

Women Studies' Caucus Meeting Minutes  
Annual AAIS Conference, Sorrento, 16 June 2018

The meeting was called to order by the WSC President, Cosetta Seno.

1. New WSC Graduate Student Award: The WSC presented its first award to a graduate student who presented a paper in a WSC-sponsored panel at the annual AAIS conference. The first award was presented to Benedetta Lamanna for her paper: "To Make Oneself Prey to So Many': Gender Violence in Veronica Franco's Letter 22." Members are urged to make their students aware of this new annual award.
2. Women Studies' Bookshelf: Please send the secretary, Juliann Vitullo, information about your new publications in women's and gender studies: [juliann.vitullo@asu.edu](mailto:juliann.vitullo@asu.edu). The information will be included in the Women Studies Bookshelf on the WSC webpage.
3. E-mail Addresses: If you have changed your email, please send the new address to the WSC Secretary
4. WSC Keynote Speaker 2018 AAIS Conference: The President and the Secretary worked to organize a keynote speaker for the 2018 AAIS conference. The President communicated extensively with the Queer Studies Caucus with the hope of co-sponsoring a keynote speaker, but the representatives were not successful in finding a speaker who was able to accept an invitation for the June conference. In the end, the WSC President and Secretary organized a talk by the author Grazia Verasani, who unfortunately had to cancel her keynote address due to a family emergency.
5. WSC Keynote Speaker 2019 (March 14-16, Wake Forest University): Because of our experience this past year the President urged members to share with her the names and contact information of possible WSC sponsored-speakers for the 2019 conference as soon as possible. ([cosetta.seno@colorado.edu](mailto:cosetta.seno@colorado.edu)).
6. Proposal for 2019 WSC Keynote Session: Juliet Guzzetta proposed inviting Giuliana Musso e Laura Curina to perform at the next conference. Again, the President and the Secretary would like to receive such proposals for WSC keynote events with contact information as soon as possible. Please remember that the WSC has limited funds for travel and honorarium, and that the WSC is open to co-sponsoring a speaker with the Queer Studies Caucus and/or Jewish Studies Caucus.
7. WSC-sponsored Panels for the AAIS 2019. Membership proposed the following titles for WSC-sponsored sessions at the 2019 conference: *Gestire il tempo della famiglia e del lavoro*, *Le donne e il giornalismo*, *Nuove scrittrici (la nuova generazione)*, and *Ecofeminism*. Please write the Secretary if you would like your sessions to be co-sponsored by the WSC. All members will receive a list of WSC-sponsored panels before

the conference, and graduate students in WSC-sponsored sessions will be eligible to apply for the WSC award.

8. The membership discussed whether to enlarge the possible pool of recipients for the WSC award to recently graduated scholars as well as graduate students. It was noted that often recent PhDs do not have the funds to attend conferences. In the end, the membership decided not to change the criteria for the 2019 award.
9. One WSC member suggested asking Italian book companies if they might sponsor an award for graduate students. Please let the President know if you have any suggestions about external sources for financing awards.
10. Maria Vittoria Vittori asked the President to write a summary of the WSC activities for the Italian publications she contributes to such as NOIDONNE (<http://www.noidonne.org/rete-news.php>), and to invite other WSC members to share information with her about their work in women's and gender studies:  
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Respectfully submitted,

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