



## Member Newsletter, October 2026

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### Message from the President

Dear SAWH Members,

There is something wonderfully energizing and chaotic about the beginning of a new academic year. Classes are underway, calendars are already filling up, students are finding their way to our offices, and the reading, writing, meetings, and deadlines seem to multiply almost overnight.

SAWH is settling into the rhythms of fall and looking ahead to one of our favorite parts of the year: our chance to gather in November at the “[Southern](#).” I am very much looking forward to

seeing so many of you in Atlanta for the SAWH annual meeting at the Southern Historical Association Conference.

We have a wonderful day of SAWH events planned for Saturday, November 7, and I hope you will make them part of your conference schedule. We will begin the day at 8:00 a.m. with our beloved [SAWH Annual Member & Graduate Student Breakfast](#)—one of those traditions that really captures what I value about this organization: fellowship, mentorship, and the opportunity for scholars at different stages of their careers to sit down together and share a meal.

We are delighted once again to offer free breakfast tickets to currently enrolled graduate student members of SAWH. For those of us who are past our graduate-school years, breakfast tickets are \$30. And I hope you will consider purchasing an additional ticket to help offset the rising cost of this treasured tradition and make it possible for our graduate student members to continue attending free of charge.

Later that afternoon, we will gather again at 4:30 p.m. for the SAWH Annual Meeting and Address. We will announce and celebrate our prize winners and then have the pleasure of hearing from the remarkable historian Erica Armstrong Dunbar of Emory University, who will deliver this year's Annual Address, "From the Page to the Stage: Taking History from the Tower to the Television." I am especially excited for this conversation about the possibilities of bringing rigorous historical scholarship to wider publics and new forms of storytelling.

And then, of course, we will continue the celebration at our Annual Reception at 6:00 p.m. This year's reception is made possible through the generous support of The Yale Black Feminist Collective, Northwestern University, the Ulysses S. Grant Presidential Library, University of Georgia Press, University of North Carolina Press, and University of South Carolina Press. I am enormously grateful to these sponsors for helping us sustain the spirit of fellowship that has always been at the heart of SAWH.

There is also some important organizational business on the horizon. You will soon receive a ballot to vote for the 2027 SAWH Officers and Executive Board Members. I want to offer my thanks to the members of the Nominating Committee for their thoughtful work and for putting together such a terrific slate of candidates. When the ballot arrives in your inbox, I hope you will take a few minutes to cast your vote.

And one more piece of SAWH business: we are still seeking an institutional host for the 2028 SAWH Triennial Conference. The Triennial is one of SAWH's signature gatherings and an especially wonderful opportunity to bring together scholars of women, gender, and southern

history from across the country. If your institution might be interested in hosting, please reach out to me. I would be delighted to talk with you.

I look forward to seeing you in Atlanta!

As Always,

Crystal N. Feimster

President, Southern Association for Women Historians

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### Candidates Standing for Election 2027

The SAWH Executive Council and the Nominating Committee (Alison Fredette, Michelle Haberland, La Shonda Mims) are grateful to the following excellent candidates for agreeing to stand for election for 2027 offices. Please read their statements below and watch your e-mail for a ballot coming soon.

#### Françoise N. Hamlin, Second Vice President Statement

I am honored to be nominated for the position of Second Vice President of the Southern Association for Women Historians. I attended my first conference in Georgia in 2003 as a graduate student, and last year I had the honor to serve as the Program Committee co-chair for the wonderful triennial conference at Bethune-Cookman University in Florida. As a life-time member, I have enjoyed the collegiality and support SAWH fosters, and I hope to help continue that strong commitment and tradition.



I am an associate professor of Africana Studies and History at Brown University, holding a Ph.D. in African American Studies and American Studies from Yale University (under the co-direction of Glenda Gilmore). Born and raised in London, UK, I became a U.S. historian after a life-changing “gap” year as an exchange student in Clarksdale, Mississippi. I have produced four books and numerous articles. *Crossroads at Clarksdale: The*

*Black Freedom Struggle in the Mississippi Delta after World War II* won the 2012 Berkshire Conference of Women Historians Book Prize and the 2013 Lillian Smith Book Award. *These Truly Are The Brave: An Anthology of African American Writings on Citizenship and War*, a co-edited anthology was a finalist for the QBR 2016 Wheatley Book Award in Nonfiction. I enhanced and republished the 1975 autobiography of Mississippi civil rights activist, Vera Piguee, *The Struggle of Struggles*, named one of the top five books about women in the civil rights movement in the *Wall Street Journal* in January 2024. *From Rights To Lives: The Evolution of the Black Freedom Struggle*, a co-edited volume of essays, was named a 2024 Hooks National Book Award Finalist.

In addition to numerous research grants and fellowships (most recently the Andrew Carnegie Foundation Fellowship), I have won mentoring and teaching awards. Last month Brown University awarded me the Karen T. Romer Prize for Undergraduate Advising and Mentoring to recognize “exceptional dedication, imagination, and commitment in undergraduate mentoring.”

#### **Laura June Davis, Executive Council Member Statement**

I am greatly honored to be nominated for a position on the SAWH Executive Council. Like many members, I first encountered SAWH as a Graduate Student at the Grad Student/Member breakfast at the SHA. Since that time, I have found SAWH to be a supportive, inspiring, and collaborative organization that has allowed me to develop networks beyond my institutions and content area. I was especially grateful for the SAWH Happy Hours during COVID as it provided a much-needed outlet to stay connected to friends, colleagues, and mentors. The last two years I have served on SAWH’s Social Media Committee and prior to that, I served on SAWH’s Membership Committee.



I am currently an Assistant Professor of History at Columbus State University, where I teach courses in US History, Georgia History, Historical Methods, Civil War, and Gender History. I am also an instructor for the freshman and sophomore RIVR courses that help early career students engage in experiential learning, community outreach, research, and teamwork. Prior to coming to CSU, I taught seven years at Southern Utah University, earning the rank of Associate Professor. There, I taught US History, 19th Century American history, the Civil War & Reconstruction, American Slavery, Gender & Women's history, Women's Studies, and Social Studies Education.

At present, my research has taken two distinct paths: nineteenth century maritime history and SOTL (the scholarship of teaching and learning). Recent publications have focused on Civil War era boat burners, Civil War naval history, integrating digital mapping into the classroom, flipping an entire Georgia History course to integrate pedagogical training into content delivery, and 19th century sailors' wives. As an instructor at a regional PUI (primarily undergraduate institution), I am grateful that organizations like SAWH continue to have open dialogues about history instruction, the demands of the profession on scholars at all levels and institutions, and the very real hardships we all face---in addition to sharing our latest scholarship. I am very thankful for this opportunity and I appreciate your consideration.

### **Jessica Brabble, Graduate Student Representative Statement**

I am extremely honored to be nominated for the position of Graduate Student Representative on the SAWH Executive Council. Since 2022, I have served as an H-SAWH editor and as part of the newsletter committee. These two positions have given me an immense amount of experience and opportunity to grow as an academic and as a person. I have never felt more welcomed by a group of scholars, and I am grateful to call many within the SAWH my mentors and friends. I am thankful for the chance to give back to this community by serving on the Executive



Council.

As a born-and-raised North Carolinian, I have long been interested in the history of the South, particularly of rural women and their work. I began my journey as a historian at North Carolina Wesleyan College where I earned my B.A. in History, Sociology, and Psychology in 2019. From there, I earned my Master's degree at Virginia Tech in 2021, where I wrote about the history of the Better Babies Bureau and the Children's Bureau in North Carolina. Currently, I am a Ph.D. candidate at the College of William & Mary. My dissertation examines agriculture, eugenics, and euthenics in twentieth-century North Carolina. I am specifically interested in how contest-based approaches to health—like those of the Better Babies Bureau and 4-H—introduced eugenics and euthenics rhetoric to rural communities in the state.

I am thrilled about the opportunity to serve as part of the Executive Council, and I look forward to representing my fellow graduate students!

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### **Reminder: Call for Proposals to Host the June 2028 SAWH Triennial Meeting**

The Southern Association for Women Historians (SAWH) invites proposals from institutions interested in hosting the June 2028 Triennial Meeting. The triennial conference is SAWH's largest gathering, bringing together scholars of southern women's and gender history for several days of panels, plenaries, and sustained community engagement across the field.

Institutions submitting proposals should demonstrate both a strong intellectual community aligned with SAWH's mission and the logistical capacity to host a multi-day conference of this scale.

Proposals should include the following elements:

- 1. Institutional Overview**

Provide a brief description of the host institution, including size, academic profile, and relevant programs (e.g., History, Gender and Women's Studies, African American

Studies, Sexuality Studies, Latino/a studies, and related fields). Highlight strengths that make the institution an appropriate host for a large, national conference.

**2. Departmental and Scholarly Community**

Describe faculty expertise in southern history, women's and gender history, and related fields. Indicate prior involvement with SAWH and identify faculty, staff, and/or graduate students who would support conference planning.

**3. Location and Regional Context**

Introduce the host city or region, noting its historical significance, cultural resources, and overall appeal. Include information about walkability, safety, and proximity between venues.

**4. Research Opportunities**

List local and regional archives, libraries, and research centers that may be of interest to conference attendees.

**5. Meeting Facilities**

Describe proposed conference spaces, including plenary rooms, breakout session rooms, and informal gathering areas. Given the scale of the triennial, please indicate the capacity to host multiple concurrent sessions and large plenary events. Include information on audiovisual capabilities, WiFi access, and accessibility.

**6. Dining and Hospitality**

Outline available dining options on and near campus. Indicate plans for conference-provided meals or receptions (e.g., opening reception, coffee breaks, boxed lunches, banquet options).

**7. Lodging**

Provide information about housing options, including on-campus accommodations and nearby hotels. Include approximate pricing, distance from meeting spaces, room block availability, and capacity to accommodate many attendees.

**8. Transportation**

Describe access to the host site, including nearby airports, public transportation options, and approximate travel times to campus and conference venues.

**9. Financial Plan**

Include a projected budget outlining anticipated income (registration fees, institutional

support, sponsorships, exhibits) and expenses (meals, facilities, speakers, staffing, etc.). Indicate confirmed or potential sources of institutional funding.

#### 10. Local Arrangements Committee

Identify the individuals who will lead local planning efforts and provide brief descriptions of their roles.

#### 11. Proposed Dates

Confirm the ability to host the conference in June 2028 and suggest preferred dates if available.

#### Submission Guidelines

Proposals should be submitted as a single document (PDF preferred) and should include sufficient detail to assess both the intellectual and logistical strengths of the proposed host site.

Please submit proposals to SAWH Executive Secretary: Erin N. Bush  
([secretary@thesawh.org](mailto:secretary@thesawh.org)).

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### In Celebration of Joan C. Browning

This is a belated but much admiring declaration of celebration for the great [Joan C. Browning](#) of West Virginia. Her writings include an article published in the *Journal of Women's History*, "Invisible Revolutionaries: White Women in Civil Rights Movement Historiography" (Fall 1996) and "Shiloh Witness," in Deep in Our Hearts: Nine White Women in the Freedom Movement" eds. Curry, Browning, et al. (University of Georgia Press, 2000). Browning and historian Barbara J. Howe collaborated with Eve Faulkes in the graphic novel, West Virginians' Experiences in Civil Rights: How We Have Been Connected All Along (Community Coalition for Social Justice, 2024). You can read more about Browning in the *Veterans of the Civil Rights Movement* website at <https://www.crmvet.org/vet/browning.htm>. In 2024 Marshall University in Huntington WV awarded an Honorary Doctor of Letters in 2024 to SAWH Life Member Joan C. Browning and installed a memorial bench for Joan and her beloved puppy Gabriel.

The proclamation read by the University President Brad Smith read as follows:

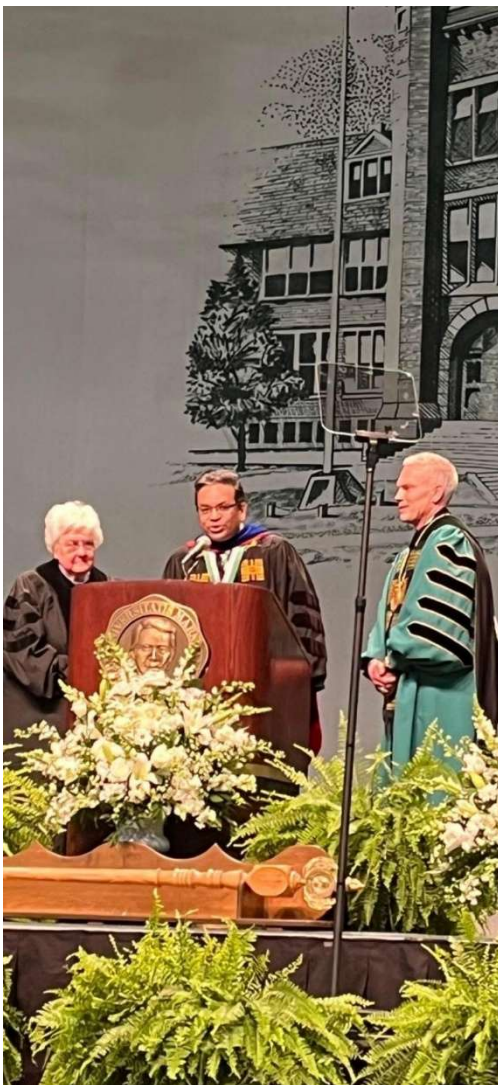
Joan C. Browning stands as a beacon of courage and resilience, embodying the spirit of activism and advocacy that defines the American civil rights movement. As a daring Freedom

Rider, she fearlessly challenged segregation and oppression, risking her own safety in the pursuit of equality and dignity for all.

Growing up just a few miles from individuals who were described as some of the most rabid racists in the South, Joan became keenly aware of the injustices and biases that permeated much of the place she called home in Georgia.

She grew into a young woman whose unwavering belief in the power of collective action helped ignite a spark of change that reverberated across the nation, inspiring countless individuals to join the fight for justice. As a writer and historian, she has brought to light the often-overlooked stories of courage and resilience that lie at the heart of the civil rights movement, ensuring that they will never be forgotten.

Today, as Marshall University confers this honor upon her, we pay tribute to a remarkable individual whose journey reminds us that each one of us carries the responsibility to shine light on darkness.



## Stay Connected to H-SAWH and H-Net

One of the easiest ways to stay informed and connected with SAWH is by joining the [H-SAWH network](#) on H-Net ([Humanities and Social Sciences Online](#)). Through the network, you'll receive announcements about conferences, fellowships, grants, publications, awards, calls for papers, and job opportunities relevant to the field of southern women's history and related fields. Your participation – whether by sharing opportunities, asking questions, or joining conversations – helps strengthen our scholarly community.

If you don't already have an H-Net account, we encourage you to create one and subscribe to H-SAWH. Simply visit <https://networks.h-net.org/>, click "Register," and then "Join a Network" to find H-SAWH. Once you've subscribed, you'll receive updates directly in your email inbox.

Join the conversation and make the most of your SAWH membership by becoming part of the H-SAWH community today.

\* [H-Net: Humanities and Social Sciences Online](#) is a free, professionally moderated platform designed specifically for scholars, educators, students, and public historians. Unlike many social media platforms, H-Net provides a welcoming, focused environment for meaningful academic exchange – making it an excellent place to stay connected with colleagues and the latest developments in our field.

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## SAWH Social Media

### SAWH SOCIALS!

Click on the links below to make sure you are following SAWH's social media accounts.

- **Facebook**

<https://www.facebook.com/people/Southern-Association-for-Women-Historians-SAWH/100057304846575/>



If you are not on Facebook, you can still see the SAWH page feed - just click on the X on the pop-up screen begging you to create an account or to log in.

- **Instagram** [@sawh1970](https://www.instagram.com/sawh1970/)  
<https://www.instagram.com/sawh1970/>



No Instagram account but you love to share photos and videos?

See <https://www.wikihow.com/Create-an-Instagram-Account>

- **X (formerly Twitter)** [@SAWH1970](https://twitter.com/SAWH1970)  
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## Member News

Edited by Mary Carroll Johansen

**Kathryn Beasley** recently gave a presentation on her book, [The Proof Is in the Dough: Rural Southern Women, Extension, and Making Money](#) (University of Georgia Press, 2025) at the Georgia Archives Lunch & Learn series: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=i7fZE02DOVM&ra=m>

**Patricia Bell-Scott** (University of Georgia emeritus) spoke on August 22, 2026, in Concord, North Carolina, at Cabarrus Art Guild, which is hosting a juried story-quilt exhibition that takes its title and inspiration from Bell-Scott's 1999 anthology, [Flat-footed Truths: Telling Black Women's Lives](#) (Henry Holt and Co., 1998). In this exhibition, fiber artists highlight the challenge of telling one's own life, the adventure of claiming lives neglected or lost, and the transformative power of examining lives characterized by resistance. "The Flat-footed Truths: Stories of Lived Experiences" exhibition closes on October 10.

**Melissa Langley Biegert's** new book [The Family Behind the Girl Scouts of America: Lives of the Kinzie-Gordon Clan, 1750s-1950s](#) (McFarland, 2026) was released on August 13. Early reviews call it "an essential read for institutional historians, scholars of American women's history, and readers interested in how nineteenth-century family networks shaped twentieth-century civic institutions." (Printed Word Reviews, Sept. 2026).

Last November **Emily Bingham** (Bellarmine University) missed the SHA and SAWH events due to a family illness, and this coming November she will be a scholar in residence at the American Academy in Rome. She is very unhappy about this conflict but excited to be in Rome. The exhibition catalogue accompanying the [Los Angeles exhibition MONUMENTS](#), which features Kara Walker's dismantling and rewelding of a Stonewall Jackson statue, was published this spring by Distributed Art Publishers; it includes Emily's essay on the Stephen Foster monument in Pittsburgh, and an essay by fellow SAWH member **Karen Cox**.

**Melissa Estes Blair's** (Auburn University) book [Bringing Home the White House: The Hidden History of Women Who Shaped the Presidency in the Twentieth Century](#) was recently released in paperback by University of Georgia Press.

SAWH lifetime member and Freedom Rider **Joan C. Browning** and historian Barbara J. Howe collaborated with Eve Faulkes on the graphic novel [West Virginians' Experiences in Civil Rights: How We Have Been Connected All Along](#) (Community Coalition for Social Justice, 2024- available in Kindle and paperback on Amazon). The book and posters for the 60th anniversaries of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Voting Rights Act of 1965 have been well received all over West Virginia and beyond. Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia, awarded Joan Browning an Honorary Doctor of Letters in 2024 and installed a memorial bench for Joan and her beloved puppy Gabriel in 2025. Browning first presented with Connie Curry, Casey Hayden and Penny Patch about their [Deep in Our Hearts: Nine White Women in the Freedom Movement](#) (University of Georgia Press, 2000) project at SAWH in 1997 in Charleston, South Carolina. Marshall University, West Virginia, awarded Joan an honorary Doctor of Letters Degree in 2024 (see article in this newsletter above).

**Erin Bush** (University of North Georgia) is thrilled to be a 2026-2027 Appalachian Collegiate Research Initiative Teaching Fellow this academic year. Her Digital History students are working with two other history classes at UNG and the Georgia Chapter of the Trail of Tears Association to build a digital driving tour of Trail of Tears historic sites in Georgia using ArcGIS.

**Christy Garrison-Harrison** (Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College) has published "Interjecting a Black Feminist Geographies Framework into Social Science Research Paradigms" in the inaugural issue of the journal *Global Black Thought*, Vol. 1 (2025) and "Conjure Women are Alchemists Who Can Transform Bright Green into Blue Gold" in *The Journal of World Philosophies*, Vol 10 (2025). She was awarded an iRaST Fellowship at Rhodes College to interview narrators and build an oral history repository in Feb 2026. Southern University and Agricultural & Mechanical College awarded Christy tenure and promoted her to associate professor in April 2026.

A special issue of *Modern American History*, which emerged out of a 2025 conference on "A Water's History of the United States," at the Roosevelt Institute for American Studies in Middelburg, The Netherlands, includes an article by SAWH member **Ellen Griffith Spears** (Professor Emerita, University of Alabama). The essay, entitled "'Radical Impermanence': Riverine Environments in the Politics and History of the U.S. South," explores challenges to environmental injustice along the Alabama River and can be accessed at: <https://doi.org/10.1017/mah.2025.10074>.

**Elizabeth Gritter** (Associate Professor of History at Indiana University Southeast) had a peer-reviewed article published in *Heroism Science* titled "'I'll Cry Tomorrow': The Heroism of Anti-Alcoholism Advocate Lillian Roth." It is available at <https://scholarship.richmond.edu/heroism-science/vol11/iss1/5/>. Roth was not only an advocate but also an entertainer, and Gritter's article looks at this connection.

**Rachel Gunter's** (Collin College) course "Forgotten America: Rediscovering Events that Changed the Nation" with The Great Courses and Audible won a Silver Telly Award. <https://www.tellyawards.com/winners/2026/non-broadcast/general-education-training/forgotten-america-rediscovering-events-that-changed-the-nation/359423/>

**Jacquelyn Dowd Hall** (Julia Cherry Spruill Professor Emeritus at UNC-Chapel Hill) enjoyed serving as an interlocutor for a manuscript workshop on "Karen Silkwood: A Life and Afterlives" by Sarah Milov and Katherine Turk. It was also a pleasure to return to the place where the fieldwork for her co-authored 1987 book, [Like a Family: The Making of a Southern Cotton Mill World](#), began and to give a talk on "Bynum, North Carolina: A Window on a Lost Southern Cotton Mill World" at Carolina Meadows University, Carolina Meadows Retirement Community.

**Alexia Helsley** (University of South Carolina-Aiken) just published [Rebecca Brewton Motte and the American Revolution in South Carolina](#) (Arcadia Publishing, 2026), providing a new look at one of SC's best known Revolutionary War women. The book discusses Motte, at one time perhaps the richest woman in South

Carolina, in the context of family, socio-economic position and the trajectory of the War for American Independence in South Carolina.

**Randolph Hollingsworth** was honored to be asked and pleased to support the publication of **Melanie Beals Goan's** [The Making of Modern Kentucky](#) (Pressbooks, 2026), a free and open textbook for her introductory history students. Hollingsworth's first history publication in New Zealand is out: "Nelson Women and the World Petition Against the Liquor and Opium Trade: A Campaign Led by the Women's Christian Temperance Union of New Zealand, 1885-1890," *Nelson Historical Society Journal*, Vol. 9, no.6 (2026), pp. 20-30. Another article, "Political ideologies of Annie Jane Schnackenberg (1835–1905), women's suffrage and temperance leader," has been accepted by the *New Zealand History Journal* for publication in its upcoming issue, and the *Journal of New Zealand Studies* will publish her article, "Mary Clement Leavitt's 1885 Mission in New Zealand: Networks, Local Partnerships, and the Formation of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of New Zealand" next year.

**Connie Lester** (University of Central Florida) received the James C. Giesen Teaching Excellence Award from the Agricultural History Society at its annual meeting on June 6, and was also named a Fellow of the Agricultural History Society.

**Susan O'Donovan's** (University of Memphis) latest book, [Moving Toward Freedom: The Political Education of Enslaved Americans](#) is OUT! Penguin Press released it on August 25th. Initial reviews have been terrific, including a heart-warming "game changer."

**Cynthia Patterson's** (University of South Florida) new book, [Race Literature: Women Contributors to the A.M.E. Church Review, 1884 - 1924](#), has been published by the University Press of Mississippi. Her article, "Owensboro, Kentucky and the Black Chautauqua Movement, 1907 - 1929," was published in Volume 111, Issue 2 (2026) of the *Journal of African American History*.

**Jennifer Ritterhouse** (George Mason University) published "From Grassroots to Ginsburg: How a Feminist Network Absorbed Lessons from Southern Black Women's Experiences, Fought Involuntary Sterilization, and Won a Late-1970s 'Magna Carta' for the ACLU" in the open-access journal *Modern American History* (Cambridge) Her article is available full-text for free here: [From Grassroots to Ginsburg](#) [Modern American History](#).

**Diane Miller Sommerville** (Professor of History at Binghamton University, SUNY) was the recipient of the inaugural Provost's Award for Faculty Excellence in Graduate and Postdoctoral Mentorship. The award letter remarks, "This recognition reflects your remarkable 20-year legacy of scholarly stewardship, exemplary pedagogy, and unwavering commitment to the personal and professional development of graduate students at Binghamton University. ... you set the benchmark for what dynamic, rigorous, and compassionate mentorship should be. The nomination portfolio illustrates a career defined by extraordinary generosity of spirit and exceptional professional outcomes for your mentees."

**Antoinette van Zelm** (Center for Historic Preservation, Middle Tennessee State University) published two articles recently: "Heroines Aplenty: The Historiography of Revolutionary Women in Tennessee," *The Journal of East Tennessee History: Semiquincentennial Issue*, Part I, 97 (2025): 117-133 ("definitely outside of my comfort zone!" she says) and "The Woman's Relief Corps and Patriotic Outreach in Tennessee: Black and White Women Promote Loyalty to National Ideals, 1890-1913," in Mary A. Evins and Minoa D. Uffelman, eds., [Constructing Citizenship: Tennessee Public Women in the Progressive Era](#) (Knoxville: Univ. of Tennessee Press, 2026) (very excited to see this article come to fruition, and the book includes contributions from several other SAWH members!)

**Kathleen Waters Sander** (University of Maryland Global Campus) published [Redeemer, Reformer, Rebel: The Progressive Era Activism of Dr. Kate Waller Barrett](#) (2026) from the University of Virginia Press.

Now well into what **Melissa Walker** calls the “shady side of sixty” – now 83 – she continues preaching and lecturing more than 30 times a year.

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## News of the Profession

Edited by Jessica Brabble

### Event

- [“Activating Archives for a Feminist Future.”](#) sponsored by Ms. and Newcomb Institute of Tulane University, January 5, 2027, 9:30 - 8:00 p.m. at Newcomb Institute, Tulane University, New Orleans. It has never been more urgent or more possible to use feminist archives in our teaching, research, and activism. This one-day workshop, “Activating Archives for a Feminist Future,” features a wide range of new and important digital feminist archives: Ms. Magazine Archive, Newcomb Archives, Spelman Archives, Sophia Smith Collection, Women and Social Movements in the United States (1600-2000), Queer Pasts, and more. Workshop leaders offer practical guidance and innovative tools and resources to tap into these rich primary sources for stories that can inform and inspire a feminist future. This event is free and open to the public. Light breakfast and lunch provided at the workshop. Dinner provided at the keynote reception. Sign up now at <https://secure.ngpvan.com/jvtPWYrYns0-yxvNQSGCrbQ2>. Questions? Contact Karon Jolna, Ms. magazine, at [kjolna@msmagazine.com](mailto:kjolna@msmagazine.com).

### Call For Papers

- [American Association for the History of Medicine](#): The American Association for the History of Medicine (AAHM) invites abstracts for papers on the history of health, healing, and medicine to be presented at its annual meeting to be held in Charleston, South Carolina, May 19-23, 2027. **Deadline: October 15.**
- [Constitutions, Everywhere! Part I: To 1777](#): 2027 will mark the 250th anniversary of the first federal constitution in the United States, the Articles of Confederation. This two-part conference series takes this comparatively overlooked anniversary as an opportunity to explore constitutions (broadly defined as consensual agreements of self-governance) in early modern North America, the global British Empire, and the early United States. **Deadline: October 21.**
- [The Public Historian: Women and Public History](#): Women are the majority of public historians. What now? This special issue of The Public Historian, the first in the journal’s run, will center on women’s public history and women in public history. Contributors will grapple with where women are as subjects and practitioners are at the local, national, and global level. As a collective, we will refocus attention on women’s public history as a nucleus of innovation at the forefront of intersectional, community-engaged thinking in both physical and digital spaces. Some authors will also examine the role of women and non-binary practitioners as they wrestle with labor and funding concerns exacerbated by the current political climate. Articles should fall into one of three thematic areas: the professional, the political, and the historical. Submissions can address any time period, location, or type of public history work. Authors can showcase a past project or current projects, offer reports from the field, or imagine new modes of practice, concepts, or genealogies. Proposals should be emailed to TPH editor Sarah Case, [shcase@ucsb.edu](mailto:shcase@ucsb.edu). **Deadline: November 1.**

- [Southern Historical Association Annual Meeting](#): The Southern Historical Association is now accepting proposals for its 93rd Annual Meeting, which will take place at the Westin D.C. Downtown in Washington, D.C on November 4-7, 2027. **Deadline: December 10.**
- [South Central Renaissance Conference](#): The South Central Renaissance Conference (SCRC) invites scholars to submit papers for its 2027 conference, to be held June 14-16, 2027, in New Orleans, Louisiana. Founded in 1979, SCRC is an international scholarly organization devoted to the study of the Renaissance through interdisciplinary perspectives and across disciplines, regions, and cultures. Each year, SCRC hosts the annual sessions of the Queen Elizabeth I Society and the Society for Renaissance Art History. **Deadline: December 31.**

## Funding

- [Archaeological Institute of America Fellowships and Grants](#): Archaeologists at an early stage in their careers (within 8 years of the receipt of their PhD) should consider some of our research grants, like those from the Ellen and Charlie Steinmetz Endowment for Archaeology or the Julie Herzig Desnick Endowment for Archaeological Field Surveys. And if you are conducting research or fieldwork for your dissertation, be sure to check out our fellowships, such as the Olivia James Traveling Fellowship or our John R. Coleman Traveling Fellowship. **Deadlines begin November 1.**
- [Franklin Research Grants](#): The American Philosophical Society's Franklin Research Grants support the cost of research leading to publication in all areas of knowledge. The Franklin program is particularly designed to help meet the costs of travel to libraries and archives for research purposes; the purchase of microfilm, photocopies, or equivalent research materials; the costs associated with fieldwork; or laboratory research expenses. The Society is particularly interested in supporting the work of young scholars who have recently received the Ph.D. **Deadline: December 1.**
- [Grolier Club Library William H. Helfand Fellowship](#): Awards of up to \$3,000 are available for research in the Library's areas of strength, with emphasis on the private collecting of books and prints, antiquarian bookselling, and the book and graphic arts. **Deadline: December 31.**
- [Phillips Fund for Native American Research](#): The Phillips Fund of the American Philosophical Society provides grants to fund research in Native American linguistics, ethnohistory, and the history of studies of Native Americans in the continental United States and Canada. The funds are intended for such extra costs as travel, audio recordings, films, and consultants' fees. **Deadline: March 1.**

## Fellowships

- [Fellowships in the Study of Southwestern America, Southern Methodist University](#): The Clements Center for Southwest Studies seeks applications for our 2026-2027 residential writing fellowships. The Clements Center is a catalyst for scholarship on Texas, the Southwest, and the US-Mexico borderlands, housed at Southern Methodist University in Dallas. **Deadline: January 11.**
- [Postdoctoral Fellowship: Program in Early American Economy and Society, Library Company of Philadelphia](#): PEAES Fellowships support research in the collections of the Library Company, the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, and other nearby institutions into the origins and development of the early American economy, broadly conceived, to roughly 1850. The fellowships provide scholars the opportunity to investigate such topics as history of commerce, finance, technology, manufacturing, agriculture, internal improvements, and economic policy making. **Deadline: January 17.**
- [Mellon Scholars Program in African American History Postdoctoral Fellowship, Library Company of Philadelphia](#): The Program in African American History at the Library Company of Philadelphia invites applications

for its Mellon Scholars Program in African American History Postdoctoral Fellowship. PAAH Fellowships support research in the collections of the Library Company, the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, and other nearby institutions into the experience of people of African descent in the Americas from the beginnings of European colonization through 1900. **Deadline: January 17.**

## Jobs

- [Assistant Professor of Modern African American History, The College of William and Mary](#): The Harrison Ruffin Tyler Department of History at William & Mary, a public university of the Commonwealth of Virginia, seeks applications for a tenure track position at the Assistant Professor level in modern African American history. Appointment will begin August 10, 2027. **Deadline: October 17.**
- [Professor and Director of Center for Greater Southwestern Studies, University of Texas – Arlington](#): The Department of History and Geography in the College of Liberal Arts at The University of Texas at Arlington invites applications for a tenured position at the rank of Associate or Full Professor in Texas history, with broader expertise in the history of the Greater Southwest. The successful candidate will also serve as Director of UTA's Center for Greater Southwestern Studies, fostering interdisciplinary research, public-facing scholarship, and engagement with the rich historical resources of the University and the Dallas-Fort Worth region. **Deadline: October 20.**
- [Assistant Professor in Social Studies and/or History Education, Missouri State University](#): The History Department at Missouri State University in Springfield, MO invites applications for a Tenure Track Assistant Professor position in Social Studies and/or History Education. The successful candidate will be one of three faculty in the department whose primary responsibilities include providing courses in Secondary Social Science methods, supervising pre-service teachers, and other administrative duties as related to education accreditation and advising. **Deadline: October 22.**
- [Assistant Professor of Early American History to 1800, Missouri State University](#): The History Department at Missouri State University is searching for a tenure track Assistant Professor of Early American History. The successful candidate must demonstrate preparation to teach undergraduate and graduate courses in the Colonial/Revolutionary Era and their specialty as well the first half of the U.S. History Survey. **Deadline: October 22.**
- [Assistant Professor, Public History, Auburn University](#): The Department of History at Auburn University seeks applications for a tenure-track appointment in public history at the rank of assistant professor with a focus on working with, and in, communities in the post-1945 U.S. **Deadline: October 23.**
- [Assistant or Associate Professor of Jain Studies, University of Texas at Austin](#): The Department of Asian Studies at The University of Texas at Austin invites applications for the position of tenure-track Assistant or tenured Associate Professor of Jain Studies to begin Fall 2027. The position is open to candidates working in any discipline and time period within the humanities or social sciences. **Deadline: October 30.**
- [Associate or Full Professor, History of the American West and Director, Clements Center for Southwest Studies, Southern Methodist University](#): Southern Methodist University outstanding applicants for the directorship of the William P. Clements Center for Southwest Studies and a tenured appointment in the History Department at the rank of Full or Associate Professor positioned for promotion in the near term. Fields of expertise may include the North American West, U.S. Southwest, U.S.-Mexico borderlands, and/or related fields. **Deadline: October 31.**
- [Assistant Professor/Program Director in Jewish Studies, Southern Methodist University](#): The Department of Religious Studies in Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences at Southern Methodist University

invites applications for a non-tenure-track position in Jewish Studies at the rank of Assistant Teaching Professor. The position requires residency in Dallas beginning August 1, 2027. The position is renewable after three and/or five years with the possibility of promotion. The teaching load is three classes in each of the fall and the spring semesters. **Review begins November 1.**

- [Assistant Professor, European History, University of Florida](#): The Department of History at the University of Florida, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, is accepting applications for a full-time (1.0 FTE), nine-month, tenure-accruing appointment at the rank of Assistant Professor in European History, open chronology, beginning August 16, 2027. **Deadline: November 1.**
- [Assistant Professor in the History of Science and Technology, UNC Chapel Hill](#): The History Department at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill seeks to appoint a tenure-track Assistant Professor in the History of Science and Technology to begin on July 1, 2027. Scholars who work on any chronological period and geographical specialization are invited to apply. **Review begins November 1.**
- [Assistant NTT Teaching Professor of History or Political Science, Missouri University of Science and Technology](#): The Department of History & Political Science at Missouri University of Science & Technology (Missouri S&T) invites applicants for a full-time, renewable, non-tenure track (NTT) position as Assistant Teaching Professor of History or Political Science starting Fall 2027. **Deadline: November 1.**
- [Assistant Professor of Modern European History, Western Carolina University](#): The Department of History at Western Carolina University invites applications for a nine-month, tenure-track Assistant Professor position in Modern European History to begin in August 2027. The position comes with a 3/3 course load with teaching responsibilities to include the second half of the European history survey, modern Europe, and other upper-level and graduate offerings related to teaching/research interests. **Deadline: November 1.**
- [Assistant Professor, Latin American History, Florida State University](#): The Department of History at Florida State University invites applications for a tenure-track assistant professor position in the history of Latin America. The area and period of specialization are open. The successful candidate will be expected to work with the department's undergraduate and graduate students, supervise PhD candidates, and teach two courses per semester. **Deadline: November 2.**
- [Assistant Professor of Chinese Religions, UNC Chapel Hill](#): The Department of Religious Studies is recruiting for a tenure-track Assistant Professor in Chinese Religions. Candidates should demonstrate clear evidence of their commitment to research and teaching, as well as their interest in mentoring students and participating in departmental life and service. **Review begins November 3.**
- [Assistant Professor of Medieval History, University of Texas at Austin](#): The Department of History at The University of Texas at Austin invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor to begin in Fall 2027. We seek a scholar to teach medieval Europe, excluding Spain, with additional expertise in premodern global interconnections, especially the contacts between cultures and societies along the overland or maritime Silk Road(s) that encompass Eurasia, 500-1500 CE, including China. **Deadline: November 13.**
- [Assistant Professor with Expertise in Film/Media Studies of the Korean Peninsula, North Carolina State University](#): North Carolina State University's Department of Integrative Humanities and Social Sciences (IHSS) welcomes applications for an appointment as a tenure-track Assistant Professor with expertise in film and/or media studies of the Korean peninsula and/or the diaspora. **Deadline: November 15.**
- [Assistant Professor with Expertise in Hinduism, North Carolina State University](#): North Carolina State University welcomes applications for an appointment as a tenure-track Assistant Professor with expertise in

Hinduism. The faculty position will be housed in the Department of Integrative Humanities and Social Sciences (IHSS), with a joint appointment in the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies (PRS). **Deadline: November 15.**

- [Assistant Professor of Modern U.S. History, University of West Georgia](#): The University of West Georgia History Program invites applications for a full-time, tenure-track Assistant Professor of U.S. History (1865-present) in the School of Humanities. The start date will be in August 2027. All specializations will be considered. **Deadline: November 15.**
  - [Assistant Professor of Ancient History, University of West Georgia](#): The History Program at the University of West Georgia is now accepting applications for a full-time, tenure-track faculty position as Assistant Professor specializing in Ancient History with emphasis on the Classical Mediterranean. **Deadline: November 15.**
  - [Assistant Professor of Nineteenth Century Art, Vanderbilt University](#): The Department of History of Art and Architecture at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee invites applications for a full-time, tenure-track position Assistant Professor of Nineteenth-Century Art History to begin in August 2027. We seek a candidate whose research and teaching consider nineteenth-century art in transnational contexts with a preference for candidates whose teaching and research complement the department's existing strengths. **Review begins November 15.**
  - [Assistant Professor of the Practice of History of Art and Architecture in Global Contemporary Art History, Vanderbilt University](#): The Department of History of Art and Architecture at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee invites applications for a full-time, non-tenure track position of Assistant Professor of the Practice of Global Contemporary Art History. This is a 3-year renewable appointment, conditional upon performance and curricular need, to begin in August 2027. We seek a dynamic teacher-scholar who specializes in late 20th and 21st century art. **Deadline: November 15.**
  - [Assistant/Associate Professor, History of Artificial Intelligence, Rice University](#): The Department of History in the School of Humanities and Arts at Rice University in Houston, Texas, seeks applicants for a tenure-track assistant or associate professor in the history of artificial intelligence, broadly conceived. A PhD or equivalent degree in History or a closely related field is required by the time of appointment. The area of geographical specialization is open. The appointment will begin on July 1, 2027. **Deadline: November 15.**
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