

# Committee on the Status of Women

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## *2016–2017 Membership*

Charlotte Witt, chair (2019)

Karen E. Detlefsen (2017)

Colleen M. Murphy (2017)

Sheryl T. Ross (2017)

Peter Railton (2018)

Lisa Shapiro (2018)

Yolonda Y. Wilson (2018)

Margaret Atherton (2019)

Amy R. Baehr (2019)

Michael C. Rea (2019)

Peggy DesAutels, *ex officio* (2017)

Serena Parekh, newsletter editor

September 29, 2017

## **Report from the Committee on the Status of Women 2016-2017**

### **Committee Members for 2016-2017**

As of 1 July 2016, the Committee on the Status of Women comprises Charlotte Witt (chair), Peggy DesAutels (ex officio), Serena Parekh (ex officio), Margaret Atherton, Amy Baehr, Karen Detlefsen, Colleen Murphy, Sheryl Ross, Peter Railton, Michael Rea, Lisa Shapiro, and Yolanda Wilson.

### **Major Projects and Activities**

#### **New CSW Posters**

CSW is delighted to announce that two new posters are available for purchase now on the CSW website. Each is a large photo montage of a different design incorporating the images of many women philosophers, but both bear the title "Women of Philosophy." The designs, by Chad Robinson, are a must buy for departments and offices.

#### **CSW Website**

The CSW website, at <http://www.apaonlinecsw.org/>, continues to offer posters featuring contemporary women in philosophy, as well as news about women philosophers. See our recent post publicizing the APA Central Division session on the philosophy of Sandra Lee Bartky. Links to excellent resources include one to a database on teaching, with articles and readings; another to the crowd-sourced directory of women philosophers; and one to the APA Ombudsperson for Nondiscrimination, who will receive complaints of discrimination and, where possible, serve as a resource to APA members regarding such complaints. A goal for next year is to update the resources on the CSW website and to add resources concerning women in the history of philosophy.

#### **Site Visit Program**

The Director and Associate Directors of the program led a day-long Site Visit Training Workshop on Saturday, April 15 during the 2017 Pacific Division Meeting in Seattle WA. There were two site visits in the Fall of 2016, and one in the Spring of 2017.

#### **CSW Sessions at APA Meetings**

The Eastern Division session sponsored by CSW was "Women Do History of Philosophy—Recent Scholarship" with talks by Agnes Collard, Marta Jimenez, Christ Mayns, and Jessica Gordon-Roth. CSW also co-sponsored (with the APA Committee on the Status of Black Philosophers) a session on "Women of Color Feminism" with presentations by Naomi Zack, Joy James, Tommy J. Curry and Celena Simpson.

At the Central Division Meetings, the CSW sponsored "Celebrating Sandra Lee Bartky" with

talks by Samantha Brennan, Tom Digby, Lisa Heldke, Jeanine Schroer and Lynne Tirrell. Their talks are posted on <http://www.apaonlinecsw.org>

At the Pacific Division the CSW sponsored a book Symposium on Elizabeth Barnes's *The Minority Body* with speakers Leslie Pickering Francis, Dana Howard and Eva Kittay. The CSW also co-sponsored several sessions: "Institutional and Attitudinal Barriers", "Inclusiveness in Crisis: How Do We Address Social and Political Flashpoints in Philosophy Courses?" and "Outreach and Issues of Recruitment/Retention".

### **Concluding Thoughts**

Our committee meetings are now all scheduled on Zoom rather than face-to-face at the Eastern Division Meeting as had been the tradition. I think this is overall an improvement given how busy committee members are and the lack of centrality of the Eastern meeting. We do gather in small groups at each of the APA meetings and that is working well to allow for informal discussion.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charlotte Witt, Chair  
Committee on the Status of Women