

**New Jersey Women's and Gender Studies Consortium
2009-2010 Annual Report
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I. Accomplishments

A. Fall Meeting at Drew University

The meeting was held at Drew University on October 23, 2009. Unfortunately the only a few members were able to attend (Lisa Mastrangelo, co-chair, Janice Stapley, co-chair, Arlene Holpp-Scala, Wendy Komar, Roseanne Alvarez, and Nelson Rodriguez represented 6 of our member institutions). The conference mission statement was approved as a working document to be posted to our website. We still did not have a treasurer, so Lisa Mastrangelo continued to serve as the treasurer pro tem.

Roseanne Alvarez announced that the students from the consortium have a Facebook group up and running: [New Jersey Women & Gender Studies Undergraduate Students Collective](#).

The place and date for the Spring Undergraduate conference was set: April 16, 2010 hosted by The College of New Jersey.

B. Feb. 5, 2010 Business Meeting

The meeting was hosted by Monmouth University. We invited students as well as faculty and had a few students (from Brookdale, Monmouth, and William Paterson) who both attended and participated in our discussions.

We decided to again offer the 25\$ stipend in addition to free conference registration for student presenters. Melda Yildiz volunteered to take over as Webmistress (mnyildiz@gmail.com).

Carlos Decena (Rutgers, New Brunswick), Arlene Holpp-Scala (William Paterson), John Landreau (TCNJ) and Alicia Groatman (Rowan) volunteered to be the readers for deciding student awards. TCNJ also volunteered to put together student gift bags for presenters and invited other member institutions to bring items to include. We also discussed the need for students to be aware that they are committing to attend the conference and present their paper when if they are chosen by through their local vetting process.

Meg Natter (Brookdale) agreed to be the new treasurer.

C. Annual Undergraduate Research Colloquium

The College of New Jersey hosted the 6th annual undergraduate research colloquium. The keynote speaker was Jamie Grant, whose talk on her large scale survey of Gay, Lesbian, and Transgendered people was very well-received. Twenty-nine of the 31 student essays that had been submitted were presented by students from 12 different NJ WGS programs.

A very special thank you to Celia Colbeth for all of her work organizing and hosting the conference.

D. Retreat

Our annual retreat was held at William Patterson on June 4, 2010. Thank you to Arlene Holpp-Scala for hosting this event. Meg Natter was elected co-chair to replace outgoing chair Lisa Mastrangelo, who agreed to serve as treasurer. Melda Yildiz will continue as webmistress. Ellen Friedman will continue to manage our listserv. We discussed the process of outcomes assessment in several of our schools. Institutional support in terms of an office of Outcomes Assessment or guidance in how to implement various types of assessment varied across the institutions represented. We discussed the need to identify what outcomes you want to assess (e.g. comprehension or attitude change), across what portion of the curriculum, at what level of measurement and frame these decisions in terms of the goals of the data, e.g. curriculum modification.

Goals for Next Year

We are hoping to convene a board meeting of the Co-chairs, Treasurer and Webmistress this summer to do planning for AY 2010/2011. We have set the Fall meeting for October 22, 2010 at College of St. Elizabeth.

Plans for the Fall 2010 meeting include inviting students to facilitate their networking, increasing participation in the Speaker's bureau, and discussing recruitment and retention for WS and GS majors and minors.