

What Does AWSS Do?

The Association for Women in Slavic Studies promotes research and teaching by scholars interested in women's and gender studies in Central/Eastern Europe, Russia, and Eurasia. Committed to the study of this region across disciplines, AWSS welcomes members from all areas of the humanities and social sciences. AWSS serves as a networking resource for those concerned with the problems, status, and achievements of women in the academic and related professions. The Association also seeks to improve the general public's understanding about women and gender in these regions. However, the Association does not directly engage in advocacy for women's, national/international, or political causes. We serve our broad constituency of scholars with varying political and social opinions and allegiances through our educational mission, promoting the study of critical women's, national/international and political issues. We also serve as a network to assist scholars who are concerned with such issues to connect with one another.

AWSS Conferences

The AWSS hosts a biennial conference for scholars working on issues of gender and sexuality in Eastern Europe and Eurasia. Stipends for housing and registration fees are available for graduate students and independent scholars. Previous conferences have been held in Lexington, Atlanta, Austin, and Columbus.

AWSS-L Listserv

The AWSS listserv, located at awss-l@h-net.msu.edu, is a service provided to AWSS members. The listserv carries bi-weekly job lists, funding opportunities, and general announcements of interest to members, as well as discussions on current topics and problems in Eurasian/Central/Eastern European women's studies. To join, send a message to listserv@h-net.msu.edu with the message: subscribe AWSS-L FirstName Surname (Example: subscribe AWSS-L Ekaterina Dashkova). Once you have subscribed, you will receive two messages detailing how to use the list.

AWSS also has a Facebook group with more than 600 members.



Women East-West eNewsletter and eBibliography

The WEW e-Newsletter appears twice a year and serves as a networking resource for AWSS Members. It includes announcements, member news, short articles, a research notes column, advice on personal and professional issues, and book reviews. If

you are interested in writing a book review or a short article or contributing a news item, please contact the editors at awssnewsletter@gmail.com.

The WEW e-Bibliography appears four times a year and serves as a bibliographic resource for research and teaching in women's studies and on questions of gender and family life in Central/Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union. Archives of both the e-Newsletter and the e-Bibliography are available on the AWSS website.

Mentoring

We urge undergraduates, graduate students, junior faculty, and contingent faculty—anyone seeking mentorship—to contact our colleagues on this list. <http://awsshome.org/list.html>

Awards

AWSS recognizes the achievements of female scholars, independent scholars, and scholars of women's studies:

- Outstanding Achievement Award
- Mary Zirin Prize for independent scholars
- Barbara Heldt Prizes:
 - Best book in Slavic/Eastern European/Eurasian women's studies
 - Best book by a woman in any area of Slavic/East European/Eurasian studies
 - Best article in Slavic/Eastern European/Eurasian women's studies
- Graduate Essay Prize
- Graduate Research Prize

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