Gender and Policy Network Events 2016-2017
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In 2016, the Gender and Policy Network (GPN) at the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University worked to raise awareness and offer a space for conversations about gender and policy issues among policy students and faculty. Through a number of events, GPN sought to bring gender perspectives into a wide range of policy areas and to foster students’ interest in gender and feminist issues. Themes covered this year included toxic masculinity; intersectional feminism; broadening the banner of feminist issues; the Trump election; resources in our local community; international relations; and inclusive leadership.

March 11, 2016: Coffee Chat with General Ann Dunwoody
General Ann Dunwoody, the first woman in U.S. military history to achieve the four-star officer rank, hosted a coffee chat with GPN students. The group discussed leadership, making organizational change from the top-down, integrating women into the military, and other topics. General Dunwoody is the former commanding general of one of the Army’s largest commands, the U.S. Army Materiel Command. She is the first woman in U.S. military history to achieve a four-star officer rank.

March 20, 2016: Screening of After Tiller with director Martha Shane (co-hosted with GPN co-chairs Andrea Michelsen and Emily Black)
Co-hosted with the Princeton Women’s Center
GPN and Princeton’s Women*s Center co-hosted a screening of the documentary After Tiller and invited the film’s director Martha Shane to campus. After Tiller is an Emmy-winning 2013 documentary film directed by Martha Shane and Lana Wilson that follows the only four remaining doctors in the United States who openly perform late-term abortions. The film paints a complex, compassionate portrait of the physicians who have become the new number-one targets of the anti-abortion movement. Discussion covered what students can do for abortion rights advocacy, policy prospects, and the creative process.

April 27, 2016: LGBTQ Staff Work-Life Balance Panel (hosted by co-chairs Andrea Michelsen and Emily Black)
Four Princeton University staff members provided their insights on balancing professional and personal responsibilities through the lens of LGBTQ identities. Discussants represented a variety of administrative positions and life experiences. The panel wrapped up the GPN work-life balance series started in 2015.

September 13, 2016: WWS Student Activities Fair
The GPN Co-Chairs participated in the first annual WWS activities fair to introduce new MPA1s to the variety of opportunities at the Woo.
September 22, 2016: GPN Mixer
GPN kicked off the new school year by hosting a social mixer for MPA1s and MPA2s to come together and brainstorm ideas. Everyone was excited to start a new year of education, advocacy, and awareness on gender-related policy issues.

September 27, 2016: Screening of The Mask You Live In
GPN Movie Night
We kicked off our film series with The Mask You Live In. The film discusses the ways that masculinity is taught and the consequences for men and people of all genders. The group had an engaging discussion about the effects of stereotypes about masculinity and the box that men are put into due to societal limitations on what it means to "be a man." This is an important issue for all of us not only as current and future policymakers, but also in our personal lives as we support

November 15, 2016: “Gender and the 2016 Election”— Lunchtimer with Jeanne M. Fox
Jeanne M. Fox is a visiting lecturer at Rutgers’ Bloustein School, WWS and Columbia SIPA. She discussed the intersection of gender, gender-related policy and the 2016 election. Ms. Fox is the former President of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities and has been a strong leader in New Jersey environmental policy. During her tenure the BPU led the nation both in energy efficiency and clean energy policy. Ms. Fox was an integral member of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) Board of Directors from its inception in 2003 until 2010. From 1994 to 2001 she served as Regional Administrator for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

November 15, 2016: Post-Election Processing Space with SAOC
Co-hosted with WWS Students and Alumni Of Color
GPN and SAOC hosted a processing space after the election. Students came together in solidarity with each other to discuss the threats facing women and people of color.
November 16, 2016: Screening of A Girl in the River: The Price of Forgiveness

GPN Movie Night
Directed by Sharmeen Obaid-Chinoy
2016 Academy Award Winner for Best Documentary, Short Subject

Every year, more than 1,000 girls and women are the victims of religiously motivated honor killings in Pakistan, especially in rural areas. Eighteen-year-old Saba, who fell in love and eloped, was targeted by her father and uncle but survived to tell her story. The discussion included updates on the situation since the film was finished, as well as prospects for instituting greater rule of law and the difficulties of changing political cultures from the ground up.

November to December 2016: LGBTQ Inclusion Working Group

GPN supported the new LGBTQ Inclusion Working Group established through WWAC. The working group met several times and provided recommendations to the WWS administration about addressing issues related to climate, hostile environment, and inclusion for LGBTQ students in WWS. One immediate product of the working group was the establishment of the LGBTQ Representative in WWAC.

November 29, 2016: Lunchtimer with Ana Navarro, CNN Political Contributor

Ana Navarro, CNN Political Contributor and Republican Strategist, hosted a lunch with GPN through the Christian A. Johnson Endeavor Foundation Leadership Through Mentorship Program. Navarro has served on a number of Republican administrations, including the transition team for Florida governor Jeb Bush in 1998. She also served as the National Co-Chair of the Hispanic Advisory Council for John McCain in 2008 and Jon Huntsman Jr. in 2012.

December 6, 2016: Lunchtimer with Theresa C. Younger, President and CEO of Ms. Foundation

GPN hosted a lunch with Teresa Younger, President and CEO of the Ms. Foundation for Women. Younger has been on the frontlines of some of the most important battles for women’s health, safety and economic security. She was the first woman and the first African-American to serve as executive director of the ACLU of Connecticut, and served on the Connecticut General Assembly’s Permanent Commission on the Status of Women (PCSW), where she has spearheaded successful campaigns for women’s health, safety and economic empowerment. During her tenure at PCSW, she was instrumental in campaigns that resulted in state legislation to raise the minimum wage and provide paid sick leave in Connecticut. Younger successfully safeguarded women’s access to reproductive health care during hospital mergers.
February 21, 2017: Lunchtimer with Regan Crotty, Princeton’s Title IX Administrator
GPN hosted a lunchtimer on legal analysis and policy discussion regarding university sexual harassment and assault policies, in the Princeton context and nationally. Regan Crotty, Princeton's Title IX Administrator, discussed legal history and analysis, from Title IX of the 1965 Civil Rights Act to oversight of universities by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights; Princeton's sexual harassment/assault policies and the national context; and results from the campus-wide WeSpeak survey, and how these results inform policy.

February 28, 2017: Lunchtimer with Michelle Schramm, University Health Services Coordinator of Sexual Health and Wellness
GPN hosted a lunchtimer on processes and achievements in reforming health policy for transgender students at Princeton. Michelle Schramm, APN, who specializes in sexual health and LGBTQ issues as the Coordinator of Sexual Health and Wellness in Princeton's University Health Services (UHS) discussed her role in expanding health services for transgender students. She led the overhaul of University policy for providing health services and care to trans students at Princeton. Ms. Schramm facilitated the development of more inclusive and comprehensive health services, and supporting hormone replacement therapy coverage on the University insurance plan.

March 9, 2017: GPN New Co-Chairs Mixer
GPN hosted a mixer to celebrate the new 2017-2018 co-chairs: Maggie Menold, Ana Cristina Alonso Soria, and Cleo Hirsch!

March 10, 2017: Coffee Chat with May Boeve, Founder of 350.org
May Boeve has been hailed by the Guardian as "one of the few female figureheads in the US green movement." Co-founder and executive director of 350.org, Boeve has been engaged in national and international grassroots environmental activism from a young age. She is a leading voice in the global fossil fuels-divestment movement, which is now shifting money away from fossil fuel production faster than any divestment movement before it. Boeve has been recognized by TIME Magazine as a Next Generation Leader, and by the Ford Foundation for her work.

Events hosted by the new co-chairs:
March 27, 2017: Negotiation Workshop with Princeton Career Services
March 29, 2017: Breakfast with Cheryl Dorsey, President of Echoing Green
April 18, 2017: Lunchtimer with Beth Cobert, former Acting Director of the Office of Management and Budget
April 27, 2017: Lunchtimer with Donella Rapier, President and CEO of BRAC USA