

# Proposal for HPSC Women's Leadership Conference

## **To be held in Fall 2019**

The IU HPS&M Women's Leadership Conference is a one day conference designed to bring female scholars from philosophy, history, and sociology of science and medicine together to discuss and further develop their research. The three main purposes of this conference are (1) to highlight the work of female graduate students who probe important issues in the sciences and humanities, (2) to provide networking opportunities, insightful feedback, and career guidance from eminent female scholars in their field, and (3) to combat the persistent gender imbalance in these areas of research by empowering and preparing women to exercise leadership in their area of scholarship. The conference will be built upon three pillars: research presentation, networking, and leadership empowerment. This conference will be an opportunity for female graduate students in underrepresented fields to present their work and engage with IU faculty, alumni, and fellow students to improve and advance their research in a growing interdisciplinary field. We will accomplish this by embodying our three pillars throughout the conference planning process by involving IU faculty, graduate and undergraduate students from the HPSC Department, Philosophy Department and Gender Studies Department.

The conference will include a keynote speaker, roundtable discussions with both emerging and eminent female scholars, individual presentations by post-doctoral and graduate students, and poster sessions which will highlight the work of both graduate and undergraduate students. Having an eminent female scholar for the keynote address will not only attract more graduate students from greater distances to attend the conference, it will also allow these students the opportunity to benefit from the kind of guidance and inspiration that can come from an exemplary woman leader in their field.

The Planning Committee will send a call for abstracts both nationally and internationally, and will determine the number of acceptances based on quality, as assessed under blind review. The IU HPS&M Women's Leadership Conference is a resource for young female scholars to use as they plan and achieve their professional and personal goals.

**OVERVIEW: One day conference (9am-7pm)**

**9am-10am: Keynote Talk Breakfast (Helen Longino)**

**10am-noon: Roundtables with HPSC faculty Elisabeth Lloyd and Jutta Schickore “Career advice and dealing with obstacles”**

**Noon-1:30 pm: Lunch**

**1:30pm-3:30pm: Individual Presentations**

**3:30pm-4pm: Coffee Break and Networking**

**4pm-5:45pm: Individual Presentations**

**6pm-7pm: Poster Session**