

Working Group Meeting

Wednesday, March 3, 2021

1:00-1:50 pm Boston Time

[Click here for Zoom Link](#)

AGENDA

1:00 – 1:10pm

Introduction – Nancy Krieger

Welcome, brief introductions

One new person. Welcome Andi, MPH-65, Health Policy and Management!

- Job Opportunity
 - We should hear very soon from HSPH regarding our request for approval to hire the 2 new WGH student staff members (which we submitted on Feb 5).
 - *We haven't gotten the answer yet. The committee making the decision missed a meeting, so we're waiting to hear back. Things are moving slower as some people are/were out.*
 - *Sabra will mention it to SOGIE.*
 - If our request is approved, 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

1:10-1:20pm

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

- Past Events (via Zoom)
 - Black Femmes in the Fight for Food Justice
 - Mon, Feb 22, 2021, 6:00pm EST
 - Speakers: Ali Anderson and Lyric Zhané (Feed Black Futures) and Ashley Gripper (Land Based Jaws)
 - Attendance: 43

Went really well. Land acknowledgment had continuity. Office of Diversity and Inclusion handled honoraria. Everything went smoothly.

- Upcoming Events (via Zoom)

- 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
 - 34 registrants so far. **RSVP [here](#).**
 - Speakers: Sarah Richardson, Zinzi Bailey, Cris Alonso
 - 13 student groups are co-sponsors – the full list is:

■ 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

Leaving room for people to share. Mostly Harvard registrants, some folks outside of the school are also interested. Reminders to let people know they have one minute to speak.

Claudia Jones, from Trinidad and Tobago, involved in leftist organizing. The only Black person who was charged for doing this organizing. Was going to be deported, Trinidad wouldn't take her, so she was sent to the U.K. She organized the first Notting Hill Carnival. Black solidarity in the face of white supremacist attacks. She's suddenly being recognized everywhere. She gave a 1950s speech on International Women's Day. Nancy will be making a link to this, how Claudia was making intersectional analyses, and updating her IWD speech to the current events.

Nancy will put the song lyrics on the screen or in the chat so that everyone can see each other.

- "Cultivating Joy and Collective Restoration" Conference [Co-sponsorship]
 - Sat-Sun, April 24-25, 2021
 - Mahindra Humanities Center Graduate Student Conference
 - [Conference Info](#)
 - [Event Poster](#)

- Register at bit.ly/cjcr21

Everything going smoothly. Rubim has been contacted regarding paying conference selection committee. Registration is now open.

- Ideas for additional events for Spring 1 and/or Spring 2?

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

- *We'll check in at the end of the semester to see how she's doing.*

1:20-1:30pm

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

- [TAT Section](#) on WGH website
- Spring Recruitment Updates: Andi Goodall was recruited
- Action for February:
 - Support access to CPMs in Massachusetts
 - Support Dr. Cornel West- *signing the petition*
 - *Potential Actions*
 - *The House is trying to get the Equality Act passed, contacting senators for their support.*
 - *Support here in Massachusetts around COVID-19 vaccine equity.*

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
 - *Sabra got teaching assistance sorted. 16 registered, 1 waitlist.*
 - *Get a separate email newsletter blast just for the course. Post on Facebook and Student News as well.*
 - *Get updates on Bryn and Liz Boskey's courses for March 31 meeting.*
- Gender Analysis Guide for Coursework Project
 - *No updates yet.*
- Concentration Completion Forms: due Friday, April 30, 2021
 - *Still waiting and seeing who else will complete the concentration. We have one person who was a March graduate who will be at the May celebration.*

- Conference Stipends: due Friday, April 30, 2021
 - *Conferences are becoming more clear. People applying for stuff, maybe in the summer. Not all of them will be free.*

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 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!](#)