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Sisters of the Academy Institute **NEWSLETTER**

"Scholarship Through Collaboration"

WELCOME

Scholarship Through Collaboration

When Sisters of the Academy (SOTA) Institute was formed, we set definite goals that would drive and propel us toward longevity and respect in the academy. One of those goals was to develop and encourage a research focus for Black women in the academy. In every regard, our voices, presence, intellect and scholarship needs to be addressed and supported within and by the academy. With that, SOTA's research agenda highlights Black women as graduate students, tenured and non-tenured professors and professionals through scholarship and collaboration.

In keeping with the Mission of SOTA, "To produce collaborative scholarship among Black women in higher education", the purpose of this newsletter is to keep you informed, interested, and interactive with SOTA.

SOTA Meeting, Planning, and Serving

Think Tank Planning

The Leadership Team met at Auburn University in November to plan upcoming events for the SOTA membership and the greater community.

Specifically, SOTA joined BOTA (Brothers of the Academy) for their conference and leadership meeting on the campus of Auburn University. At a joint meeting, SOTA/BOTA discussed plans for the upcoming Think Tank to be held October 3-8, 2006 in Atlanta, GA.

At this initial meeting, BOTA and SOTA discussed the theme— "Black Folks and the Study of Black Folks: Setting Interdisciplinary Research and Policy Agendas for the 21st Century." We are planning workshops and sessions to involve our respective membership and the African American Community.

SOTA will plan professional development sessions for the Think Tank and panel discussions to engage African American women in discussing issues pertinent to our educational, health, and economic development.

More discussions and details for meeting, planning, and working with BOTA on the Think Tank will be done at our next leadership team meeting in April 2006.

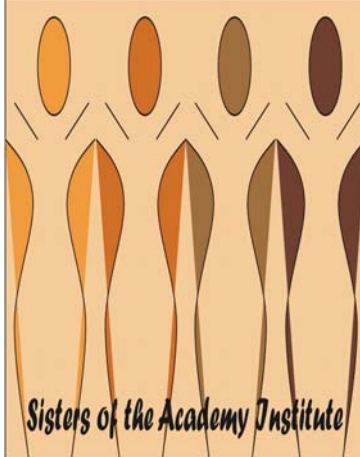
Boot Camp Planning

The Leadership Team also met to discuss the Boot Camp, our Signature Event, which provides mentoring and support for doctoral students and junior scholars to develop sound research agendas. The event is scheduled for August 5-12, 2007 at Auburn University.

There were nine participants at our first Boot Camp 2005. They worked to prepare dissertation proposals and journal articles with helguidance from Linda Tillman and Kassie Freeman. Geneva Gay and Gloria Ladson-Billings encouraged us all with words of wisdom and shared their personal stories as scholars in the academy.

As part of SOTA's mission of collaboration and scholarship, we will do an edited book to highlight the work of the participants. We believe their work will contribute greatly to the education and empowerment of women in the African American community. Themes or topics will cover Black Femininity, Emotional and Spiritual Health, Community Partnerships, and Media and Images. Look for updates on the progress of our first cohort of Boot Camp attendees in an upcoming Newsletter.

We Invite you to Serve on a SOTA Committee



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Attention SOTA Members:

We want to highlight your accomplishments in the Newsletter, but we need you to Toot Your Own Horn and let us know what you've done.

Are you a recent graduate, obtained promotion/tenure, published an article or book? Send your "Accomplishments" to Felicia Moore- moorefe@tc.columbia.edu.

We also need updated biographies for the website. Please download a Member Info Form from the website and submit to Cheryl Seals- sealscd@eng.auburn.edu

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Upcoming Events

Call for Papers Think Tank and Symposium February 2006

AERA Conference, San Francisco April 7-12, 2006

SOTA Leadership Team Meeting April, 2006 at the AERA Conference

BOTA Think Tank/SOTA Symposium, Atlanta October 3-8, 2006

SOTA Boot Camp, Auburn, AL August 5-12, 2007

See the SOTA Website for valuable information!



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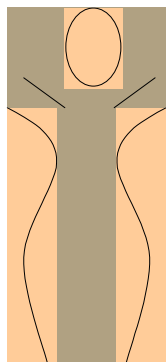
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Legislative Affairs

Position Open



SPOTLIGHT

This section will spotlight various SOTA committees and the great work that each one is doing. This will provide members with valuable information so that you may match your skills and interests by becoming actively involved in fulfilling our mission by serving on a committee.

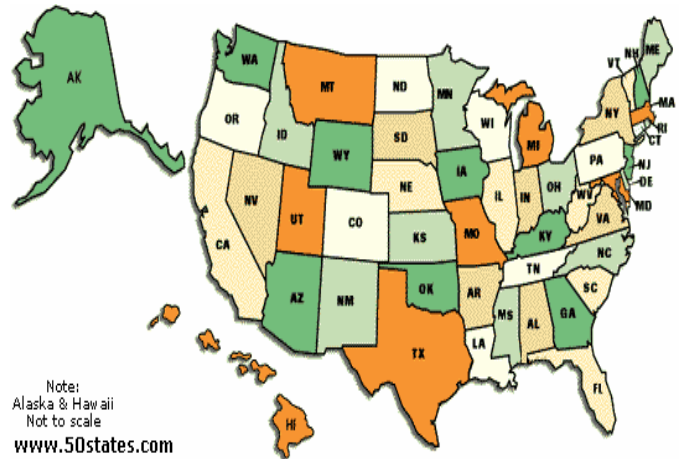
Membership Committee

“Moving Forward With Our Membership”

To create opportunities and research networks for producing scholarly inquiry in and among SOTA through the following activities:

- Maintaining a research database and SOTA website
- Attendance and scholarly presentations at conferences and meetings
- Establishment of purposeful collaboration
- Establishment of vehicles for publication
- Development of research and writing skills of the SOTA membership

Our SOTA membership nationally and internationally is growing each year! Current members, recruit new members so that our membership will continue to grow.



MEMBERSHIP DUES (due annually in January)

\$80 Academic Member, Terminal and/or professional degrees

\$50 Professional Member, Professional and Administrators without terminal degrees or matriculating doctoral or terminal degree students

\$30 Student Member, Matriculating Doctoral and Master’s students

If you are interested in serving on the **Membership Committee**, please contact: Denise Davis-Maye: david4@auburn.edu

Community Outreach Committee

“Staying Involved in the Community Through Service”

To support the African American community at large, and to promote educational opportunities and access to higher education at all levels through the following activities:

- Linking scholarship with the community
- Working with the community to develop programming vital to both academia and the community
- Seeking opportunities to mentor high school and college students
- Providing services to the greater community (e.g. donated toiletry items to a battered women’s shelter in Auburn, financial support to the Tuskegee Airmen Community Center Project)



If you are interested in serving on the **Community Outreach Committee**, please contact: Margo McClinton: mmclinton@wlu.edu

Next Committee Spotlight:

Professional Development and Finance & Resource Development

SOTA MISSION and MEMBERSHIP

SISTERS OF THE ACADEMY (SOTA)

MISSION

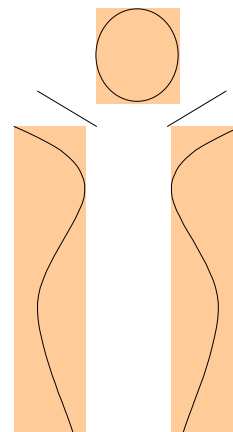
To facilitate the success of Black women in the Academy

Vision for Finance and Resource Development: To create funding opportunities and financial resources for research and professional growth.

Vision for Membership Development: To demystify the publication process for Black scholars, thereby creating productive and collaborative research.

Vision for Marketing: To disseminate information in order to inform and create a professional network of Black female scholars.

We WELCOME your input and service to SOTA!



The SOTA Newsletter is published three times: Fall/Winter (October/November), Spring (March/April), and Summer (July/August). If you have suggestions, stories, or information for the SOTA NEWSLETTER, contact Felicia M. Moore at moorefe@tc.columbia.edu.

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