FROM THE SECTION CHAIR
By Denise A. Segura
University of California, Santa Barbara

The Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association is almost upon us! I wanted to convey my appreciation to all of you who have contributed to the continuing strength of feminist sociology and in particular, to the Sex and Gender Section. I’d like to express my special thanks to Dula J. Espinosa who has produced three wonderful newsletters in her first (and sadly, final) year as editor. I’d also like to acknowledge the hard work of Secretary/Treasurer Patti Giuffre who sent out countless announcements and kept track of our correspondence and funds. Helping me organize the Section’s Roundtables were two outstanding graduate students, Gladys Garcia Lopez and Xuan Santos, from the University of California, Santa Barbara.

I hope you enjoy this first electronic newsletter for the Section. In it you will find the Sex and Gender program, other co-sponsored sessions and meetings, as well as a number of announcements. At the business meeting on Sunday, August 15, we will discuss the format of the electronic newsletter and whether you’d like to see the paper newsletter replaced electronically. We would save quite a bit of money, which could be put to other uses—please join our discussion.

This year’s ASA theme was “Public Sociologies.” The Section on Sex and Gender’s program theme was “Gendering Human Rights and Social Justice.” We selected this theme to highlight feminist scholarship that transcends the academy in its quest for uncovering the roots of oppression to develop counterhegemonic discourses and movements in support of social justice. This year’s paper and roundtable sessions investigate the multiple intersections between public issues and private dilemmas across the life cycles of individuals and communities in the world. How definitions of “appropriate” femininity are accomplished and contested across different political regimes will be discussed in Session 418: “Global Struggles over Appropriate Feminine Embodiment.” Contesting the material base of patriarchy centered on women’s sexuality and reproduction will be examined in Session 373: “Reproduction and Health Care Access as Basic Human Rights.” Exploitation of women and children’s bodies and the need for strong human rights advocacy is further explored in Session 179: “Trafficking, the Global Sex Industry and Human Rights.” The roundtables similarly address a variety of themes from gendered barriers in immigrants’ careers to women’s political representation in developing countries as well as issues of “femicide” as “honor crimes” and feminist movements.

Our long-standing commitment to work with other Sections has resulted in three co-sponsored sessions. The first, with the Caucus on Research on Gender and Sexuality in International Contexts, produced Session 337: “Gender, Human Rights, and Conflict.” With the Section on Race and Ethnic Minorities (SREM), we organized Session 218: “Anti-Racist Feminisms and Transnationalization of Women’s Human Rights.” We also co-sponsored a session with the Section on Crime, Law and Deviance, “Gender, Crime and Victimization: New Directions in Research.”

In addition to the Sex and Gender program, there are a number of sessions which I urge you to consider attending including the 3 hour workshop immediately before the Dubois Plenary on August 13, “Building Sustainable Sisterhood in the Academy: A Panel Discussion and Workshop.” It is organized by the SWS Sister-to-Sister Task Force and the Association of Black Sociologists and is co-sponsored by the ASA and...
a number of Sections including our own. The OPEN FORUM on "Same Sex Marriage" will be held on August 14, at 4:30 pm, to discuss President Bush’s proposed constitutional amendment to outlaw lesbian and gay marriages as well as the ASA’s response.

It is also on August 14, at 12:30pm, that the ASA will present the THEMATIC SESSION: "Unfinished Business: Fifty Years After Brown v. Board of Education.” As you know, access to quality education and higher education remains elusive for thousands of children in this country, especially African Americans, Latinas/os, and Native Americans. The latest report by the California Postsecondary Education Commission (CPEC) shows, for example, that only 6.3% and 6.5%, respectively, of African American and Chicano/Latino high school seniors are eligible to apply for admission to the University of California. In a state where one-third of the population is Latina/o, this kind of statistic is tragic and in need of strong and creative sociological imaginations that are public and policy oriented.

Much of the work of feminist scholarship is well articulated within the rubric of “public sociology.” Feminists committed to a society that is just and sane use sociological tools to work with diverse publics to unravel the complications of daily life in institutional settings. We use our feminist sociological imaginations to ask questions that conventional wisdom may eschew but our own experiences and inner voices tell us must be interrogated. We do not sit by idly in comfortable armchairs contemplating the world. Rather, we strive for a world where leaders don’t just talk about human rights, they act to promote social justice for all. Each one of us is a potential change agent. No matter where we are located we can all do something to make life a little better. Our challenge is to find the path where we can walk the walk that we so often talk and coalesce with others to make the path broad and well-traveled.

2004 SEX AND GENDER SECTION ELECTION RESULTS

Chair-Elect: Sharon Hays, University of Virginia

Council Members: Sarah Fenstermaker, University of California, Santa Barbara and Nancy Naples, University of Connecticut.

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IMPORTANT SECTION EVENTS AT THE UPCOMING ASA ANNUAL MEETING

Friday, August 13

Three hour workshop immediately before the DuBois Plenary.

"Building Sustainable Sisterhood in the Academy: A Panel Discussion and Workshop.” Sponsored by the SWS Sister-to-Sister Task Force, the Association of Black Sociologists, and the Section on Sex and Gender, among others. Westin St. Francis Hotel, 3:00 pm.

Saturday, August 14


RECEPTION: Joint reception with the section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities (6:30 pm). Renaissance Parc 55.

Sunday, August 15 (8:30 am):

Session 179: "Trafficking, the Global Sex Industry and Human Rights" Renaissance Parc 55. Organizer/Presider: Beth E. Schneider, University of California, Santa Barbara.

"Our Bodies, Our Nations": Sex Workers' Bodies as a Location of EU Enlargement in Eastern Europe," Sarah Friedmann, University of Denver.
"Take Care of Your Problem, Not Mine": Sex
Workers' Standpoint versus the Society, the State and the Anti-Sex Work Feminists of Bangladesh," Reshmi Chowdhury, Southern Illinois University.


"Identity, Mobility, and the Practice of Urban Place-making: Exploring Urban Gay Life in Manila," Dana Collins, University of Missouri, Kansas City.


"If Social Movements are Gendered, Are They Also Raced?" Jane Ward, University of California, Santa Barbara.

"Black and White Approaches to Gender Ideology and Feminist Identity," Catherine Harnois, University of North Carolina.


Sex and Gender Business Meeting - All are welcome! Refreshments served. Renaissance Parc 55.

Sunday, August 15 (2:30 pm):


"The Politics of Gender, Human Rights and Being Indigenous in Chile," Patricia Richards, University of Georgia.

"Gender, the Law, and Narratives of Persecution in Gender-Based Asylum Claims," Connie Oxford, University of Pittsburgh.


Monday, August 16 (10:30 am):


"Women's Access to Maternity Care During Structural Adjustment in Egypt and India: Does Minority Status Matter?" Patricia Ahmed, University of California, Los Angeles.


Monday, August 16 (12:30 pm):
Session 418: "Global Struggles over Appropriate Feminine Embodiment." Renaissance Parc 55.
Organizer/Presider/ Discussant: Leslie Salzinger, University of Chicago.


"Women's Embodiment and Political Resistance in Argentina," Barbara Sutton, University of Oregon.


2004 SEX AND GENDER SECTION REFERRED ROUNDTABLES

Each table is scheduled for 1 hour August 15 (12:30pm-2:10pm). Organizers: Denise A. Segura, Xuan Santos and Gladys Garcia Lopez, University of California, Santa Barbara.

Table 1. Gender and Popular Culture

Kristen Hefley, University of Oklahoma, "A Content Analysis of the Sexual Double Standard in Recent Films."

Neal King, Virginia Tech, "Spinning Misogyny: Filmmaker defenses against charges of deviance"

Anthony Paul Avery, University of New Mexico, "'Are You There'? Techno Trance Dance and Deterritorialization"

Table 2. World Markets and Gender


Isaac Heacock, Indiana University, "Men's and Women's Occupational Prestige in Cross-National Perspective."

Table 3. Motherhood and Globalization

Ada Cheng, DePaul University. "Right to Mothering: Motherhood as a Transborder Concern in the Age of Globalization."

Gloria Lankshear, Elizabeth Mary Ettorre, and David Mason, University of Plymouth, "Shaping Embodiment In UK Delivery Suites: Alienated 'Labourers', Midwives And Doctors."


Table 4. Gender: Chicana/o and Latina/o Issues

Xuan Santos - University of California, Santa Barbara, "The Xicana Consumption of Tatoo Art."

Gloria Gonzalez-Lopez, University of Texas at Austin, "Beyond Machos & Machismo: Mexican Immigrant Men, Sexuality, and Intimacy."

Katy M. Pinto, University of California, Los Angeles, "Patriarchy and Egalitarianism: Mexican Parents and Their Children."

Table 5. Gender and Deviance

Barbara E. Bloom, Sonoma State University, "A Theoretical Framework for Gender-Responsive Strategies in Corrections."

W. Rees Davis, Doris Randolph, Bruce D. Johnson, and Hilary James Liberty, National Development &
Research Institute, "HIV Infection among Women who Use or Sell Crack."

Alexandra K. Murphy and Sudhir Alladi Venkatesh, Columbia University, "Rethinking Exit: Addiction, Isolation, & the Cycle of Indoor Sex Work in New York City."

Table 6. Homosexual and Heterosexual Identities

Julie A. Winterich, Dickinson College, "Menopausal Bodies and Sexual Identity: Rethinking Normative Femininity."

James Joseph Dean, SUNY Albany, "Straight Trouble: Heterosexuality in a 'Post-Closeted' Society."

Robert Caputi, University California, Santa Barbara, "Reconceptualizing the Hegemonic Masculinities Framework."

Table 7. Gender Theory

Maria Tamboukou, University of East London, "Rethinking political narratives."

Susan A. Mann, University of New Orleans, Douglas Huffman, University of New Orleans, "The Impact of Postmodernism & Poststructuralism on Third Wave Feminist Politics."

Laura A. Mamo, University of Maryland, "Theorizing Gender, Sexuality, and Medical Technologies: Feminist Approaches to Assisted Reproduction & Lifestyle Drugs."

Table 8: Gender and Discrimination

Michael Kimmel and Yasemin Besen, State University of New York-Stony Brook, "At Sam's Club, No 'Girls' Allowed: The Gendered Organization of Wal-Mart."

Dula J. Espinosa, University of Houston - Clear Lake, "Women at Risk: The U.S. Supreme Court's Denial of Gender-Motivated Hate Crimes."

Table 9. Gender: China

Renxin Yang, Northern Michigan University, "The Impact of Economic Reform on Marriage and Family of Middle-aged Urban Women in China."

Xiaoling Shu, University of California-Davis, "Marketization and Gender Segregation in Urban China."

Janet Salaff, University of Toronto, Arent Greve, University of Toronto and Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration, "Getting Skilled in China and Losing Status in Canada: Gendered Barriers to Immigrant Careers."

Table 10. Gender and Medical Sociology

Mary Nicole Warehime, University of Oklahoma, "Chores of Love: Social Factors of Men and Their Vasectomies."

Jacob Heller, SUNY-Old Westbury, "The ‘Fortunate Coincidence’: Early Connections Between Gender and Chromosomal Sex."

Jennifer D. Pearson, University of Texas-Austin, "Gender Differences in Mental Health during Adolescence."

Table 11. Gender in the Domestic & Public Spheres

Vicky M. MacLean, Middle Tennessee State University, "Masculinities, Sport, and Career Development of Male Physical Therapists."

Marie Cornwall, Brigham Young University, Catherine Elizabeth Meyers, Brigham Young University, "The Gender, Family, and Religion Connection."

Sampson Lee Blair and Marilou C. Legazpi Blair, SUNY-Buffalo, "Gender, Family, and the Occupational Attainment of Young Adults."

Table 12. Gender and Political Sociology I

Melanie Marie Hughes, The Ohio State University, "Another Road to Power? Armed Conflict, International Linkages, and Women's Parliamentary Representation in Developing Countries."

Bruce Lott and Marie Cornwall, Brigham Young University, "Changing Logics of Citizenship and Gender: The State Debates on Woman Suffrage in the U.S."
Sonia M Frias and Susan E. Marshall, University of Texas - Austin, "Increasing Women's Representation in the European Parliament: An Analysis of Two Decades of Change."

Table 13. Gender and Political Sociology II

Cynthia Deitch, George Washington University, "Popular Support for the Policy Agenda of the U.S. Feminist Movement."


Table 14. The Social Construction of Gender

Matthew J. Mahler, State University of New York-Stony Brook, "A Structural Equation Analysis of the Connections Between Masculine Ideology and Sexual Beliefs."

Mimi Schippers, Tulane University, "Femininity, Masculinity and Gender Hegemony."

Ramsi K Watkins and Scott T. Yabiku, Arizona State University, "Gendered Perceptions of Female Breasts in America."

Table 15. Sexual Harassment and Violence

Niveditha Menon and Michael P Johnson, Pennsylvania State University, "A Feminist Study of Domestic Violence in Rural India."

Dilek Cindoglu, Bilkent University, "Femicides or Honor Crimes: Does Terminology Matter on Women Killings."

John Markert, Cumberland University, "The Globalization of Sexual Harassment."

Table 16. Higher Education

A. Fiona Pearson, DeVry University, "Presenting Choices: Female Engineering Students' Self-presentation on a College Campus."

Rae Lesser Blumberg and Laura M. Holian, University of Virginia, "Who's Educated? Who's Allowed to Live? Accounting for Gender Variations in Education and Sex Ratios."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ASA Open Forum

The ASA open forum on same-sex marriage has been finalized! "What do Sociologist Have to Say About Same-Sex Marriage?" Please plan on attending - a good turn-out, particularly by informed members, will raise the level of discussion and ensure its success. Saturday, August 14, 2004, from 4:30 pm - 6:10 pm Organizers/Presiders: Nancy A. Naples and Kevin D. Henson.

"Activist courts have left the people with one recourse. If we are to prevent the meaning of marriage from being changed forever, our nation must enact a constitutional amendment to protect marriage in America. … The union of a man and woman is the most enduring human institution, honoring--honored and encouraged in all cultures and by every religious faith. Ages of experience have taught humanity that the commitment of a husband and wife to love and to serve one another promotes the welfare of children and the stability of society." --George W. Bush. February 24, 2004.

Earlier this year, President Bush, claiming that "the welfare of children and the stability of society" were at risk, called for a constitutional amendment to "protect" different-sex marriage by explicitly excluding same-sex couples from the rites and rights of the marriage contract. Although the President's plea was saturated with social science language, many social scientists have challenged the veracity of these claims. What does social science, specifically, sociology have to offer to the discussion about same-sex marriage? What are the local and global implications of defining marriage in a more restrictive fashion even as other countries are moving to expand access to state-sanctioned marriage contracts? What are the implications of the current conflation of religious and civil meanings of marriage in the United States? What are the implications for the women's and LGBT movements of embracing same-sex marriage as a political issue? What stance should the state take in determining the best interest of children and their families? Should one family form be state-sanctioned above all others? Finally, what role do sociologists have as public intellectuals in the contentious political debates of our current culture?
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An invited panel of sociologists will open the forum by addressing different aspects of the debate on same-sex marriage. These opening comments will help establish a framework for all participants to discuss sociologists' potential contributions to this important nation-wide debate.

Panelists: Barry D. Adam (University of Windsor), Juan J. Battle (Hunter College and Graduate Center, City University of New York), Jodi O'Brien (Seattle University), Judith Stacey (New York University), and Arlene Stein (Rutgers, State University of New Jersey). Please help us make this event a success. We encourage attendance by all interested sociologists, especially those who have conducted research in relevant areas and can offer insights during the forum.

Carework Network Meeting

The Carework Network is holding its 4th Annual Conference on August 13th in San Francisco at the Milton Marks Conference Center. The theme is on bridging policy, research and advocacy. Speakers include Eva Kittay (Loves' Labor and The Subject of Care: Feminist Perspectives on Dependency) and Dorothy Roberts (Killing the Black Body and Shattered Bonds: The Color of Child Welfare) with an afternoon plenary focusing on the California Paid Medical Leave Act with Ruth Milkman and several key activists. Also includes paper sessions, posters, lunch, a closing reception and much more. Registration is $25 for students and $40 for others. For more information, please visit http://www.soc.iastate.edu/carework. Funding support from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation.

Rep. Chris Smith's Attempt to Undermine International Consensus on ICPD

A UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) conference of decision-makers on population and reproductive health is underway in Puerto Rico. The purpose of the meeting is to reaffirm to the 1994 Program of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD), a persuasive international document that guides countries' economic development and population growth policies. Key ICPD goals include investing in reproductive health services and promoting women's health and rights.

The United States was once the ICPD's largest funder and biggest ally. The U.S. is now engaged in a concerted effort to block reaffirmation of the ICPD and to omit the terms "sexuality" and "reproductive rights" from the ICPD.

An extremely conservative member of Congress, Rep. Chris Smith (R-NJ), is attending the ECLAC conference in order to undermine consensus at the meeting and to insert himself into other countries' negotiation processes. Mr. Smith has unilaterally contacted other nations' Heads of State to urge them "to consider instructing [their] delegation[s] NOT to reaffirm" the ICPD. In a fax to the President and First Lady of Guatemala, Mr. Smith describes Cairo statements affirming women's rights and sustainable development as "direct attacks on the right to life, family rights and national sovereignty." A copy of Mr. Smith’s letter to the President of Guatemala is available at http://www.genderhealth.org/pubs/SmithFax.pdf.

Ironically, Mr. Smith has undermined other nations' sovereignty by spreading misinformation about the ICPD and endeavoring to influence countries' votes on the ICPD. The ICPD has served as a basis for countries' increased funding to reproductive and maternal health care, thus helping to improve women's and children's survival and to strengthen families. By disparaging the ICPD, Mr. Smith wages a direct attack on women worldwide.

For more information in this issue or about our database, please e-mail change@genderhealth.org. The Center for Health and Gender Equity is a U.S.-based international reproductive health & rights organization. We seek to make public health and human rights principles integral to all relevant U.S. international population and health policies and programs.

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Job Announcements

University of California at Santa Barbara. The Department of Sociology invites applications for a tenure-track position to begin July 1, 2005. We seek an Assistant Professor with teaching and research excellence in Latino/a - Chicano/a Sociology who also would reinforce one or more of the department's existing areas of strength in cultural sociology, global studies, feminist studies, social movements, conversation analysis, race/ethnicity/nation, and
organizations/institutions/networks. We are especially interested in candidates who contribute to the diversity and excellence of the UCSB academic community through research, teaching and service. Ph.D. expected by July 2005. Applicants should submit a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, 3 letters of reference, and examples of written work. All applications should be postmarked no later than September 30, 2004. Send all materials to Professor Denise Segura, Search Committee Chair, Department of Sociology, University of California-Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA 93106-9430. The University of California is an Equal Opportunity/ Affirmative Action Employer.

Kent State University. The Department of Sociology invites applications for two positions: departmental chair to begin in July 2005 and a senior position to being in August 2005. The position of departmental chair is open with respect to substantive fields but we are particularly interested in candidates who are able to augment the department’s current strengths in one or more of the following areas: sociology of mental health, medical sociology, social inequality, and social psychology. For the senior position, we are seeking a Full or Associate professor in medical sociology and/or the sociology of mental health. For both positions, a doctoral degree and a strong record of research and teaching are required. We offer the PhD degree through a joint program with the University of Akron. The department is the sole occupant of a newly reconditioned building that houses large faculty offices, classrooms, a CATI lab, a small groups laboratory, and facilities for experimental research. Kent State University is the second largest university in Ohio. Applications should include a letter indicating which position they are applying for and describing their research accomplishments and plans, curriculum vitae, names of three references, and copies of two recent publications. Submit applications to Chair of Search Committee, Department of Sociology, Kent State University, PO Box 5190, Kent, OH 44242-0001; or to chair_search@kent.edu or senior_search@kent.edu. Review of applications will begin on September 1, 2004 and applications will continue to be accepted until the position is filled. All documents submitted to Kent State University for employment opportunities are public records and subject to disclosure under the Ohio Public Records Law. Women and minorities are especially encouraged to apply. Kent State University is an Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action Employer.

Emory University. The Department of Sociology will be hiring a tenure-track Assistant Professor in the area of stratification to start Fall 2005. We especially seek applicants with a specialization in economic or social class stratification. Candidates should be prepared to teach stratification courses at undergraduate and graduate levels, and we welcome secondary interests in either social theory or methods. Both research productivity and excellence in teaching will be considered. PhD required at date of appointment. Please send application letter, curriculum vitae, summaries of teaching experience and course evaluations, one to three samples of publications or other written work, and three letters of reference to: Chair, Stratification Search Committee, Department of Sociology, Emory University, Atlanta, GA 30322. We will begin considering candidates October 1, 2004. We strongly encourage applications from minorities and women. Emory University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

Kenyon College. The Department of Sociology seeks applicants for a tenure-track position in sociology at the rank of Assistant Professor beginning in July 2005. A Ph.D. in sociology and some teaching experience are expected, along with a demonstrated commitment to undergraduate teaching and active scholarship. We seek candidates engaged in historical/comparative sociology whose areas of interest will, in part, contribute to our program in law and society. Teaching responsibilities include introductory sociology plus one or two upper-level courses each semester in small classes or seminars. Kenyon College is a highly selective, national liberal arts college of 1500 women and men, located in the beautiful village of Gambier, 50 miles northeast of Columbus, Ohio. Kenyon prides itself upon its reputation as offering an excellent teaching environment characterized by close contact with highly motivated, engaged students. Salaries are competitive, and Kenyon has an excellent benefits package, including spouse and domestic partner benefits. To apply, send a letter addressing the criteria above, a curriculum vitae, course syllabi (or descriptions of proposed courses), evidence of research, and three letters of reference to: Ric S. Sheffield, Chair, Search Committee, Department of Sociology, Kenyon College, Gambier, OH 43022. Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled; however to ensure full consideration please submit application materials by December 31, 2004. To learn more about Kenyon, visit our website at: http://www.kenyon.edu. An EOE, Kenyon welcomes diversity and encourages applications from women and minority candidates.

University of Southern California. The Department of Sociology is searching for a tenure-track, assistant or associate professor position, to start in Fall 2005. We seek applicants with strong research and teaching
Rice University will be hiring at the Associate or Full Professor level for two endowed chairs this fall. Potential applicants may email us to discuss the positions or make appointments to meet in San Francisco. Please contact: Professor Elizabeth Long (Department Chair) elong@rice.edu, Professor William C. Martin (Harry and Hazel Chavanne Professor of Religion and Public Policy) wcm@rice.edu, Professor Stephen Klineberg, slk@rice.edu, Assistant Professor Holly Heard, hheard@rice.edu.

Position One: Pending administrative approval, the Department of Sociology at Rice University is seeking an Associate or Full Professor for the Radoslav Tsanoff endowed chair in Public Affairs. We invite applications from outstanding scholars in all substantive fields whose work has relevance to important contemporary public debates. Rice, a Research I private institution, offers several unique advantages, including a 2-1 teaching load, a postdoctoral fellowship program, highly competitive salaries, and outstanding undergraduate students. For more information please visit our website: www.ruf.rice.edu/~soci/. Send letter of application, vita, samples of published work, and letters of recommendation to: Chair of Tsanoff Search Committee, Rice University, Department of Sociology MS-28, 6100 Main Street, Houston, TX, 77005-1892. Application deadline is September 15, but applications will be considered until the position is filled. RU is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Position Two: Pending administrative approval, the Department of Sociology at Rice University is seeking an Associate or Full Professor for the Harry and Hazel Chavanne endowed chair in Religion and Public Policy. We invite applications from outstanding scholars with a strong record of empirical research. Rice University, a Research I private institution, offers several unique advantages, including a 2-1 teaching load, a postdoctoral fellowship program, highly competitive salaries, and outstanding undergraduate students. For more information please visit our website: www.ruf.rice.edu/~soci/.

New Books


People

Susan A. Farrell has been promoted to full professor at Kingsborough Community College, CUNY where she is co-director of Women's Studies and Coordinator of the Sociology Area in the Behavioral Sciences Dept. She was also recently interviewed on the Bill Moyers' show NOW where she discussed the issue of being a religious believer and pro-choice. The program aired on April 30, 2004.

Mignon R. Moore, Assistant Professor of Sociology and African-American Studies at Columbia University, was awarded the Visiting Scholar Fellowship from the Russell Sage Foundation. She will spend the 2004-2005 academic year at the foundation preparing a book-length manuscript from her survey and qualitative interview study titled Invisible Families of New York: Gay Identities, Relationships and Motherhood among Black and Latina Women.

Julie A. Dowling, Ph.D. 2004, University of Texas-Austin, has been awarded a University of California President’s Postdoctoral Fellowship to expand and refine her dissertation research on multiracial identities while in residence at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Her dissertation is: “The Lure of Whiteness and the Politics of Otherness: Mexican American Racial
Identity.” Her mentor for the year-long fellowship is Professor Denise A. Segura.

Reminder! Panel Discussion and Workshop

Sponsored by the Sociologists for Women in Society Sister-to-Sister Task Force, the Association of Black Sociologists, and the American Sociological Association. A workshop has been organized to address the issue of achieving equity for women of color in the academy and to begin to create strategies for gender, class, race and sexual equity on a wide variety of dimensions from effective mentoring, to hiring, tenure and promotion to senior ranks. It will be held at 3:00 pm at the Westin St Francis Hotel, San Francisco, CA (ABS headquarters) on Friday August 13th. Please join us in San Francisco. For more information, contact, Barbara Risman at BarbRa@ncsu.edu or Patricia Warren at pywarren@sa.ncsu.edu or visit the SWS & ABS websites.

Reminder! SWS Winter Meetings

SWS will be holding its Winter Meeting, “Teaching, Method and Practice: Building and Strengthening A Global Community Of Women” from January 27-29, 2005, at the New Radisson Hotel Miami, 1601 Biscayne Blvd, Miami, FL, 33132. We have blocked 150 guest rooms @ $119.00 per night (plus taxes). The hotel, which offers discount shuttle service, is 7 miles from Miami International Airport - the average taxi fare is $18.00 each way & the Super Shuttle $11.00 roundtrip. Minutes away from the hotel are the following: South Beach, Bayside Market Place, and Coconut Grove.

Website News

Our website, www.asanet.org/sections/sexgend.htm, consists of these sections: 1) News and Information, 2) Awards, 3) Links of Interest, 4) Discussion Forums, 5) Listing of Section Officers, and 6) Listing of Council Members. Please feel to visit the site and send relevant information to our Website Coordinator, Ashley Finley.

Newsletter News

Please note that the next edition of this newsletter will be October 15 with submissions for it due October 8.