



Working Group Meeting

Wednesday, June 7, 2023, 11:30am-1:00pm EST

Hybrid Meeting: Kresge 708 and [Zoom](#)

Chair: Nancy Krieger

AGENDA

- **Introduction [11:30-11:35am]**
 - Welcome, brief introductions
 - Evaluation of past year and planning for next year
- **Review of 2022-2023 activities and accomplishments [11:35 - 11:45am]**
 - **Please review these documents before the meeting and bring any comments, concerns, or questions**
 - [WGH Course Ratings AY 2022-2023](#) (See Document)
 - Summary: The overall average course rating for WGH courses is 4.83 (with Spring II course WGH 207 pending an updated course rating). The newest course, WGH 230: The Health of Transgender and Gender Diverse People, received a course rating of 4.8. All of the courses performed well!
 - [WGH Events for AY 2022-2023](#) (See Document)
 - Take Action Tuesday highlights
 - WGH hosted events and attendance
 - Summary: Attendance at events (both virtual and in-person) averaged around 30 people this year across 7 events. Events ranged from in-person guest speakers in the realm of gender and health, virtual speakers, and a trip to Schlesinger Library for the Age of Roe exhibit. The Fall and Winter Socials brought out 39 and 21 individuals, respectively.
 - [WGH Conference Stipend Awards for AY 2022-2023](#) (See Document)
 - 7 applicants were fully funded (1 Fall, 6 Spring) to attend/present at a wide range of conferences, including SER, American Urological Association, American Diabetes Association, Rural Health Conference, Intersectionality Research Summer Institute
 - Spring cycle applicants have all been notified, will fill out [written reportback form](#) with option to also attend and share at a working group meeting
 - [WGH Concentration Completion Letters for AY 2022-2023](#) (See Document)

- 8 wonderful concentrators this year, many were able to come to May working group meeting to celebrate and share their experiences with the concentration.
 - All letters have been handed/mailed out to concentrators
- **Review of WGH 2022-2023 budget [11:45-11:55am]**
 - [WGH Budget Review 2022-2023](#) (See Document): to set fiscal basis for planning
 - Funds allocated, funds spent, funds remaining
 - Changes for allocation amounts (including carryover)
 - The student staff rates have increased by 3% for each corresponding rate level (e.g., 2nd year rate is 23.02 and the 3rd year and above rate is 25.61). This has been reflected in the proposed budget allocation for 2023-2024.
 - Confirmation of the process for obtaining the funds
- **WGH courses for AY 2023-2024: updates [11:55am-12:00pm]**
 - [WGH Course Offerings 2023-2024](#) (See Document)
 - No changes
 - WGH 201: Reproductive Health, Rights and Justice: Fall 2 - *Dr. Elizabeth Janiak*
 - WGH 230: The Health of Transgender and Gender Diverse People: Fall 2 – *Dr. Sari Reisner*
 - WGH 250: Embodying Gender: Public Health, Biology, and Body Politic: January 2024 -*Dr. Nancy Krieger*
 - WGH 220: Sexuality and Public Health: Spring 1 - *Dr. S. Bryn Austin*
 - WGH 210 Critical Issues in Mental Health: Spring 1– *Dr. Elizabeth Boskey*
 - WGH 207: Advanced Topics in Women, Gender, and Health: Spring 2 - *Dr. Sabra Katz-Wise*
 - Changes
 - WGH 211 Gender and Health: Fall 1 2022 - Introductory Perspectives: *Post-doc: Colleen Reynolds*
 - Reminder: WGH course refreshment fund
- **Brainstorming for WGH events for AY 2023-2024 [12:00-12:30pm]**
 - Add event ideas to [WGH Event Schedule](#) (See Document)
 - Discuss two possible constructive responses to current controversies at HSPH regarding teaching by faculty whose work is in contradiction to the expertise of WGH faculty regarding LGBTQIA+ health and abortion and other reproductive health care
 - one option might to co-organize an event with WGH, SOGIE, PHS PhD, and perhaps others, that is about rigorous state-of-the-art research on health harms to queer people and as caused by abortion bans
 - another would be an event that would bring in the ombudsperson who specializes in how to have expertise-informed exchanges and

other types of conversations, both in & outside of academic settings, with people who have beliefs that are in conflict with the evidence and/or the recognition of fundamental human rights

- Hybrid or In-person Planning Considerations
 - What activities should WGH do next fall?
 - Potential event themes
 - What should our event frequency be to ensure participation?
 - How do we maintain our presence? Balance of remote and in-person activities?
- **Taking stock of how we work & planning for next year [12:30-12:45pm]**
 - WGH Student Staff
 - Subcommittee Leadership & Student recruitment
 - Concerns? Changes?
 - Events Subcommittee
 - Led by WGH Staff
 - Curriculum Subcommittee
 - Led by Dr. Liz Boskey & WGH Staff
 - Take Action Tuesday subcommittee
 - Led by WGH Staff, Sophie Hathaway & Rachael Powers
 - Monthly Working Groups ([See Document](#))
 - How can we improve attendance from both students and WGH faculty?
 - In-person, hybrid, or virtual meetings?
 - Additional social events for the year?
- **Fall Orientation: Timeline, Logistics, Plans, Materials, and Events: [12:45-12:55pm]**
 - Review proposed WGH orientation/welcome meeting on [WGH Event Schedule](#) (See Document)
 - WGH participation in Fall schoolwide orientation
 - Orientation is scheduled for August 21 - 25, 2023
 - Mix of live programming and asynchronous content likely
 - Review [WGH info sheet & brochure](#) for 2023-2024
 - Overall review
 - Review of WGH faculty listed on the brochure
 - Update website
- **Close of meeting [12:55-1:00pm]**