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Report from the Committee on the Status of Women
Submitted by Hilde Lindemann

The members of the APA Committee on the Status of Women (CSW) engaged in the following activities during the 2014-2015 academic year.

Letter of Protest

On 12 March 2015 the CSW sent a letter to Sue Martin, President of Eastern Michigan University, protesting the treatment of Margaret Crouch, a CSW member and editor of the *APA Newsletter on Feminism and Philosophy*. She was subjected to offensive and abusive comments posted by members of her undergraduate class on the internet site, Yik Yak, and when she complained to the administration of the university about this, they failed to act. We received no reply, and to date have not been told that the administration has done anything to address Dr. Crouch's grievance.

New Editor for the *Newsletter on Feminism and Philosophy*

Margaret Crouch, who has edited the *Newsletter on Feminism and Philosophy* for a number of years, is stepping down. The new editor is Serena Parekh, Assistant Professor of Philosophy in the Department of Philosophy and Religion at Northeastern University.

Diversity Conference

The "Exploring Collaborative Contestations and Diversifying Philosophy" conference, co-sponsored by *Hypatia* and the APA CSW, was held at Villanova University on 28-30 May 2015. It's estimated that about 250 people attended, perhaps half of them junior scholars. The CSW invited speakers were Anita Silvers and Charles Mills, and while Silvers was not able to come after all, Mills gave an exceptionally well-attended plenary talk in defense of a modified liberalism, followed by a vigorous Q&A. Mills also spent a great deal of his time seeking out participants of color, and remarked that the diversity of the participants gave him hope for the future of philosophy. Anita Allen, the *Hypatia* plenarist, also gave an extremely well-attended talk. Hers was on the extensive decline of privacy in contemporary society and it too was enthusiastically received. Additional features of the conference included professional workshops on publishing feminist philosophy, sessions by foreign SWIP representatives, and a workshop on sexual harassment and bystander training.

Site Visit Program

The Director and Associate Directors of the program led a day-long Site Visit Training Workshop on 31 May 2015 at Villanova University, in conjunction with the diversity conference. There were twenty-one participants in the workshop. Adding these participants to those who participated in the first Site Visit training Workshop in 2013, there are now a total of forty-five philosophers trained to be Site Visit team members.

The Site Visit Program conducted two site visits in the Fall of 2014 and two in the Spring

of 2015. Two additional visits are scheduled for the Fall of 2015.

CSW Website

The CSW website, at <http://www.apaonlinecsw.org/>, continues to feature bimonthly profiles of women philosophers. 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.

CSW-Organized Sessions at APA Divisional Meetings

Eastern Division: Informational Session on the Site Visit Program

Chair: Mary Kate McGowan

Sally Haslanger

Valerie Hardcastle

Central Division: Best Practices in Publishing

Chair: Kieran Healey

Kieran Healey

“Gender and Citation Patterns in Generalist Philosophy Journals, 1993-2013”

Sally Scholz

“Referees, Gender Neutrality, and Diversity in Publishing Feminist Philosophy”

Colin Allen

“Editorial Strategies Concerning the Participation of Women at the SEP”

Pacific Division: There was no session due to a miscommunication between CSW and the Pacific Division.

Funds

As of 30 June 2015

Site Visit/Challenge Fund \$6,717.00

Merchandise Fund \$828.84
Total \$7,545.84