

**FGSD Feminist and Gender Studies Division/Women’s Caucus Business Meeting
NCA Conference 2021 (Virtual Business Meeting)**

Monday, 11/01

9:30 AM–10:45 AM PDT (Note this is PDT) | **12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. EST**

Virtual Business Meeting Zoom

Room: NCA Zoom 02

Agenda

Call to Order and Welcome – Vinita Agarwal, FGSD Chair & Kate LaPierre, Women’s Caucus Chair

Land Acknowledgment–Vinita

This land acknowledgment recognizes the richness of the distribution of Indigenous peoples across the United States and the subsequent patterns of displacement forced upon them over centuries. We ask you to join us in acknowledging these communities, their elders both past and present, as well as future generations. NCA also acknowledges that it has often gathered upon unceded lands and that those gatherings manifested the exclusions and erasures of many Indigenous peoples. We acknowledge the grave harm that colonialism brought to these lands, in particular the erasure of both indigenous and African identities via slavery, and via racist laws that segregated all peoples into binary classifications of “white” and “black.” This acknowledgement demonstrates our commitment to beginning the process of working to dismantle the ongoing legacies of settler colonialism.

I. Approval of the Minutes from the 2020 Meeting–2020 Business Meeting minutes could not be available / found

II. Visit

1. **Roseann Mandzuik** (topics covered: congratulations, IDEA Strategic Plan discuss and questions)

III. Elections – Nominee Candidate statements available after 11/10/2021 on FGSDWC NCA Website (Vinita Agarwal)

Reports

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IV. 2021 Awards Announcement–Vinita Agarwal

1. FGSD Award Winners (Bonnie Ritter, Outstanding Article, Scholar-Activist–Vinita Agarwal)

Bonnie Ritter Outstanding Feminist Book Award recipient, Raquel Moreira, for her book, “Bitches Unleashed: Performance and Embodied Politics in Favela Funk”

Francine Merritt Award recipient Navita Cummings James

Outstanding Article Award recipients, Joelle M. Cruz, Gloria Nziba Pindi, Godfried Asante, Jenna N. Hanchey, and C. Nthemba Mutua-Mambo, for their forum “African Feminist and Queer Coalitions”

Scholar Activist Award recipient, Sahar Khamis

2. **Feminist Scholarship Google Doc**–Vinita Agarwal
Received support at in-person meeting–approved to move ahead.
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_rEPxR1Zd19OOHibmAETwLXiU8wcaxEyuLfQqZUweBI/edit#heading=h.ind3t2izzhil
 3. **Women’s Caucus Award** Winners (Francine Merritt Award) (Kate LaPierre, see above for the Francine Merritt Award winner)
 4. FGSD Awards: Top NCA Paper, Top NCA Student Paper (Lea Hernandez)
 - Top Paper: *Outrage Epistemology: Affective Excess as a Way of Knowing in Feminist Scholarship* by Theresa Kulbaga and Leland Spencer
 - Top Graduate Student Paper Award: *Queer Digintimacy: Transforming AI-Human Relationality Toward Queer Futurity* by LJ Brooks-Hall
- V. Women’s Caucus 50th Anniversary Commemoration** programs/50th Anniversary VP Spotlight panel and Listening panel (Kate LaPierre)
- VI. NCA Marsha Houston Award**, sponsored by FGSDWC (Elizabeth Desnoyers-Colas)
Discussed by Kate LaPierre on behalf of Liz and approved.
- VII. IDEA Women’s Caucus rep** report/update (Ashley Mack)
Not present to provide
- VIII. Elections Update**
1. Women’s Caucus Third Vice Chair
 2. FGSD Third Vice Chair
Lamiyah Bahrainwala was present at the in-person meeting and spoke a few words.
 3. IDEA Council Women’s Caucus Representative
- IX. 2021 Convention Reports**
1. 2021 FGSD Convention Highlights– Leandra Hernández
 - Slots: 32 slots total
 - Papers: 71 papers accepted and 28 declined, 71% acceptance rate
 - Panel discussions: 6 accepted and 1 declined
 - Performance sessions: only 1 submitted and 1 accepted
 2. 2021 WC Convention Highlights – Diana Isabel Martínez
 3. Womentoring Panels– Kate LaPierre

Announcements and Discussion Items

X. Old/Continuing Division/Caucus Business

1. **Bylaws Review / Update** – Jessica Furgerson–nothing to report
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fAxnQxvxYLAfJbdOfgbfwkdZ2xE2-3DyhOiby-Pv2zk/edit?usp=sharing>
2. **Call** for Grad Student Reps– Kate LaPierre shared call

XI. New Business

1. Discussion of new directions for the Caucus & Division - Rebecca Mercado-Jones & Jessica Furgerson
 - a. Jessica & Rebecca & Logan shared the feedback and insight shared by those in attendance at the listening session and discussion panel which took place earlier in the weekend.
 - i. The potential name change of the Women’s Caucus was discussed at length.

Adjourn Zoom Meeting

In-person meeting in Seattle items Discussed:

FGSDWC Business Meeting in Seattle

- I. **50th Anniversary Celebration & Reception** (Kate)
Thanks and acknowledgement of Roseann's Contributions to the party
- II. **2022 Convention Reports**
- III. 2022 FGSD Convention Report – Sarah Upton
- IV. 2022 WC Convention Report – Logan Rae Gomez
- V. **FGSD/WC Combined Reports**
 1. Legislative Assembly Representative Reports–Vinita & Kate
- VI. **FGSD Division Description Review / Update**–Vinita–see discussion below. Nothing discussed with respect to FGSD
 1. https://docs.google.com/document/d/16fe5F4qBMRURUa6Bx8d65yMWYy5vog4NT_o9QzdnDNY/edit?usp=sharing
- VII. **New Business**
Discussion started of renaming the Caucus
- IX. **Announcements** from the floor
- X. **Passed** the Gavel to Leandra Hernandez and Diana Martinez

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VIII. Awards (Plaques, certificates and checks): distributed by Vinita and Kate