

I have been a member of ASWAD since graduate school.. At that time ,ASWAD presented me and others with resources, a peer-to-peer mentoring space, and guidance from experienced scholars in both intimate and public settings. The experience helped shape not only my graduate life but heavily impacted how I navigated the academic world as a scholar of Gender and the Global South. My continued relationship with ASWAD has helped to foster connections that increase my research capacity and enrich my teaching scope.

It would be my privilege and honor to serve on the Executive Council. In this capacity I hope to help A WAD further its expansive out-reach to graduate and under-served groups in the academy as well as bolster the diversity of its membership rolls. From my “Northern Corner” at Lehigh University where I am a joint appointee of History and Africana Studies and a Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies Affiliate I will work to ensure that not only are our goals as an organization met, but that we continue to seek ways and means to support those who benefit from our existence as an organization.