Emilie de Chatelet*; and "Minerve des Lumieres" in *Pour la Science* June-August 06.

**Gael Graham** (*Western Carolina University*) recently published *Young Activists: American High Schools in the Age of Protest*. This book explores high schools in the 1960s.

**Elizabeth Gritter** (*University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill*) has had her biography selected for inclusion in the 2007 *Who's Who in America*.

**Mary Ellen Henry** (*The American University*) received her Ph.D. in history on May 14, 2006. Her dissertation, "Refuge from Want? Virginia's Almshouses, 1870-1930" examines the role of the rural poorhouse in public welfare policy before and after state intervention in the life of the institution.

**Catherine L. Holmes** (*University of Georgia*) contributed a chapter entitled "The Darling Offspring of her Brain: The Quilts of Harriett Powers" to *Georgia Quilts: Piecing Together a History*, edited by Anita Zaleski Weinraub and published by the University of Georgia Press in 2006.

**Anya Jabour** (*University of Montana*) is in her second year of a two-year term as Co-Director of the Women's Studies Program.

**Brenda Jackson** (*Belmont University*) recently published *Domesticating the West: The Re-Emergence of the Nineteenth Century American Middle Class* with the University of Nebraska Press.

**Lu Ann Jones** (*University of South Florida*) received a summer grant from the Humanities Institute at USF.

**Hannah Kelley** (*Clark University*) is completing her dissertation, which will examine the experiences of educated women in the South from 1861 to 1906. She will explore how these women helped to construct and define southern identity. Her work will focus on white and black women who attended southern colleges and seminaries.

**Kathryn Kemp** (*Clayton State University*) was recently elected to the Faculty Council of CSU.

**Rita G. Koman** (*Independent Scholar*) has published two articles/lessons in the *OAH Magazine of History* this year. "Two American Entrepreneurs: Madame C.J. Walker and J.C. Penney" came out in January, and "The Women's Movement: Equity Is the Issue" came this summer. She also authored the 7<sup>th</sup> poster copy for the Virginia Women in History last year.

**Connie Lester** (*University of Central Florida*) has accepted a position as Assistant Professor in the department of history at the University of Central Florida in Orlando. In addition to her teaching responsibilities, she is the editor of the *Florida Historical Quarterly*. Her book, *Up from the Mudsills of Hell: The Farmers' Alliance, Populism, and Progressive Agriculture in Tennessee, 1870-1915* is being published by the University of Georgia Press and came out in March 2006.

**Jennifer Davis McDaid** (*Library of Virginia*) serves as the deputy coordinator of the State Historical Records Advisory Board at the Library of Virginia. She recently researched early twentieth-century women archivists for an exhibit at the Library, "The Mystery of History, Putting It Together," and worked on the project team for *Virginia Women in History 2006* (<http://www.lva.lib.va.us/whatwedo/k12/vw2006/index.htm>).

**Liz Nichols** (*Richland College*) was invited to present at the Oxford Round Table in March 2006 in Oxford, England. She presented a paper entitled "Illusion or Reality: The Hidden Influence of African-American Clubwomen on Texas Public Policy" in a session on "Diversity in Society."

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## Member News, continued

**Jennifer Ritterhouse** (*Utah State University*) published *Growing Up Jim Crow: How Black and White Southern Children Learned Race* with the University of North Carolina Press in May 2006.

**Mary D. Robertson** (*Emeritus, Armstrong Atlantic State University*) is continuing her research on the Gilmer/Breckenridge family of Virginia.

**Anne Firor Scott** (*W.K. Boyd Professor Emerita, Duke University*) is publishing her book, *Pauli Murray and Caroline Ware: Forty Years of Letters in Black and White* with the University of North Carolina Press. It is due out this fall.

**Marjorie Spruill** (*University of South Carolina*) will be a Fellow at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study for the 2006-2007 academic year. She will be working on her book on feminism and social conservatism in the 1970s, the IWY conferences, and the role of gender in politics in that decade, tentatively entitled "Women's Rights and Family Values."

**Elizabeth Stanfield-Maddox** (*Emeritus, Georgia State University*) is in her second term as a member of the New Hanover County (NC) library advisory board. She is serving as the secretary of the board. In March 2006 she gave a lecture to the Daughters of the American Revolution in Atlanta entitled "Theodosia Burr Alston: Best Educated Woman in the New Nation."

**Elaine E. Thompson** (*Black History Committee: Friends of the Thomas Balch Library*) is the author of *In the Watchfires: The Loudon County Emancipation Association, 1890-1971*. The book was published by the Friends of the Thomas Balch Library with grants from the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities and Public Policy; the Clarence L. Robey Charitable Trust; and the Loudon Library Foundation.

**Carole Watterson Troxler** (*Professor Emerita, Elon University*) received an Archie K. Davis Research Grant from the North Caroliniana Society for the purpose of researching the 1906-20 period of Sallie Stockard's life when she lived as a single mother and peripatetic teacher in New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. Stockard (1869-1963) was the first woman to earn a degree from the University of North Carolina. Dr. Troxler is editing Stockard's memoirs of her childhood years and providing a biographical framework.

**Elizabeth R. Varon** (*Temple University*) recently taught the SHEAR/Mellon summer seminar for undergraduate honors students at Penn's McNeil Center. She is currently finishing a book on Civil War causality, entitled *Discourse of Disunion*, forthcoming from UNC Press.

## Announcements, continued

**Be sure to keep an eye** on the SAWH Web site (<http://www.h-net.org/~sawh/sawh.htm>) for the launch of the new mentoring toolkit! Graduate students and new professionals will find fresh and pithy advice written by volunteers from throughout the SAWH. We will include a wide range of topics and add new sections throughout the upcoming academic year. If you have an idea for a topic or would like to contribute, please contact Antoinette van Zelm at [avanzelm@mtsu.edu](mailto:avanzelm@mtsu.edu).

## Call for Papers - Deadline Extended

For the new volume of expanded papers from the Seventh Southern Conference on Women's History

Many of you have seen the exciting new volume in the series of papers drawn from the previous meeting of the SAWH entitled *Women Shaping the South: Creating and Confronting Change*, edited by Angela Boswell and Judith N. McArthur and published by the University of Missouri Press. The editors have carried on the tradition of excellence that has marked each volume of the series.

Jonathan Daniel Wells and Sheila Phipps, co-editors of the next volume in the series, welcome expanded essays from those who delivered papers at this year's Seventh Conference on Women's History in Baltimore. The volume, to be published in early 2009 by the University of Missouri Press, will continue the practice of offering first-rate scholarly contributions on all aspects and time periods of southern women's history.

Essays will be selected based upon quality of research and writing, the potential to contribute to new understandings, and originality. Papers should be approximately 25 pages in length excluding footnotes. Only papers actually presented at the conference will be considered.

Papers should be submitted to both Sheila Phipps and Jonathan Wells at the email addresses below. Submissions should be in by November 15, 2006 for consideration.

Sheila Phipps, Appalachian State University  
[phippssr@appstate.edu](mailto:phippssr@appstate.edu)

Jonathan Daniel Wells, Johnson & Wales University  
[Jonathan.Wells@jwu.edu](mailto:Jonathan.Wells@jwu.edu)

# Southern Association for Women Historians 2006 Membership Form

The Southern Association for Women Historians invites you to join in supporting the study of women's history and the work of women historians. The SAWH especially welcomes as members all 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. The SAWH meets annually in conjunction with the Southern Historical Association, publishes a newsletter, awards publication prizes, and sponsors the Southern Conference on Women's history every three years. SAWH members receive a thrice-yearly newsletter with announcements of conferences, calls for papers, and news about the organization and the research of its members. Membership is your opportunity to become a part of a valuable network. **Note: Membership runs from January 1 to December 31.**

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Please mail this form with your check payable to the SAWH to : **Megan Shockley, SAWH; Department of History; 126 Hardin Hall; Clemson University; Clemson, SC 29634**