

Women's Caucus Breakfast Meeting Minutes (Seattle 2018)

History of Science Society

Women's Caucus Breakfast Meeting Agenda

Friday, 2 November 2018, 7:30am-9:00am (Aspen room)

Co-chairs: Tina Gianquitto (tinagian@mines.edu) (2016-2018)

Jenna Tonn (jenna.tonn@bc.edu) (2018-2020)

Welcome from Tina and Jenna

Announcements

- Ben Gross: Announces Linda Hall Library sponsorship and fellowship opportunities
- Alix and Matt: Introduction as HSS publication editors (not just Isis). Mission to be inclusive and representative of full range of scholarly interests.
- Jay: Explains Women's Caucus Breakfast Endowment. Caucus votes to accept (by show-of-hands) of WC Endowment. Caucus moves to thank the donor for their generosity.
- Reviewed additional announcements per agenda

Provided updates from last year

- Dependent care grants were mostly all funded
- Oral history as an ongoing process

New business

- Additional suggestions: Pam Henson brought up Smithsonian's new Women's History initiative
- Ada Link reminded members of American Philosophical Society's research fellowships

Election of Incoming Co-Chair

- Caucus voted to nominate and approve Alix Cooper by show of hands

Caucus Introductions and News/Comments

- Question about the location of the mathematics forum (which seems to be held outside of the main conference hotel)
- Recommendation to look up the Legal History Blog – History of science/history of law
- Rima Apple received a lifetime achievement award from the AAHM
- Jan Golinsky is on the interim committee on respectful behavior policy and noted that anyone is open to serving in the future
- Recommendation to look up History of Anthropology Network
- Ada Link, American Phil. Society: Reminded members of fellowships (short and long term) open to grad students, postdocs, and early career sabbaticals
- Peggy Kidwell: Announced that National American History Museum will hire a mature scholar in the history of science (esp. history of biology and history of chemistry) sometime in the next year. This would be a managerial position.
- Susan Jones: Encouraged folks to submit applications to UMN

- Kate MacCord: Noted the MBL-ASU McDonnal Initiative led by Jane Maienschien received a funding grant through 20201
- Aileen Fyfe: Recommended looking at recently published article about peer review practices in the Royal Society and a future piece in Nature about gender/peer review
- Marsha Richmond + Karen Rader: Co-editors in Chief of Journal of the History of Biology. Lijing Jaing is the book review editor. Marsha as President of International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology reminded members of the conference in July in Norway 10 days before HSS in Utrecht.
- Sally Gregory Kohlstedt: Won the Sarton Medal this year!
- Georgina Montgomery: Reminded Caucus members about the Mentorship Tea
- Gwen Kay: Treasurer of HSS. Extended extra thanks to the angel who has endowed the Caucus breakfast.
- Kristin Johnson: Co-organizer of Columbia of History of Science Group that meets every March (30 years). Good for junior scholars and senior scholars to attend.
- Christine Von Oetzen: Program co-Chair of HSS in Utrech, Encourages everyone to come to the meeting in July
- Ashanti Shih: Chair of Earth and Env Sciences Forum, Everyone is welcome to attend.
- Rosanna Dent: On the Land Acknowledgement Committee, requests feedback from the Land Acknowledgement Ceremony
- Grant out of OSU: Nuclear environments, will have a workshop on exposure on Hanford Nuclear Reservation
- Carolyn Merchant: Attended the Caucus and reminded members about early meeting in 1973. HSS was in San Francisco. Erwin Hiebert asked Carolyn to organize the meeting. So she also organized a Caucus of women: “It was the women’s movement and we had to meet.“
- Karen Scholthof: Chair of committee/programs for HSS in Utrecht. Welcomes Caucus members to attend and submit papers/panels.
- Sally G. Kohlstedt: Feted for the Sarton Award! Commented that the Women’s Caucus was a pathbreaking group in terms of interest groups at HSS. Concerned with how to get women into the program and how people in the field could do work in women’s history. We are the pioneers and know that in many ways.
- One Caucus Member brought up the issue of childcare at the meeting – In her experience, HSS registered attendees were not able to access onsite child care unless they also registered for the PSA. HSS members did not have the opportunity to even pay for childcare without also joining and registering with PSA. This is a barrier to participation at the meeting.
 - Karen Scholthof– Aware of this dynamic (lack of access to paid child care) going into HSS Utrecht. Hope to offer subsidies for childcare.
 - Anna-Maria Meister – Suggests that Skyping into meetings should be a more institutionalized process that is supported at HSS more broadly. Excludes people who can’ t be here for financial, political, or other reasons. Many ways people can’t come and we can find a digital solution for participation.