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Announcing the Ad-Hoc Committee on Teaching

In November 2006 at the SAWH membership meeting, it was decided the organization should create an Ad Hoc Committee on Teaching. President Cindy Kierner asked for volunteers to serve in this committee. Candice Bailey (North Carolina Central University), Elsa Barkley Brown (University of Maryland), Patricia Dillon (Spalding University), Elizabeth Dunn (Duke University), Jean Hamm (East Tennessee State University) Randolph Hollingworth (Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education), Loyce Miles (Hinds Community College), Amy Feely Morsman (Middlebury College), Victoria Ott (Birmingham-Southern College) and Ann Firor Scott (Duke University) have graciously volunteered to serve in this committee. Nupur Chaudhuri (Texas Southern University) is chairing the committee.

The charge of this committee is to create agenda items for future activities to submit to the SAWH Executive Council meeting at the next SHA conference in Richmond. The activities, the committee will suggest, would serve the interests of our members who teach or planning to teach U.S., Western and World history surveys. Following the suggestion of the members at the meeting, I would like to see the creation of web page. In this web page we can post annotated syllabi for various survey courses, review various text books, discuss the ways to incorporate women in world history courses, write about first person experiences in teaching some critical issues.

One of Elizabeth Dunn's major responsibilities is facilitating undergraduate research using the primary resources in Duke's Rare Book, Manuscript and Special Collection Library. Like many of us, Elizabeth also believes that assigning original research with primary sources to undergraduate history students can enrich their educational experience, contribute to their training in historical methodology, and circumvent the temptation to plagiarize. Most colleges and universities have an archival repository on campus; others may have access to local, regional, or state archives. Elizabeth would help the committee to explore the idea of collaboration between history faculty and staff in archival repositories. Consequently, our website will include a section exploring creative ways to incorporate archival research into the undergraduate history curriculum.

Randolph Hollingsworth would like our website to include discussions of the impact of the Web 2.0 in which the use of Internet has moved beyond one- to- one communications or single-user interactions with web content. Instead the Internet today allows a network of content and communication software in which women and women's issues might garner a larger role in a collective intelligence. From digitized primary sources encased within interactive environments available freely on the Web to political blogs, wikis and shared spaces like MySpace, educational opportunities abound. The multiuser environments for online gaming and simulation used for years in military training have moved into mainstream use and the video-gamer generation has produced digital natives. Teaching can incorporate these new environments to create a richer experience for students and researchers alike.

Nupur Chaudhuri,

Chair, SAWH AD Hoc Teaching Committee with the help of Elizabeth Dunn and Randolph Holligsworth



President's Message:

If you attended the SHA in Birmingham, you know that the SAWH, as usual, was responsible for some of its grandest moments. Hundreds enjoyed Anne Firor Scott's Thursday evening address, "Reading Other People's Mail," as well as the reception honoring her and outgoing President Glenda Gilmore. Thanks to Glenda for a year of fine leadership, to Victoria Ott (Birmingham-Southern) for managing the annual book sale, and especially to Megan Shockley (Clemson), our exceptionably able Executive Secretary. I am pleased to announce that Michele Gillespie (Wake Forest) will be next year's speaker in Richmond, where First Vice President Laura Edwards (Duke) will be overseeing these signature SAWH activities.

In Birmingham, we also welcomed new members to the Executive Council and announced the winners of our annual publication prizes. Melissa Walker (Converse) is now Second Vice President; Rebecca Sharpless (Texas Christian) joined the Executive Council. Elna Green (Florida State) received the A. Elizabeth Taylor Prize for the best article on southern women's history for "Gendering the City, Gendering the Welfare State: The Nurses' Settlement of Richmond, 1900-1930" (Virginia Magazine of History and Biography). Christina Greene (Wisconsin) won the Julia Cherry Spruill Prize for the best book in southern women's history for Our Separate Ways: Women and the Black Freedom Movement in Durham. North Carolina (UNC Press). The best book on southern history written by a woman was A Golden Haze of Memory: The Making of Historic Charleston (UNC Press), by Stephanie Yuhl (Holy Cross), who was awarded the Willie Lee Rose Prize. Congratulations to all!

The Executive Council meeting in Birmingham highlighted the accomplishments of 2006, which included the successful conference at UMBC and several other major undertakings. As president, Glenda Gilmore oversaw the creation of a new, expanded Membership Committee, which, under the capable leadership of Sheila Phipps (Appalachian State), recruited many new members, as well as the installation of Sheila Phipps and Jonathan Wells (Johnson and Wales) as co-editors of the volume of essays based on papers presented at the UMBC conference. Another impressive achievement was the posting of the superb online toolkit created by the SAWH Mentoring Committee, which Antoinette van Zelm (Middle Tennessee) chairs. If you have not yet explored this innovative, useful, and entertaining (yes, really!) resource, go to <u>http://www.h-net.org/~sawh/Toolkit/</u> and enjoy.

In the coming year, SAWH will pursue several ongoing initiatives. Soon we will announce the appointment of a fund-raising chair for the Anne Firor Scott Mid-Career Fellowship, a program that will benefit our members while honoring an eminent scholar in the field of women's history. A newer project is the Ad Hoc Committee on Teaching, chaired by Nupur Chaudhuri (Texas Southern), who has also contributed a piece to this newsletter. Finally, SAWH continues to work to facilitate partnerships and liaisons with related organizations. Under the leadership of Eva Baham (Southern), the Committee on the Status of African American Women is exploring ways to collaborate with the Association of Black Women Historians. Melissa Walker is currently serving on the SHA Committee on Women

As president, my main objective will be to oversee the implementation of this agenda and to promote the diversity and inclusiveness that has always, for me, distinguished SAWH from so many other professional associations. I sincerely appreciate your warm responses to my calls for committee volunteers via H-SAWH, and I encourage members to share their concerns and interests. I look forward to working with you all over the course of the coming year.

Cindy Kierner

University of North Carolina, Charlotte

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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.

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Member News

Catherine Allgor (University of California-Riverside) has published her new book, A Perfect Union: Dolley Madison and the Creation of the American Nation. This political biography is available from Henry Holt, Inc.

Emily Clark (*Tulane University*) has a monograph entitled Masterless Mistresses: The New Orleans Ursulines and the Development of a New World Society, 1727-1834 due out in Spring 2007 from the University of North Carolina Press's Omahundro Institute of Early American History and Culture. She has also edited and translated Voices from an Early American Convent: Marie Madeline Hachaud and the New Orleans Ursulines, 1727-1760, which will be published by Louisiana State University Press in Spring 2007.

Ann Short Chirhart (*Indiana State University*) was promoted to Associate Professor and tenured in the Department of History.

Elizabeth Garrison (*Middle Tennessee State University*) received tenure and promotion to associate professor in August 2006.

Lorri Glover's (University of Tennessee) new book Southern Sons: Becoming Men in the New Nation will be published by Johns Hopkins University Press in January 2007.

Eliza Cope Harrison *(Emerita)* published an article with Rosemary F. Carroll in *Newport History*, the magazine of the Newport Historical Society, in the Fall 2005 issue. The article emphasizes the importance of southerners, particularly South Carolinians, in establishing the early summer colony in Newport, Rhode Island (1830-1860).

Natalie Inman (Vanderbilt University) is working on her Ph.D. in the history department. She recently published an article entitled "Wealth, Community, and Litigation in Frontier Tennessee: A Study of Tennessee Superior Court Pleadings, 1802-1810" in the Journal of East Tennessee History (2004). Her current project is on comparative networking on the Trans-Appalachian Frontier.

Carolyn Kahl (*State House Press*) has accepted the position of Managing Editor at the McWhiney Foundation Press and State House Press. The two presses are the fourth largest

university presses in Texas, and focus on Civil War, military, and Texas history.

Anne E. Marshall (*Mississippi State University*) was appointed assistant professor in Mississippi State's History Department in fall 2006.

Debra A. Reid (*Eastern Illinois University*) is teaching "History of Agriculture in Illinois, 1860-present," at the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana in the Fall 2006 and Spring 2007 semesters for the college of Agriculture, Consumer, and Environmental Studies. This is in addition to her duties as Associate Professor in the department of history at her home institution in Charleston.

Ann Russell (Independent Scholar) was elected in March to serve a three-year term on the Executive Council of The University of South Caroliniana Society. She is also the 2006 winner of the Mrs. Simon Baruch University Award given by the United Daughters of the Confederacy for the best manuscript in Southern history. Her work, "Legacy of a Southern Lady, Anna Calhoun Clemson, 1817-1875," is currently under consideration for publication by the Clemson University Digital Press.

Terri L. Snyder (*California State University, Fullerton*) received a National Endowment for the Humanities Research Fellowship for her project on suicide in Early America. She will be on leave for the calendar year 2007.

Marilyn S. Ward (Emerita, Brookhaven College) received the Hall of Honor Award for Faculty, Dallas Community College District, in 2004. Dr. Ward, whose professional field is political history, currently teaches non-credit courses in the SMU Continuing Education program and travels frequently. In 2005, she spent 10 days in Sicily and 2 weeks in Russia. In Fall 2006 she taught "Mario Puzo's *Omerta*: Is the Mafia Dead—or Global?" In 2006 she attended a 5-day conference at Christ Church, Oxford, called "Spies, Lies, and Intelligence." Nineteen speakers from five countries, including Ireland, the former Soviet Union, and the Middle East, discussed significant aspects of intelligence-gathering from pre-WWI to the present. Dr. Ward will offer a course at SMU in Spring 2007, titled "Globalization—Luxury— Terrorism: Who's Winning?"

Do you have news you'd like to share?

Please send all member news and address changes to: Megan Shockley--SAWH mshockl@clemson.edu Department of History; Hardin Hall; Clemson University; Clemson, SC 29634

In Memoriam

Suzanne Maberry, Managing Editor of the SAWH <u>Newsletter</u> from September 1992 through August 1995, died of cancer at age 61 on Thanksgiving Day 2006 at her home in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Suzanne was a native of Dallas where she received her high school education before attending the University of Arkansas where she received a B.A. in honors and completed coursework for the Ph.D. She was recognized widely for her abilities as a academic editor, working for a time with the Louisiana State University Press and as assistant editor of the <u>Arkansas Historical Quarterly</u>. She was also an assistant to the dean of the Fulbright College of Arts & Sciences at the University of Arkansas.

Suzanne is revived by a sister and two brothers, her colleague and good friend, Lynda Coon, and a host of associates who will miss her vitality, zest for living, and loyal friendship. SAWH members who knew her and her work will remember the precision, insight, and vigor that she brought to her work.

--Lynda Coon and Martha Swain

Symposium

The Museum of Southern History Symposium on Southern History announces its forthcoming event, *Thomas Jefferson: In His Time and Ours*. Featured speakers include Thomas E. Buckley, Andrew Burstein, Peter Kastor, Jan Ellen Lewis, Peter S. Onuf, Adam Rothman, and Eva Sheppard Wolf. The conference will be held at the Farnsworth Pavilion, Ley Student Center, Rice University, on February 23-25. For more information, please contact Randal L. Hall at 713-348-5547 or rh@rice.edu

Call to Host the Next SAWH Conference

The SAWH is looking for a site for our next conference, to be held in June 2009. If you are interested in hosting the conference at your university, please contact Cindy Kierner at <u>ckierner@email.uncc.edu</u> by March 1. If you have any questions about how to put together a conference proposal, logistical planning, or other issues involved in hosting the conference, please contact Megan Shockley at mshockl@clemson.edu.

SAWH 2006 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, broadly construed. **The Willie Lee Rose Prize** of \$750 is awarded for the best book on any topic in southern history authored by a woman (or women). For both of these prizes, only monographs are eligible. Books with a copyright date of 2006 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, 2006 are eligible. Editors, scholars, and authors are invited to nominate eligible articles for the prize. **SELF NOMINATIONS ARE ENCOURAGED!!!!**

To Nominate a Publication:

Four (4) copies of each entry must be mailed to the following address no later than **April 1, 2007,** and all entries must be clearly marked with the name of the prize competition being entered. Please mail submissions to: Megan Taylor Shockley, Department of History, 126 Hardin Hall, Clemson University, Clemson, SC 29634

Please contact Megan Shockley at 864-656-4427 or at mshockl@clemson.edu if you have any questions.

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