

WikiProject Women in Religion – user group meeting

Minutes—Meeting of September 26, 2024

Members participating: CM, HWS, JE, JO, CS, CH, WW.

1. WiR editing session – (Second Monday)

No report from the last meeting. The next will be October 14, 4 pm CST.

2. WCNA presentation (Indianapolis, October 3-6, 2024)

CH, JO, CM, and HWS had met during the hour preceding this meeting to work on the presentation. Some slides were changed or deleted, and speaker's notes were added for each remaining slide designating who should present that slide/section and how much time had been allowed for it. CS accepted the role of timekeeper for the presentation.

The updated draft is available at:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1Jg9bo0qt_Uot6XI_YeVGOFbpC8K1tDfHnmMnsCjWHI/edit#slide=id.p

All presenters are urged to review it and to make any desired changes to their sections ASAP.

3. African Circle group update

CM reported that the weekly Wednesday editing sessions had ended when the grant ended and that the grant report had been submitted.

4. 2nd PoWR volume update

CH reported that the call for proposals sent out by the PoWR had yielded only one submission by the September 15, 2024 deadline and it was not about a woman in religion so it will be declined. However, CH remains optimistic that another volume in the Woman in Religion series can be developed about women connected to the PoWR. She has spoken to the contributors to previous volumes. Two authors from previous volumes are willing to write the theoretical chapters. JE is interested in a theoretical chapter that compares/contrasts how women's safety was explored in 1893 and the contemporary PoWR convenings. Others are already at work writing about subjects who would meet the guidelines for this volume.

The proposal deadline has been extended to October 31, 2024 with notices of acceptance by November 15, 2024 and complete chapters due February 28, 2025. Next time, CH will encourage the PoWR staff to suggest a list of potential writers from among those active in PoWR. When she met Vivianne Crowley, a proposed subject for this volume, at the AAR,

Crowley was interested in writing a chapter about another subject and was also able to provide suggestions about other writers who might be interested.

CH and HWS will go through the list of potential subjects that was included with the initial call for proposals and design what they think would constitute an ideal volume by next week. Then CH can return to those who told her “Give me someone to write about” and make some specific requests.

CH reported that JE is interested in a future volume about women active in dance and the arts who are also linked to religion. She is coaching him on how to shape a call for chapters and encourages all other volunteers in the Wikiproject Women in Religion to explore their intellectual passions in a similar way.

WW reported that the conference of the College Theology Society used the theme “Making the Invisible Visible,” and she thought that might be an appropriate theme for describing what this Wikiproject does. She is also seeking additional sources for a chapter on Calixta Gabriel Xiquin. CH will talk with her and CM recommended attending the WCNA session on Latin America.

5. AI project

CH hopes that there will be time to discuss the AI project and to set a date for the next meeting about it when many of the participants are together in Indianapolis for the WCNA next week. She met with CA and EU (who has agreed to serve as a test subject for an AI-generated stub). They will go through and identify 100 Wikipedia stub articles that they think are good to use in training the AI tool. So far, CM, RH, and CH have identified about 30.

When trying to generate via AI a stub about EU, the tool focused in on a single sentence, which although true, was a minor detail and included that prominently in every draft. CA and EU each worked on different platforms to generate a decent draft. They are in CA’s sandbox. After the team works to eliminate any hallucinations, the drafts will then need a human editor before publication.

CM and CH want to create a banner to use to designate pages that were developed as a part of the Wikiproject Women in Religion’s AI project. The project page’s list of stubs could also generate many pages that could enable new editors to find things to edit.

Next meeting--October 24, 2024, 4 pm CST