

The Southern Association of Women Historians

President's Message:

I have the privilege of getting to think about southern women's history--a lot. This past week, my work has included teaching Daina Berry's terrific book on gender and slavery in Georgia, preparing a presentation on women's education in antebellum Texas for a small historical society near Houston, tinkering (and tinkering) with an article of my own on Unionist women in North Texas during the Civil War, evaluating an article on gender and race in the South submitted by an anonymous author for journal publication, and talking with my graduate student Amanda Bresie about her dissertation on the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, a religious order which founded schools for African American students in the first decades of the twentieth century. You get the picture; my days resemble many of yours. And I think about how the SAWH supports everything that I do.

The cup of southern women's history is definitely half full, and I wonder what else we can do to be useful to the field. Our new website, beautifully hosted by Jennifer Ritterhouse and George Mason University, provides a great foundation for us to build on. <http://thesawh.org/> To support research, we award the Scott fellowship every two years to a mid-career scholar to further her research agenda. <http://thesawh.org/prizes-and-fellowships/prizes-fellowships/>

What more should we be doing? To recognize research, each year we give the Spruill prize for the best book on southern women's history; the Rose prize for the best book in southern history written by a woman; and the Taylor prize, for the best article on southern women's history. At the triennial meeting, we give the Hall prize for the best two conference paper written by graduate students. Are there other prizes that the SAWH should be thinking about?

Information on the Electronic Newsletter

To make sure that those of you who would like to 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 all the help I can get in trying to maintain current information on our membership.

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

Finally, for those of you who would like 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!

Each one has to be funded, so proposing one does not guarantee automatic acceptance, but it's worth considering. <http://thesawh.org/prizes-and-fellowships/book-and-article-prizes/> Our triennial meeting of course showcases the best of scholarship in southern women's history, and we are very much looking forward to being in Charleston in June 2015.

To support graduate students, we have both the graduate studies and mentoring committees. These committees tend to be most active during the years of the triennial meeting, when face-to-face communication happens easily. The graduate students can party together and meet up with older scholars to get ideas about their work. The web page has our "tool kit" with advice for scholars, which Antoinette van Zelm so lovingly assembled several years ago; it could likely use some freshening. <http://thesawh.org/mentoring-toolkit/> In what other ways can we support our younger colleagues?

And finally, with regard to teaching, what should the SAWH do to further good classroom experiences, both in terms of pedagogy (gynegogy?) and content? I recently posted on Facebook a query about possibilities for a graduate readings course and received twenty responses with suggestions for forty books. That kind of sharing is invaluable, and we have our teaching Wiki on the web page for such discussions, which could be broadened and deepened. <http://thesawh.org/mentoring-toolkit/>

As always, the SAWH will have a robust presence at the Southern Historical Association meeting in St. Louis in November. Please make a note to attend the following events:

- SAWH Workshop: "Smart, Flexible, and Strategic": Middle and Upper-Class Black Women's Activism in the Black Freedom Struggle." Friday at 11:45, Grand Ballroom F, featuring papers by Rebecca Turri, Nicholas Grant, and John Lewis Adams.
- The SAWH annual address and reception, Saturday at 4:45 in Regency A. Please note that there will not be a separate membership meeting this year; rather, we will conduct our business between 4:45 and 5:15, then at 5:15 we will hear La Shonda Mims on "Drastic Dykes: The New South and Lesbian Life from Hotlanta to the Queen City." The annual reception will follow in the Park View Room in the hotel.

It has been my honor to serve as your president, and I am very happy that the association will enjoy superb leadership in the next three years with Emily Clark, Lorri Glover, Angela Boswell, and our executive secretary, Shannon Frystak, and treasurer, Melissa Walker. I hope that you will contact Emily, eclark@tulane.edu, and volunteer to help in 2014.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Sharpless
SAWH President

Message from the Secretary

Happy Fall everyone!

As you can see, we have emerged from the 20th century and embraced the 21st, with much help and gratitude from our new intern, Grace Kavanah. She redesigned the newsletter and it is new and beautiful. We all owe her a round of applause. (I'll buy her a pumpkin spice latte.)

I hope that everyone's semester has begun with the least amount of stress and a renewed sense of the importance of higher education and what we do as historians. We are currently debating this at my university, and in our statewide system, thus being in touch with all of you and this amazing organization reminds me of why I became a historian.

I look forward to communing with all of you at the Southern Historical Association meetings in St. Louis, which begins on Halloween! If any of you have questions, concerns, or suggestions, you can find me at the members meeting on Saturday and the reception that follows La Shonda's talk.

If you have any news or announcements that you would like me to share with the organization's membership, please pass that along to me and I'll be sure to include it in the winter newsletter, or email it to everyone from my master list.

Also, I'll be bothering you about renewing membership by the end of the semester; if you have not already done so for 2013, please do so as soon as possible. Two years ago, the Executive Board decided to raise the Lifetime Membership fee, thus it will be going up again come January. You may want to take advantage of, what we consider to be a bargain price before that time and become a life member of the organization. As always, do not hesitate to contact me if you need anything at all. I look forward to seeing you in St. Louis!

All the best,
Shannon

Announcements:

SHA 2010 Announcements:

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

Executive Council Meeting: Friday, November 1, 2013
8am – Noon – Mills 3

Members Meeting: Saturday, November 2, 2013
4:45pm - Grand C

Annual Address: Saturday, November 2, 2013
5:15pm – Grand C

Reception: Saturday, November 2, 2013
(Following the Annual Address) – 6:00pm – Park View

Workshop: Friday November 1, 2013
11:45am – Grand F

Welcome New Members

Fall 2013

- ❖ **Melissa Estes Blair (Warren Wilson College)**
- ❖ **Emilie M. Brinkman (Purdue University)**
- ❖ **Alyssa Toby Fahringer**
- ❖ **Kate Moore (UNC – Charlotte)**
- ❖ **Kelly B. Weber (Rice University)**
- ❖ **Sarah Potter (University of Memphis)**

Please remember to email your member news to Shannon.Frystak@sawh@esu.edu. The address is listed at the bottom of the membership form.

❖ Please Join Us! ❖

*The Southern Association For Women Historians
extends an invitation to the following events:*

Cordially invites all friends and sponsors to
an address by:

*La Shonda Mims
University of North Carolina at Charlotte
“Drastic Dyes: The New South and Lesbian
Life from Hotlanta to the Queen City”*

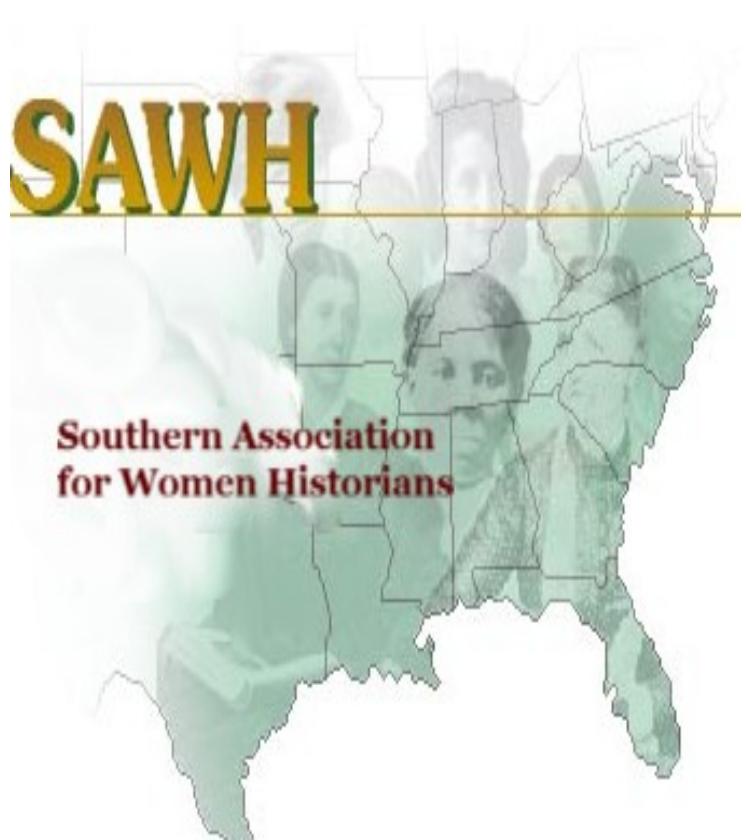
*Saturday, November 2, 2013
5:15pm
Grand Ballroom C
Reception to follow in the Park View
Room*

*The SAWH gratefully
acknowledges the financial support of
the Addran College of Liberal Arts,
TCU; the TCU Department of
History and Geography; The
Department of History, University
of North Carolina at Charlotte; and
the University of North Carolina
Press.*

*Cordially invites you to the SAWH
President's Reception in honor of:*

*Rebecca Sharpless
SAWH President, 2012-2013*

*Saturday, November 2, 2013
6:00pm
Park View Room*



Announcements of Interest

The Agricultural History Society invites paper proposals for the 2014 Annual Meeting on the theme "Transforming Food and Fiber: Knowledge, Culture, and Environment." From hunting and gathering societies to agribusiness and global distribution systems, the production of food and fiber can be understood by examining the knowledge base, the culture, and the environment that sustain the productive mode. How food and clothing shape and reflect culture and the environment is closely related to technological and scientific developments. In order to highlight the conference location, the committee also welcomes papers that include religious history and agriculture/environment and papers that focus on water resources and agriculture. Papers not related to the conference theme are also encouraged.

Information on submission:

Topics from any location and time period are welcome. The AHS encourages proposals of all types, including traditional sessions with successive papers and commentary, thematic panel discussions or debates, roundtables on recent books/films, workshops, and poster presentations. If you will need technology for presentations, please indicate this in your proposal. The program committee prefers complete session proposals, but individual papers will be considered.

The AHS extends a special welcome to graduate students and has a competitive travel grant for students presenting papers.

Instructions:

- Session proposals should include a two-hundred-word abstract for each paper and a one-page CV for each panel member. Individual paper proposals should consist of a two-hundred-word abstract and a one-page CV. All proposals should be submitted electronically in Word.
- Submit all proposals to AgHistory2014@gmail.com.

Deadline for submissions is October 1, 2013.

Questions may be addressed to Connie Lester, Connie.Lester@ucf.edu.

Program Committee Members:

- Connie Lester, Chair, University of Central Florida
- Jessie Embry, Brigham Young University
- Stephanie Fuglaar Statz, Salt Lake City
- Mark Hersey, Mississippi State University
- Frank Uekötter, University of Birmingham
- Sarah Phillips, Boston University

Michele Lockhart and Kathleen Mollick seek contributors for their second collection of essays considering women and leadership. Having published their edited collection, Political Women: Language and Leadership this year (September), they are seeking to shift their focus from American political women and their choices of political language to those political women in leadership positions in other countries. The book is entitled, Global Women Leaders: Their World, Their Language. The collection of essays will demonstrate the ways in which women have used political rhetoric and political discourse to provide leadership, or assert their right to leadership, on a global level. Women activists such as Graca Machel of Mozambique, leaders such as Christine Lagarde of the International Money Fund, and women in more traditional roles of power such as Germany's Angela Merkel or Britain's Queen Elizabeth II, have often used their rhetorical choices to make the case for their right to power.

Various leadership positions at the international level may be considered. Papers may consider women who have run, been nominated to run, or appointed to national positions. The interdisciplinary approach lends itself to: rhetoric; political rhetoric; political discourse; leadership studies; women's studies; gender issues; satire.

Proposals should be 300-350 words in length, but acceptance into the collection will be based on completed essays submitted on January 6, 2014. Include contact information and academic affiliation, if any. Please title the e-mail subject line of the proposal "Global Leadership" when e-mailing the attachment. **Deadline for Proposals:** November 4, 2013. Notification will be no later than November 18, 2013. The editors plan to submit the complete manuscript by summer 2014.

Prospective contributors may send proposals or complete chapters to: politicalwomenproject@yahoo.com. Michele Lockhart, Ph.D. & Kathleen Mollick, Ph.D.

2014 LACS Call for Papers

SHA Meeting
Atlanta, Georgia
November 13-16, 2014
Deadline: October 1, 2013

The Latin American and Caribbean Section (LACS) of the Southern Historical Association welcomes individual paper and panel proposals for the 2014 SHA meeting in Atlanta, November 13-16, 2014. LACS accepts papers and panels on all aspects of Latin American and Caribbean history, including the fields of the borderlands and the Atlantic World. Panels and papers that highlight the connections between people, cultures, and regions are especially welcome.

Submissions should include a 250-word abstract for each paper and brief curriculum vitae for each presenter. We encourage faculty as well as advanced graduate students to submit panels and papers. Graduate students are eligible for the Ralph Lee Woodward Jr. Prize, awarded each year for the best paper presented by a graduate student in a panel organized by LACS.

Please note that the program committee may revise proposed panels. All panelists are required to be members of LACS. For information about membership, please visit the website at: <http://www.tnstate.edu/lacs/> or contact Matt Childs of the University of South Carolina at childsmrd@mailbox.sc.edu. For more information about the Southern Historical Association, visit the website: <http://sha.uga.edu/>

Deadline for submissions is October 1, 2013. Complete panels are appreciated, but not required.

Submit panels and papers (with a preference for electronic submissions) to:

Justin Wolfe
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Visit the website at <http://www.tnstate.edu/lacs/>

Society for the Study of Southern Literature
Arlington, VA
March 27-29, 2014

The Eudora Welty society is seeking papers for two panels at the 2014 SSSL conference. For these panels, we would like to play off of the conference theme of "Other Souths."

Possible topics include extra southern Weltys, queer Weltys, digital Weltys, poor white Weltys, ethnic Weltys, transnational Weltys, non-fiction Weltys, undead Weltys, and altogether new Weltys.

Please send 250 word proposals to Sarah_Ford@baylor.edu by December 1, 2013.

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Member News

Karen Kossie-Chernyshev (Texas Southern University) would like to share news about her recently published edited work: *Recovering Five Generation Hence: The Life and Writing of Lillian Jones Horace* (Texas A & M University Press, 2013). Part I includes an annotated edition of Horace's first novel, and Part II, a collection of scholarly essays treating various aspects of Horace's life and works. Contributors to the collection have helped to confirm Horace as Texas's earliest known African American woman novelist; one of only two black women nationally to own a publishing company before 1920; the first African American woman to author a utopia before 1950; and one of only two known black southern women writers for the early twentieth century. Zora Neale Hurston is the other. Given the 1916 publication date of Horace's first novel, she may very well be the South's earliest known African American woman novelist. Here is the link to the advertisement posted at the TAMU Press Consortium website: <http://www.tamupress.com/product/Recovering-Five-Generations-Hence,7445.aspx>.

Emily Clark (Tulane University) has written *The Strange History of the American Quadroon: Free Women of Color in the Revolutionary Atlantic World*, published by the University of North Carolina Press in April 2013.

Karen L. Cox (UNC Charlotte) edited collection *Destination Dixie: Tourism & Southern History* won the 2013 Allen G. Noble Award from the Pioneer America Society for the best-edited book on North American material culture. She was also selected to be an OAH Distinguished Lecturer for 2013-2016.

Ruth Crocker (Auburn University) announces her retirement from the Auburn University History department and her new title of Professor Emerita. She wants to keep in touch with former colleagues, students, and friends. Please contact Ruth at Crockrc@auburn.edu or at 334-826-3444.

Mary Farmer-Kaiser (University of Louisiana, Lafayette) has been named Interim Dean of the Graduate School at ULL for the 2013-2014 academic year.

Bruce Glasrud (Professor Emeritus California State University) with Merline Pitre, edited *Southern Black Women in the Modern Civil Rights Movement*, published by Texas A&M University Press in March 2013. Contributors include SAWH members Shannon Frystak, Yvonne Davis Frear, and Caroline Emmons.

Norma Mitchell (Professor Emerita – Troy University) received the annual Alice Lee Award given by the Conference Commission on the Status and Role of Women at the annual meeting of the Alabama-West-West Florida United Methodist Annual Conference in June 2013, at Christ United Methodist Church in Mobile, Alabama. (Alice Lee, for whom the award was named when it was established in 1992, is an attorney and United Methodist laywoman in Monroeville, Alabama. She is 101 years old and the older sister of Harper Lee, the author of *To Kill a Mockingbird*.) With this Award, the Commission recognized Mitchell's work since the 1970s on behalf of equality for women in the church, academia, and the larger community. She lived in the boundaries of the Alabama-West Florida Conference for thirty-one years as a professor of history at Troy University in Troy, Alabama. After her retirement in 1999, she moved to Durham, NC, where she now lives.

Giselle Roberts (La Trobe University – Australia) recently published *A New Southern Woman: The Correspondence of Eliza Lucy Irion Neilson, 1871-1883*, in the Women's Diaries and Letters of the South Series, University of South Carolina Press.

Andrea Watkins (Northern Kentucky University) was awarded tenure and promoted to Associate Professor.

Kelly B. Weber (Rice University) is currently working on a project that examines the ideology of daughterhood in the formation of women's patriotic-heredity societies, particularly the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, in the late nineteenth century. She is very interested in connection with scholars working on similar topics (memory, women's organizations, daughterhood), especially for the purpose of putting together a panel at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Southern Historical Association.

The Southern Association for Women Historians 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

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Position, rank, student status, as applicable:

Teaching and/or research areas:

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