President’s Message

I have recently returned from a two-day conference in northwest Arkansas, in Fayetteville, where I got a taste of real spring but did not, alas, learn how to call the hogs.

Next time.

Proving that the SAWH is only a step behind the International Olympic Committee (and has better sense about where to site events), I am excited to announce that we have a home already for the Ninth Conference on Southern Women’s History in June 2012. That home is Texas Christian University (TCU), in Fort Worth. Rebecca Sharpless and Gregg Cantrell submitted a terrific proposal to host our triennial conference on TCU’s ever-expanding campus. TCU has been a great supporter of our organization the past couple of years (we think this has something to do with Rebecca), and we look forward to this meeting where the South meets the Great Plains. Further details will be forthcoming, but in the meantime, mark the date in your calendar: June 7-9, 2012.

Rolling along in the good news mode, Melissa Walker has agreed to succeed Lee Ann Caldwell for a five-year term as Treasurer. I thank Lee Ann for her service, and marvel that after all her years of service to this organization, Melissa has signed up for more! The SAWH has been extremely fortunate in its financial stewards during the recent market correction (as it is known everywhere else). It is a relief to see that good fortune continue in the form of Melissa. I speak for myself as well as the executive board in thanking her for agreeing to take on this new job. We would also like to thank Shannon Frystak, who will be taking over the role of SAWH secretary in July.

I believe that this is all the news I have to report. As the school year comes to an end, I want to encourage everyone to take the opportunity to reach out to potential new members. Have some new graduate students? I think it was Marjorie Spruill who introduced me to the idea of giving graduate student memberships as a gift to students. New colleagues? Invite them to join. Do you know your local high school history teachers? As I have participated in teacher outreach programs in Chicago, I have been impressed by how eager our colleagues in the high schools—many of whom are working historians—are to stay plugged in to the discipline and to the profession. You get the drift. And no need to limit your recruitment to women, or to historians of the South—remember that our organization is the Southern Association FOR Women Historians, of the South or in the South.

I’m not known for my skill with numbers, but I am reasonably confident in projecting that, leaving aside attrition, if every one of us added only one single new member, our ranks would double. Let’s see what we can do.

With warm wishes to all,
Jane Dailey
dailey@uchicago.edu
Announcements:

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 pathbreaking 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 and will last one calendar year from the time of the award.
2. Applicants must be SAWH members who have received the PhD or equivalent terminal degree within the past 10 years (not before 2000).
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. Five copies of the application packet must be submitted via email in PDF or .doc files by June 1, 2010 to:
   Chair, Beverly Bond, bgbond@memphis.edu
   Peter Wallenstein, pwallens@vt.edu
   Michele Gillespie, gillesmk@wfu.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
   • 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 his/her achievements. The recipient will also present his/her findings at an informal brownbag session at the next SAWH conference immediately following completion of the fellowship period.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: SAWH 2010 ARTICLE PRIZE

The Southern Association for Women Historians invites submissions for its annual article prize. To be eligible, entries must be written in English, but the competition is not restricted to works published in the US. The A. Elizabeth Taylor Prize of $500 is awarded annually for the best article published during the preceding year in the field of southern women's history, broadly construed.

Articles published in journals and anthologies between January 1 and December 31, 2009 are eligible. Editors, scholars, and authors are invited to nominate eligible articles for the prize.

To Nominate a Publication:
One copy of each entry must be mailed to the following committee members no later than May 1, 2010.

Joan M. Johnson, Chair
2322 Hastings Ave.
Evanston, IL 60201

Danielle McGuire
10754 Talbot Ave.

Amy Murrell Taylor
University at Albany, SUNY
1400 Washington Ave.
Albany, NY 12222

Megan Shockley
Clemson University
1400 Washington Ave.
Clemson, SC 29634

NEW SAWH CONTACT INFORMATION!

Please note that Shannon Frystak of East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania will be the new SAWH executive secretary after July 1, 2010. Shannon’s contact information is listed below.

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**SAWH Book Prizes:**

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

The **Julia Cherry Spruill Prize** of $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 2009 are eligible for the prizes. **To nominate a book for a publication prize, please mail ONE copy to each committee member listed below by May 1, 2010:**

**Spruill Prize:**

Anne Rubin, Chair  
History Department  
UMBC  
1000 Hilltop Circle  
Baltimore, MD 21250

Karen Leatham  
Louisiana State Museum  
PO Box 2448  
New Orleans, LA 70176

Kirstin Wood  
5915 SW 79th St.  
South Miami, FL 33143

**Rose Prize:**

Diane Sommerville, Chair  
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Binghamton, NY 19302

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Department of History  
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Tuscaloosa, AL 35487

Megan Shockley  
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Clemson, SC 29634

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**SAWH Conference Volume Announcement:**

The study of the New South has in recent decades been greatly enriched by research into gender, reshaping our understanding of the struggle for woman suffrage, the conflicted nature of race and class in the South, the complex story of politics, and the role of family and motherhood in black and white society. This book brings together nine essays that examine the importance of gender, race, and culture in the New South, offering a rich and varied analysis of the multifaceted role of gender in the lives of black and white southerners in the troubled decades of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Taken together, these nine essays contribute to the picture of women increasing their movement into political and economic life while all too often still maintaining their gendered place as determined by society. Their rich insights provide new ways to consider the meaning and role of gender in the post-Civil War South.

Co-edited by Jonathan Daniel Wells, Associate Professor of History at Temple University and author of *The Origins of the Southern Middle Class*, and Sheila R. Phipps, Associate Professor of History at Appalachian State University and author of *Genteel Rebel: The Life of Mary Greenhow Lee*.

**For more information, go to:**  
http://press.umsystem.edu/fall2009/wells.htm

*Life members Terri Snyder, Lynn Renau, Ben Marsh, and Marlene Rikard were inadvertently left off the list in the winter newsletter. Anastatia Sims’s name was spelled incorrectly as well. We apologize for the oversight!*


Deborah L. Blackwell (Texas A&M International University) was appointed as the Director of the University Honors Program in the summer of 2009.

Kathryn Braund (Auburn University) edited Fields of Vision: Essays of the Travels of William Bartram with Charlotte M. Porter, which was published by the University of Alabama Press. She also published essays in The Search for Mabila, edited by Vernon J. Knight and Nexus of Empire, edited by Gene Smith and Sylvia Hilton.

Julie A. Campbell (Washington & Lee University) published The Horse in Virginia: An Illustrated History with the University of Virginia Press. She is the Associate Director of Communications and Public Affairs at Washington and Lee.


Janet C. Hudson (University of South Carolina-Extended University) published Entangled By White Supremacy: Reform in World War I-era South Carolina in 2009. It is now available in paperback.

Anya Jabour (University of Montana) presented “Gone with the Wind: Changes in Courtship in the Civil War South” at the “Weirding the War Symposium,” held at the University of Georgia in October 2009. She also published Family Values in the Old South, co-authored with Craig Thompson Friend, with the University Press of Florida, 2010. In addition, she presented “Gender, Race, and Politics in Girls’ Play in the Civil War South” at the SAWH Conference in June 2009. She is currently on sabbatical and is completing her new project: Topsy Turvy: How the Civil War Turned the World Upside Down for Southern Children, forthcoming from Ivan R. Dee, and is conducting research for a biography of southern-born educator and reformer Sophonisba Preston Breckinridge (1866-1948).


Sheila R. Phipps (Appalachian State University) co-edited Entering the Fray: Gender, Culture, and Politics in the New South, with Jonathan Wells for the SAWH.

Debra A. Reid (Eastern Illinois University) edited Seeking Inalienable Rights: Texans and Their Quests for Justice, which was published in October 2009 by Texas A&M University. She contributed an article on the early years of the Texas Home Demonstration agents.

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Megan Shockley (Clemson University) published The Captain’s Widow of Sandwich: Self Invention and the Life of Hannah Rebecca Burgess, 1834-1917 with NYU Press in April 2009.

Sheila Skemp (University of Mississippi) published First Lady of Letters: Judith Sargent Murray and the Struggle for Female Rights with University of Pennsylvania Press in 2009. In Fall 2009 she received the University of Mississippi Distinguished Faculty Achievement Award.

Heather Ann Thompson (Temple University) is pleased to announce that she and Rhonda Y. Williams (Case Western Reserve) are co-editing a brand new book series at UNC Press entitled, Justice, Power, and Politics.


Jonathan Daniel Wells (Temple University) joined the history faculty at Temple University.

New Members:

Antrece L. Baggett, Houston Community College System
Nancy E. Baker, Sam Houston State University
Amy Benson Brown, Emory University
Wilma A. Dunaway, Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Sharon Price Fairbanks, University of Memphis
Suzanne Cooper Guasco, Queens University of Charlotte
R. Nicholas Nelson, University of North Texas
Julie Reed, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
Schlesinger Library Radcliffe Inst/Harvard University
Samanthis Q. Smalls, Duke University
Ellen Natasha Thompson, University of North Carolina-Greensboro
Elizabeth Vogt, Clemson University
Daria J. Willis Florida State University

Please send any member news to Shannon Frystak at sfrystak@po.box-esu.edu.

Have you mailed in your 2010 membership dues yet? Please fill out your form and mail to the address listed on the form by June 1.
SAWH Candidate Statements:

For First Vice President—
Rebecca Sharpless, Texas Christian University

The SAWH is my tribe. It’s the group of people who do what I do and value what I value, where I find the greatest professional comforts and challenges, and I am completely thrilled to be asked to stand for election as an officer. Much of my vision for SAWH entails keeping what is best about our organization: the annual meeting and reception, the triennial conference, and the prizes, all of which nurture creativity and innovative scholarship; and the newsletter, listserv, and Web site, which foster collegiality among us. I would like to see SAWH step up its electronic presence to reach people who don’t travel to meetings and to enhance connections during the year for members as well as interested others. We need to think creatively about how to use technology to extend the mission of our organization. And we need to continue to maximize our financial resources.


My first SAWH meeting was in Houston in 1994. Since then, I’ve served on the audit committee, the finance committee, the fund-raising committee, and the Willie Lee Rose Prize Committee, as well as the executive council from 2006 to 2009.

For Executive Council—
Joan M. Johnson, Independent Scholar

I am honored and delighted to be nominated for the SAWH Executive Council because the SAWH has meant so much to me throughout my career as a historian. I attended my first conference in Houston as a graduate student and was thrilled to meet so many supportive senior scholars as well as to make friends who I still hold dear. The SAWH has also been particularly important to me as a historian of Southern women living outside the South and as an adjunct professor. Each SAWH conference I have attended has been a source of intellectual stimulation, mentoring, and friendship. I hope to help the SAWH remain an open and diverse organization, which provides support to historians in the field and the region, and especially remains welcoming to graduate students and non-tenure track historians.

As a New Jersey girl married to a South Carolinian, I fell in love with Southern women’s history studying with Anne Scott as an undergraduate at Duke. I got my PhD at UCLA and taught at the University of Cincinnati and Miami of Ohio before my family moved to Chicago. I have been adjuncting at Northeastern Illinois University since 2003 where I teach Southern history, American women’s history, and race and gender in American history. I am also the co-founder and co-director of the Newberry Library Seminar on Women and Gender in Chicago. I am currently researching women philanthropists who funded women’s causes for a book entitled Women Funding Women: Power, Philanthropy and Feminism Across the Twentieth Century. My publications include Southern Women at the Seven Sister Colleges: Feminist Values and Social Activism, 1875-1915 (University of Georgia Press); Southern Ladies, New Women: Race, Region and Clubwomen in South Carolina, 1890-1930 (University Press of Florida); and Southern Women at Vassar: the Poppenheim Family Letters, 1882-1916 (University of South Carolina Press), and many articles on Southern women, including an A. Elizabeth Taylor prize-winning article. I have worked with many other SAWH members recently as the co-editor (with Marjorie Spruill and Valinda Littlefield) of the three volume series South Carolina Women: Their Lives and Times (University of Georgia Press).
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I have served the SAWH in a variety of positions, including as the co-chair of the 2009 meeting held in Columbia, SC. I am currently chairing the A. Elizabeth Taylor Prize committee, and have also headed the membership committee as well served as a member on both of these committees.

For Graduate Student Representative—
Samanthis Q. Smalls, Duke University

It is an immense honor to be nominated to serve as the graduate student representative for the SAWH. I have followed the work of this organization and many of its members since my undergraduate studies at Armstrong Atlantic State University in Savannah, Georgia. As a first year graduate student and recent member of the SAWH, I find this honor doubly exciting as this position affords both a deeper involvement with the SAWH as well as the opportunity to contribute to the professional work of those who study, and are interested in, the history of the American South. This is an exciting moment to venture into the professional work of Southern historians and I look forward to engaging scholars of this incredibly important work. I expect, and hope, this to be a long and fruitful collaboration.

I have traveled an interesting road to the world of academia. A non-traditional undergraduate student, I spent two years at Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia before I left and entered the United States military. I proudly served four years in the Air Force and upon completion, entered the corporate world. Yet my passion for the academy never waned. So, I reentered college, completed a BA in history, and in 2009, enrolled in Duke University’s PhD history program.

A native of Savannah, Georgia, I am a child of the South; as such, I have always been interested in its history. My research interests include nineteenth-century U.S., African American, and Southern history. My particular project, located in the pre-Civil War South, interrogates the relationship between local governments, slaveholders, and slaves as it pertained to slave crime and punishment. The questions I anticipate include those surrounding the meaning(s) of citizenship and property rights, the increasing power of the state, the role of slave agency within legal and social structures, and the conflicting expectations of this triad as they played out in Southern courts. I find local government policing mechanisms—slave patrols, slave jails, and courtrooms—most fascinating. I look forward to spending this summer in the South Carolina and Georgia archives in search of evidence that will serve as the foundation of this work.

You’ve read the candidates’ statements; now please fill out the ballot! You can simply click on this link to get to the e-ballot. Thank you!!!
http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/S8639DH

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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.