
From the SAWH Conference Coordinator

Dear SAWH Colleagues: Save the Date!
For the SAWH at USC, June 4-6, 2009.
Columbia, South Carolina

It is a pleasure to report on plans for the Eighth Conference on Southern Women's History that we will be hosting at USC next year. All committees are up and running and creating what will be a terrific three-day program.

The all-important program committee is led by Co-chairs Joan Marie Johnson of Northeastern Illinois University and Allison Sneider of Rice University. They are assisted by committee members: Katherine Charron of North Carolina State University; Christina Snyder of the University of Pennsylvania; Heather Williams of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and Lorri Glover of the University of Tennessee.

There was a tremendous response to the Call for Papers; the co-chairs report that, by the August 1st deadline, they had received large numbers of proposals for panels and workshops from senior scholars, graduate students and all in between. The program committee will meet during the upcoming SHA in New Orleans in October to make the final decisions and the full program will be announced in early spring. Joan Johnson says that without question, there will be presentations on exciting new research on a wide variety of topics that you will want to hear.

This is already clear in their plans for the three plenary sessions. The opening plenary, "Women and the Long Civil Rights Movement" will be led by Darlene Clark Hine. It will feature new scholarship by two distinguished scholars and SAWH members: Glenda Gilmore of Yale University, Peter V. and C. Vann Woodward Professor of History and author of *Defying Dixie: The Radical Roots of Civil Right, 1919-1950* (Norton, 2008), and by Patricia Sullivan, of the University of South Carolina, who as we read this is

hard at work completing what will be a very important book on the NAACP that will be issued in 2009, the NAACP's centennial year.

The second plenary will be a 30th Anniversary Tribute and Analysis of Jacquelyn Dowd Hall's influential book, *Revolt Against Chivalry: Jessie Daniel Ames and the Women's Campaign Against Lynching*, first published in 1979. Several scholars will discuss the impact of this work, and Jacquelyn Hall, the Julia Cherry Spruill Professor of History and Director of the Southern Oral History Program at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, will present a response.

The closing plenary, still being planned, will focus on the Modern Women's Rights Movement in the South in the late 1960s through the 1970s. The program committee is putting together a varied panel of feminist veterans who fought the fight in a part of the nation known for strong women but not for strong support of women's rights. The session chaired will be Sara Evans, who grew up in South Carolina and Texas, and published the influential book *Personal Politics: The Roots of Women's Liberation in the Civil Rights Movement & the New Left*, (Random House, 1980) inspired by own experiences. More recently, she published *Tidal Wave: How Women Changed America at Century's End* (Free Press, 2003) one of the most important works about the modern women's rights movement. Evans has just retired as University Regents Professor at the University of Minnesota.

There are workshops being planned on the role of African American women in the history profession, archives on women's history, and other important topics, including some especially designed for high school teachers that USC's Valinda Littlefield is organizing.

Marcia Synnott, USC Professor Emerita and a long-time SAWH member, is doing a phenomenal job planning the book exhibit. Please urge your publishers to get in touch
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with her < Synnott@gwm.sc.edu > and plan to be there: extra care is being taken to place the exhibit centrally with coffee, tea, and sodas all day and tables where everyone can meet and talk and see the books on display.

As for the local arrangements, the committee co-chaired by USC History Professor Patricia Sullivan and Dr. Belinda Gergel, a historian and independent scholar recently elected to the Columbia City Council, plans to roll out the red carpet. Grad students will enjoy a rocking reception late on opening night at the "Top of Carolina," a revolving restaurant which, curiously, sits atop the dorm (we hope) will be used for SAWH members staying on campus and has a fabulous view of the city.

I am delighted to say that our newly appointed President Harris Pastides and his wife Patricia Moore Pastides, also our newest SAWH members, have invited us all to a reception and dinner at their home and gardens on USC's historic "Horseshoe." We will hold the closing picnic at whichever of Columbia's many historic homes near campus Belinda Gergel selects, and if all goes well, have a women's history tour along the way, which is being led and organized by Connie Schulz. All of this is being enthusiastically supported by our Dean of the College of Arts & Science, Mary Ann Fitzpatrick, and well organized by Kate Shelton and Jim Twitty of our conference planning office. We are also receiving strong support from nearby colleges and universities.

Finally, plan to come early! We are organizing a one-day, pre-conference symposium on South Carolina women designed for conference participants and the general public that will take place all day on Thursday, June 4. The SAWH conference begins that evening. Also, you might want to come early or stay late to take advantage of our wonderful museums and archives in the area including the famous South Caroliniana Library, also located on the Horseshoe.

Look for a conference website link (with links to the conference hotels close to campus) on the SAWH website SOON. Pre-registration will begin in early spring. In the meantime, SAVE THE DATE. We do hope you will be joining us.

Marjorie Julian Spruill
Professor of History, USC
Conference Coordinator

NEW MEMBERS:

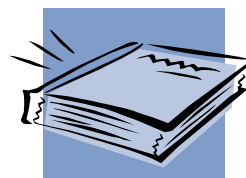
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Remember to email your member news to Megan Shockley at mshockl@clemson.edu. The regular mail address is listed on the membership form on the last page.

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 **AFTER SEPTEMBER 15** to:

Emily Clark
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New Orleans, LA 70118



President's Message:

I am writing this while working on my fall syllabi and watching the last of summer slowly disappear. It is my least favorite time of the year: without yet being in the midst of the semester, the anticipation of the work tends to crowd out the sense of satisfaction that comes from its challenges and rewards. I try, nonetheless, to fix my focus on the positive aspects of upcoming events. Fortunately, that is easy to do with the SAWH calendar, the promise of which is a bright spot in my August gloom. I hope it will be for you as well.

Planning for the SAWH conference, June 4-6, at the University of South Carolina is well underway. Many of you have already submitted paper proposals. As for everyone else: mark your calendars and start making your travel plans. It should be an exciting event.

The membership committee, led by Mary Farmer-Kaiser, has done an amazing job creating new brochures for the organization. I've seen them: they're informative and stylish. Now we need you to help us get the word out and distribute them. If you are attending a conference or you would just like some to hand out, please contact Megan Shockley. She will be happy to mail brochures to you.

We have an exciting slate of events at this year's annual meeting of the Southern Historical Association in New Orleans, October 9-12. On Saturday, October 11, 12:30-2:15, the SAWH will sponsor a workshop on "Teaching and Writing in a New Media World." Organized by Melissa Walker, our First Vice-President and incoming President, the workshop will focus on how the internet is changing the ways in which we work—and think about our work. While the workshop will feature short talks by Charles Reagan Wilson, L. Diane Barnes, and Theresa DeFlitch, the format is designed to open up issues and to provide plenty of time for discussion. So please come. It is wonderful opportunity to listen, learn, share your thoughts, and begin conversations that—we hope—will continue and develop over time.

Later in the afternoon of Saturday, October 11, Sandra Gioia Treadway will give the talk for the annual meeting of the SAWH. Her presentation, "The Pioneers to Power Brokers: Women Office Holders in Twentieth Century Virginia," will be in Rhythms I on the second floor of the Sheraton at 4:45. We are honored that Sandy has agreed to speak this year. As

Librarian of Virginia, Sandy gracefully handles the demands of a job so capacious as to seem utterly unmanageable. The Library of Virginia is to the state what the National Archives and the Library of Congress are to the nation. She directs the whole endeavor, not only overseeing over the vast historic collections in Richmond and the related public programs, but also coordinating with the Governor and the State Legislature and working with the state's 91 public library systems to make sure that public funds are properly allocated and spent. Sandy, a past president of the SAWH, also has worked tirelessly for the organizations over the years. Amidst everything that she does, it is easy to forget that Sandy's success is built on the fact that she is a brilliant historian. We hope to see all of you there for her talk.

Immediately following the presentation there will be a reception and book sale at the Historic New Orleans Collection, 533 Royal Street in the French Quarter. It is just a few blocks away. So please stroll over and enjoy the spread. While you're there, thank Melissa Walker for all the work that she put in to planning the affair.

Laura F. Edwards
SAWH President
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Announcement:

Don't forget to join us for the following SAWH events in New Orleans:

Workshop: "Teaching and Writing in a New Media World," Saturday, September 11 at 12:30 in Napoleon A3

Members Meeting: Saturday, September 11 at 2:00 in Napoleon A3

Annual Address and Reception/Booksale: Saturday, September 11. Details on p.4

*The Southern Association
For Women Historians*

Cordially invites all friends and sponsors
To an address by

Sandra Gioia Treadway
Librarian of Virginia

“Pioneers to Power Brokers: Women
Office Holders in Twentieth Century
Virginia”

Saturday, October 11, 2008
4:45 p.m.
Rhythms I, Second Floor
New Orleans Sheraton



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*Reception to follow at Historic New
Orleans Collection, 533 Royal Street*

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Invites you to the

ANNUAL BOOK SALE
At the SAWH's President's
Reception in honor of
Laura Edwards

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



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Member News

Ellen Blue (*Phillips Theological Seminary*) was named the recipient of an endowed chair and is now the Mouzon Biggs, Jr. Associate Professor of the History of Christianity and United Methodist Studies at Phillips Theological Seminary in Tulsa.

Joan C. Browning (*Independent Scholar*) lost the nomination for West Virginia House of Delegates two years ago by 2 votes in a confused paper ballot primary. She doubled her votes in the 2008 May primary and won the nomination by more than a thousand votes. Now, she competes in the November 4 General Election. The campaign website is <http://www.joanbrowning.com>. Of the 100 members of the West Virginia House of Delegates, only 16 are women.

Valerie Burnes (*University of West Alabama*) will be leaving her post as Associate Professor of Judson College, a women's college in Marion, Alabama, to become Director for the Center of the Study of the Black Belt at the University of West Alabama. She can be contacted at the University of West Alabama as of October.

June K. Burton (*Emerita-University of Akron*) has had her book, *Napoleon and the Woman Question: Discourses of the Other Sex in French Education, Medicine, and Medical Law 1799-1815* reviewed in *Fore Word: Good Books Independently Published* 11, 1 (Jan-Feb 2008). The book was the "Number 2" pick of author Peter Skinner's "Ten Best Books of 2007 for libraries with limited funds." This article can be viewed online at <http://www.forewordmagazine.com>.

Vernon Burton (*University of Illinois*) published his book, *The Age of Lincoln*, which is the recipient of the Chicago Tribune's Heartland Literary Award for Nonfiction. He also received the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Campus Award for Excellence in Public Engagement, the first member of the History Department to win the University's service award.

Lee Ann Caldwell (*Augusta State University*) was a recipient of the 2008 Governor's Award in the Humanities. In addition, after six years as chair of the Department of History, Geography, and Philosophy at Georgia College and State University, she has taken the

position of Director of the Center for the Study of Georgia History at Augusta State University.

Karen Cox (*University of North Carolina-Charlotte*) presented a paper at the annual meeting of the French Association for American Studies in Montpellier, France in May 2008. She has also been appointed to the Board of Editors of the *Virginia Magazine of Biography and History*.

Lynne Getz (*Appalachian State University*) received the John Topham and Susan Redd Butler Faculty Research Award from the Charles Redd Center for Western Studies for her project on the women of the Wetherill family of the Four Corners region.

Glenda Gilmore (*Yale University*) published her new book, *Defying Dixie: The Radical Roots of Civil Rights, 1919-1950* with W. W. Norton & Company. It appeared in January, 2008.

Bruce A. Glasrud (*Emeritus, California State University-East Bay and Sul Ross State University*) recently co-authored *Black Women in Texas History* with Merline Pitre. It was published by Texas A&M University Press. He is currently working on a study of southern Black women in the Civil Rights Era with Merline Pitre.

Elna Green (*Florida State University*) has been named chair of the history department.

Elizabeth Gritter (*University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill*) served as a consultant for CNN Special Reports for its 40th anniversary special "Eye Witness to Murder: The King Assassination." Her "Student View" was published in the Carolina Performing Arts Program Book III, 2007-2008 season (Spring 2008) and "Archival Research Tips: How To Get the Most out of Your Archival Adventure" was published in SAWH's own Mentoring Toolkit.

She presented papers at the UNC-CH Graduate Student Interdisciplinary Conference in Chapel Hill and Organization of American Historians Meeting in New York City; she received conference travel grants from

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UNC-CH's History Department and Center for the Study of the American South to enable her to attend the latter.

She also participated in the Civil Rights South bus tour put on by the University of Virginia and led by Julian Bond and gave talks on the experience for two undergraduate courses, the UNC-CH African American History Working Group, and the Race and Research Seminar Series of the UNC-CH Institute for African American Research. Grants from UNC-CH's Campus Y, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, and Graduate School enabled her to go on this trip. She also received a grant to develop curriculum material on the civil rights from the Difficult Dialogues Initiative, which is the UNC-Chapel Hill project of a Ford Foundation program.

Pamela Grundy (*Independent Scholar*) recently completed an eighth-grade textbook, *A Journey through North Carolina History*, which will be in some lucky North Carolina classrooms this fall. She is currently curating an exhibit for Charlotte's Levine Museum of the New South, which examines how both natives and newcomers are dealing with growth and cultural diversity.

Amy McCandless (*College of Charleston*) has been named Dean of the Graduate School and Associate Provost for Research after serving as two years as Interim Dean.

Margaret McGehee (*Presbyterian College*) accepted a tenure-track position as Assistant Professor of English at Presbyterian College in Clinton, SC. She began teaching there this fall.

Susan E. O'Donovan (*Harvard University*) won the 2008 OAH James A. Rawley Prize, which is awarded annually for books dealing with the history of race, for her book *Becoming Free in the Cotton South*. The book, published in 2007 by Harvard University Press, was also a finalist for the Agricultural History Society's Theodore Saloutos Memorial Award.

Elizabeth Payne (*University of Mississippi*) will be at the National Humanities Center in the Research Triangle for the forthcoming year. She will be completing her manuscript on the Southern Tenant Farmer's Union.

Claire Strom (*Rollins College*) has moved to Florida and is now the Rapetti-Trunzo Chair of History at Rollins.

Martha Swain (*Emerita-Texas Women's University*) has been named Mississippi AAUW Woman of Achievement for 2008.

Rosalyn Terborg-Penn (*Emerita-Morgan State University*) received Morgan State's 2008 Outstanding Woman Award.

Shannen Dee Williams (*Rutgers University*) received the Memphis State Eight Best Paper Prize for her paper, "'Liberation Is Our First Priority': Black Nuns, Soul Politics, and the Modern African American Freedom Struggle" at the Ninth Annual Conference of the Graduate Association for African-American History at the University of Memphis in 2007.

Update on the electronic newsletter

For all of you who opted to go the electronic-only route, this is the only copy of the newsletter you will get. The benefit of receiving the newsletter in this format is that as soon as I am finished compiling the newsletter, it goes straight out to you—no waiting on printers or the post office. Another advantage is that the web links take you directly to internet websites our members mention. Please be sure to send me any internet links you want in your member news or announcements by email, and I will include them. Another benefit, of course, is the fact that you can choose to print what you want and discard the rest.

To make sure that you 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 the help.

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 mshockl@clemsun.edu.

If you decide that you want 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!

Sincerely,
Megan Shockley

Southern Association for Women Historians 2008/9 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.**

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