

SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN HISTORIANS

NEWSLETTER

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and e-ballot are inside!!!**

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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 in my neighborhood)/

recession (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. Huntington Woods, MI, 48070
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Amy Murrell Taylor Department of History 145 Social Sciences University at Albany, SUNY 1400 Washington Ave. Albany, NY 12222	Megan Shockley Department of History 126 Hardin Hall Clemson University Clemson, SC 29634
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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
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Rose Prize:

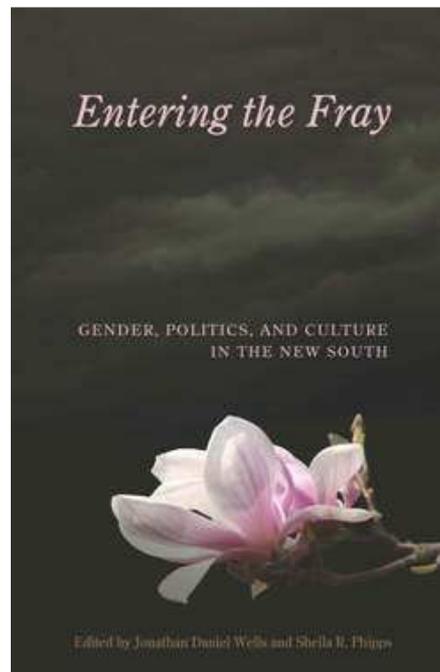
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SAWH Conference Volume Announcement:



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!

MEMBER NEWS

Nancy Fix Anderson (*Loyola University New Orleans*) published an edited work, *Lives of Victorian Political Figures, III: Annie Besant*, (Pickering and Chatto, 2008). Her new book, *The Sporting Life: Victorian Sports and Games*, will be published by Praeger Press in Spring 2010.

Darlene Spitzer-Antezana (*Prince George's Community College*) graduated with a doctorate December, 2009 from Morgan State University, Baltimore, Maryland. Her dissertation is entitled: "Artful, Smart, and of a Pleasing Countenance": Delaware's Enslaved Women, 1760-1820. She published three articles, "Veterans of Foreign Wars National Home for Children," "Women Veterans to 1900," and "World War I Veterans Russian Campaign" in the *Encyclopedia of the Veteran in America* (edited by William Penack and published in October 2009).

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.

Annika A. Culver (*University of North Carolina at Pembroke*) received a book contract for her project: "Japanese 'Avant-Garde' Propaganda in Manchukuo: Modernist Reflections of the New State, 1932-1945," with the University of British Columbia Press.

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

Janet G. 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).

Sharon A. Kowalsky (*Texas A&M University-Commerce*) published *Deviant Women: Female Crime and Criminology in Revolutionary Russia, 1880-1930* with Northern Illinois University Press in 2009.

Anne C. Loveland (*Louisiana State University, T.H. Williams Professor Emerita*) presented "Military Chaplains in Cultural Transition, 1946 to the Present" at a conference entitled "Faith and Arms in a Democratic Society: A Working Conference on Religion in the Military," sponsored by the Yale Divinity School and the Yale Law School, in November 2009.

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.

Lynn Sacco (*University of Tennessee Knoxville*) published *Unspeakable: Father-Daughter Incest in American History* with Johns Hopkins University Press in July 2009.

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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 Marray 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*.

Melanie K. Welch (*Independent Scholar*) completed her Ph.D. at Auburn University in May 2009. The title of her dissertation is "Politics and Party: Women's Reproductive Rights in Arkansas 1942-1980."

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
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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.

To grossly paraphrase Jimmy Buffett, I've got a Texan soul with the Southeast hidden here in my heart. I've spent most of my physical life on the edge of the Great Plains but most of my academic life thinking about the women of the South. After a B.A. and M.A. at Baylor, I headed east to Emory for the Ph.D., and I wrote my dissertation/first book on women on Texas cotton farms, a distinctly southern milieu, published as *Fertile Ground, Narrow Choices: Women on Texas Cotton Farms, 1900-1940* (University of North Carolina Press, 1999). From 1993 to 2006 I directed the Institute for Oral History at Baylor and then moved to Texas Christian University to teach U.S. women's history, where I remain happily today. Melissa Walker and I coedited *Work, Family, and Faith: Rural Women in the Twentieth Century South* (University of Missouri Press, 2006), featuring essays by numerous SAWH members. My newest book, "Cooking in Other Women's Kitchens: Domestic Workers in the South, 1865-1960," will appear from the University of North Carolina Press this fall. With Liz Turner and Stephanie Cole, I am coediting the Texas volume in the University of Georgia Press series on southern women, tentatively slated for publication in 2012.

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!!!

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Membership is \$25 per year for regular members, and \$10 per year for graduate students, retirees, and independent scholars. A lifetime membership is available for \$250, 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.

