

Working Group Meeting
Wednesday, December 9, 2020
1:00-1:50 pm Boston Time
[Click here for Zoom Link](#)

AGENDA

1:00 – 1:10pm

Introduction – Nancy Krieger

Congratulations to Ann Caroline for graduating as a WGH concentrator.
Introductions: Nancy is cautiously hopeful that maybe we might be able to meet in late May after the vaccine rollout has initiated.

Salut Welcome, brief introductions

- Job Opportunity: will be looking to hire 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.

Sabra can send it out to her list servs.

Cris and Sherine will target doctoral groups in January (DrPH, PHS, SBS)

1:10-1:20pm

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

- Upcoming Events (via Zoom)
 - December 10, 1:00 pm EST
 - “Invisible No More: Police Violence Against Black Women and Women of Color” with Andrea Ritchie
 - Co-sponsored by the FXB Center for Health and Human Rights and the Center for Bioethics
 - December 10 is International Human Rights Day

We are all set for this event tomorrow.

- International Women’s Day Luncheon

- Mon, March 8, 2021, 1-1:50 pm EST.

Nancy has not yet decided on a theme. We know it will be on Zoom. There are still too many moving pieces.

- Mahindra Center Graduate Student Conference Co-sponsorship Request: April 24 and 25 (8 to 6.50)

Onisha Etkins and Sherine Powerful are organizing a conference that focuses on joy and healing, which are themes they are exploring in their doctoral work. Their proposal was accepted and has 5 different themes. It is an interdisciplinary conference on how people are exploring joy and self-determination, pleasure, nature, earth, freeness and expression, sexuality, and gender. These are large themes. The conference is targeting graduate students. We are hoping to get some panelists to engage with a moderator. It will be geared towards discussion over presenting papers. There will also be collective imagining sessions and collectively imagining how to get through a crisis. There will be movement sessions. There will also be keynote speakers. The core idea is to move away from damage centered approaches on Black-Brown-Indigenous speakers. Carla Moore will be a keynote speaker. She is at the Uni. of West Indies. She studies what communities define as gender and sexuality.

The conference will be free. They are requesting US\$750-1000. They have secured US\$1,750 from FXB. Total budget is US\$8000. They are incorporating different accessibility means.

Nancy proposes that we support with US\$1000, since we have barely spent anything on events this year. It would mean that we have an event in April. WGH will participate in promoting the event.

- New events: An event for February
 - Cris proposes that it would be interesting to talk about what is going on in WGH agendas and how the administration is tackling them.
 - Sabra proposes Sean Cayhill from Fenway Health Center
 - Liz might be able to propose someone from reproductive rights and Planned Parenthood.

- The committee will come up with some ideas by January.
- Recruitment of new volunteers

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

1:20-1:30pm

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

- Latest actions
- Upcoming Actions
 - TAT is planning on supporting the student union in the next TATs because of what is going on with student workers
 - In the Spring TAT will continue with COVID-related advocacy
- Recruitment of new volunteers
 - Thank you to Sherine for the new poster

1:30-1:40 pm

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

- Course Updates
 - WGH 210 (Liz Boskey): Spring 1, 2021
 - WGH 250 (Nancy Krieger): January 2021
 - WGH 206 (Sabra Katz-Wise): Spring 2, 2021
- December 2020 Graduates Acknowledgment
- Concentration Completion forms
 - Due: December 7, 2020 by 5:00 p.m.

Nothing new to report. We have started advertising for Spring courses. Nancy requests to be kept up to date with enrollment for WGH 210. So far there is no enrollment.

1:40 – 1:50pm

Wrap up and Questions – Nancy Krieger

- Any additional questions?

- Fall 2020 monthly Working Group Meetings
 - Wednesdays of each month, 1-1:50pm Boston Time, via Zoom
 - February 3, 2021
 - March 3, 2021
 - March 31, 2021
 - May 5, 2021
- 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!](#)