

# Welcome Message from our New Chair, Dr. Charlene M. L. Roach

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I warmly welcome all current and new members to SWPA! I am Charlene M. L. Roach. I am serving as SWPA's new Chair, since March 2023, having finished 2 terms as Vice Chair under our former Chair, Professor Helisse Levine. We want to thank Professor Levine for her dedicated service during the last 2 years and remember her contributions to our Section.

SWPA holds a special place for me at ASPA. I recalled just as if it were yesterday joining SWPA during a conference more than a decade ago and being warmly greeted by everyone including the Chair at the time. I was invited to serve on a committee and the rest is history.

Fast forward to 2023, my time at SWPA has been filled with warm and memorable experiences. The last 3 years ushered in opportunities and possibilities for us at SWPA to do things in new ways and to continue to make bold strides as we impact our organizations, institutions, and societies. We learned how to be resilient and served as a team during a disruptive global pandemic.



This coming year will be an exciting one as we work together as a team. We want to invite our membership to feel free to share your ideas. We have included some new segments to engage our membership. This Summer newsletter includes some and we look forward to sharing more in future editions from your reflections, questions, and sharing. I want to introduce and welcome our new Executive Team: Kayla Schoewer (Vice Chair), Hanjin Mao (Treasurer), and Michaela Abbott (Secretary) along with our SWPA Board Members who were elected to serve in this coming year. We invite you to connect with us as a Section as we reach out to you to share and engage each other in this coming year. We wish you a restful and productive summer.