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 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.

The conference will include roundtable discussions with 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.

Speaker: We are pleased to have Helen Longino as our keynote speaker and featured faculty guest for the conference. She is a legendary pioneer in incorporating values into philosophy of science, is ex-President of the Philosophy of Science Association, and Vice President of the Division of Logic, Methodology, and Philosophy, International Union of History and Philosophy of Science. She is the author of field-altering books, such as Science as Social Knowledge, in which she introduced a new notion of scientific objectivity, as well as presenting the most influential feminist analysis of philosophy of science for the past 28 years. The Fate of Knowledge, in 2001 won the Robert K. Merton Professional Award for Best Book, and Studying Human Behaviour, was awarded the Best Book in Feminist Philosophy Prize by the Women’s Caucus of the Philosophy of Science Association, as well. She is also a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, as well as having received several honorary degrees. She is the C I Lewis Professor at Stanford, and is affiliated with the program, Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, as well as Modern Thought and Literature, and also Science, Technology, and Society. Being one of the most influential philosopher of science writing today, she deserves every resource that we could possibly make available to her.

Schedule for conference:

8-8:30am Breakfast

8:30-9:50am Grad student presentations (4 presentations)

Tractability Assumptions and Model Robustness – Dan Li
Confusion of Principle of the Identity of Indiscernible (PII) in the Foundation of Physics – Lara Hu
Consensus and Credibility in Climate Science – Suzanne Kawamleh

A Singularist Semirealist Account of Biological Sex – Charlene Brecevic

*10 minute break*

10:00-11:50 Keynote Speaker: Helen Longino

11:50-2:30pm Lunch/Concurrent with Lisa’s talk

1-2:30 Elisabeth Lloyd’s talk: A special session for graduate students only

*10 minute break*

2:40-4:00 Grad student presentations (4 presentations)

Disordered Female; Disordered Eating – Helen Zhao

Virtues of the Spectrum Theory of Sex -Faeze Fazeli

A Darwinian Dilemma for Social Constructionist Accounts of Sex - Maja Sidzinska

Treading on Each Other’s Skirts: Female Domestic Servants and ‘the Servant Question’ in American Newspapers, 1830-1880 – Erin Barr

*10 minute break*

4:10-5:10 Grad student presentations (3 presentations)
Explaining Individual Differences – Zina Ward

Of Monsters and Men: The Supernatural and the Sanctity of Sex in Jacob Rueff’s Trostbücble - Isabelle Lahaie

What Brings Drug into Being? Rational Drug Design in the Age of Artificial Intelligence - HyeJeong Han

5:10-7:00 Poster session / reception/ pizza