President’s Message

I’m honored to have the opportunity to serve as your president as we lean toward the SAWH’s 50th anniversary celebration, which will be held in Memphis, Nov. 19-22, 2020, concurrent with the SHA’s annual meeting. Just to the right of this column you see the new SAWH logo, the product of a designers’ competition. With it came one for the 50th anniversary as well:

Catherine Clinton and Jennifer Ritterhouse (First Vice-President) along with an army of volunteers and assistants are planning great things for 2020! If you’d like to add your talents to the team, please contact Jennifer at jritterh@gmu.edu.

The first task of any SAWH president is to fill vacant committee spots. As I’ve kicked the bushes and reached out to ask people to serve, I’ve been pleasantly surprised at how easy it was to find willing participants, which I think is a testament to the reputation and congeniality of SAWH as an organization. We’ve been running like a well-oiled machine (only nicer), and people are jumping at the chance to be a part of it, I’m happy to report. The SAWH prize committees and the prize announcements are listed on pages 3 and 6 of this newsletter, and SAWH officers and other committees can be found on page 9.

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Don’t forget to renew your membership if you haven’t already done so, and if you’re interested in volunteering, please contact me at jallured@mcneese.edu. If I can’t find a spot for you this year, Jen Ritterhouse is taking suggestions for 2020.

I have several big “asks” in this letter, so please read to the end! I hope you will take a moment to look over the proposed modification to the SAWH bylaws (p. 5) that will change the terms of service for officers and committees to calendar year (the secretary and treasurer will remain on Fiscal Years). If the change is approved, newly elected members will be invited to attend the board meeting in November held concurrently with the SHA, but they will officially take office at the start of the next calendar year. This will help avoid confusion re dates of service. Watch for a survey monkey to arrive in your inbox and vote!

We are on the hunt for a site for our next triennial conference in 2021. If you think your institution would be a good place to hold the conference (perhaps in collaboration with another institution) and you would like more information, including models and timelines from the previous two conferences, contact me at the address above. Proposals, including a letter of intent from the home institution, are due April 1. When you let your admins know that SAWH has a terrific track record and that the conference will bring lots of traffic as well as prestige to your site, I can’t imagine why they would refuse.

We will soon need a new institutional home for SAWH, along with a new secretary. On June 30, 2020, Michelle Haberland’s and Georgia Southern’s terms of commitment are up, and we need a replacement who will hold the position for the next five years. Like the secretaries before her, Michelle has done an amazing job of keeping this organization running smoothly; when it’s time to hand them off, the records will be in fine shape, which will make for a smooth transition. Anyone who is interested in taking over as secretary should talk with their institution to see if it will provide in-kind support, an intern or a grad assistant, and a course release. For more about the role and responsibilities of the secretary, see the guidelines on the website: http://thesawh.org/about/guidelines/ If you are interested and would like to see a copy of the previous Memo of Understanding signed with Georgia Southern, I’ll provide that for your reference.

Jessica Brannon-Wranosky’s term will also end June 30, 2020, and we are looking for a new treasurer to serve in that position until 2025. Those who have experience managing funds in other organizations are especially encouraged to apply, but no experience is necessary. Jess will assist and there are committees set up to advise the treasurer. Questions may be emailed to Jessica.Wranosky@tamuc.edu.

Finally, I’m pleased to report that we have done a formal deed of gift for all SAWH materials at UNC deposited through 2010. Addendums will be added for materials donated after 2010. Thank you for reading all the way to the end, and I look forward to a great year as president!

Janet Allured
McNeese State University
THE SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN HISTORIANS PROUDLY ANNOUNCES –

THE 2018 A. ELIZABETH TAYLOR PRIZE

SASHA TURNER

""THE NAMELESS AND FORGOTTEN: MATERNAL GRIEF, SACRED PROTECTION, AND THE ARCHIVE OF SLAVERY" IN SLAVERY & ABOLITION

THE BEST ARTICLE IN SOUTHERN WOMEN’S HISTORY

THE 2018 WILLIE LEE ROSE PRIZE

TERA W. HUNTER

BOUND IN WEDLOCK: SLAVE AND FREE BLACK MARRIAGE IN THE NINETEENTH CENTURY

THE BEST BOOK PUBLISHED IN SOUTHERN HISTORY

THE 2018 JULIA CHERRY SPRUILL PRIZE

SASHA TURNER

CONTESTED BODIES: PREGNANCY, CHILDBEARING, AND SLAVERY IN JAMAICA

THE BEST BOOK PUBLISHED IN SOUTHERN WOMEN’S HISTORY

THE 2018 ANNE FIROR-SCOTT FELLOWSHIP

AMI PFLUGRAD-JACKISCH

THE WORLD OF WESTOVER: MARY WILLING BYRD, GENDER, SLAVERY, AND THE ECONOMICS OF CITIZENSHIP IN REVOLUTIONARY VIRGINIA
In 2019, the Southern Historical Association Annual Meeting returns to Louisville, where the SAWH was founded—in a small room near the boiler room of the Kentucky Hotel.

We’re planning a kickoff party to start our 50th anniversary year.

Let’s throw a party that shows how far out of the basement our organization has climbed!

To contribute, go to [http://thesawah.org/join/](http://thesawah.org/join/) or send a check payable to the SAWH to:

Michelle Haberland, Executive Secretary
Southern Association for Women Historians
Department of History
PO Box 8054-1
Georgia Southern University
Statesboro, GA 30460-8054
PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE SAWH BYLAWS

Insertions are highlighted in red. The membership will vote on these changes via email. Please direct any questions to President Janet Allured (jallured@mcneese.edu). The complete bylaws can be found on the SAWH website at http://thesawh.org/about/bylaws/.

Article VII

Section 1. The officers of the Southern Association for Women Historians are: President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Immediate Past President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The officers of the SAWH shall be members of the Southern Association for Women Historians and the Southern Historical Association. With the exception of the Secretary and the Treasurer, the term of service for all officers and committees follows the calendar year. The Secretary and Treasurer’s term of service follows the fiscal year.

SAWH CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The SAWH Nominating Committee welcomes nominations for the following leadership positions on the Executive Council:

- 2nd Vice President
- Executive Council member
- Graduate Student representative

The full description of the duties associated with these positions can be found in the bylaws on the SAWH website (http://thesawh.org/about/bylaws/). You may nominate a colleague or yourself. Please include the nominee’s name and contact information and a brief summary of any relevant interests, accomplishments, and SAWH service.

Please submit nominations to Barbara Krauthamer at barbara@grad.umass.edu with SAWH NOMINATION in the subject line.

Please submit your nominations by March 15, 2019.
Julia Cherry Spruill Prize

The Southern Association for Women Historians invites submissions for the Julia Cherry Spruill Prize, which is awarded annually for the best published book in southern women’s history, broadly construed. Only monographs with a copyright date of 2018 are eligible. Entries must be written in English, but the competition is open to works published outside the U.S. The Spruill Prize carries a cash award of $750 and will be announced at the SAWH annual address in Louisville, Kentucky in November 2019. To nominate a book for the Spruill Prize, mail a copy of the publication to each of the following addresses, postmarked no later than April 15, 2019:

Dr. Sarah Brooks Sundberg, Chair Professor of History, College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences University of Central Missouri Warrensburg, MO, 64093 ssundberg@ucmo.edu

Dr. Sarah Wilkerson-Freeman 7684 Apahon Ln. Germantown, TN 38138 sarahwf@astate.edu

Sarah E. Gardner 728 7th Avenue Bethlehem, PA, 18018 Gardener_SE@mercer.edu

Willie Lee Rose Prize

The Southern Association for Women Historians invites submissions for the Willie Lee Rose Prize, which is awarded annually for the best book on any topic in southern history written by a woman (or women). Only monographs with a copyright date of 2018 are eligible. Entries must be written in English, but the competition is open to works published outside the U.S. The Rose Prize carries a cash award of $750 and will be announced at the SAWH annual address in Louisville, Kentucky in November 2019. To nominate a book for the Rose Prize, mail a copy of the publication to each of the following addresses, postmarked no later than April 15, 2019:

Dr. Gail S. Murray, Chair 1361 Carr Ave Memphis, TN 38104 gmsmurray@gmail.com

Dr. Brooke Bauer USC Lancaster P. O. Box 889 Lancaster, SC, 29721 BMBauer@mailbox.sc.edu

Dr. Terri L. Snyder Department of American Studies California State University, Fullerton P. O. Box 34080 Fullerton, CA 92834-9480 snyder@fullerton.edu

A. Elizabeth Taylor Prize

The Southern Association for Women Historians invites submissions for the A. Elizabeth Taylor Prize, which is awarded annually for the best article published during the preceding year in the field of southern women’s history. Articles published in journals and anthologies between January 1, 2018, and December 31, 2018 are eligible. Entries must be written in English, but the competition is open to works published outside the U.S. Editors, authors, and other scholars are invited to nominate eligible articles for the prize. The Taylor Prize carries a cash award of $500 and will be announced at the SAWH annual address in Louisville, Kentucky in November 2019. To nominate an article for the Taylor Prize, please submit a copy to each of the following addresses, postmarked no later than April 15, 2019:

Dr. Karen Leathem, Chair Louisiana State Museum PO Box 2448 New Orleans, LA

Ami Pflugrad-Jackisch History Department – Mail Stop #970 University of Toledo 2801 W. Bancroft Street Toledo, OH 43606 apflugr@utoledo.edu

Françoise N. Hamlin Department of Africana Studies Brown University Box 1904 Providence, RI 02912 francoise_hamlin@brown.edu

To ask questions about any of these prizes, please contact the SAWH executive secretary at sawh@georgiasouthern.edu.
Member News

Denise E. Bates’s new book *Basket Diplomacy: Leadership, Alliance-Building, and Resilience among the Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana, 1884-1984* is scheduled to be released by the University of Nebraska Press in February 2020.

Melissa Blair earned tenure and promotion to associate professor at Auburn University.


Karen Cox’s *Dixie’s Daughters* is being reissued with a new preface & cover. Cox also wrote a new foreword to *Monuments to the Lost Cause: Women, Art & the Landscapes of Southern Memory*, and she contributed to *Confederate Statues and Memorialization*, part of Catherine Clinton’s new series History in the Headlines. Karen appeared in Lucy Worsley’s ”American History's Greatest Fibs” (BBC). In April Karen will appear in Henry Louis Gates’ new documentary “Reconstruction: America After the Civil War.” Karen also recently appeared on CNN with Brook Baldwin to discuss Cindy Hyde-Smith and the Mississippi U.S. Senate race and wrote two op-eds for CNN online.

In February, Robert Davis delivered a paper at the meeting of the Georgia Association of Historians on Atlanta’s only slave market and at the 240th Anniversary of the Battle of Kettle Creek on the history of the Egypt plantation in Lincolnton, Georgia and its connections to Colonel John Dooly.

Carole Emberton was awarded an NEH Public Scholars Award for her book, *The Emancipation of Priscilla Joyner: An Intimate History of Freedom*. The book is under contract with W.W. Norton. The book explores the emancipation stories told by ex-slaves to the Federal Writers’ Project in the 1930s. These interviews offer a unique opportunity to explore freedpeople’s efforts to reimagine their families and themselves after slavery, through Reconstruction and Jim Crow, and beyond.

Kelly Gannon reviewed the Museum of the Bible in for the *Journal of American History*. Lorri Glover (Saint Louis University) and Craig Thompson Friend (North Carolina State University) are editing for LSU Press a collection of historiographical essays: *Reinterpreting Southern Histories*. The collection of nineteen essays, each co-authored by two scholars and exploring varied eras and themes in southern historiography, continues the tradition established at LSU Press with *Writing Southern History* (1965) and *Interpreting Southern History* (1987). The contributors include many SAWH members, annual lecturers, and officers, including five SAWH presidents.
Member News, continued


Kelly Kennington’s In the Shadow of Dred Scott: St. Louis Freedom Suits and the Legal Culture of Slavery in Antebellum America, is out in paperback with UGA Press on April 1.

Sharon A Kowalsky was appointed Department Head of the History Department at Texas A&M University-Commerce. She received a grant from the Aleksanteri Institute, University of Helsinki, to be in residence in Helsinki, Finland, for the month of June 2019 to make use of their collections.

Miki Pfeffer’s "Coming Home We Met Mark Twain": Grace King’s Literary Life in New England and New Orleans will be published in Fall 2019 by LSU Press. It is a volume of letters of King, the Samuel Clemenses, and mentors who helped her career.

Leslie Poole, assistant professor of environmental studies at Rollins College, recently appeared in the new PBS American Experience documentary “The Swamp.” The documentary relates the history of the Everglades up to the founding of Everglades National Park in 1947. Poole discussed the work of women’s clubs and female leaders, such as Marjory Stoneman Douglas, to save this beautiful, complex ecosystem.

Diane Miller Sommerville, 2nd Vice President of the SAWH and associate professor of history at Binghamton University, recently published her second monograph, Aberration of Mind: Suicide and Suffering in the Civil War Era South (University of North Carolina Press, 2018), which was a finalist for the Lincoln Prize, awarded annually by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History for the best book in the Civil War era.

Rose C. Thevenin, the newly elected member of the Executive Board for the Southern Historical Association, recently published her book, Michelle Obama’s Impact on African-American Women and Girls, with co-editors, Michelle Duster and Paula Seniors.

Remember to visit www.TheSAWH.org to renew your membership and continue supporting the many good works of the Southern Association for Women Historians.
2019 SAWH Officers & Executive Council

**President:** Janet Allured  
**First Vice President:** Jennifer Ritterhouse  
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**Past President:** Barbara Krauthamer  
**Executive Secretary:** Michelle Haberland  
**Treasurer:** Jessica Brannon-Wranosky

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Blain Roberts  
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Natanya Duncan

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Leslie Harris  
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Denise Bates  
Antoinette Van Zelm  
Megan Bever

**Social Media Committee**  
Chair, Leah LaGrone Ochoa, l.lagronochoa@tcu.edu  
Rachel Gunter (2019-20), RGunter@collin.edu

If you're interested in joining this team of amazing historians in serving the SAWH, please contact Janet Allured (jallured@mcneese.edu).
Announcements of Interest

Applications are now being collected for the 2019 Hinshaw Fellowship to support research in the Quaker Archives (formerly the Friends Historical Collection) at Guilford College to study any aspect related to southern Quaker Studies. See http://library.guilford.edu/fhc/fellowships for application details and additional information. DEADLINE: March 15, 2019 Contact Email: archives@guilford.edu

The St. George Tucker Society, an interdisciplinary scholarly organization dedicated to the study of the American South, is proud to announce its annual M. E. Bradford Dissertation Prize. The award recognizes the best dissertation focused on the South, any time period and any discipline. The prize carries a $1,000 award. The winner will discuss his/her work as part of the Bradford panel during the Society’s annual meeting. Attendance at the July 25-27, 2019 meeting in Milledgeville, Georgia is mandatory for receipt of the prize. Eligible dissertations will have been completed and defended in the 2018 calendar year and must be written in English. Self-nominations accepted. Please submit a letter of application, CV, dissertation abstract, and electronic copy of the dissertation by April 1, 2019 to Dr. Matthew A. Byron, Chair of History at Young Harris College via email: mbyron@yhc.edu URL: http://stgeorgetuckersociety.org/index.php/bradford-prize/

The Society for the History of Women in the Americas (SHAW) welcomes proposals for its annual conference, co-organized with the Department of History at the University of Reading.

This year marks 100 years since the US Congress passed the proposed 19th Amendment, sent to states and then ratified in 1920. It also marks 150 years since the Wyoming Constitution gave women the right to vote in 1869. We encourage proposals for papers, panels or roundtables that engage with the themes of women and citizenship and women’s relationship with, and resistance to, the state. We also welcome proposals that engage with ideas about women’s legal personhood, how we think about womanhood, practices of protests, and that encourage us to think beyond binaries. More broadly, we will consider proposals on any theme related to the history of women in the Americas.

Please submit abstracts along with a 100-word biography of each proposed speaker to shawsociety@gmail.com, by 29th March 2019. Papers chosen for the conference may be selected for inclusion in a special issue of History of Women in the Americas journal subject to peer review. Financial support for the conference is provided by the University of Reading’s Diversity and Inclusion Fund, and the British Association for American Studies (BAAS).

Contact Info: Dr Emily West (Reading), Elizabeth Barnes (Reading), Dr Imaobong Umoren (LSE), Dr Sinead McEneaney (Open University)
Announcements of Interest

The BrANCH committee is pleased to invite proposals for our 26th annual conference, to be held at Edinburgh University, 11th - 13th October 2019.

The Parish Lecture for 2019, we are delighted to announce, is Professor Susan O’Donovan, editor and author of several major books in the field of African American history including *Becoming Free in the Cotton South* and *Freedom: A Documentary History*. Her forthcoming publication in David Blight and Jim Down’s edited collection, *Beyond Freedom: New Directions on the Study of Emancipation*, concerns what happens to our understanding of freedom when we take slavery fully into account.

The BrANCH Committee would like to invite both panels and individual papers on all aspects of U.S. history from the period 1789 to 1917. We particularly encourage panels that open new lines of communication between established thematic specialties as well as individual papers that cut across traditional categories of historical inquiry in imaginative and innovative ways. Subsidies for UK-based postgraduate participants are available for those not in receipt of support from their home institutions. These will be offered on a first come first served basis.

Please send a brief CV and a summary of the proposed paper or panel (no more than 3 speakers per panel and 300 words per paper, please) by Friday 26th April to the Conference Secretaries at: branchconference2019@gmail.com. Further information on membership and forthcoming events can be found at the BrANCH website: https://branchuk.wordpress.com/ or you can email the Chair, susan-mary.grant@ncl.ac.uk.

The Society of Civil War Historians will host its biennial conference at the Sheraton Raleigh Hotel, Raleigh, NC, from June 4-6, 2020. The SCWH welcomes panel proposals or individual papers on the broadly defined Civil War era—chronologically, geographically, and topically. The goal of the conference is to promote the integration of social, cultural, military, and political history, as well as the history of memory, from the period of slavery and westward expansion to the end of Reconstruction. The conference also brings into conversation academic historians, graduate students, and professionals who interpret history in museums, national parks, archives, and other public history sites. The deadline for receipt of proposals is September 16, 2019. Please complete a submission form (panel proposal: http://richardscenter.la.psu.edu/conference-papers/panel-submission-form/ or single paper proposal: http://richardscenter.la.psu.edu/conference-papers/single-paper-submission/) and upload a single PDF file. Proposals should include a title and abstract for the papers (approximately 250-300 words) and a short curriculum vitae from each participant. Panel submissions should have an overall title and statement about the thrust of the session. For more information, see the Society’s website at https://sites.psu.edu/scwhistorians/, or contact the Richards Center at (814) 863-0151. Final decisions on submissions will be made at the Southern Historical Association meeting in Louisville, Kentucky, on November 7-10, 2019.

Program Committee: Thomas J. Brown, University of South Carolina; Angela Diaz, Utah State University; Susanna Michele Lee, North Carolina State University; Barton A. Myers, Washington and Lee University; and Amy Murrell Taylor, (chair), University of Kentucky.

Contact Email: SCWH@psu.edu
SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN HISTORIANS
MEMBERSHIP FORM 2019

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. Please mail this form with your check payable to the SAWH to: Michelle Haberland, SAWH, Department of History, Box 8054-1, Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, GA 30460-8054

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