

MSS Women in the Professions Committee
2014-2015 Report
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The 2015 conference meeting for WIP was small this year. The attendees were Kayla Pritchard, Audrey Madison, Mac-Z Zurawski, Aditi Mitra, Cheryl Childers and Martel Pipkins. Deb White met with us to explain our collaboration with the NCSA for next year. We created a list of session topics we believed we wanted added. I presented the information received at the Long Range Committee lunch. We, WIP, spoke of connecting to more MSS members including contacting all of the Chicago schools. I, Mac-Z Zurawski, volunteered to create a list of sociology departments in the Chicago-area colleges and universities. I will receive the 2016 plan from Deb and then will contact those schools personally to increase awareness of MSS and attendance at the conference. I am hoping to collaborate with the other certificate committees for samples of the certification processes and sessions to use as interest points for students and colleagues.

The Women in the Professions Committee (WIP) is responsible for awarding the Jane Addams Outstanding Service Award.

This year's award was very special. Mrs. Betty Edwards came to our conference from Colorado to receive her award. Mrs. Edwards and her family were guests of the conference and attended several sessions. Aditi Mitra and I had a session on Human Trafficking in which Mrs. Edwards presented her experiences to the audience. Throughout the conference she met with members and discussed her work in anti-sex trafficking. It was an amazing idea for her to join us and I hope we may invite our honorees as guests going forward.

The Jane Addams Award committee only had three submissions. Even though this allowed for a tie breaker, I am looking into new avenues to increase nominees. In the next year we will brainstorm via email on ideas.

This was our second "Gender Diversity and Sexuality Studies" Certificate. Specific members from the Committee worked on the Certificate: Audrey Madison, Aditi Mitra and myself. Even though I did not confirm the certificate to Lauren and the conference committee (my oversight) we still had 10 participants. We even had more men participating. One question from a committee member was to advertise the certificate for the sociology departments where our committee members teach to influence participation. That is a definite part of our agenda for the certificate for next year. Since we are in Chicago, I volunteered to distribute information on the certificate to local colleges and universities.

I, Mac-Z Zurawski, was nominated in 2014 to the Board to sit on the Contingent Faculty Travel Grant Selection Committee for the 2015 meeting. I enjoyed the opportunity and hope my committee members will share the opportunity next year.

For 2015 meeting, the MSS Committee for Women in the Profession co-sponsored eight sessions. We co-sponsored with the Professional Standards committee and MSWS. We also extended our sessions to MSS members for their guidance on women's issues. The sessions were well attended, informative, and engaging. The eight co-sponsored sessions included:

62. Film Screening - Half the Sky: Expanding Knowledge in Global Gender Violence *Friday Mar 27 | 10:15 AM-11:45 AM | Jay McShann B, 3rd Floor*

78. Mentoring, Writing, and Publishing *Friday Mar 27 | 1:00 PM-2:30 PM | Bennie Moten B, 3rd Floor*

111. Sexual Inequality *Saturday Mar 28 | 8:30 AM-10:00 AM | Big Joe Turner B, 3rd Floor*

136. Human Trafficking: A Global Issue *Saturday Mar 28 | 10:15 AM-11:45 AM | Andy Kirk B, 3rd Floor*

143. International Women's Issues *Saturday Mar 28 | 1:00 PM-2:30 PM | Bennie Moten A, 3rd Floor*

189. Issues in Gender-Based Violence *Sunday Mar 29 / 8:30 AM-10:00 AM / Bennie Moten A, 3rd Floor*

192. Engaging a Public Sociological Discourse on At Risk Neighborhoods and Black Male Youth: The Role of Community Policing and Local Agency/Organization Partnerships *Sunday Mar 29 / 8:30 AM-10:00 AM / Julia Lee A, 3rd Floor*

193. Personal Identity Management on Social Media *Sunday Mar 29 / 8:30 AM-10:00 AM / Lester Young A, 3rd Floor*

206. Second Shift: Working Women *Sunday Mar 29 / 10:15 AM-11:45 AM / Jay McShann B, 3rd Floor*

The committee will continue to co-sponsor sessions for the 2016 meeting.

The committee is collaborating with the MSWS to create more sessions on women's issues for next year. We will also be asking for guest speakers in our sessions (I will make sure to speak with the conference chair beforehand). We will also be creating a tour which will include the Jane Addams Hull House and the Womanmade Gallery. We will also be having a social evening.

Mac-Z Zurawski will continue as Chair for the 2015-16 year.