

Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, May 7, 2025
1:00-1:50 pm Boston Time
Kresge 606
[Click here for Zoom Link](#)

Meeting Agenda

Attendees: Sabra-Katz Wise, Nancy Krieger, Katharine Lee, Ann Caroline Danielsen, Sirad Hassan, Nour Hammad, and the WGH concentrators (5): Paola Bojorquez-Ramirez, Nicholas Andrysiak, Caroline Sarpy, Lena Carr, Gaddamanugu Uma

1:00 - 1:05 pm

Welcome – Nancy Krieger

- Introductions & welcome to the concentrators!
- Purpose of meeting: review current WGH activities & plan new ones (including TAT)

1:05-1:10 pm

Events Committee – Sirad Hassan & Ann Caroline Danielsen

- **Upcoming Spring Events**
 - Screening of ["Pray the Devil Back to Hell"](#)
 - Wednesday, May 7, 2025 (5:30-7:30 pm) in Kresge G2
 - 8 RSVPs as of 5/4/2025

1:10-1:25 pm

Curriculum Committee – Sirad Hassan & Ann Caroline Danielsen

- **Courses:**
 - Full Spring:
 - **WGH 300 Independent Study:** Any independent studies to report?
 - Spring 2 term:
 - **WGH 207 Adv Topics in Women, Gender, and Health (S. Katz-Wise)**
 - 7 students enrolled + 2 auditors
 - WGH will cover TF cost

WGH 207 is going really well, and there have been some really strong sessions in the class. It has been an important space for students during these times.

- Fall 1 2025:
 - **WGH 211 Gender and Health:** Introductory Perspectives [Ariel Beccia](#) has agreed to take over teaching the course. The paperwork for Ariel's appointment in EPI to have her teach WGH 211 via an EPI dept appointment (starting in Fall 2025) was approved
 - Of the times proposed, Tues/Thurs 2-3:30 pm was confirmed as the best option; official confirmation of course schedule still pending.

Dr. Beccia has already agreed to take over teaching the course, but we need to confirm if the

class was confirmed for Tuesday/Thursday 2-3:30 PM. WGH staff to circle back with her to confirm, search on the course catalog to see how it shows up. According to the Registrar, it looks like the course has been approved for that Tues/Thurs timeblock.

WGH 211

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Gender and Health: Introductory Perspectives

WGH 211 Ariel Beccia ▼

Class Number: 18509 **Course ID:** 191279 **Consent:** No Consent **Enrolled:** 0/40 **Waitlist:** 0

Description: This course will introduce students to gender as a theoretical concept and a category of analysis in public health—specifically, the ways in which gender contributes to differentially structuring experiences of health within and between gendered groups. The course proposes to answer such questions as: How can understanding gender structures help us interpret public health research? How has gender influenced the construction of public health in diverse societies? How do our social frameworks and structures, such as gender, affect people's experiences and expectations of health? How is the success of behavioral change interventions and the validity of basic behavioral and evaluation research affected by gender? This course emphasizes the epidemiological aspects of gender analysis and the interactions among gender, class, race/ethnicity, and sexuality. The course will cover a range of health issues for which gender has been of special importance, including reproductive health, eating disorders and other mental health concerns, chronic and infectious disease risk, and mortality trends, as well as broader topics such as femininities and masculinities, LGBTQ+ health, and intersectionality. Additionally, sessions will include global, U.S. domestic, and historical perspectives, with attention primarily paid to the epidemiologic investigation as well as the social and behavioral sciences and health policy dimensions.

Course Requirements: Students outside of HSPH must request instructor permission to enroll in this course

School: Harvard Chan School	Department: Epidemiology	Subject: Women, Gender & Health
Units: 2.5000	Course Component: Case Study	Grading Basis: HSPH Student Option (Ordinal, Pass/Fail)
Cross Reg: Available for Harvard Cross Registration	Instruction Mode: In Person	

More Information: [Search for related syllabi](#) [Course Site](#)

2025 Fall
Fall 1
9/2/2025 to 10/24/2025

S M T W Th F S
2:00pm - 3:30pm
Location: TBA3

- **Conference Stipends**

- We received 18 applications for the Spring cycle of the student conference stipend
- Funded 4 in the Fall
- Currently, we have only \$2.2k left of the \$5k we budgeted for stipends for the AY 2024/2025 year, so we need to decide:
 - If we can increase the amount for stipends for this spring
 - How many we can fund, given the amount we consider feasible

- **Decisions:**

- Decide if we can increase the stipend amounts for the Spring cycle.
- Determine how many applications we can fund, given the remaining budget.
- Applicants must submit receipts. If they cannot document their expenses, the funds must be returned.
- It is possible to carry forward funds from the reserves.
 - If we use the reserves, this would not affect the \$5k budget, but could lead to underspending compared to the original plan.
 - Concern about potential budget cuts or complete removal of funding if the reserves are used.

- **Final Decision:**

- No need for Fall applicants to reapply. They will hold their applications for the next cycle.

- Fund \$3,320 in total.
 - 100% funding for those presenting at the conference.
 - 70% funding for those only attending.
- Move the deadline to the third week of the semester so applicants can know if they will receive funding and avoid incurring debt while awaiting reimbursement.

1:25 – 1:28 pm

Additional WGH business - Nancy Krieger

● WGH presentation to CEP: Tues, April 29, 2025, 2:00 to 3:00 pm

- Dr. Nancy Krieger, Sirad Hassan and Ann Caroline Danielsen presented an overview of the WGH concentration to the CEP
- The presentation went very well - CEP is very supportive of all that WGH is doing
- We will keep you posted on what additional feedback we get, if any
- Presentation went really well and was well received.
- Discussed reach: important to consider both concentrators and non-concentrators taking WGH classes.
- Audience may return with follow-up questions; the WGH team is prepared to respond.
- Shared clear action points during the presentation:
 - First action: Emphasize to school leadership that WGH is a critical and valued program.
- Noted that the last CEP (Committee on Educational Policy) meeting was a while ago (2006), worth checking when the next one is scheduled that we would need to present at (if this is at all known).

● WGH June planning meeting (Tues, June 24, 2025, 11 am to 1 pm)

- RSVP update:
 - 2 WGH faculty members (Kristin Javaras, Sabra Katz-Wise) and WGH student staff (Sirad Hassan, Ann Caroline Danielsen) confirmed attendance on Zoom
 - 1 WGH faculty members confirmed they cannot attend (Liz Boskey)
- For day-of logistic support, WGH staff to identify individuals on the RSVP list who could help (considering that both Ann Caroline and Sirad will not be in Boston)

WGH staff to send another reminder to faculty who have not RSVP'd with a deadline of early next week to confirm their attendance.

1:29-12:30 pm

Take Action Tuesday – Sirad Hassan

- Weekly Actions are included in the weekly newsletter and every Tuesday at a table in Kresge Cafeteria

1:30 - 1:45 pm

Concentration completion celebration

- We had a total of 7 students complete the WGH concentration during AY 24/25

- CONGRATULATIONS!

For the students who were not able to attend the WGH concentration celebration during the meeting, we should coordinate the gift and certificate transfer accordingly based on the students schedules for the remainder of the Spring semester.

1:45 – 1:50pm

Wrap up and Questions – Nancy Krieger

- June Planning Meeting (Tuesday, June 24, 2025 – 11:00 am to 1pm)

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!](#)

PAST ITEMS (FOR THE RECORD)

Events Committee – Ann Caroline Danielsen and Sirad Hassan

- 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' 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.
- 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

- 30 RSVPs, ~15 attendees (as of 01/22/2025)
- **Spring Social: Thursday, January 30 at MFA (5:30 - 7:00 pm)**
 - 11 people attended the event
- **Reproductive Justice in the Aftermath of the US Elections**
 - Thursday, February 13, 2025 (Kresge 200)
 - Speakers: Aziza Ahmed, Sarah Chaisson-Warner and Liz Janiak; Nancy Krieger (moderator)
 - 13 attendees
- **International Women's Day Luncheon**
 - Friday, March 7, 2025, 1-1:50 pm (Kresge 110)
 - [Dora María Téllez](#) was our speaker; 26 attendees
- **U.S. v Skremetti: Arguments and Consequences for Transgender Health Care**
 - WGH was co-sponsoring this [event](#) organized by the LGBTQ Health Center event with speaker Alejandra Caraballo
 - Time and location: 1-2 PM, FXB G12

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)
 - WGH 201 Reproductive Health, Rights, and Justice (L. Janiak): 20 enrolled, 6 waitlisted
 - 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
 - WGH 300: any independent studies to report?
 - Winter term:
 - **WGH 250 Embodying Gender: Public Health, Biology, & the Body Politic** (N. Krieger): 3 enrolled; For future years, NK is coordinating with Jarvis Chen's R course to avoid scheduling conflicts
 - Spring 1 term:
 - **WGH 210 Women, Gender, and Health: Critical Issues in Mental Health** (Liz Boskey)
 - Liz Boskey will be teaching remotely (with appointment via Epi Dept) due to unexpected emergency
 - Javaras could not teach this semester due to a family emergency, but still wants to teach in Spring 2026
 - 15 students enrolled
 - WGH to follow up with Prof. Javaras in early Fall regarding her plans for teaching the course next year

■ **WGH 220 Sexuality and Public Health (B. Austin)**

- 14 students enrolled

Stipends:

- 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

WGH-focused student-led initiatives

- In an efforts to fully utilize our yearly budget allocation, \$500 were set aside for student-led initiatives with a WGH focus during 2/19/25 WGH meeting
- Application deadline: Monday, April 7, 2025.
 - 1 application [received](#); none funded

Take Action Tuesday – Sirad Hassan

Take Action Tuesday past actions (in Fall 2024):

- 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