

Working Group Meeting
Wednesday, March 31, 2021
1:00-1:50 pm Boston Time
[Click here for Zoom Link](#)

AGENDA

1:00 – 1:10pm

Introduction – Nancy Krieger

Welcome, brief introductions

- Job Opportunity
 - We are in the process of hiring 2 new WGH student staff members. Applications were due March 24.
 - We received 4 applications.
 - The goal is to start training in Spring 2 & assume all responsibilities summer 2021

- *We have hired two new students this week, their paperwork is in proces. Amy Luo and Andi Goodall introduced themselves. They will be working alongside Sherine and Cris for the rest of the semester and then remain in the position for the rest of the year until May 2022.*
- *Student hiring was delayed because approvals were delayed for a month due to the committee meeting scheduling.*
- *Cris and Sherine have created a document that explains the tasks and activities of student staff members and will be on-boarding them April and May.*
- *We still don't know how the school will look in the fall. The school wants students to be in person, however there are major implications for larger classes. At the same time we don't know what will happen with the variants. It is unclear who is allowed in and on what schedule. We don't know if and when we can do events in person.*

1:10-1:20pm

Events Committee —[Liz Janiak*], Eli Godwin, Julia Healey

- Past Events:
 - International Women's Day: "In a Time of COVID-19, the Ongoing Fight for Health Justice"
 - Mon, March 8, 2021, 1-1:50 pm EST
 - 43 people attended. Speakers: Sarah Richarson, Zinzi Bailey, Cris

Alonso

- Representatives from the following co-sponsors shared their thoughts on what IWD means to them:

■ Brazilian Student Association ■ Center for Population and Development Studies ■ Committee on the Advancement of Women Faculty ■ Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences ■ Environmental Justice Student Organization ■ François-Xavier Bagnoud Center for Health and Human Rights ■ Harvard Graduate Students Union-United Auto Workers (HGSU-UAW) ■ Harvard Union of Clerical and Technical Workers (HUCTW) ■ Office of Diversity and Inclusion ■ Parents@HarvardChan Student Group ■ UNITE HERE! Local 26 ■ Women and Health Initiative ■ Women in Leadership ■ Studies of Women, Gender, and Sexuality at FAS

- *This was our first virtual IWD, and it was very well attended. Sabra mentioned that having it online allowed her to attend. Nancy mentioned that having hybrid events allows for increased participation.*
- Upcoming Events (via Zoom)
 - “Cultivating Joy and Collective Restoration” Conference [Co-sponsorship]
 - Sat-Sun, April 24-25, 2021
 - Mahindra Humanities Center Graduate Student Conference
 - Conference Info
 - Event Poster
 - **Registration is now open: bit.ly/cjcr21**
 - Also seeking volunteers. Roles would include alerting to Zoom interrupters, timekeeping, and managing the chat or Q&A in collaboration with the conference hosts.
 - May 5 Graduation Celebration
- Ideas for additional events for Spring 2?

We don't have more events planned and there doesn't seem to be a need to have another event in Spring 2. On May 22nd, it will have been on year since the murder of George Floyd, and the trial for Derek Chauvin is ongoing. We may want to think about having an event around those issues.

*Liz Janiak is on leave for the rest of the semester.

1:20-1:30pm

Take Action Tuesday — Manasi Mohan, Mai-Han Trinh, Andi Goodall

- TAT Section on WGH website
- Actions for March:
 - 3/9: COVID vaccine equity, Equality Act
 - 3/23: COVID Hate Crimes Act
 - 3/29: Trans Action
- *An idea for recruitment for TAT could be through postdocs who are often looking to get involved. Adina can connect TAT with the postdoc community that is meeting today.*

1:30-1:40 pm

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

- Course Updates
 - Still space to sign up for WGH 207 in Spring 2: 16 enrolled, 1 waitlisted
- Gender Analysis Guide for Coursework Project
- Trans Health Course
 - Still under development. Sari may be able to teach it Fall 2, 2021.
- Concentration Completion Forms: due Friday, April 30, 2021
- Conference Stipends: due Friday, April 30, 2021
- *Cris will text Sari again about registering the course through the epidemiology department.*
- *We should advertise the conference stipends more broadly and through the IWD co-sponsors.*

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
 - May 5, 2021 (Graduation Celebration)
 - June 2021 (Summer Planning Meeting)

- *We need to decide on the June meeting. The June meeting is to evaluate the year, revise the budget, and strategize and plan the year.*
 - *June meeting was established for June 15 12-2pm online.*
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- 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!](#)