

Welcome Meeting

Wednesday, September 2, 2020

1:00-1:50 pm Boston Time

[Click here for Zoom Link](#)

AGENDA

1:00 – 1:15pm

- **Introduction and academic concentration – Nancy Krieger**
 - Discuss [mission and history](#)
 - WGH started way back when a group of students and faculty felt there was a lack of attention to women's health and sexuality. This was in the late 90's, and over time we developed a WGH class and the program. We have always been keen to bring in a range of expertise, because we have a range of expertise. We are interdisciplinary with an eye to understand how gender relations, identity, roles and sexuality affect. Added to that we have race and ethnicity.
 - First and foremost this is a pedagogical program through our courses and through the public forum of events, things that look more like webinars and presentations and also Take Action Tuesday which is a way to link concerns about gender, health and wellbeing to social concerns in the world.
 - We also understand something of the context we are in, for example we will be having breakfast after the election.
 - What we don't do is sponsor research. Individuals within WGH are always doing research, but we have a pedagogical mission.
 - [Academic concentration](#)
 - Introduce the [Core Courses](#)
 - Eligibility; Requirements for Comprehensive/MPH; Structure; Advising
 - Introduce WGH staff members: Cris Alonso and Sherine Andreine Powerful
 - *Cris introduced herself and the work that Cris and Sherine do.*
 - WGH was doing intersectionality before it got its name as such. Gender analysis is very important. Some courses may not have a gender analysis but are related to women's reproductive biology, which may be important. There are courses that are not listed as WGH, Women's health and WGH courses.
 - Yes, you are at the HSPH, but you can take courses at other schools, and there are some relevant courses. You can be curious and see

what else is being offered.

- Context
 - COVID
 - Politically volatile moment: you may have been affected by the movement this summer. Figuring out constructive ways to restore and repair.
 - This is a very real context. This may be affecting you in your academic ways. You may be freaked out and you may need support.
 - WGH has always been very active at getting out the vote. And that is a context now.
 - There is a lot going on on everyone's mind. We can't start the fall without mentioning that.
 - There have been very important assaults on SRH and more will occur before November.

1:15 – 1:25pm

- Introduce faculty/working group members – All Faculty and Working Group members
 - Chair will ask everyone to say a few words about what they do and the WGH classes they teach
 - Sabra Katz-Wise:
 - Brittany Charlton
 - Liz Boskey
 - Liz Janiak
 - Bryn Austin
 - Sari Reisner
 - Nancy Krieger
- Introduce new students – Nancy Krieger
 - Name, pronouns if you want, department/program, current location
 - Gwen Feeny: HSPH, Canada, Broad interests in WGH, access to abortion legal analysis
 - Eli Goodwin: HSPH
 - Kevin Peterson: Med Student, OBGYN, HSPH 45, transgender healthcare
 - Dougie : MS, Transgender
 - Kimberly Bayley: MS, Biostatistics
 - Rachel Plumber: MS Nutrition, body image
 - Jen Cruz: PhD, HSPH, Policy and practice, female autonomy
 - Ann Caroline: MPH, HSPH,
 - Tamara Rushovich: SM, SBS, systems of oppression shape health

- Mai Han: SM 80
- Yu-Jan Huang: MS, EPI, SRH, HIV prevention
- Lisa: MPH, SBS,
- Ruhi Nath: MPH, Health Management
- Kris Krebs: MPH, Health and Social Behavior, Quality of care
- Abby Leibowitz: MPH
- Claire Packer: MPH quantitative methods, OB-GYN, Maternal Mortality
- Neena Kapoor: SM 80, GHP, Reproductive health in LMICs
- Taylor : PhB SBS, Social EPI, intersectionality in minority healthcare
- Courtney BLum: MPH 45, Health policy, reproductive justice and access
- Ada Shaw: MPH 45- Health management, Resident in OBGYN, GYN cancers and HPV
- Alaska Pendleton: MPH45: clinical effectiveness. Vascular surgery resident. Gender discrimination

1:25 – 1:30pm

- Working Group – **Nancy Krieger**
 - o Discuss the [Working Group](#)
 - Composition, structure, and governance
 - [Conference stipends](#)
 - Ways to become involved

1:30 – 1:40pm

- Subcommittees
 - o Events– **Dr. Elizabeth Janiak, Ann Caroline Danielson, Eli Godwin**
 - Email ejaniak@hsph.harvard.edu if you're interested in joining!
 - All events will be virtual and on Zoom. Hopefully more folks will attend, either at lunch time or in the evening.
 - Always looking for volunteers.
 - o Curriculum – **Dr. Elizabeth Boskey, Cris Alonso, Sherine Andreine Powerful**
 - Email eboskey@hsph.harvard.edu if you're interested in joining!
 - Revise concentration, concentration forms and conference stipends. Always looking for new volunteers.
 - In person we have two graduation parties
 - o Take Action Tuesday - **Mai Han Trinh, Manasi Mohan**

- Weekly Actions are included in the weekly newsletter and on the [Facebook group](#)
- Focus on mostly domestic issues that help facilitate political action and express values. Come up with ideas and suggestions. Always looking for new members. Have been focusing on Get out the Vote. Information about when to register.

1:40 – 1:45pm

- Next Steps and September Lineup – **Cris Alonso and Sherine Andreine Powerful**
 - Next Steps
 - Different levels of involvement
 - Attend events and socials; suggest ideas for events and curriculum
 - Take courses, complete concentration
 - Design independent studies
 - Involve yourself in the planning and administrative side of WGH
 - September Lineup
 - WGH Booth at OSA Virtual Resource Fair: [Link](#)
 - Thursday, September 3, 2020, 1-2:00 p.m. AND 8-9:00 p.m. Boston Time
 - WGH Virtual Breakfast Social ([Zoom Link](#))
 - Wednesday, September 9, 2020, 8-9:00 a.m. Boston Time
 - WGH Virtual Evening Social ([Zoom Link](#))
 - Tuesday, September 15, 2020, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Boston Time

1:45 – 1:50pm

- Wrap up and Questions – **Nancy Krieger**
 - Any additional questions?
 - Fall 2020 monthly Working Group Meetings
 - 1st Wednesday of each month, 1-1:50pm Boston Time, via Zoom
 - October 7, 2020
 - November 18, 2020
 - December 9, 2020
 - Save the Date
 - International Women's Day Luncheon
 - Mon, March 8, 2021, 1-1:50 pm Boston Time.
 - *Format/Location to be determined.*
 - Sign-up for the WGH Mailing List: www.tinyurl.com/wghlist
 - For a brief flyer about what WGH is, all the courses offered, and how to complete the concentration, see our [new info sheet!](#)
 - Additional thoughts
 - Andrea Richie: Author of invisible no more, late september early



october.

- o October 14: Unsung Heroes of suffrage. Screening a documentary that the NYT originally broadcast on the uneven fight for suffrage.
- o Brittney Charlton answered questions about independent study and stayed on for a breakout room for interested students.