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Presidents Message

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It has been a pleasure to serve as President of our wonderful organization and work with a group of women, both old friends and new, who are such an important part of my professional life. While the SAWH cannot provide tangible returns for membership dues, I hope all of you draw from our organization a sense of strength from similar relationships and appreciate the incredible contributions women have made and continue to make to the profession. We have come a long way from the SAWH's founding forty-one years ago and our first conference in 1988.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the SHA Convention in Baltimore in late October. The highlight for the SAWH will be, of course, our annual celebration—the awarding of book and article prizes, a talk by Dr. Elizabeth Hayes Turner, and a reception organized by SAWH First Vice President Beverly Bond, to be held at the Maryland Women's Heritage Center near the Sheraton Hotel. Check the SHA annual meeting program (pp. 92 and 93) for details. Without giving away particulars of her address here, Liz Turner, Professor of History at the University of North Texas, will share her exciting research on the 1968 Poor People's Campaign. The Campaign was a result of Martin Luther King's and SCLC strategists' efforts to create a more inclusive project to involve African Americans, Hispanics, American Indians, and poor whites. What has intrigued Liz—and what she will share with us—is the role women played in bringing thousands of poor people to Washington D.C. in the summer of 1968 and how they continued to fight for the needs of the poor.

The SAWH Executive Council this year will address a number of issues at our annual meeting including a permanent home for our book collection, the ongoing issue of ways to increase membership, and the need to increase SAWH visibility. We have recently improved our web page, which had outdated information on it and are looking for someone who is more technologically savvy than your current President and Secretary to keep it current. Also, we would like to enhance our Facebook presence. Any ideas you have to improve our outreach efforts and visibility are welcome. Lorri Glover and Rebecca Sharpless are hard at work on the SAWH Ninth Conference to be held June 6 – 9, 2012 at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth. It should be a stimulating and exciting three days.

See you in Baltimore!

Sally G. McMillen, SAWH President

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.

We Need Your Books!

Do you have extra books sitting around your office in need of a new home? Want to free up some space and help a worthy cause at the same time? The SAWH is soliciting contributions of unused books for its annual book sale. All proceeds from this event will be used to support SAWH activities and programs. If you have books, please send them to:

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Announcements:

Call for Manuscripts: Women's/Gender History in the Gilded Age & Progressive Era

The Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era invites submissions for a planned special issue around the theme, "Women's and Gender History in Global Context."

Any subject is welcome, so long as the manuscript in some way addresses the theme; focuses on the period covered by the journal, roughly 1870-1920; and has a U.S. component. Manuscripts may adopt a transnational perspective, view the United States from a comparative or international point of view, or focus on issues of empire. Submissions are welcome from scholars based in the United States or in other countries. Manuscripts will be peer-reviewed, with final contents selected by a committee drawn from the journal's editorial and executive board.

Please consult the journal's website for formatting and submission guidelines. Send manuscripts or queries to Alan Lessoff, Editor, *The Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era*. Deadline for submissions is January 31, 2012.

Dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences Arkansas State University

Arkansas State University (ASU) is an Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action Employer with a strong institutional commitment to the achievement of excellence and diversity among its faculty and staff. In pursuit of this commitment, the University seeks a dynamic, innovative, and articulate leader to create and implement a shared vision for the College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Reporting to the Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost, the Dean provides support and leadership for undergraduate and graduate programs in the departments of English and Philosophy; History; World Languages and Cultures; Political Science; and Criminology, Sociology, and Geography in addition to the interdisciplinary Ph.D. program in Heritage Studies. Responsibilities include: faculty recruiting, retention and development; improving enrollment and graduation rates;

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developing community partnerships; expanding fundraising and externally funded research; enhancement of accreditation; curriculum development; contributing to globalization of the University; and facilitating the transition of the University into a more research intensive institution. Salary is competitive and commensurate with experience.

Qualifications:

The applicant should have an earned doctorate in one of the disciplines in the college; successful teaching experience; a record of scholarly and professional achievements sufficiently strong to qualify for rank and tenure in one of the college's departments; three years of supervisory experience as a department head or program director; and the communication skills necessary to promote the college's mission and to foster a positive and collegial environment. Applicants should demonstrate strong commitment to teaching excellence; research; leading undergraduate and cross-disciplinary graduate programs; administrative, budgetary, and other leadership experiences; success in fundraising and accomplishments in enhancing diversity of faculty and students.

The University and Community:

ASU (www.astate.edu) is a public, multi-campus higher education system with enrollment in excess of 22,000 students. Approximately 14,000 students attend the Jonesboro campus where the student body is diverse. The campus has a renewed focus on international student recruitment and capital campaign development. Jonesboro has a population of approximately 67,000 and is located 70 miles northwest of Memphis (www.jonesborochamber.org).

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Applications:

Applications must be received online at <https://jobs.astate.edu>. Please review instructions for new users on the home page and select the Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences position. Applicants should upload a cover letter addressing qualifications, curriculum vitae, and names, e-mail addresses, and telephone numbers of five professional references. Review of completed applications will begin **November 1, 2011**, and will continue until the

position is filled. Anticipated starting date is **July 1, 2012**. Under Arkansas' Freedom of Information Act, applications are subject to public inspection. ASUJ is committed to creating a productive workplace in which both persons and property are secure. To achieve that goal, background investigations are conducted on all final applicants recommended for employment.

From: Claire Garcia <cgarcia@ColoradoCollege.edu>

CFP: Book Project

Still Maids? Still Toms?: Perspectives on The Help and Other White-Authored Narratives of Black Life in the 'Post-Racial' Era"

The last decade has seen several very popular depictions of African-American life created by white writers and directors, including *The Help*, *The Secret Life of Bees*, *The Blindside*, *Number One Ladies' Detective Agency*, and others. Editors Claire Oberon Garcia (Colorado College) and Vershawn Ashanti Young (University of Kentucky) seek intellectually informed but accessible written analyses (around 2500-4000 words, around the length of a conference paper or longish editorial) of these narratives that respond to these or other questions: What do these texts—and their appeal-- have to tell us about American life and culture and/or contemporary race and gender relations, at a time when some claim that we are living in a "post-racial" era? How are notions of authorial "authority" inflected by crossing racial lines? How is the history of the Civil Rights movement being revised and rewritten in the age of Obama? What is the role of women's book clubs in creating best-sellers? How do *The Help* and similar texts speak to generations born after the 60s? What is the role of *The Help* and other texts in revisionary Southern history? Is the popularity of such books and films a sign of how far "we" have come— or how much farther American society has to go in the quest for racial equality and justice?

Fifty years after the publication of *To Kill a Mockingbird* changed the hearts and minds of millions of white readers, the novel and film adaptation of *The Help* seems poised to achieve the same canonical and emotional status. For this collection, Garcia and Young invite artists, bloggers, writers, civil-rights activists, cultural critics, journalists, and scholars from all disciplines to provide insight into the hopes, fantasies, fears, and conflicts that inform and emerge from contemporary white-authored narratives of black life.

SHA 2010 Announcements:

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

Executive Council Meeting: Friday October 28, 2011 8am – Noon – Washington Room

Members Meeting: Saturday October 29, 2011 1 – 2 pm – Liberty B Room

Annual Address: Saturday October 29, 2011 5pm – Liberty Room (See page 5 for further details).

Book Sale/Reception: Saturday October 29, 2011 Following the Annual Address (See page 5 for further details).

Workshop: Documenting Southern Women's Lives in a Digital Age – Saturday October 29, 2011 11:45am – Pratt Room

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 make this a smooth transition, and for helping the SAWH become a "greener" organization!

New Members:

Kelly F. Stephens – Sam Houston State University
Carrie A. Pitzulo – University of West Georgia
Jill Bouchillon – Queen's University, Belfast
Kathy Casey – Charlotte, North Carolina
Bob Razer – Little Rock, Arkansas
Sarah Russell – North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics
Ashley Mays – University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Kimberly Welch – University of Maryland
Kelsie Patton – Nashport, Ohio
Alison Boulton – Rockhill, South Carolina
Xaris A. Martinez – University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

*40th Anniversary
Celebration
The Southern Association
For Women Historians*

Cordially invites all friends and sponsors
To an address by:

Elizabeth Hayes Turner
University of North Texas

“‘To Help Our Nation Find It’s Soul’:
Women and the 1968 Poor People’s
Campaign”



Co-Sponsored By:

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*Reception to follow at the
Maryland Women’s
Heritage Center
Baltimore, MD*

*The Southern Association
For Women Historians*

Invites you to the

ANNUAL BOOK SALE
At the SAWH’s President’s
Reception in honor of

Sally McMillen

Maryland Women’s Heritage
Center

*All proceeds go to benefit programs and
activities of the SAWH*



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Member News

Joan Marie Johnson (Northeastern Illinois University) is working on a book project on wealthy women who have funded feminist causes-- philanthropists who funded various movements from woman suffrage to higher education for women to the birth control movement from 1880-present. If anyone has suggestions for Southern women who should be included, please let her know at joanmjohanson@comcast.net. She also presented a paper on Katharine Dexter McCormick at the American Association for the History of Medicine in Philadelphia in April.

Deborah L. Blackwell (Texas A&M International University) just received the Senator Judith Zaffirini Faculty Award for Leadership, Service, and Scholarship from her institution, Texas A&M International University (Laredo). The award is given to one individual per year to acknowledge outstanding commitment to the University and its mission.

Megan Shockley (Clemson University) was promoted to full professor.

Karen Cox (University of North Carolina, Charlotte) is writing a new blog entitled, "Pop South: Reflections on the South in Popular Culture." <http://southinpopculture.com/>

Catherine Allgor (University of California, Riverside) has been appointed, by President Barack Obama, to the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation, which grants fellowships to secondary school teachers in order to further their study of the Constitution.

Carole Watterson Troxler (Retired, Elon University) and her husband (George W. Troxler) are the most recent recipients of the Christopher Crittenden Award for contributions to North Carolina History, given annually by the North Carolina Literary and Historical Association. The Historical Publications Section, Division of Historical Resources, Office of Archives and

History, Department of Cultural Resources also published her book, *Farming Dissenters: The Regulator Movement in Piedmont North Carolina* in June. The book is available from www.ncpublications.com <<http://www.ncpublications.com>>

Melissa Walker (Converse College) has been awarded a travel grant by the Schlesinger Library for Women's History to fund research at the library.

Ellen Blue (Phillips Theological Seminary) has a new book out this October, *St. Mark's and the Social Gospel: Methodist Women and Civil Rights in New Orleans, 1895-1965*, published by University of Tennessee Press.

Virginia Bernhard (University of St. Thomas) has a new book due out in November entitled, *A Tale of Two Colonies: What Really Happened in Virginia and Bermuda?* published by the University of Missouri Press.

Beverly Bond (University of Memphis) received a Dunavant University Professorship from the University of Memphis. The three-year professorship includes generous funding for research projects. She also co-authored, with Janann Sherman, *Dreamers. Thinkers. Doers: A Centennial History of the University of Memphis*. A second history of the university, also co-authored by Bond and Sherman, for Arcadia Publishing's College Series is forthcoming.

Rebecca de Schweinitz (Brigham Young University) Her book, *If We Could Change the World: Young People and America's Long Struggle for Racial Equality* (University of North Carolina Press, 2009) is now available in paperback. Her essay, "Waked Up to Feel: Debating Childhood, Debating Slavery in Antebellum America," will appear in *Children and Youth During the Civil War Era*, James Marten, ed. (New York University Press) which is due out in December 2011.

Elizabeth Gritter (Middle Tennessee State University) has been appointed Visiting Assistant Professor of History at Middle Tennessee State University this fall. In addition, the Civil Rights History Project database for which she served as a researcher was launched in August. This Congressionally mandated project sponsored by the Library of Congress and Smithsonian Institution may be accessed at: www.loc.gov/folklife/civilrights. It contains the results of the fifty-state survey that she and three other researchers conducted of oral history and related audiovisual resources on the civil rights movement.

Tiya Miles (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor) has been awarded a MacArthur Foundation Fellowship for her work that illuminates the complex interrelationships between African and Cherokee peoples in colonial America.

Secretary's Note:

Hello everyone and welcome back from what I hope was a lovely and productive summer. While I know it remains warm for the majority of you in the Southern states, the weather is crisp and lovely here in the Northeast and the leaves are beginning to change. It reminds me of how much I love the fall semester. As the Executive Committee prepares to meet in Baltimore at the end of the month, I thought I would catch you up on what is on the agenda for the organization. As a group we will be discussing a number of issues facing the organization, most notably that our finances are stretched thin these days due to membership being down and monies to support our organizational meetings lagging. As a group we are hoping to rectify this and as secretary I have been working hard to ensure that we stay on or below budget. We will also be discussing how to get the SAWH "out there," including creating a new and updated Facebook page. This first year as your secretary has been a learning experience so please bear with me as I continue to figure out how this organization, and the members, can evolve and progress. Also, as you will see in the Member News section of this newsletter, our members continue to achieve exciting and important new milestones including, but not limited to the fact that our own Tiya Miles recently received a "Genius Grant" and Catherine Allgor has been appointed by none other than President Barack Obama to a national educational foundation. I know that I continue to be proud of the work that the scholars in this wonderful organization produce. So that said, please continue to send me all of your fantastic news and I will ensure that it is noted in the Winter Newsletter. Similarly, if there are any announcements that you would like me to share with the membership – conferences, grant and book information, call for papers – send them out and I will ensure that the news gets passed along. I thank all of you for your patience with me this past year as I navigated this new terrain. Always let me know if there is anything at all that I can do to serve you better.

Allbest,
Shannon

Southern Association for Women Historians 2011 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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If renewing membership, is the above address new? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
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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**