I am pleased to announce that the SAWH is entering the twenty-first century and the electronic age. I feel somewhat odd being the one to make the announcement, though, since I am one of those jaded academics who views technological innovations with suspicion, certain that the purported advantages are really a clever plot to increase my workload. Yet even I am excited about the SAWH’s electronic initiatives—and I hope that you will be too.

The first and most obvious example is our newsletter, which is now being distributed electronically. In January, the board received a frustrated email from our hard-working secretary, Megan Taylor Shockley, who was having difficulty with the print shop responsible producing the newsletter. As the delays extended and Megan’s patience ran short, she suggested that we consider going electronic. While her reasoning spoke to the immediate issue, an unreliable print shop, it also addressed broader, unavoidable issues in the organization’s future. Megan identified practical concerns, namely the economic and environment costs involved in printing and mailing the newsletter and the labor required for her—and other SAWH secretaries, past and future—to produce the newsletter in that way. Just as important, although harder to quantify, is the cultural shift to electronic forms of correspondence that we are all now negotiating in our professional and personal lives. Whether we like it or not, most of our correspondence arrives in our in-boxes, not our mailboxes. I am so conditioned to use email for correspondence that I no longer give regular mail—snail mail—top priority. It can pile up for weeks, until it threatens to overwhelm my desk completely. Only then do I dip in and begin to sort through it. And only then do I discover my now-out-of-date SAWH newsletter, with its ballot and membership renewal that should have been sent in weeks before. The SAWH officers are hoping that the new, electronic format will mean that newsletter reaches you sooner and in a form that will be easier to access and read.

The electronic newsletter also introduces electronic voting. So please take a moment to follow the links provided in the newsletter and vote for the organization’s officers, whose statements also appear in the newsletter. It is easy—and it is essential to the organization.

We have more electronic plans in the works. At its meeting last November, the SAWH board approved the formation of an ad committee on technology to assess the organization’s needs in this area. Many of the SAWH’s committees have been dealing with technology-related issues as they arise in relation to their other business. The ad hoc committee on teaching is building a site for posting and sharing teaching material. The committee on mentoring has created a “toolkit” that is available online. Most of our committees rely on email and the internet to get their work done, and the organization depends on computer databases to keep track of its membership, finances, and other business. In their reports, other committees raised issues that focused the board’s attention on how the organization might incorporate new technology to further its goals. The board thought it would be a good idea to have a single committee take a broad overview of the situation, to coordinate among committees and chart our technological future. Jean Stuntz has graciously agreed to chair the committee, which also includes Kriste Lindenmeyer, Nupur Chaudhuri, Evan Nooe, and Jessica Brannon-Wranosky. They have a big job. So if you have ideas about technology or would like to contribute to their work, please contact Jean at jstuntz@mail.wtamu.edu. You can help bring us into the twenty-first century!

Laura F. Edwards,
President, SAWH

Have you renewed your 2008 membership yet? If not, please download the form at the back of the newsletter and mail it in!
From the Secretary:

As Laura mentioned in her column, in order to reach more members in a timely manner, help the environment, and save on printing costs, I created the first-ever SAWH listserv. I maintain this listserv, and I will post job announcements and any information with deadlines that come sooner than the newsletter distribution. I will also use the listserv to send out the newsletter in an electronic format. I need your help, though, to make this new listserv run smoothly. Here are the issues that have come up since the listserv’s inception:

- Some of you have changed jobs or email addresses, and so your emails have come back to me. If you have NOT been receiving listserv messages and would like to be on the list, please email me at mshockl@clemson.edu and put “SAWH listserv” in the message line. I will add you as soon as I can.
- Some of you do not have email addresses at all. If that is the case, you should have received a letter notifying you of that situation. I assume that if you did not respond by email to the letter, that you choose to remain off of the listserv and will continue to get a paper newsletter in the mail. If you would like to get on the listserv, please email me at the address above.
- Some of you will want to continue getting the hard copies of newsletters, which is perfectly fine. I’m going to create a new database for those of you who want the paper copies, but I need you to let me know that you prefer receiving the newsletter in that format. Please email SAWHnewsletter@yahoo.com to let me know that you would like to continue receiving the newsletter by mail. If you have an email address on file and are receiving information from the listserv, those of you without email addresses will automatically go into this database.

I also want to encourage you to remain on the h-sawh discussion list. H-sawh will continue to post book reviews, general announcements, and other important information that I will not cross-post on SAWH-L. And please bear with us through this transition—we’re not sure what glitches will come up as we move forward. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know!

Megan Shockley
SAWH Secretary

NEW MEMBERS:

Louise Allen, South Carolina State University
Lindsey Bray, University of Memphis
Jennifer Dixon, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
Nina Doyle, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
Anna Krome-Lukens, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
Sherry Laymon, Independent Scholar
Liza Turner McAninch, University of Kentucky
Lesley McCollough, University of Tulsa
F. Evan Nooe, Clemson University
Mary Faith Pankin, Gelman Library-George Washington University
Ansa’ Reams-Johnson, Edward Waters College
Nano E. Riley, Univeristy of South Florida

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Women and Social Movements in the United States, 1600-2000 (WASM) has been publishing as an online journal/database/website for four years now and this past year expanded with a new WASM Scholar's Edition. We are in the midst of publishing installments of a new database that we are integrating into the Scholar's Edition, "Publications of Commissions on the Status of Women, 1963-2004." We have posted online 60,000 of what we will ultimately be 80,000 pages of reports, pamphlets, flyers and other publications of all local and state commissions on the status of women. The new material will be fully integrated into the site's database and search engine by this summer. Also exciting is our plan, to add, in time for the Berkshire Conference, an online, indexed and searchable version of the classic biographical dictionary, Notable American Women (5 vols., 1971-2004). The Scholar's Edition is available to libraries by contacting lawrence@astreetpress.com.

To publicize these new developments, the Women and Social Movements website is sponsoring a luncheon at the upcoming annual meeting of the Organization of American Historians in New York. It will be 11:30-1:00, Friday, March 28, in the Petit Trianon Room of the Hilton. The luncheon is free, but seats are limited so you will need to sign up in advance. To reserve a seat, please email tdublin@binghamton.edu.

We expect that the addition of these two new databases to Women and Social Movements will be of interest to many subscribers to H-Women and we look forward to discussing these developments further at the luncheon in New York City.

(Announcements continued on p. 3)
CALL FOR PAPERS, 24th ANNUAL OHIO VALLEY HISTORY CONFERENCE

Oct. 30-Nov. 1         Austin Peay State University

The 24th Annual Ohio Valley History Conference (OVHC), sponsored by APSU’s history department, will be held on the campus of APSU in Clarksville, Tennessee on Oct. 30-Nov. 1. Conference topics include a broad range of subjects including regional, American, non-American topics, and interdisciplinary panels. The Society for Military History will sponsor panels as will Phi Alpha Theta.

Submission of complete panels is encouraged, but individual papers are accepted. Abstracts for papers should be approximately 200 words, typed and single spaced. Both paper presenters and commentators should send a CV to the OVHC Coordinator. The abstract and CV should be received no later than May 1, 2008. The Program Committee will announce selections and send out information by June 1, 2008.

Address all inquiries and abstracts to: Minoa Uffelman, Coordinator OVHC; Department of History and Philosophy; Box 4486; Austin Peay State University; Clarksville, TN 37044. Phone: 931-221-77043; email uffelmanm@apsu.edu.

OVHC web page: http://www.apsu.edu/OVHC

We inadvertently left Lee Farrow and Rosemary Carroll off the life member list in the winter newsletter! We are sorry for the oversight!

From the Executive Council:

At the Executive Council meeting in November, we determined that we needed to update the bylaws of our organization. We realized that we needed to add committees to the bylaws, change some of the wording, and make sure that the current document reflects how we are running the organization. We have made the changes, and now we ask that you weigh in with your vote. Please review the changes below and vote on the new bylaws in the electronic ballot:

Section 3. Drop managing editor. Separate secretary and treasurer. Change secretary and treasurer’s terms to five years.

Section 4. Drop managing editor. Separate secretary and treasurer.

Section 5. Drop audit, local arrangements, and publicity. Add mentoring. To the phrase “The President appoints the committees for terms of one year,” add the phrase “except for Nominating, which is appointed by the Immediate Past President.”

Section 7. Drop the phrase “and the Treasurer, preferably in the South.” Change the term of the secretary to five years.

Add a new Section 8: The Treasurer shall serve a five-year term, to coincide with that of the Secretary’s.

Section 8 becomes section 9; switches to gender-neutral language.

Section 9 becomes section 10.

Section 10 becomes section 11. Changes duties of Second Vice-President: deletes the membership committee and awards committee; adds “compiling a list of the service of members in a given year; putting together a session and submitting it for consideration of the Program Committee of the Southern Historical Association by that committee’s stipulated deadline; and reviewing the SAWH web site quarterly.”

Add a new Section 12. A board of six editors, appointed by the President from among senior SAWH members, shall work in an advisory capacity with the President and Executive Council to appoint editors and review proposals, budgets, and timetables for all SAWH-sponsored publications. The board shall also work to ensure that the organization maintains an excellent working relationship with the University of Missouri Press, the SAWH publisher of record. In consultation with the director of the Press, a board member will be available to serve as an outside reader for each SAWH volume submitted to the Press. The board will work with the authors or editors in charge of the conference volumes and all other publications to ensure that deadlines are met and that the content and quality of the manuscript represents the organization well. The board should work with the author/editor of each SAWH publication to develop a schedule and a budget for each publication and should be kept apprised of the progress of SAWH publications. Board members will serve staggered four-year terms, with three members rotating off every two years.

Add a new Section 13. The SAWH will hold a Southern Conference on Women’s History every three years.

Would you like to see the original bylaws? Go to: http://www.h-net.org/~sawh

Spring 2008
Member News

Susan Youngblood Ashmore (Oxford College of Emory University) has a new book coming out with University of Georgia Press. It is titled: Carry It On: The War on Poverty and the Civil Rights Movement in Alabama, 1964-1972 and will be out this summer.

Kathryn Braund (Auburn University) served as a consultant for “Andrew Jackson: Good, Evil, and the Presidency,” a major PBS documentary on the country’s seventh president.

Elaine Breslaw (University of Tennessee) has published Dr. Alexander Hamilton and Provincial America: Expanding the Orbit of Scottish Culture with Louisiana State University Press.


Lorri Glover (University of Tennessee) published her book, Southern Sons: Becoming Men in the New Nation, with Johns Hopkins University Press.


Ramona Houston (Emerita-Morehouse College) is being featured in a national commercial and print advertisement for Wachovia bank. In its most recent advertising campaign, Wachovia decided to use customers for its commercials. The banking institution selected Dr. Houston, who was a professor at Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia, as one of its features. Dr. Houston’s commercial tells the true story of her being a college professor and how Wachovia assisted her in purchasing her first home and developing a retirement plan. The commercial also includes Dr. Houston’s maternal grandmother, Izora Jones of Fort Worth, Texas, who appears alongside Dr. Houston, representing the multigenerational appeal of homeownership and retirement. The television advertisement has evolved into print in several national magazines including O, Black Enterprise, Pink, House Beautiful, and Essence.

The Wachovia television ad is in heavy rotation on national cable television and the print ad is included in many national publications. A native of Brownwood, Texas, Dr. Houston is a graduate of Clark Atlanta University and the University of Texas at Austin. She currently resides in Atlanta, Georgia as a happy Wachovia customer and new homeowner. For more information on the national Wachovia customer campaign or on Dr. Ramona Houston, you may contact Dr. Houston at ramonahouston@comcast.net.

Elizabeth Jacoway (Independent Scholar) published her new book, Turn Away Thy Son: Little Rock, the Crisis that Shocked the Nation, in 2007 with The Free Press. She spent the year doing book signings, speaking at conferences, and giving talks all over the country, and participating in all of the 50th Anniversary activities in September. The University of Arkansas press will be publishing the book in paperback this spring.

Chana R. Kotzin (Jewish Buffalo Archives Project) has just accepted a position in Buffalo, NY to document research and write the post-World War II history of this midsized Jewish community. While her work and research have moved “north,” she continues to maintain her ongoing research in Baltimore Jewish women’s rescue activities on behalf of Jewish refugees during the 1930s.

Sharon Watkins Lang (U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command) was promoted to Command Historian. She oversaw the 50th Anniversary Commemoration of the Army’s missile defense program, and in 2007, she was named to Who’s Who in America.
MEMBER NEWS, CONTINUED


Molly McGehee \textit{(Emory University)} has accepted an offer for a tenure-track position in the English Department at Presbyterian College where she will teach courses in Southern Studies and Southern literature and where she will also help to enhance the current Southern Studies minor.

Lynn Renau \textit{(Public Historian)} was honored at the 2008 Kentucky History Awards Program, held March 1, at the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History. Sponsored by the Kentucky Historical Society and the Historical Confederation of Kentucky, these annual awards recognize the best achievements and projects relating to state and local history. Renau received the Award of Merit for Publication—Local or State History for \textit{So Close From Home: The Legacy of Brownsboro Road}.

Marlene Hunt Rikard \textit{(Samford University)} is retiring in May 2008 from the history department. She is a former president of the SAWH.

Nano E. Riley \textit{(University of South Florida)} is the author of \textit{Florida’s Farmworkers in the 21st Century}, which is part of the University Press of Florida’s series in Florida History and Culture, edited by Drs. Gary Mormino and Ray Arsenault. It was published in 2003.

Anne Firor Scott \textit{(Emerita-Duke University)} was awarded a Scholarly Achievement Award by the AHA at its annual meeting in January.

Elizabeth Stanfield-Maddox \textit{(Emerita-Georgia State University)} has become a library advocate since returning to her girlhood home. She is in her third term on the New Hanover County Library Advisory Board and currently serves as chairman. She is also a patron of the Library Foundation and a member of Friends of the Library.

Elizabeth Whitaker \textit{(Independent Scholar)} graduated with her M.A. in History from Clemson in December 2006, not 2007. We apologize for the oversight!

Rebecca Zimmer \textit{(University of North Carolina-Wilmington)} was awarded the 2008 George M. Nethken Fellowship at the George Tyler Moore Center for the Study of the Civil War at Shepherd University in Shepherdstown, West Virginia.

Please Keep Us Informed

We would like to know what you’ve been doing lately. Please send member news to:

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**Candidate Statements**

**For Second Vice President—Jane Dailey, University of Chicago**

Jane Dailey

**Statement:**

I am honored and delighted to have been nominated for Second Vice President of the SAWH. I was lucky enough to have the SAWH find me while I was still a graduate student; this organization and its members have upheld me for years. Having served the SAWH in a variety of positions since 1995, I think I have a good sense of where the organization has been and where it might go in the future. The greatest challenge ahead of the SAWH at the moment seems to be to successfully manage growth. This is a marvelous position to be in, and I hope that I can contribute to the collective leadership vision of the SAWH as we continue to serve a variety of constituencies, from graduate students to research historians to those who excel mainly as teachers.

**Short Biography:**

A native Californian, I got my first job at age five, picking up rocks from the main corral out at the rodeo grounds. This being something of a dead-end career, I went to Yale because my parents didn’t want me to and because it, unlike Princeton, did not require a senior essay for graduation. Some years after completing my senior essay at Yale, I found myself in possession of a Ph.D. from Princeton. Rice University was kind enough to hire me in 1994, and I taught there until 2000 when I moved to Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. Having ants in my pants (according to my father-in-law; it sounds better in Spanish), I moved to Chicago last summer and am currently an associate professor of history at the University of Chicago. My publications include *Before Jim Crow: The Politics of Race in Postemancipation Virginia* (UNC Press, 2000), *Jumpin’ Jim Crow: Southern Politics from Civil War to Civil Rights* (Princeton UP, 2000; co-edited with Glenda Gilmore and Bryant Simon), and *The Age of Jim Crow: A Norton Documentary History* (Norton, 2008). I am currently finishing up a book on sex and civil rights that will be published by Harcourt, and was charmed by Harry Watson into writing the second volume of *The American Republic*, a U.S. history textbook coming out someday with Bedford Books.

I have been a member of the SAWH since 1994. I have served on the Long-Range Planning Committee (1998-99), the Nominating Committee (1999), and the Spruill Prize committee (2001). I chaired the Membership Committee from 1996-1997, served on the Executive Committee from 2002-4, and pitched in with local arrangements for the Baltimore SAWH conference in 2006. I am currently chairing the 2009 Spruill Prize committee.

**For Executive Council—Kriste Lindenmeyer, University of Maryland-Baltimore County**

Kris Lindenmeyer

**Statement:**

It would be an honor to serve on the SAWH Executive Committee. I have been involved with SAWH since taking a tenure-track job at Tennessee Technological University in the 1990s. SAWH was one of the first professional organizations I joined after taking an academic appointment. From my first meeting, it was obvious that SAWH is an open organization that encourages the advancement of its members. I have always felt welcome and feel the least I can do is give back through service. SAWH has been an important, and consistent, part of my professional career. I have taught at four different universities and in the mid-1990s was one of founders of HSAWH. I continue to serve as the network’s website editor and very much enjoy my work the exceptional HSAWH editing team. My research interests focus on United States history, especially in the areas of gender, childhood, and public policy. I have served as president of H-Net and the Society for the History of Children and Youth, as well as in other roles in several other professional societies. It is my pleasure to offer my services to SAWH as a member of the Executive Committee.

**Biography:**

I was a department store buyer before returning to college and eventually earning a Ph.D. in U.S. history at the University of Cincinnati. My first tenure-track position was at Tennessee Technological University where supportive colleagues urged me to continue my professional development. There I taught general U.S. history and women’s history courses, as well as women’s history at Vanderbilt University. In August of 2000, I moved to the University of Maryland, Baltimore County where I am currently professor and chair of the Department of History, and also a Kauffman Fellow on Entrepreneurship. I am the author of *The Greatest Generation Grows Up: American Childhood and Youth during the Great Depression*, and *A Right to Childhood: The U.S. Children's Bureau and Child Welfare, 1912-1946*. I am also the editor of *Ordinary Women, Extraordinary Lives: Women in American History*, and co-editor with Andrew Kersten for *Politics and Progress: American Society and the State since 1865*. I have published chapters in anthologies including, “The Federal Government and Child Health” in *Children and Youth in Sickness and in Health: A Historical Handbook and Guide and Rebels without a Cause?: Renegotiating the American 1950s*. In 2004-2005 I had the pleasure of serving as a Fulbright Senior Scholar at Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg in Halle, Germany. At UMBC I am also associated with the doctoral program in Public Policy and hold an affiliate appointment in Gender and Women's Studies.
La Shonda Mims

Statement:

I am so flattered to be nominated for the position of graduate student representative for the SAWH in the upcoming year. My first introduction to this fine organization was at the sixth conference held in 2003 at the University of Georgia. This was my first conference paper, and though I was incredibly nervous my concern was quickly assuaged due in large part to the level of collegiality and professionalism within this fine organization. Most recently my involvement with the graduate student committee has helped me to further appreciate the benefits of this organization to junior scholars. I am excited to increase my level of involvement with the SAWH and am eager to meet new faces in the coming year.

Biography:

Currently I am a graduate student in the PhD program at the University of Georgia working toward my dissertation under the direction of James Cobb. My research interests include Southern women’s history, lesbian history, and the history of sexuality.

I completed my MA at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and my dissertation is a continuation of that research, focusing on Southern lesbian identity after World War II. I am interested in presenting a comparative history in which the Atlanta and Charlotte lesbian communities will serve as a backdrop for lesbian community building and identity formation. These urban spaces provided, and continue to provide, opportunities for gay women in the South to defy typicality and to operate subversively in order to carve out safe social space. One of the most rewarding aspects of my research is the challenge of presenting lesbian history to students, and I have enjoyed the opportunity to meet this challenge in the classrooms of five southern colleges and universities where I have taught since I received my MA. In 2007 I was awarded the Carl Vipperman Teaching Assistant award at the University of Georgia. As I struggle through preparation for my comprehensive exams, I am expecting my first publication -- the product of a paper presented for the 2006 Lesbian Lives conference at University College Dublin, Ireland.
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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