



2017 Chair and Director Meeting
Chicago, IL
Friday, March 3, 2017

9:00-9:30

Welcome and Introductions

- Location: Westin Michigan Avenue, Millennium Park (third floor)
- Breakfast will be available by 9 AM

9:30-10:45

Engaged Teaching

Jennifer Brier, The University of Illinois at Chicago

Charlene Carruthers, Black Youth Project 100

Location: Westin Michigan Avenue, Millennium Park (third floor)

Brier and Carruthers will lead a conversation on how we might think about critical and ethical community engagement in women's studies classrooms. Focused on the necessary links between gender justice, racial justice and social justice, they will talk about their experiences organizing young people in and out of the classroom as well as how faculty and programs/departments can work with and for community organizations in ways that are mutually beneficial for all involved.

11:00-12:15

Breakout Sessions Round 1

Growing WGS Enrollments, Danielle DeMuth, Grand Valley State University

Location: Westin Michigan Avenue, Lincoln Park (third floor)

Enrollment growth in WGS is an important goal, particularly when there is pressure to justify gaining or even maintaining meager resources. Participants will share successful strategies in the context of limited resources (that have led to greater resources); discuss program specific goals, pressures, and limitations; and develop context-specific strategies.

Curriculum Transformation: Women's Studies and Beyond, Nana Osei-Kofi, Oregon State University

Location: Westin Michigan Avenue, Washington Park 1 (third floor)

This workshop focuses on different processes for developing, revising, and reviewing women's studies courses/curricula, in ways that are attentive to core program, disciplinary, and institutional values. This workshop will also address ways in which women's studies programs (can) play a pivotal role in institutional curriculum transformation.

12:15-1:15

Lunch: Organize and Mobilize in the Wake of the U.S. Presidential Election

Table Top Discussions

Location: Westin Michigan Avenue, Millennium Park (third floor)

1:15-2:30

Breakout Sessions Round 2

Growing WGS Enrollments, Danielle DeMuth, Grand Valley State University

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Curriculum Transformation: Women's Studies and Beyond, Nana Osei-Kofi, Oregon State University

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2:45-3:45

Closing Wikipedia's Gender Gap, Jami Mathewson, Wiki Education Foundation

Location: Westin Michigan Avenue, Millennium Park (third floor)

The Wiki Education Foundation supports and trains faculty and students as students write Wikipedia articles for classroom assignments. More than 3,000 women's studies students have brought their intersectional lens and written women, gender, and sexuality issues into the encyclopedia. We'll discuss how Wikipedia influences the world's understanding of women's studies and how students edit Wikipedia to build key employable skills.

3:45-5:00

Strategizing Reception: Lunchtime Conversations Continue

Location: Westin Michigan Avenue, Grant Park Foyer (third floor)