

Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

1:00-1:50 pm Boston Time

Kresge 606

MINUTES

1:00 – 1:05pm

Welcome – Nancy Krieger

- Introductions
- Attendance
 - 1 student, 2 student staff, 2 faculty
 - Student: Tayana Jean Pierre
 - WGH Student Staff: Kieran Todd & Alison Schulte
 - Faculty: Nancy Krieger, Liz Janiak

1:05 - 1:10

WGH Student Staff Hiring

- Update on WGH staff applications
 - 1 application received
 - 2 others have expressed interest
 - Current Deadline: 2/28/23 – extending to middle of March

1:10 – 1:30pm

Events Committee – Kieran Todd and Alison Schulte

- Winter & Spring Event Series
 - January: Social at the MFA
 - 21 attendees
 - March 1: Abortion in America Schlesinger Library Exhibit; Faculty Lead: Liz Janiak. Scheduled tour starts at 4PM
 - 6 RSVPs
 - March 8: International Women's Day event – 1-1:50 pm Boston Time. (Kresge G2); the speaker is: [Nashira Baril](#) with the Boston Neighborhood Birth Center
 - Co-Sponsors to date:
 - The François-Xavier Bagnoud Center for Health and Human Rights
 - GenderSci Lab
 - Harvard Chan Office for Student Affairs
 - Harvard Chan Office of Diversity and Inclusion
 - Harvard Chan Student Organization for Sexual & Reproductive Health
 - Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies
 - Harvard Faculty of Arts and Sciences Committee on Degrees in Studies of Women, Gender, and Sexuality
 - The Harvard Gender and Sexuality Caucus
 - Harvard Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity and Expression (SOGIE) Health Equity Research Collaborative
 - Harvard Union of Clerical and Technical Workers
 - Harvard University Office for Gender Equity

- Parents@Harvard Chan
 - Harvard Graduate Student Union HGSU-UAW Local 5118
- 65 RSVPs
- April: Sexual violence and women's health: How rape affected the women I study and my life with Professor Karestan Koenen.
 - Tuesday, April 18th, 2023 5:30-6:45pm
 - Kresge 502
 - Description: Sexual violence is common globally and its effects on mental and physical health are well established. Dr. Koenen will share how her experience of rape at age 22 altered the course of her life and shapes her research to this day. Discussion will include considerations of how lived experiences of trauma can both challenge and motivate an academic career as well as the complexity of disclosure in an academic research context. Attendance limited to 25 to facilitate discussion.
- May: [Dr. Sara Rosenbaum](#) an expert in US health care and reproductive law will speak about potential June 2023 SCOTUS decisions (& their 2022 decisions) in relation to genders, sexualities, & health justice (May 3rd 1-1:50p)
 - Dr. Rosenbaum will provide this lecture virtually with option to attend in-person with food provided in a room in HSPH (G2)
- Possible additional event
 - Nancy Quintanilla working on organizing an event around trans-affirming/gender-affirming care providers in healthcare
- Request for event co-sponsorship from Professor Carole Mitnick (HMS)
 - Panel discussion dynamic artist and activist, [Michelle Browder](#). She will be in Boston at the end of March for an [exhibit opening at the Hutchins Center](#). She would be pleased to come to the Longwood campus at 12:30pm on March 30th during the day.
 - Objectives:
 - Increase exposure to the history of gynecology, specifically that of exploiting enslaved black women in the name of advances in medicine
 - Increase exposure to activism to tell the full story and center the victims in the narrative.
 - Link such activism with Harvard's commitment to reparations
 - Create links among disparate groups in LMA with overlapping goals (social justice, women's health, reparations, global health equity, etc)
 - Explore long-term relationship between Michelle Browder (her women's health clinic, other initiatives) and HMS, HSPH, affiliated hospitals
 - Event specifics:
 - Panel discussion moderated by a student
 - Introduction to the sordid and important history (historian)
 - Michelle to show through power point or her virtual reality tool the infamous [piece of art](#) that started her activism journey to reframe the narrative, her inversion of that painting and her own sculptures that honor Anarcha, Lucy,

and Betsy [linked here](#) to explain the meaning and symbolism she has built in and how she uses art for medical justice

- Link this history, its recentering, to the condition today with black women being at much higher risk of poor birth outcomes than white women. (OB)
- Some interactive activity (also led by a student), e.g., exploring some of the artifacts available in the Countway collection and discussing their significance today; or a session to create art or writing related to health equity/reproductive justice which could then be curated for display in the medical area.

■ Requests:

- Help with publicity
- Potential financial contribution

■ Approved for co-sponsorship! \$100 financial contribution towards catering

- Dates for Remaining Spring Working Groups
 - April 5 (Kresge 606)
 - May 10 (Kresge 708) - Graduation Celebration – with CAKE!
- June Planning Meeting
 - Wednesday, June 7, 2023
 - 11:30am - 1:00PM
 - 10 RSVPs (6 faculty members, 1 post-doc, 3 students)
 - RSVP at this [link](#)

1:30 – 1:40 pm

Curriculum Committee - Liz Boskey, Kieran Todd, and Alison Schulte

- Conference Stipends: Deadline – April 28, 2023
- Reminder of enrollment open dates and deadlines to register for spring courses:
 - Spring enrollment begins January 5, 2023 @ 11AM, Deadline for Spring and Spring 1 term is February 2, 2023, & Deadline for Spring 2 is March 30, 2023
 - Sign up in advance to secure a spot in the course and to avoid the waitlist!
- WGH course offerings for upcoming terms:
 - Full Spring:
 - WGH 300 Independent Study (arrangements must be made with individual faculty members)
 - B. Charlton; n=6
 - Spring 1 term:
 - WGH 210 Women, Gender, and Health: Critical Issues in Mental Health (L. Boskey); n = 21
 - WGH 220 Sexuality and Public Health (B. Austin); n= 13
 - Spring 2 term:
 - WGH 207 Adv Topics in Women, Gender, and Health (A. Raffoul and A. Beccia); n = 15

1:40-1:45

Take Action Tuesday – Nancy Quintanilla, Sophie Hathaway, Megan Carney, & Rachael Powers

- Weekly Actions are included in the weekly newsletter and every Tuesday at a table in Kresge Cafeteria
 - Recent actions:
 - MA 2023-2024 Reproductive Equity Agenda
 - Boston Neighborhood Birthing Center/IWD advertising
 - Upcoming Actions (& brainstorm for new ideas)
 - Tayana A. Jean Pierre's NGO Sante Tifi
 - a non-profit striving to break down cultural barriers by empowering community leaders to better support women and girls in Haiti. In the process of building a reproductive health education curriculum and a gender-based violence prevention curriculum adapted to the Haitian context.
 - Phone banks for wisconsin election

1:45 – 1:50pm

Wrap up and Questions – Nancy Krieger

- Reminder: upcoming WGH meetings & events!
- Any questions or other items?

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!](#)