President’s Message:

The scene outside my window when I sat down to write this message was a rare one for New Orleans: icicles, patches of white, and a landscape of droopy brown plants. If it weren’t for the vibrant cycle of renewal and growth that marks the SAWH, I might wonder if spring would ever come again. But it’s always spring for the SAWH. Actually, more like a never-ending series of springs where the energy and creativity of the SAWH continuously bursts out and breathes life into just about anything its members touch.

At the annual meeting of the SHA in St. Louis in November, the characteristic verve of the SAWH was on display as we celebrated a productive 2013 under the stellar presidency of Rebecca Sharpless, heard a rousing annual address by LaShonda Mims, “Drastic Dykes: The New South and Lesbian Life from Hotlanta to the Queen City,” and caught up with old friends and made new ones at the reception afterwards.

But there was even more. We heard a cutting edge panel sponsored by the SAWH, "Smart, Flexible, and Strategic": Middle and Upper-Class Black Women’s Activism in the Black Freedom Struggle," featuring John Adams, Nicholas Grant, and Rebecca Tuuri, an international group of young scholars hailing from New Jersey, Mississippi, and the UK renewed in us our commitment to the organization she loved and served so well.

The SAWH has always been good at networking, but we are getting even better as we increase and improve our social media outlets. There are three: our website, thesawh.org, H-SAWH, and our Facebook page. If you haven’t yet done so in 2014, be sure to visit our website thesawh.org to see all the wonderful changes implemented by Jennifer Ritterhouse and her remarkable team of graduate student assistants, Megan Brett and Erin Bush. We have rewarded Jennifer's splendid leadership in the startup of this ambitious project with . . . more work! She has agreed to chair the Social Media committee. She follows Sandy Treadway, who moved an ambitious agenda forward with her characteristic efficiency and grace.
The continuity of Jennifer’s leadership ensures that the momentum we have made with electronic social media will continue. Two new members of the Social Media committee will help take our communications to the next level. Janet Allured and Michelle Haberland are media savvy and ready to roll. We’ve asked both to liaise with H-SAWH editor Jean Stuntz to help keep our multiple communication efforts in communication with one another. With Karen Cox continuing to make our Facebook presence dynamic and informative, we feel like we now have a working virtual SAWH community that makes it possible to stay in touch and informed all year long.

Though I’ve never been a great one for New Year’s resolutions, I want to encourage each of you to resolve to do these 10 things to help keep SAWH vibrant and connected in 2014. After all, YOU are the SAWH!

10 SAWH Resolutions for 2014:

1. Renew your membership. You can do it online with PayPal by clicking on the green "JOIN" button on the homepage of thesawh.org

2. Like our Facebook page by clicking the Facebook "Like" button on the homepage of thesawh.org

3. Give a graduate student a membership in SAWH

4. Visit our teaching wiki http://sawhteaching.wikispaces.com/ and contribute a suggestion

5. Send news about your accomplishments for publication in the SAWH Newsletter to our Secretary, Shannon Frystak: sawh@esu.edu

6. Visit our Facebook page & post something about women’s history

7. Apply for the Anne Firor Scott Mid-Career Fellowship if you have received the PhD or equivalent terminal degree within the past 10 years and are working on a second book (or equivalent) on southern or gender history. If you’re not eligible, encourage someone who is to apply! Details: http://thesawh.org/prizes-and-fellowships/anne-firor-scott-mid-career-fellowship/

8. Encourage submissions for the publication prizes of the SAWH:
   - Elizabeth Taylor Prize for the best article in southern women’s history: http://thesawh.org/prizes-and-fellowships/a-elizabeth-taylor-prize/

9. Find a colleague who is not a member of SAWH (I know, it’s hard!) and encourage her or him to join.

10. Put on your calendar NOW: June 11-14, 2015, SAWH triennial meeting in Charleston, SC . . . and get started on putting together a submission for the program, due August 1, 2014: http://thesawh.org/triennial-conference/call-for-papers/

Emily Clark
President
Nancy Baker Jones (Independent Scholar) is Board President for the Ruthe Winegarten Foundation for Texas Women’s History (RWF). The RWF is collaborating with Texas A&M University Press to publish a new book series, Women in Texas History. The first volume will appear in 2015. The RWF collaborates with Austin Public Radio Station KUT each year in March to broadcast daily, 90-second moments in Texas Women’s History. The series won the 2012 Outstanding Public History Award from the National Council on Public History.

Virginia Bernhard (Professor Emerita University of St. Thomas) book The Hoggs of Texas: Letters and Memoirs of an Extraordinary Family, 1887-1906, will be published by the Texas State Historical Association November 1, 2013.

Charlene Boyer Lewis (Kalamazoo College) was promoted to full professor in Spring 2013.

Mary Evins (Middle Tennessee State University) has edited the collection Tennessee Women in the Progressive Era: Toward the Public Sphere in the New South, published by University of Tennessee Press in September 2013.


Wanda Hendricks (University of South Carolina) book Fannie Barrier Williams: Crossing The Borders Of Region And Race has been published by the University of Illinois Press.


Sherrie S. McLeRoy (Independent Scholar) latest book, Texas Adoption Activist Edna Gladney: A Life and Legacy of Love will be published in February 2014 by History Press. It contains much previously unpublished material, as well as photos of this important figure in American adoption history.

Debra A. Reid (Eastern Illinois University) has essays on 1890s land grant institutions in Science as Service: Establishing and Reformulating American Land Grant Universities, 1865-1930 by Alan Marcus, ed., to be published by University of Alabama Press, a study of blacks in the rural Midwest since WWII in The Rural Midwest Since World War II by J.L. Anderson, ed., forthcoming from Northern Illinois University Press, and her book Beyond Forty Acres and a Mule, co-edited with Evan Bennett will be released in paperback by the University Press of Florida.
Giselle Roberts (La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia) and Melissa Walker (Converse College) have assumed editorship of the Women’s Diaries and Letters of the South series, begun by founding SAWH member and author/editor of distinguished volumes of letters and diaries, Carol Bleser, who will be commemorated as founding editor of the series.

Marcia Synott (Professor Emerita – University of South Carolina) book *Student Diversity at the Big Three: Changes at Harvard, Yale, and Princeton Since the 1920s* (Transaction Publishers, New Brunswick, New Jersey) was published in August 2013.

Melissa Walker (Converse College) has just published *Recovering the Piedmont Past: The Nineteenth Century in the South Carolina Upcountry* (University of South Carolina, Upstate), co-edited with Timothy P. Grady.

Debra Winegarten (South University) new book *Oveta Culp Hobby: Colonel, Cabinet Member, Philanthropist* is available March 2014 by The University of Texas Press, just in time for Women’s History Month!

Jessica Brannon-Wransoky (Texas A&M – Commerce) is the Digital Media author for W.W. Norton’s *Give Me Liberty*, 4th edition, Full and Brief Textbooks.

The SAWH Warmly Welcomes New Members:

April Adams – University of North Texas
Amanda Barry – Middle Tennessee State University
Gina Bennett – Texas A&M University – Commerce
Mandy Cooper – Duke University
Letrice Donaldson – University of Memphis
Amy Drewel – Florida State University
Elizabeth Ellis – University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill
Kaylin Ewing – University of Memphis
Alyssa Fahringter
Patricia Ferguson Watkinson – Randolph-Macon College
Caroline Gnagy
Lesley Gordon – University of Akron
Emma Howes – University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Anne Marie Martin – University of Arkansas
Rachel McLemore – University of Mississippi
Cynthia Patterson – University of South Florida
Lindsey Silver – Louisiana State University
Ashley Tovle – University of Maryland, College Park
Kathryn Tucker – University of Georgia
Jessica Webb – Texas Christian University
Anna Lane Windham – University of Maryland
Debra Winegarten
Ashley Rose Young – Duke University

The SAWH Congratulates the Following Prize Winners:

2013
A. Elizabeth Taylor Prize
Presented By
The Southern Association for Women Historians
To:
Terri L. Snyder
“Marriage on the Margins: Free Wives, Enslaved Husbands, and the Law in Early Virginia” (Law and History Review)
For Best Article in Southern Women’s History

2013
Willie Lee Rose Prize
Presented By
The Southern Association for Women Historians
To:
Stacy Braukman
For Best Book Published in Southern History

2013
Julia Spruill Prize
Presented By
The Southern Association for Women Historians
To:
Cynthia A. Kierner
Martha Jefferson Randolph, Daughter of Monticello: Her Life and Times (The University of North Carolina Press)
For Best Book Published in Southern Women’s History
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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: 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. Applicants must be SAWH members who have received the PhD or equivalent terminal degree within the past 10 years (not before 2004).

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. Historians working at colleges and universities, particularly teaching institutions, independent scholars, and public historians are encouraged to apply. The Scott Fellowship cannot be used to revise a dissertation for publication.

Please submit one application in pdf form only to each of the following committee members listed below. Application packets should include the following: A 500-word narrative description of the project; budget; list of sources and amounts all funds/grants; CV [limit to three single-spaced pages]; one (1) page bibliography of major secondary sources; contact information, including email addresses, for three (3) references - will be accepted until June 1, 2014.

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Cynthia Kierner
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LeeAnn Whites
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For questions about the Scott prize, please contact Mary Frederickson, Chair or Shannon Frystak at sawh@esu.edu.
Finding Mississippi in the National Narrative:
Struggle, Institution Building, and Power at the Local Level

Dear Colleague:

We invite you to apply to our 2014 Institute for College and University Teachers, sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Hamer Institute. This program, Finding Mississippi in the National Narrative: Struggle, Institution Building, and Power at the Local Level, will be held during the weeks of June 8 - June 28, 2014, in Jackson, Mississippi. Our summer institute seeks a marriage of the different narratives of the Civil Rights Movement by bringing the Mississippi and the national stories together. Specifically, we will explore in great depth the struggle for freedom in Mississippi while comparing it to significant events in other parts of the American South, allowing us to address the power of the older national narrative and the newer one based on community struggle. By the end of the institute, which coincides with the weeklong celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Freedom Summer, we will have placed the local within the national narrative, providing new analytical tools for understanding the transformative impact of the Civil Rights Movement. At the close of the program, you are welcome to stay and join us at the Freedom Summer 50th Anniversary Conference in Jackson. We will ensure anyone who wants to stay to attend will have a seat at the table.

The application deadline is March 4, 2014. Please refer to the links on the left side of this website for complete details.

Let us know if you have any questions, we look forward to seeing you,

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**Fellowship Southern History/Studies**

To support the study of southern history and promote the use of the collections housed at the University of Alabama, the Frances S. Summersell Center for the Study of the South and the University of Alabama Libraries will offer a total of eight fellowships in the amount of $500 each for researchers whose projects entail work to be conducted in southern history or southern studies at the W.S. Hoole Special Collections Library (http://www.lib.ua.edu/libraries/hoole/), the A.S. Williams III Americana Collection (http://www.lib.ua.edu/williamscollection), or in other University of Alabama collections.

Applicants should send two copies of:

- A current CV
- One letter of recommendation (which may be sent under separate cover)
- A description of the research project, no longer than two double-spaced pages, which includes a description of the particular resources to be used during the term of the fellowship

The deadline for applications to be received by the Summersell Center is March 28, 2014. Decisions regarding awards will be made by May 15, 2014, and research may be conducted anytime between June 1, 2014 and May 31, 2015. Both academic and non-academic researchers at any stage of their careers are encouraged to apply. Because fellowships are designed primarily to help defray travel and lodging expenses, however, eligibility is restricted to researchers living outside the Tuscaloosa area.

Send all application materials to:

Frances S. Summersell Center for the Study of the South
Department of History
University of Alabama
Box 870212
202 ten Hoor Hall
Tuscaloosa, AL 35487

Any questions about the fellowships may be directed to Joshua Rothman, Director of the Summersell Center, at jrothman@bama.ua.edu or 205.348.3818. More information about the Summersell Center is available at www.scss.ua.edu, and on our Facebook page.

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**Tenth Southern Conference on Women's History: Re-membering/Gendering: Southern Women, Historical Tourism, and Public History**

June 11-14, 2015

College of Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina

The Southern Association for Women Historians (SAWH) invites proposals for its tenth triennial conference, to be held June 11-14, 2015 at the College of Charleston in Charleston, South Carolina. Co-sponsored by the College of Charleston, The Citadel, and Clemson University, the conference provides a stimulating and congenial forum for discussing all aspects of women's history. Its program seeks to reflect the best in recent scholarship and the diversity of our profession, including university professors, graduate students, museum curators, public historians, and independent scholars. We invite sessions on any dimension of southern women's and gender history and particularly welcome presentations that explore the conference themes: public history, tourism, memory, historic commemoration, and marketing southern history.

The program committee seeks proposals for the following:

1. **Panels** (We prefer to receive proposals for complete, 3-paper sessions but will consider individual papers as well).
2. **Roundtables** (Informal discussions of a historical or professional issue)
3. **Working Group Discussions** (Informal discussions of pre-circulated papers)
4. **Scholarly Shorts** (Five-minute presentations of a research project)

Scholars interested in chairing or commenting on a session are invited to submit a 500-word vita. More information on these presentation formats, submission guidelines, and the submission email address is available from the main conference page. The submissions deadline is August 1, 2014. Inquiries (but not submissions) may be directed to Blain Roberts, program committee chair, at broberts@csufresno.edu.
SAWH 2014 Book and Article PRIZES

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

To nominate a book or article for a publication prize, please mail ONE copy to each committee member listed below by May 1, 2014:

Julia Cherry Spruill Prize (Best book in southern women’s history):

Anne Marshall, Chair
History Department
Mississippi State University
Box H – 213 Allen Hall
Mississippi State, MS 39762

Janet Coryell
529 Gladstone SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49506

Anya Jabour
Department of History
University of Montana
Missoula, MT 59812-6264

Willie Lee Rose Prize (Best book in southern history authored by a woman):

Leslie Harris, Chair
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Ted Ownby
Center for the Study of Southern Culture
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Victoria Ott
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Elizabeth Taylor Prize (Best article published in southern women’s history):

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