

**MSS Committee for Women in the Profession
2016 Meeting Report – Submitted by Temporary Chair, Megan Nielsen**

Members present: Susan Bailey (2019), Krystal Cooper (2019), Audrey Madison (2016), Aditri Mitra (2017), Megan Nielsen (2017), Martel Pipkins (2018), Deniz Yucel (2019)

Members absent: Cheryl Childers (Chair, 2016-2017), Mac-Z Zurawski (Chair, 2014-2016), Mary Campbell (2017), Wenqian Dai (2016), Kayla Pritchard (2016), Rachel Whaley (2019)

The MSS Committee for Women in the Profession discussed the following areas related to the work of the committee: (1) the Jane Addams award, and (2) the Gender Diversity & Sexuality Certificate

1. We discussed the fact that Aditri Mitra was our 2016 recipient of the award and would be receiving this as the MSS Awards & Business Meeting on Friday of the conference. It was decided that Megan Nielsen would present the award. As the recipient, \$300 would be going to the American Association of University Women (AAUW) in Aditri's name. The process associated with picking an award recipient was also discussed with the idea nominations for recipients will be elicited from this committee through email and that additional volunteers will be needed to serve on a sub-committee that will receive applications.
2. We discussed the suspension of all committee certificates for the 2016 MSS conference. We are interested in continuing our specific committee certificate – Gender Diversity & Sexuality Certificate. We discussed the expectations associated with this certificate in regard to attending specific sessions that count towards identified areas (gender identity/roles, LGBT issues, gender inequality, etc.) and writing a reflective essay. Pending approval from the MSS Board, volunteers to serve on this sub-committee will be elicited through email. This sub-committee is responsible for identifying appropriate sessions from the meeting program.