

Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

1:00-1:50 pm Boston Time

Kresge 606

[Click here for Zoom Link](#)

Minutes

Attendees: Nancy Krieger, Ann Caroline Danielsen

1:00 - 1:05 pm

Welcome – Nancy Krieger

- Introductions
- Purpose of meeting: review current WGH activities & plan new ones (including TAT)!
- Community building and discussion of current “hot topics”

1:05 – 1:10 pm

Events Committee – Ann Caroline Danielsen and Sirad Hassan

For the record: already discussed

- WGH panel discussion on reproductive justice in the context of the upcoming US elections (September 19, 2024 - 1:00-1:50, Kresge G2)
 - 28 attendees
 - Panelists: Dr. Liz Janiak (HSPH), Sarah Chaisson-Warner (Movement Voter Project), Dr. Aziza Ahmed (BU Law); Moderator: Dr. Nancy Krieger (HSPH). The Harvard Votes student organization joined for the last 5 minutes of the event to share information & resources on voting.
- Fall events series: “The politics of gender & health: social, economic, and democratic challenges”
 - Project 2025: Implications for Public Health (Wednesday, October 9 - 1:00-1:50, FXB G13)
 - Attendees: 14
 - Speakers: Dr. Elizabeth Sommers (Assistant Professor in Family Medicine, Boston University School of Medicine) and Dr. Chris Chanyasulkit (Immediate past-president of the American Public Health Association)
- Post-election lunch (Wednesday, November 6, 2024 - 1:00-2:00pm, Kresge 606)
 - Attendees: 16
- Fannie Lou Hamer's America: Film Screening (Wednesday November 20, 2024 - 5:30 to 7:00 pm, FXB Building, 7th Floor)
 - 3 attendees (but 15 RSVPs)
 - The WGH Concentration is hosting a post-election film screening of Fannie Lou Hamer's America to highlight the political and humanitarian impact of this extraordinary Mississippi civil rights activist. This event is also co-sponsored by the FXB Center for Health and Human Rights.
 - [Share Kanopy link in next newsletter](#)
- Passing the Maternal Health Bill in Massachusetts: How Community Activism Transformed the Maternal Health System in the State (Thursday December 12, 2024 -

1:00 to 1:50, Kresge G3)

- Panel discussion with Tiffany Vassell, Susan Hernandez and Emily Anesta, moderated by Cris Alonso
- 15 RSVPs so far (as of 12/4/2024)
 - Cris working on questions to panelists
 - WGH staff to send out reminders day before of event to those who have RSVPd
- Spring Event Planning
 - Spring Social: Thursday, January 30 at MFA (5:30 - 7:00 pm)
 - Flyer ready by beginning of January 2025, followed by advertisement through our channels
 - International Women's Day Luncheon
 - Friday, March 8, 2023, 1-1:50 pm (Kresge 110)
 - [Dora María Téllez](#) secured as speaker secured
 - Coordination meeting with speaker, interpreters (Nylca Munoz and Cris Alonso), Prof. Krieger and WGH student staff happened today (December 4, 2024 (9:30 - 10:00))
 - Dr. Krieger will give 10-15 min radical history intro to IWD
 - Dr. Téllez will give a 5 min introduction, followed by WGH asking 2-3 pre-circulated questions. Then, Q&A from audience (Nylca Munoz will translate from English to Spanish, Cris Alonso from Spanish to English)
 - Singing Bread & Roses
 - WGH Staff to share list of questions with Dr. Téllez by beginning of February + ride app voucher with Nylca (she will meet Dr. Téllez in Cambridge and go together to HSPH) + blurb/guidelines for address
 - Generate questions and blurb at February working group meeting (let speaker know about timeline and reiterate focus of event)
 - Make sure presenter is flagged as VIP in Campus Use Rules form and that appropriate security in place
 - Let Harvard sponsors of speaker know that she will be coming to the event
 - February event: bringing back panelist from Sept 19 event (Aziza Ahmed, Sarah Chaisson-Warner and Liz Janiak)
 - Reached out to panelists and awaiting response by 12/6
 - If no response by 12/6, follow up
 - April and May WGH events: ideas?
 - Will discuss this in the new year (could potentially consider inviting speakers from NIH offices for Women's Health and/or NIMHD)
- Any feedback? Suggestions for the spring?

1:10 – 1:30 pm

Curriculum Committee – Liz Boskey & Sirad Hassan

- Courses
 - WGH 211 Gender and Health: Introductory Perspectives (C. Reynolds & B.

Charlton): Cancelled (an independent study was offered to all those who were originally enrolled – 1 student only chose to enroll in EPI300, 2.5 credits)

- [Ariel Beccia](#) has agreed to take over teaching the course, and she and Brittany Charlton are in the process of getting the paperwork approved for Ariel's appointment in EPI to have her teach WGH 211 via an EPI dept appointment (starting in Fall 2025)
 - Check in in January regarding outcome of paperwork
- o WGH 201 Reproductive Health, Rights, and Justice (L. Janiak): 20 enrolled, 6 waitlisted
- o WGH 230 The Health Transgender and Gender Diverse People (S. Katz-Wise): 9 enrolled, 0 waitlisted
 - Promo poster created: shared via WGH newsletter & posted across campus locations
- o WGH 300: any independent studies to report?
- WGH course offerings for upcoming terms:
 - o Winter term:
 - WGH 250 Embodying Gender: Public Health, Biology, & the Body Politic (N. Krieger): 2 enrolled (as of 12/4/2024)
 - Follow up with WAPPP, Epi Dept, TransHarvard, WGS regarding receipt of advertising request
 - Do SBS blast
 - Send email to all WGH faculty, with request to advertise the course
 - Reach out to Brittany Charlton with ask to advertise the course through her center
 - Do a second WGH newsletter blast late next week
 - Office of D&I at Medical School
 - o Full Spring:
 - WGH 300 Independent Study (arrangements must be made with individual faculty members)
 - o Spring 1 term:
 - WGH 210 Women, Gender, and Health: Critical Issues in Mental Health (K. Javaras)
 - WGH 220 Sexuality and Public Health (B. Austin)
 - o Spring 2 term:
 - WGH 207 Adv Topics in Women, Gender, and Health (S. Katz-Wise)
- [Report Back re WGH Faculty Survey regarding TFs & WGH staff](#)
- Conference Stipends
 - o Fall application deadline November 4, 2024
 - 3 applications received from this application cycle, 2 applications from the previous cycle that we wanted to fund as part of the AY 24/25 budget
 - Funded 4 applications in total
 - o Spring application deadline April 28, 2025
- Reminder of enrollment open dates and deadlines to register for winter and spring courses:
 - o Winter enrollment begins November 14, 2024. Last date to enroll is January 7, 2025
 - o Deadline for Spring and Spring 1 term is February 6, 2025
 - o Deadline for Spring 2 is April 3, 2025

- o Sign up in advance to secure a spot in the course and to avoid the waitlist!

1:30-1:35

Take Action Tuesday – Sirad Hassan

- Weekly Actions are included in the weekly newsletter and every Tuesday at a table in Kresge Cafeteria
- o Latest Actions:
 - FreeHer Campaign (decarceration)
 - Casa Myrna + Asiyah's Women Shelter (supporting orgs that help those who are survivors of domestic violence)
 - Union Bargaining
 - Petition against sand mining in Southeastern Massachusetts (Indigenous health)
 - Voter Registration Drive
 - Planned Parenthood petition supporting pro-choice
 - Women Against Abuse
 - Support for Family Violence Prevention and Services Improvement Act
 - March of Dimes (maternal and infant health crisis)
 - Supporting Black and Indigenous community resilience and institution-building
 - Supporting Indigenous Day of Mourning
- o Upcoming Actions (& brainstorm for new ideas)
 - 16 Days of Activism against GBV
 - Lebanon/Haitian/Palestinian actions locally

1:35 – 1:45pm

Community Building & Discussion of Current “Hot Topics”

- What has been on your mind lately regarding women, gender & health? Any resources/articles you'd like to share with the group?

1:45 – 1:50pm

Wrap up and Questions – Nancy Krieger

- Reminder: Spring 2024 monthly Working Group Meetings
 - o Select Wednesday's of each month (*unless otherwise noted*), 1-1:50 pm Boston Time, in-person and Zoom
 - Wednesday, February 5, 2024 (Kresge 606)
 - Wednesday, March 5, 2024 (Kresge 606)
 - Wednesday, April 9, 2024 (Kresge 606)
 - Wednesday, May 7, 2024 (Kresge 606)

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!](#)