

Working Group Meeting
Wednesday, November 18, 2020
1:00-1:50 pm Boston Time
[Click here for Zoom Link](#)

AGENDA

1:00 – 1:15pm

Introduction – Nancy Krieger

Welcome, brief introductions

Nancy Krieger, Ann Caroline Danielsen, Manasi Mohan, Gwen Feeny, Penny Sun

Check-in: Life after the election

- Job Opportunity: will be looking to hire, this coming spring, 2 new WGH student staff members, who would start training with current staff in Spring 2 and assume all responsibilities as of summer 2021; ideally seeking new DrPH or PhD student (since will be at HSPH for 2+ years); if interested, contact Cris & Sherine

1:15-1:25pm

Events Committee – [Liz Janiak*], Courtney Blum, Ann Caroline Danielsen, Eli Godwin

- Fall 2 Events
 - Finish the Fight Digital Screening:
 - Wednesday, October 14, 2020, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Boston Time (21 participants)
 - *This event was well attended.*
 - Post Election Breakfast
 - Wednesday, November 4, 2020, 8:30-9:30 a.m. Boston Time (6 participants)
 - *This event was useful as we were still unsure of the result. Nancy talked about exit polls and how they represent voters, as some people vote early and some people vote by mail.*
 - *There are competing narratives about what is going on. This is a complicated and painful time, but also a time of possibility.*
- Upcoming Events (all virtual, via Zoom)
 - December 10, 1:00 pm: Andrea Ritchie, Police violence against women, transmasculine, and nonbinary people of color (co-sponsored by FXB Center for Health and Human Rights, noting Dec 10 is International Human Rights Day)



- *WGH is co-sponsoring with the FXB center and the Center for Bioethics at the Medical School so we have been able to raise Andrea's honorarium to US\$750 which is more in line with what she usually charges. We are working with Cris and other SBS staff to sort out the billing.*
- *Advertising: It is important to share the event widely with many groups and schools, FAS, Law School, and Medical School.*
- *The co-sponsors will also be key in getting the word out.*
- *Check with Liz Janiak if she is available to introduce the speaker.*
- **International Women's Day Luncheon**
 - *Mon, March 8, 2021, 1-1:50 pm Boston Time (virtual):*
 - *We are going to wait until after the inauguration before figuring out what the framing will be.*
 - *We know this event will be on Zoom*
 - *If we had known then what we know now, we would not have had the International Women's Day Lunch in person.*
 - *Ideas for next year's theme:*
 - *Cris: Indigenous people and protecting the earth*
 - *Nancy: Getting the US back into the world, where people from different countries talk about what WGH means to them.*
 - *Ann Caroline: Thinking about the high turnout and the role of grassroots activists in the election results, maybe that could be a theme. Another idea is a way to honor civic engagement. We cannot just rely on the disproportionate effort of a few.*
 - *In January we can think of a theme. We have many alums who are Indigenous, activists and in other countries.*
 - *It is a chance to use the Zoom platform to reach people we might not include otherwise.*
- *Ann Caroline is graduating in December and other members of the committee will step up.*

*Liz Janiak is on leave for the rest of the semester. She will return in Spring.

1:25-1:35pm

Take Action Tuesday — Mai-Han Trinh, Vikram Pagaria, Cheryn Aouaj, and Manasi Mohan

- o Latest actions
 - *For all of October, we focused on a Voter guide that we assembled. This past week we sent an action to support the budget for the SAPHE Act.*
- o Upcoming Actions
 - *We should be careful to not intercede in other states, but it would be good to center our actions on one theme.*
 - *Cris: If we want to keep it local, there is a lot that can be done to support public health in Mass.*
 - *Nancy: Another issue is the first 100 days after the inauguration.*
 - *The rest of us are graduating in May so we are trying to recruit new members before the end of the year.*
 - *Newsletter: Send out a focus email on different positions for recruitment.*

1:35-1:45 pm

Curriculum Committee —Dr. Elizabeth Boskey, Sherine Andreine Powerful and Cristina Alonso

- o Course Updates
 - WGH 300 (B. Charlton): 6 people enrolled
 - WGH 300 (S.Reisner): 4 people enrolled
 - WGH 201 (E.Janiak): 20 people enrolled and 1 waitlisted.
 - WGH 250 (N. Krieger): Will be held online in January
 - WGH 207 (Sabra Katz-Wise): Will be held in Spring 2
 - *We had a meeting about WGH 207 where we discussed the role of bringing on a potential Teaching Fellow as co-instructor. There will be another meeting soon to establish a precedent for students who are trying to get more pedagogical experience. The key senior staff of our department are supportive of that.*
- o Conference Stipends
 - No Applications were received Monday, November 2
 - *We could revisit the budget in the spring. Maybe we could offer that budget for a project, for something that is useful in the Zoom context.*

1:45 – 1:50pm

● Wrap up and Questions – **Nancy Krieger**

- o Any additional questions?
 - *Gwen offered to be a volunteer on the Curriculum Committee.*

- *Penny is in Women in Leadership and is curious about ways that WGH and WIL can collaborate. She is also the student rep on Diversity and Inclusion. We are working on a proposal to encourage the Dean to bring more community-based participatory research into pedagogy.*
- *Nancy: WGH will cosponsor events or collaborate only if they include a gender analysis.*
- o Fall 2020 monthly Working Group Meetings
 - 1st Wednesday of each month, 1-1:50pm Boston Time, via Zoom
 - December 9, 2020
 - February 3, 2021
 - March 3, 2021
 - March 31, 2021 (it's a long month!)
 - May 5, 2021
- o Sign-up for the WGH Mailing List: www.tinyurl.com/wghlist
- o For a brief flyer about what WGH is, all the courses offered, and how to complete the concentration, see our [new info sheet!](#)

Meeting adjourned at 1:54.