



**Women, Gender, and Health
Interdisciplinary Concentration
Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health**

**Working Group Meeting
6 May 2020**

➤ **Introduction [1:00-1:05pm]—Chair**

- Welcome, brief introductions
- WGH business updates: budget
 - Budget organizing for 2019-2020 has been finalized and we will have money going forward from what we saved on food this spring.

➤ **Events Committee [1:05-1:15pm]—Jackie Jahn and Liz Janiak**

- What activities should WGH do next fall given that in-person events are unlikely?
 - 1 to 2 events in the Fall to ensure participation instead of 1 to 2 a month.
 - It is important to keep a presence. We don't know what can, will need to be, or should be remote.
 - The White Nationalism event was a success because we had a local person and a remote person.
 - Everything is about COVID-19, or related to COVID-19, but what is happening to other health issues?
 - September and October are the 2 months before the election
 - Consider events that have to do with Reproductive rights/LGTBQ rights on the line, candidates, their aides.
 - November
 - Plan for a “morning after” the election event in person
 - Something about different access to care that has been disrupted by COVID- screening, fertility. Try to bring in a global side.
 - June 9 do the planning.
- Recruitment for new student to co-chair committee is on-going (starting June 2020)
 - Still looking for a student
 - Jackie will start a list of ideas for Fall speakers

➤ **Take Action Tuesday [1:15-1:20pm]— Mai-Han Trinh, Vikram Pagaria, Cheryn Aouaj, and Manasi Mohan**

- Latest actions
- Upcoming actions will be on Facebook and sent through the newsletter
 - 4 events since the last meeting:
 - Equitable lens through standards of care
 - Vote for Mother Earth
 - COVID-19 Action Coalition- collect and disseminate demographic information on COVID-19 positive patients
 - Advocating for the release from detention centers

- TAT will continue through the summer
 - Vikram and Jenn are graduating
 - Mai-Han and Manasi are staying on
 - One TAT member will be present at the June meeting.

- **Curriculum Committee [1:20-1:30 pm]—Sherine Andreine Powerful and Cristina Alonso**
 - Course Updates
 - WGH 207: Going smoothly as an online course, all things considered. Students engaged both in the discussion board and during online class discussions. Presentations of teaching examples on the last day. Could do a similar online structure next spring if needed
 - WGH 210: Dr. Elizabeth Boskey confirmed for Spring 2021, Wednesdays 8:00-9:30am
 - Still need to confirm Liz Boskey’s appointment
 - WGH 201: Moved to Tuesdays, 2-4:50pm for Fall 2020
 - WGH 211: Moved to Fall 2021
 - WGH 300: Fall 2020- Sari Reisner & Brittany Charlton (WGH 211 Independent study)
 - Working out some advertising and literature about these Independent studies existing.
 - Great to see that Sari is moving forward with the transgender course.
 - No applicants for Spring ‘20 Conference stipend applications
 - There will be many conferences in the fall
 - We can either give more scholarships or more money in the fall
 - We could offer 2 rounds of stipends in the Fall: September and December. Discuss at the June meeting.
 - General updates for 2020-2021 school year
 - Planning to be remote
 - Nancy Krieger had a meeting with Erin Driver Lin about fall expectations and urged her to make a decision before the summer about the status of courses and guidance on the density management. Nancy encouraged that people go part-time instead of requesting a deferral because adequate advising is not possible with large cohorts.
 - Shea: Andy Tan uses a platform called Perusal- where reading comments are online and you can read other students’ comments and understand their lens. It facilitates discussion because we can continue thinking about the readings before, during, and after class time.

- **Graduation Celebration [1:30-1:45 pm]—Chair**
 - May 2020 Graduation Concentration Completion: Shea Allison Nagle and Colleen Reynolds
 - How has the WGH concentration impacted your growth as public health practitioners?
 - How are you feeling about graduation? How will you be celebrating alternatively?

- **Wrap Up [1:45-1:50pm]—Chair**
 - Summer WGH planning meeting: Tuesday, June 9, 12-2pm (via Zoom)
 - If we can go to the office it would be nice

- Build on the discussion and be as clear as we can with the guidance on how the fall will unfold.
- It would be great to have events scheduled through the elections.
- We have to be prepared for online orientation, and other events.

Meeting adjourned 2:00pm