
Presidents Message

September 1, 2010

During the summer, Shannon Frystak succeeded Megan Shockley as Executive Secretary. Many, many, MANY thanks to Megan for her years of dedicated service to the organization, and welcome to Shannon. It is testimony to the superhuman efficiency and thoroughness of both of these women that there was not a single administrative hiccup as we passed from Clemson to East Stroudsburg University. We thank both institutions for their support of the SAWH.

If it is September, then it must be time to start a new quarter or semester, and to make reservations for the Southern. This year's SHA is in Charlotte, and it promises to be, as usual, a terrific conference. Our collective contribution to the conference will take place on Saturday, November 6. The Members Meeting will be from 1:00-2:00, in the Brevard Room (level 3). Come air your thoughts about the organization, and join in the common endeavor of keeping the SAWH a members-run association. Our Annual Address is at 4:45, in the Harris Room (level 2). Prizes will be announced at this time and we will enjoy a lecture by Heather Thompson, lately of UNC Charlotte, currently of Temple University. The title of her lecture is "Redemption Redux? Southern Politics, Economy and Society in the Age of Mass Incarceration." The lecture will be followed by a reception and book sale at the Harvey B. Gantt Center for African American Arts and Culture. Sally McMillen has been hard at work spinning a party out of thin air; I am deeply grateful and looking forward to seeing the Gantt Center and relaxing with members and friends of the Association. This year's reception will celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the SAWH. As part of that celebration, we will honor our organization's past presidents. The book sale is, as everyone knows, the SAWH's only fundraiser, so please come and buy books (for \$5 and \$10, a great bargain), and bring your friends, too!

This is my last newsletter as president. I will end as I began, with a gentle reminder of the fiscal realities of the organization, and the hope that current life members will consider donating the \$250 difference between the cost of their life membership and what it will cost in the future. Quite a few life members have done this already; if you have not yet done so, please think about it. It is, of course, a charitable contribution.

Finally, let me take this opportunity to thank the officers and Executive Committee, who have collectively made it easy and pleasurable to serve as president, and all the members who have volunteered their time to head committees, and serve on committees. It has been an honor to serve the organization for the past few years. And if the past presidents who are still serving in a variety of ways are any example, then I expect I'll have plenty of opportunities to remain involved with the SAWH in years to come!

With warm appreciation,

Jane

NEW MEMBERS:

Katherine Mellen Charron (North Carolina State University) – Life Member
Bettye Collier-Thomas (Temple University)
Kelly J. Gannon (American University)
Adriane Lentz-Smith (Duke University)
Cheryl Adams Rychkov (Lynchburg College)
Donna Ward (UNC – Charlotte)

*Remember to email your member news to Shannon Frystak @ sawh@esu.edu
The regular mail address is listed on the membership form on the last page.*

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 **AFTER SEPTEMBER 15** to:

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New Orleans, LA 70118
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Conference/Grant/Paper Announcements

Anne Firor Scott Fellowship

Dear SAWH Members: The Anne Scott Fellowship Committee has extended the deadline for application submissions to September 15. Information about applying for this award, including eligibility for the award, is listed in the call, which is attached to this email. If you have any trouble viewing the attachment, please contact Megan Shockley at mshockl@clemsun.edu. For any questions about the award, please contact Beverly Bond at bgbond@memphis.edu. Thank you!

Call for applications: Anne Firor Scott Mid-Career Fellowship: Established by the Southern Association of Women Historians in 2007, the Anne Firor Scott Mid-Career Fellowship honors the work of this path breaking scholar of southern women's history. The fellowship will provide assistance to scholars who are past the first stage of their careers, and are working on a second book or equivalent project in southern and/or gender history. Mid-career scholars are those who have achieved associate professor status, those who have

taught at least 5 years, established public historians, and published independent scholars.

Eligibility Guidelines:

1. The Anne Scott Mid-Career Fellowship (\$2,000) will be awarded every two years.
2. Applicants must be SAWH members who have received the PhD or equivalent terminal degree.
3. Applicant's project must focus on southern or gender history and should be intended to produce a second book or equivalent project that will make a significant contribution to one or both of those fields.
4. Historians working at colleges and universities, particularly teaching institutions, independent scholars, and public historians are encouraged to apply.
5. The Scott Fellowship cannot be used to revise a dissertation for publication.

Application Process:

1. **ONE COPY of each** application packet must be submitted by September 15, 2010 to:
 - Beverly Bond, Chair, bgbond@memphis.edu
 - Michele Gillespie, gillesmk@wfu.edu
 - Peter Wallenstein, pwallens@vt.edu
2. The application packet must include:
 - 500-word narrative description of the project
 - Budget
 - List of sources and amounts all funds/grants (including leave time) applied for and/or secured to support this research project.
 - CV (limit to three single-spaced pages)
 - One (1) page bibliography of major secondary sources that the project will engage
 - Contact information (including email addresses) for three (3) references

Within six months of the completion of this fellowship, the recipient must submit a report to the Anne Scott Fellowship committee describing what he/she has achieved. The recipient will also present his/her findings at an informal brownbag session at the SAWH conference immediately following completion of the fellowship period.

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2011 OAH LERNER-SCOTT DISSERTATION PRIZE

<http://www.oah.org/activities/awards/lernerscott/index.html>

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 is 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 July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 to be eligible for the 2011 Lerner-Scott Dissertation 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 also 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 **October 1, 2010**.

Please note that it is the policy of the OAH to honor those applicants who have submitted their applications on or before the stated deadline date. Applications which are not received by close of business on the deadline date will not be considered.

Finalists will be asked to submit a complete copy of the dissertation at a later date.
The winner receives \$500.

The prize will be presented at the 2011 Annual Meeting of the OAH in Houston, Texas, March 17-20. One copy of each entry, clearly labeled "2011 Lerner-Scott Dissertation Prize Entry, must be mailed directly to:

Natalia Molina (Committee Chair)
Department of History, 0104
University of California, San Diego
9500 Gilman Drive
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Susan S. Rugh
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Provo, UT 84602

Jacqueline S. Wilkie
After June 20, 2010
23 Haslemere Road
Nottingham, England NG8 5GJ

Call for Papers

Quality versus Quantity: Competing Visions of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Life
The Agricultural History Society Annual Conference
Springfield, Illinois, June 15-18, 2011

Deadline for Submissions, October 1, 2010

Contemporary debates about food, agriculture, and rural life are often framed in opposition with little attention to historical context. Proponents of the local, slow, and organic often emphasize quality while advocates of the global, fast, and industrial stress quantity to satisfy world demand for food. The Agricultural History Society invites proposals for papers that engage or transcend these debates by examining questions about quality and quantity as they relate to food, farming, and/or rural life from a historical perspective. We especially welcome submissions that counter or reframe the accepted narratives of the field. Topics from any time period and location are welcome. The AHS encourages proposals of all types and formats, including traditional sessions with successive papers and commentary, thematic panel discussions or debates, roundtables on recent books/films, and poster presentations. The program committee prefers complete session proposals, but individual paper proposals are welcome. The AHS extends a special welcome to graduate students and provides up to \$250 in travel reimbursement to each graduate student whose paper is accepted for the conference.

Paper proposals should consist of a 200-word abstract and one-page CV. Session proposals should include a 200-word session summary to accompany the 200-word paper abstracts as well as a one-page CV for each participant.

Submit all proposals to:

Joe Anderson
Mount Royal University
jlanderson@mtroyal.ca

Questions may be directed to any member of the program committee:

Jenny Barker-Devine
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Call for papers

The Co-ordinating Council on Women in History is seeking submissions for the Nupur Chaudhuri Article Prize. The Nupur Chaudhuri Article Prize was created in 2010 as an annual \$1000 prize that recognizes the best first article published in the field of history by a CCWH member. Named to honor long-time CCWH board member and former executive director Nupur Chaudhuri, the article must be published in a refereed journal in one of the two years prior to the prize year. An article may only be submitted once. All fields of history will be considered, and articles must be submitted with full scholarly apparatus.

All applications are due by 15 September 2010. Full details and application forms are available on the CCWH website: <http://www.theccwh.org/awards.htm>

Applications for two Graduate Student Fellowships: The Co-ordinating Council on Women in History is seeking submissions for the the CCWH/Berkshire Conference of Women Historians Graduate Student Fellowship and the CCWH Ida B. Wells Graduate Student Fellowship. The CCWH/Berkshire Conference of Women Historians Graduate Student Fellowship is a \$1000 award to a woman graduate student completing a dissertation in a history department. The CCWH Ida B. Wells Graduate Student Fellowship is a \$1000 award to an A.B.D. woman graduate student working on a historical dissertation, not necessarily in a history department. Applicants working on issues of race are particularly welcome.

All applications are due by 15 September 2010. Full details and application forms are available on the CCWH website: <http://www.theccwh.org/awards.htm>

Call for Papers

The Center for the Study of the Gulf South at the University of Southern Mississippi invites proposals for "Court House, State House, Her House: Southern Women and Politics," a conference to be held March 31-April 2, 2011 in Gulfport, Mississippi at the Beachfront Marriott Courtyard. The organizers seek papers on any aspect of women's political activity in the American South, with "political activity" broadly defined. Proposals representative of women's varied racial and class backgrounds will be especially welcome.

The conference will include a keynote address by Dr. Marjorie Julian Spruill of the University of South

Carolina. Dr. Anne Firor Scott will deliver closing remarks on April 1, after which there will be a reception celebrating Dr. Scott's 90th birthday.

Individual paper proposals should include a 250-word abstract, author contact information (postal and email), and a 1-3 page c.v. Organizers of complete sessions should send, in a single submission, abstracts and cvs for all presenters, cvs for session chair and commentator, contact information for all and a brief description of the session. Submission deadline is November 15, 2010.

Please submit either proposals by mail or electronically to:

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228-514-3423

SHA 2010 Announcements:

Don't forget to join us for the following SAWH/SHA events in Charlotte:

Workshop I: "A New Movement in Southern Women's History: The University of Georgia Press Series" – Trade Room

Workshop II: "Negotiating the Work-Life Balance: A Roundtable Discussion" – Sponsored by the Committee on Women in the SHA – Trade Room

Workshop III: "Uncovering the New South: Searching Beyond the Archives – College Room

Members Meeting: Saturday, November 6, 2010. 1-2pm – Brevard Room

Annual Address and Reception/Booksale: Saturday, November 6, 2010. Details on p. 6

Message from the new Secretary

Hello everyone and allow me to introduce myself as your new executive secretary. My name is Shannon Frystak, I received my Ph.D. in 2005 from the University of New Hampshire, where I was fortunate enough to work with two of the best scholars in the field of southern history: Harvard Sitkoff and J. William Harris. It was Bill Harris who encouraged me, many years ago now, to join this organization that has been beneficial to me in so many ways. Thus, it is with great pleasure and pride that I serve as your secretary for the next 5 years, giving back to an organization that has provided me with both mentorship and guidance through my career. I am currently an Assistant Professor of History at East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania, where I teach African-American and Women's History. And I'm pleased to announce that my book, *Our Minds on Freedom: Women and the Struggle for Black Equality in Louisiana, 1924-1967*, written under the guidance of Sitkoff and Harris, was recently published by Louisiana State University Press. But enough about me.

In July, I sent out an introductory email, however I got more than 60 of those emails returned to me (my university computer specialists are still working out the kinks in having an enormous list serve on the ESU system). I suspect that my email may also have been caught in some of your spam blockers. Thus, if you are receiving this newsletter by snail mail, please get in touch with me and provide me with a correct email address, and we'll try this again! If you prefer to get the newsletters in hard copy form, then just let me know and I'll ensure that they are in the mail to you as soon as I get them printed. Also, if you have any questions, concerns, announcements, etc. email me at the following: sawh@esu.edu

Again, I look forward to serving you, and this organization, and will do everything in my power to make this transition between Megan and myself as smooth and seamless as possible.

All best,
Shannon

Update on the electronic newsletter

As Megan has written in previous newsletters, for all of you who opted to go the electronic-only route, this is the only copy of the newsletter you will get. The benefit of receiving the newsletter in this format is that as soon as I am finished compiling the newsletter, it goes straight out to you—no waiting on printers or the post office. Another advantage is that the web links take you directly to internet websites our members mention. Please be sure to send me any internet links you want in your member news or announcements by email, and I will include them. Another benefit, of course, is the fact that you can choose to print what you want and discard the rest.

To make sure that you continue to receive emails on the listserv, please remember to update me on changes in email addresses. I am also asking all members who provide gift memberships to your graduate students to send their email addresses to me when you send in the form. I appreciate the help.

If you are receiving only a hard copy of this newsletter it means that I do not have your email address on file. If you'd like to be added to the listserv, please email me at: sawh@esu.edu

If you decide that you want a hard copy of the newsletter in addition to this emailed version, please let me know. I'm happy to add you to that mailing list. Thanks for helping me to make this a smooth transition, and for helping the SAWH become a "greener" organization!

Sincerely,
Shannon Frystak

*40th Anniversary
Celebration
The Southern Association
For Women Historians*

Cordially invites all friends and sponsors
To an address by:

Heather Thompson
Temple University

“Redemption Redux? Southern Politics,
Economy, and Society in the Age of
Mass Incarceration”

Saturday, November 6, 2010
5:00 p.m.
Harris Room (2nd Floor)
Westin, Charlotte, NC



Co-Sponsored By:

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*Reception to follow at the
Harvey B. Gantt Center for
African American Arts and
Culture
551 South Tryon Street
Charlotte, NC*

*The Southern Association
For Women Historians*

Invites you to the

ANNUAL BOOK SALE
At the SAWH's President's
Reception in honor of
Jane Dailey

Harvey B. Gantt Center for African
American Arts and Culture

*All proceeds go to benefit programs and activities
of the SAWH*



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Member News

Catherine Allgor (University of California) has been awarded a Presidential Chair by the University of California.

Lisa Marie Brown (Independent Scholar) has published her thesis entitled, *Posing As Nuns, Passing For White: The Gouley Sisters*. This book is a true account of three blood sisters who, in New Orleans in 1883, established the Sisters of Our Lady of Lourdes, an order of Catholic nuns, for women of color. Letters, dating from 1882-1918, chronicle their history from the expulsion of one sister from a Benedictine monastery in Kentucky to their difficulties in getting a priest to celebrate mass for them.

Katherine Mellen Charron (North Carolina State University) has published *Freedom's Teacher: The Life of Septima Clark* with University of North Carolina Press in 2009.

Ann Short Chirhart (Indiana State University) has co-edited the volume, with Betty Wood, *Georgia Women: Their Lives and Times, Volume I*, published by University of Georgia Press in 2009.

Shannon Frystak (East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania) has published *Our Minds on Freedom: Women and the Struggle for Black Equality, 1924 – 1967* with Louisiana State University Press in 2009.

Randolph Hollingsworth (University of Kentucky) is experimenting this fall with open education resources in his 300-level history class focusing on the history of Kentucky women during the civil rights era – a digital environment that should show how research and historical narratives are crafted – partnering with oral history librarians, public historians and working on service learning components. Anyone interested in collaborating from a distance (or letting their students participate via independent study) would be heartily welcome! He reminds everyone, “don’t forget to contribute to the SAWH Teaching wiki!”

Mary Farmer-Kaiser (University of Louisiana-Lafayette) published *Freedwomen and the Freedmen's Bureau: Race, Gender, & Public Policy in the Age of Emancipation* with Fordham University Press. The book explores the “gendered nature of bureau work” by placing freedwomen at the center of her analysis.

Laura D. Kelley (Tulane University) is currently working with “Know LA” – the online project by the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities. She is serving as its Native American Editor. Laura also has a forthcoming article, “Pointe-au-Chien Indian Tribe of Louisiana Tribal development as a consequence of 18th century French Geopolitics” in *French & Indians in the Heart of North America, 1630-1815* (SUNY Press) and is currently constructing, in conjunction with St. Alphonsus Arts and Cultural Central at Tulane University, an oral history project capturing the stories of 20th century Irish American in New Orleans.

Charlene Boyer Lewis (Kalamazoo College) will be on sabbatical next year with residency fellowships at the International Center for Jefferson Studies in Charlottesville, Virginia and the Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. She is finishing her book manuscript on Elizabeth Patterson Bonaparte and will be starting a new project examining the significance of gardens and gardening in the Early Republic.

Melissa A. McEuen (Transylvania University) is on sabbatical leave for the 2009-10 academic year and is currently completing *Making War, Making Women: Femininity and Duty on the American Home Front, 1941-1945*, to be published by the University of Georgia Press later this year.

Neal Millikan (Independent Scholar) was chosen for an NHPRC Fellowship with the Adams Papers at the Massachusetts Historical Society. He’ll be moving to the Boston area in September and is looking forward to working on the Adams Papers and getting more documentary editing experience.

Rhonda Ragsdale (Rice University) – 2010 Adjunct Faculty Excellence Award: Lone Star College (Houston, TX); President, The Black Town Movement Project

Jennifer Ritterhouse (George Mason University) will begin a new position at George Mason University in August 2010. Her article, “Dixie Destinations: Revisiting Jonathan Daniel’s *A Southerner Discovers the South*,” was published by the online journal Southern Spaces (<http://www.southernspaces.org/>) in May.

Member News, Continued on p. 8:

Judith K. Schafer (*Tulane University*) won the Gulf Coast Historical Association's 2009 Book award for *Brothels, Depravity, and Abandoned Women: Illegal Sex in Antebellum New Orleans*.

Anne Firor Scott (Duke University, Emerita) will be teaching this fall, for the second time, a course in the Duke Lifetime Learning Program. This year's course will be called "History and the Historian."

Bettye Collier-Thomas (Temple University) has published *Jesus, Jobs, and Justice: African American Women and Religion* (Knopf, 2010), and it was recently reviewed in the *New York Times*.

(www.nytimes.com/2010/02/07/books/review/Ford-t.html).

Stephanie Wright (University of West Georgia) was recently awarded the American Association of University Women's American Postdoctoral Fellowship for 2010-11.

Southern Association for Women Historians 2009/10 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.**

I am a new member

I am renewing my membership

Name:	Phone:
Address:	Fax:
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Please mail this form with your check payable to the SAWH to : **Shannon Frystak – SAWH, Department of History, East Stroudsburg University, 409 Stroud Hall, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301**