

Working Group Meeting
Wednesday, February 3, 2021
1:00-1:50 pm Boston Time
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AGENDA

1:00 – 1:10pm

Introduction – Nancy Krieger

Welcome, brief introductions

Who's on the call: Nancy, Gwen, Kevin, Gabrielle, Mai-Han, Cris, Sherine, Sabra

- Job Opportunity
 - Following guidance of SBS staff, we have started the process of preparing the paperwork required to obtain approval to hire the 2 new WGH student staff members, with the goal of being able to announce the position formally early in Spring 1.
 - The goal is to start training in Spring 2 & assume all responsibilities summer 2021
 - Ideally seeking new DrPH or PhD student
 - Please share with networks! If interested, contact Cris & Sherine

Still working on approval process. Confident we will get approved. But we will be moving forward with hiring new students this month. Sabra will share poster with SOGIE.

1:10-1:20pm

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

- Upcoming Events (via Zoom)
 - International Women's Day Luncheon
 - Mon, March 8, 2021, 1-1:50 pm EST.
 - Nancy working on speakers -- will have a COVID theme (& note that our IWD lunch last year was the last public in-person WGH event before the lockdown & closure of school!)
 - Cris & Sherine reaching out to student groups

We agreed on our theme. Last year's IWD was the last time many of us saw each other in person. 4 days before lockdown.

This year's focus is on COVID. It will be a lunchtime event. We don't need financial contributions because it will be via Zoom, but we're still doing cosponsorships.

Confirmed Speakers:

- *Sarah Richardson, GenderSci Covid Lab.*
- *Zinzi Bailey, former student, faculty in Miami, does work on structural racism, will also speak.*
- *Cristina Alonso, current DrPH student, COVID-19 in Chelsea, MA*
 - *“Cultivating Joy and Collective Restoration” Conference [Co-sponsorship]*
 - *Sat-Sun, April 24-25, 2021*
 - *Mahindra Humanities Center Graduate Student Conference.*
 - [Conference Info](#)
 - *Call for Proposals: bit.ly/cjcr21*
 - *Conference Poster*
- *Plans for additional events for Spring 1 and/or Spring 2*
 - *February Event Idea: Feed Black Futures- focus on incarcerated women & food justice*
 - *Ashley Gripper- Land-Based Jaws, have her say some things. Reach out to her to offer a few comments as a discussant.*
 - *Check-in on dates and time of day.*
 - *Potentially after school, evening event. Those could work. Might run into less competition.*
 - *Mon-Wed, last week in February, 6:00/7:00 p.m. EST.*
 - *Tuesday, February 23, 2021 there is a faculty meeting. Nancy giving a talk on Thursday, February 25, 2021.*
 - *Sherine to work on logistics.*

- *Can't promise compensation, a specified amount, in advance. It will be after the fact. School policy. We'll work with them and still try to follow the policy.*

*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

- [TAT Section](#) on WGH website
- Spring Recruitment Updates
 - *Gabrielle and additional people have reached out to join TAT, so we'll have some continuity!*
- **Ideas**
 - *Massachusetts roll out needs lots of help with vaccine distribution*
 - *Gender & COVID & incarceration*
 - *There will be a lot of movement to outlaw the abortions people would have gotten if they had been able to see their physicians. This is going to heat up on two different legal tracks on what physicians can prescribe and what's the law.*
 - *Awareness campaigns? Possible petitions?*
 - *Stuff happening in the UK in terms of lack of access to gender-affirming care for minors.*
 - *Vaccine uptake? There are efforts to keep pregnant women from getting the vaccine.*
 - *Action would be reach out to your networks. Share and talk about this with people in your life.*

1:30-1:40 pm

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

- Course Updates
 - WGH 250 (Nancy Krieger): January 2021
 - Final Enrollment: 7 enrolled
 - *Overall, it went well. Evaluations haven't come in yet. Some medical students, rich discussions, ended class early on*



Wednesday to watch the inauguration. Students wrote papers, really interesting and useful.

- WGH 210 (Liz Boskey): Spring 1, 2021
 - Current Enrollment: 17 enrolled, 9 waitlist
 - *Discussions have been robust and lively. It's going well. Two people on the call are in the course. Good mix of students from different backgrounds.*
- WGH 220 (S. Bryn Austin): Spring 1, 2021
 - Current Enrollment: 17 enrolled, 2 waitlist
- WGH 207 (Sabra Katz-Wise): Spring 2, 2021
 - Current Enrollment: 15 enrolled, 1 waitlist
 - *Student Co-Instructor logistics is in progress. They're figuring out the specifics and paperwork.*
- Gender Analysis Guide for Coursework Project- *Gwen and Liz will get to this later in the semester.*
- Concentration Completion Forms: due Friday, April 30, 2021
- Conference Stipends: due Friday, April 30, 2021
- *Additional*
 - *Sari- We should seek updates on transitioning the Trans independent study into a full WGH course. Course development. The need for the course is increasingly evident, and the literature on the topics are increasing as well.*
 - *Nancy- reflecting on how the literature for her course has increased over the years. It's encouraging.*

1:40 – 1:50pm

Wrap up and Questions – Nancy Krieger

- Any additional questions?
- Spring 2021 monthly Working Group Meetings
 - Wednesdays of each month, 1-1:50pm Boston Time, via Zoom
 - March 3, 2021
 - March 31, 2021
 - May 5, 2021 (Graduation Celebration)
- 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!](#)



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