

Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, April 5, 2023
1:00-1:50 pm Boston Time
Kresge 606

MINUTES

1:00 – 1:05pm

Welcome – Nancy Krieger

- Introductions
- Attendance:
 - Students: Nancy Quintanilla & Christiana Johnson
 - WGH Staff: Kieran Todd & Alison Schulte
 - Faculty: Nancy Krieger

1:05 - 1:10

WGH Student Staff Hiring

- Update on WGH staff positions
 - Laura Chen has agreed to be our new WGH student staffer
 - First day on Monday, April 10th

1:10 – 1:30pm

Events Committee – Kieran Todd and Alison Schulte

- Spring Event Series
 - March 1: Abortion in America Schlesinger Library Exhibit; Faculty Lead: Liz Janiak. Scheduled tour at 4PM
 - 6 attendees
 - March 8: International Women's Day event – 1-1:50 pm Boston Time. (Kresge G2); the speaker was: [Nashira Baril](#) with the Boston Neighborhood Birth Center
 - 45 attendees
 - March 30th: co-sponsored "Recentering the History of Modern Gynecology: Anarcha, Betsy, Lucy, and Other Subjects of J. Marion Sims" – presentation by the artist Michelle Browder at HMS (TMEC 227) 12:30 - 2pm
 - April: Sexual violence and women's health: How rape affected the women I study and my life with Professor Karestan Koenen. IN PERSON ONLY
 - Tuesday, April 18th: 5:30-6:45pm, Kresge 502 (food provided in room)
 - 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.
 - 23 RSVPS
 - May: [Dr. Sara Rosenbaum](#) an expert in US health care and reproductive law will speak about potential June 2023 US Supreme Court (SCOTUS) decisions (& their 2022 decisions) in relation to genders, sexualities, & health justice (Thursday, May 4th 1-1:50p)
 - Dr. Rosenbaum will provide this lecture virtually with option to attend:
 - (a) in-person with food provided (Kresge 202B)

(b) remotely (the Zoom link will be provided with the RSVP)

- Dates for Remaining Spring Working Groups
 - May 10 (Kresge 708) - 1 to 1:50 pm – Graduation Celebration – with CAKE! 😊
 - Concentration forms:
 - Received 4 so far
- June Planning Meeting
 - Wednesday, June 7, 2023 (Kresge 708)
 - 11:30am - 1:00PM
 - 10 RSVPs (6 faculty members, 1 post-doc, 3 students)
 - RSVP at this [link](#)
 - Items to add to agenda:
 - Discuss how to improve attendance at Working Groups
 - Who is teaching what courses during 23-24 academic year
 - Possible submission, by the Harvard GenderSci Lab, of an R25 educational program grant through NIH (via the Office of Research on Women's Health) that would be due in late June; if this does happen, we can provide an update (and before this would be in touch with WGH faculty to see who would be interested in being listed as faculty)

1:30 – 1:40 pm

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

- Conference Stipends: Spring Deadline – April 28, 2023
 - Presentation from Fall '22 awardee: Christiana Johnson
 - Poster on community-based research project regarding medical student involvement and consent processes for sensitive exams at the CREOG & APGO Conference 2023. Her poster won first place!
- 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 = 13
- Next year:
 - at June meeting, will discuss possible updates to the teaching staff for WGH 211 and WGH 210
 - at June meeting can also 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

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:
 - Reproductive Equity Agenda in MA
 - Families for Justice and Healing - opposing new women's prison
 - Supporting Boston Neighborhood Birth Center
 - Uterine Fibroids
 - ACLU State Legislative Pledge
 - Trans Day of Visibility/Anti-trans youth state legislation in Florida
 - Upcoming Actions (& brainstorm for new ideas)
 - Check in with committee about promoting newsletter sign-ups
 - MCH seminar is Tuesday 1- 150pm, so sticking around until 2pm may help make TAT tabling accessible to those folks

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!](#)