

SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN HISTORIANS NEWSLETTER

**Annual Address and
Reception Details on pp 4-5**

Fall 2012 Volume 43, No. 3

Presidents Message

September 19, 2012

I can't believe it, but this is my third and final President's Message! It's been an honor to serve as SAWH president this year. Personally, and as president of the Southern Association for Women Historians, I would like to thank Rebecca Sharpless for organizing one of the best ever SAWH conferences. Rebecca, Lorri Glover, and committee members Daina Berry, Lisa Dorr, LaShonda Mims, Victoria Ott, and Ami Pflugard-Jackisch treated us to an exciting program of speakers, panels, and Texas-style entertainment. The SAWH conferences are held every three years and we are now soliciting proposals for the 2015 conference site.

Jennifer Ritterhouse (Web Editor and SAWH Mentoring Wiki) and Megan Brett (Assistant Web Editor); Jennifer McDaid, Marie Jenkins Schwartz, Jean Stuntz (List Editors); Antoinette van Zelm (Review Editor); Elsa Barkley Brown (SAWH Teaching Wiki) have done a fantastic job updating our H-Net page. Karen Cox has also updated our Facebook page and moved us into the Twitter realm. Visit us on Facebook and upload photographs, comments, and interesting links; and get information on "tweeting" at the SHA in Mobile, Alabama. I may even send a few "tweets" myself.

SAWH has several events planned for the SHA meeting. On Friday, November 2, we will host a workshop on "Archival Resources on Women and the Gulf South" (11:45am, Room 204B, Renaissance Riverview Plaza). SAWH will award the Willie Lee Rose, A. Elizabeth Taylor, and Julia Cherry Spruill Prizes as well as the Anne Firor Scott Mid-Career Fellowship on Saturday, November 3. The prize committees – chaired by Janann Sherman, Susan O'Donovan, and Crystal Feimster, and Peter

Wallenstein – have selected some outstanding scholars to receive these awards and we hope that you will join us in honoring them.

Immediately following the award presentations, Dr. Crystal Feimster will deliver the Annual Address. Crystal's lecture, " 'Indecent and Obscene': White Officers, Black Women, and Rape in the 'Contraband Quarters' of the American Civil War," will give us a glimpse at her much anticipated new work. Check the SHA annual meeting program (pp. 108) for information about this lecture, and the SAWH reception after the lecture. The reception will be held at the Museum of Mobile, located across the street from the Renaissance Riverview. As First Vice-President, Rebecca Sharpless, is in charge of organizing this reception and, if Fort Worth was an example of her party-planning skills, this will be an event that should not be missed.

This year, I've been fortunate to have the support and guidance of a wonderful executive team: Rebecca Sharpless, Emily Clark, Shannon Frystak, and Melissa Walker as first and second vice-presidents, secretary, and treasurer; and Sally McMillan as immediate past president. Our committees have worked very hard to update our Internet presence, (Jennifer Ritterhouse and Megan Brett), help us understand how we can use Social Media to make the organization more visible (Karen Cox and Sandy Treadway), recruit and maintain members (Barbara Krauthammer), and resolve an IRS issue (Melissa Walker).

See you in Mobile!!!

Beverly

*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.*

Announcements:

The Rural Women's Studies Association (RWSA) would like to submit proposals for panels on rural women's issues at the 16th Berkshire Conference on Women's History will be held in Toronto on May 22-25, 2014. The Berkshire program committee is particularly looking for panels that cross national and generational boundaries. The 2014 conference theme is "Histories on the Edge," and proposals are due January 15, 2013. RWSA member Jenny Barker-Devine, whose work focuses on Midwestern American farmwomen in the Second Wave, has already suggested one panel topic: "Is There a Rural Feminism?" This panel might explore the ways in which rural women have been largely excluded from academic feminist discourses over the past 40 years. Anyone interested in presenting a paper on that or any other rural women's history topic is encouraged to contact either Katherine Jellison (jellison@ohio.edu) or Linda Ambrose (lambrose@laurentian.ca). We will help

interested parties connect with one another with the hope that RWSA may successfully contribute 3 or 4 panels to the 2014 Berkshire Conference program.--*Jenny Barker-Devine, PhD Department of Political Science and History*Illinois College1101 West College Avenue Jacksonville, IL 62650Phone: 217.245.3476www.ic.edu

The Agricultural History Society seeks nominations for its publication awards through December 31, 2012. To nominate a book, article, or dissertation with a 2012 publication date, please follow the directions below. If you have a question, please email executive secretary Jim Giesen (JGiesen@history.msstate.edu).

Theodore Saloutos Memorial Award for the best book on agricultural history, broadly defined, with a 2012 copyright date. To nominate a book, please send four copies to the Society office (address below) with a brief letter of nomination. (You may email the nomination letter to Jim Giesen.)

Henry A. Wallace Award for the best book on any aspect (broadly interpreted) of agricultural history outside the United States, with a 2012 copyright date. To nominate a book, please send four copies to the Society office (address below) with a letter of nomination. (You may email the nomination letter to Jim Giesen.)

Wayne D. Rasmussen Award for the best 2012 article on agricultural history (broadly defined) not published in **Agricultural History**. To nominate an article, please e-mail a .pdf copy to Jim Giesen with a letter of nomination. If you must send a hard copy, please send one to Jim Giesen at the Society office (address below).

Gilbert C. Fite Dissertation Award for the best dissertation on agricultural history defended in 2012. To nominate a dissertation, please e-mail a .pdf copy to Jim Giesen with a letter of nomination. If you must send a hard copy, please send four copies to Jim Giesen at the Society office (address

below).

*****Everett E. Edwards Award*** for the best article submitted to ***Agricultural History*** by a graduate student during 2012. All articles submitted to the journal by graduate students are considered by the committee.

All nominations must be received in the Society office by December 31, 2012.
Send electronic nominations to:
JGiesen@history.msstate.edu

Send books to:
James C. Giesen
History Department
PO Box H / Allen 214
Mississippi State, MS 39762

Call for Entries: SHFG Thomas Jefferson Prize

The Society for History in the Federal Government (SHFG) seeks entries for its 2013 Thomas Jefferson Prize for documentary histories published in 2011 or 2012. The prize recognizes the editor(s) of a single volume or one or more volumes in a project that contributes significantly to the understanding of the history of the federal government. It will be awarded at the SHFG annual meeting in College Park, Maryland in March 2013. See www.shfg.org for a list of past winners and general requirements for all SHFG prizes.

In addition to the general requirements, entries for the 2013 Jefferson Prize will be judged on the editorial methodology employed, including accuracy of transcription, relevance and usefulness of annotation, selection and arrangement of documents, and indexing. Electronic documentary editions will also be evaluated for solid technological capabilities and performance, high quality of design, and innovative strategies or techniques. A copy of each entry with a letter briefly stating its qualifications and merits should be sent to each of the Jefferson Committee members by **November 15, 2012:**

1. Richa Wilson, US Forest Service
Intermountain Region, 324 25th Street,
Ogden, UT 84401
2. Annette Amerman, Marine Corps History
Division, 3078 Upshur Ave., Quantico, VA
22134
3. Jennifer Ross-Nazzal, Ph.D., 2003 Seakale
Lane, Houston, TX 77062

The SHFG, founded in 1979, is a nonprofit professional organization that promotes the study and broad understanding of the history of the United States Government. It also serves as the voice of the Federal historical community. The Thomas Jefferson Prize commemorates the third president of the United States and the author of the Declaration of Independence. Jefferson was a firm believer in the study of history and the preservation of historical records.

The Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia, will host its eighth annual **History of Women's Health Conference** on Wednesday, April 17, 2013. We invite interested persons to send a one to two page proposal or abstract of your topic by Friday, November 2, 2012 for consideration. The History of Women's Health Conference focuses on areas of women's health from the 18th century to the present. This conference encourages interdisciplinary work. Topics of interest include, but are not limited to, obstetrics and gynecology (fertility, infertility, birth control methods, menopause), adolescence (health, cultural influences, body image, puberty, eating disorders), mental health topics, aging concerns, women's health as consumer health, the female as conveyed in popular culture, overall women's health, access to health care, minority health, nursing, midwifery, female healers, and more.

Jacqueline H. Wolf, PhD, professor of the history of medicine, Department of Social Medicine at the Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine will be our keynote speaker, presenting "Cutting Risk: Obstetricians' Evolving Views of Cesarean Sections, 1870-2010." She is the author of *Deliver Me from Pain: Anesthesia and Birth in*

America (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2009) and *Don't Kill Your Baby: Public Health and the Decline of Breastfeeding in the 19th and 20th Centuries* (Ohio State University Press, 2001).

The History of Women's Health Conference began in 2006 as part of the Pennsylvania Hospital's celebration of co-founder Benjamin Franklin's tercentenary. Each year since, scholars from the humanities and health care professionals gather to discuss the past, present, and future state of women's health. The conference is jointly sponsored by the Obstetrics and Gynecology Department and the Pennsylvania Hospital Historic Collection.

Please e-mail your one to two page proposals to: Stacey C Peeples, Curator-Lead Archivist, Pennsylvania Hospital
peepless@pahosp.com

Please call (215-829-5434) or e-mail with any questions or for more information.

Call for Submissions for the 2012 Benjamin Hooks National Book Award - Benjamin Hooks National Book Award for Outstanding Scholarly Work on the American Civil Rights Movement and its Legacy

The Benjamin L. Hooks Institute for Social Change at the University of Memphis (Memphis, TN) is soliciting nominations for its annual National Book Award. In 1996, University of Memphis officials received approval from the Tennessee Board of Regents to create the Benjamin L. Hooks Institute for Social Change. The Institute is dedicated to Teaching, Studying, and Promoting Civil Rights and Social Change. Hooks Institute archives include Dr. Hooks' personal papers, which are housed in the Mississippi Valley Collection in the University's McWhorter Library. Deadline: December 31, 2012

A panel of judges representing various disciplines and academic institutions in Memphis awards the annual prize for the book that best furthers understanding of the American Civil Rights Movement and its legacy. An

award of \$1,000 will be made to the author(s). The recipient(s) of the award will receive an invitation to deliver an address in the Hooks Institute Lecture Series during the 2013-2014 academic year at the University of Memphis.

Eligibility: Books published in calendar year 2012 are eligible for the award. Only originally published non-fictional material will be considered.

Submissions: Please provide full contact information for the author(s) and nominator(s), to include an email address, mailing address, and telephone number, and submit one copy of the nominated book (postmarked by December 31, 2012) to The Benjamin L. Hooks Institute for Social Change, Attn: Benjamin L. Hooks Book Award Nomination, 107 Scates Hall, The University of Memphis, Memphis, Tennessee, 38152-3530. Note, the Hooks Institute reserves the right to exclude from consideration for the Award any nominated book where the submitter fails to provide sufficient contact information. Finalists will be asked to submit additional copies to a panel of judges representing various disciplines and academic institutions in Memphis.

For questions or comments: Please contact Book Award Committee Chair, Aram Goudsouzian, Professor, University of Memphis, Department of History, at 901-678-2520 or via email at agoudszn@memphis.edu

SHA 2010 Announcements:
Don't forget to join us for the following SAWH/SHA events in Mobile:

Executive Council Meeting: Friday November 2, 2012 8am – Noon – Mobile Bay I

Members Meeting: Saturday November 3, 2012 1:00-2:00pm – 202 A (Convention Center)

Annual Address: Saturday November 3, 2012 5:00pm – Bon Secour I (See page 6 for more details)

Reception: Saturday November 3, 2012 (following the Annual Address) – 6:00pm – The Museum of Mobile

Workshop: Friday November 2, 2012 –
11:45am – 204 B (Convention Center)

***** Also of Note*****

Natasha Trethewey – Poet Laureate of the United States – will be giving a reading of prose and poetry entitled “Meditations on Katrina, Race, and Class” – Friday November 2, 2012 – 4:45 – 6:00pm – Room 202 A

**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!

New Members:

Barbara Hahn, Texas Tech University
Paula Marks, St. Edwards University
Natanya Duncan, Morgan State University (Life Member)
Catharine Rudawsky, Catholic University of America
Stephanie Stegman, Independent Scholar

*The Southern Association
For Women Historians*

Cordially invites all friends and sponsors
To an address by:

Crystal Feimster

“Indecent and Obscene”: White Officers,
Black Women and Rape in the “Contraband
Quarters” of the American Civil War

Saturday November 3, 2012
5:00pm
Mobile Ballroom, Riverview



Sponsored by the Departments of
African American Studies and Women
and Gender -Yale University and The
Department of History – University of
Memphis

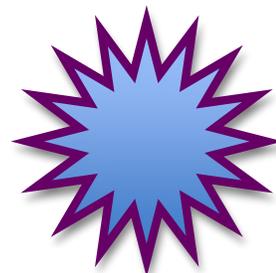
*Reception to follow at
The Museum of Mobile*

*The Southern Association
For Women Historians*

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

Beverly Bond

2011-2012 SAWH President



At The Museum of Mobile

(111 S. Royal Street - across
Government Street from the Riverview)

Saturday November 3, 2012
6:00pm

Member News

Nancy E. Baker (Sam Houston State University) was awarded a Ruth P. Morgan Fellowship (for research in women and politics) by The Clements Center for Southwest Studies and the DeGolyer Library of Southern Methodist University in Dallas, TX for 2012. This fellowship supports her research in the Louise Ballerstedt Raggio collection at the DeGolyer; Raggio is known as "the mother of the Texas Family Code" and was largely responsible for the 1967 Marital Property Act that enabled married women in Texas to own property for the first time on the same terms as married men. She has also been invited to serve a three-year term as a member of the Editorial Advisory Board for the Register of the Kentucky Historical Society (a peer-reviewed, scholarly journal).

Kathryn L. Beasley (Valdosta State University) graduated with a Master of Arts in History from Valdosta State University in May 2012. Her Master's Thesis, "I Think We Have An Angel in the White House": First Lady Ellen Axson Wilson and Her Social Activism Concerning the Washington, D.C. Slums, 1913-1914," was requested by the White House Office of the Curator and is now located in their files.

Catherine Clinton (Queens University) remains the Chair Professor of US history at Queens University Belfast. She will be on sabbatical for the autumn term and can't believe this is her sixth year in Northern Ireland. November 26-28 she will deliver the Fleming Lectures at Louisiana State University--Stepdaughters of History: Southern Women & the Civil War. She is most recently the author of an introduction to Mary Chestnut's Diary -- the Penguin Classic edition (2011). She's very much looking forward to the November premiere of Steven Spielberg's "Lincoln," as she consulted with Joanna Johnston, the costume designer for the film. She appears briefly in the documentary, "Rebel," written and directed by Maria Agui Carter: The story of Loreta Velazquez, the Cuban-born New Orleans widow who dressed as a man and fought for the Confederacy during the American Civil War, publishing her memoir *The Woman in Battle* (1876). Carter's film will debut on PBS in January 2013. Clinton is looking forward to the upcoming SHA in Mobile, most particularly the SAWH, where she will be happy to see old friends--and make new ones.

Angela Jill Cooley (University of Mississippi) graduated from the University of Alabama with a Ph.D. in August 2011. She has a postdoctoral fellowship at the Center for the Study of Southern Culture, University of Mississippi for the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 academic years.

Karen L. Cox (UNC Charlotte) was promoted to full professor effective August 2012.

Jeff Forret (Lamar University) article "Slaves, Sex and Sin: Adultery, Forced Separation and Baptist Church Discipline in Middle Georgia" appears in this month's *Slavery & Abolition* 33 (September 2012): 337-358.

Shannon Frystack (East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania) was awarded tenure and promoted to Associate Professor effective August 2012.

Elna C. Green (San Jose State University) has been promoted to Associate Vice President for Faculty Affairs effective August 2012.

Francoise N. Hamlin (Brown University) has just published *Crossroads at Clarksdale: The Black Freedom Struggle in the Mississippi Delta after World War II* with The University of North Carolina Press, 2012.

Nicole King (University of Maryland Baltimore County) has just published *Sombreros and Motorcycles in a Newer South: The Politics of Aesthetics in South Carolina's Tourism Industry* with the University of Mississippi Press, 2012. Her book explores the cultural histories of the South of the Border roadside attraction and the Atlantic Beach Bikefest, a motorcycle festival for African Americans, as a way to better understand the "newer South." As part of book promotions, she also published an article in *South Writ Large* on one of the book's case studies this summer: <http://southwritlarge.com/articles/traveling-to-the-newer-south-of-the-border/>

Carolyn Ross Johnson has just published *My Father's War: Fighting with the Buffalo Soldiers in World War II* with the University of Alabama Press, 2012.

Jean A. Stuntz (West Texas A&M University, Canyon, Texas) has been promoted to Full Professor. She also has a book chapter published in *Women of the North American Plains* and two more chapters forthcoming in *Texas Women/ American Women: Their Lives and Times* and *Women of the Texas Revolution*.

******INVITATION TO HOST 2015**
SOUTHERN CONFERENCE ON WOMEN'S
HISTORY****

The Southern Association for Women Historians seeks an institution as the host for the Tenth Southern Conference on Women's History to be held in June 2015. The triennial SAWH conferences typically draw 200 to 300 women and men from across the U.S. for two days of scholarship and fellowship.

One person at the institution will serve as conference coordinator, and she will in turn appoint a program chair who, with her committee, is responsible for the intellectual content of the conference. The conference coordinator oversees the conference web site, registration (advance and on-site), the printed program, coordination of advertising and exhibits, and local logistics.

The SAWH has historically met on college campuses. The space that is needed includes:

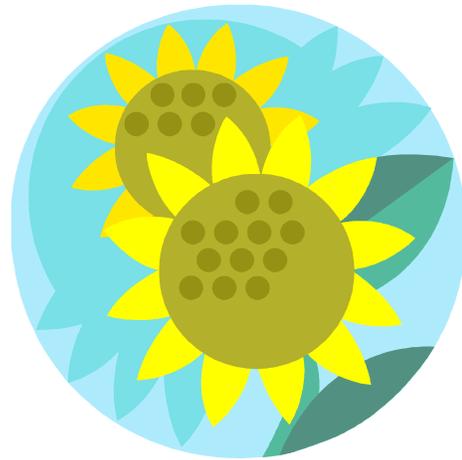
- seven or eight classrooms for concurrent sessions, typically held on Friday and Saturday;
- sites for three plenary sessions, typically held Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings;
- sites for two seated dinners and a central place to pick up box lunches;
- dormitory lodging for up to 100 people and a hotel not far away for those who choose not to stay on campus;
- a location for 25 6-foot tables for exhibits and coffee service;
- an area for registration;
- a site for a graduate student mixer, usually held late Thursday night.

While cash contributions from the host institution are most welcome, they are not essential.

Representatives of interested institutions should submit any queries and a letter of interest to Rebecca Sharpless (R.Sharpless@tcu.edu) by December 10, 2012.

Southern Conferences on Women's History

- 1988: Converse College, Spartanburg, South Carolina
- 1991: University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
- 1994: Rice University, Houston, Texas
- 1997: College of Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina
- 2000: University of Richmond, Richmond, Virginia
- 2003: University of Georgia, Athens
- 2006: University of Maryland, Baltimore
- 2009: University of South Carolina, Columbia
- 2012: Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas



Southern Association for Women Historians 2012 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: |
| | E-mail: |
| If renewing membership, is the above address new? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | |

Institutional Affiliation:

Position, rank, student status, as applicable:

Teaching and/or research areas:

News for *SAWH Newsletter* (Please print or type):

(continue on back, if necessary)

Prospective Members:

| DUES: | CONTRIBUTIONS: | GIFT MEMBERSHIP: |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$300 Life (Payable in quarterly installments of \$75.00) <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Regular Membership <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 Graduate Student, Retired, Independent Scholar | \$ _____ Anne Scott Fund \$ _____ Julia Cherry Spruill Prize Fund \$ _____ A. Elizabeth Taylor Prize Fund \$ _____ Willie Lee Rose Prize Fund \$ _____ Graduate Student Fund | Amount \$25 ____ (Regular) of Gift: \$10 ____ (Grad Student/Retired/ Ind. Scholar) This Gift Membership is For: Name: _____ Address: _____ _____ <u>Email address:</u> _____ |
| TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____ | | |

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**