



Dear Esteemed Members of the Gender Issues and Worklife Balance Section,

As I reflect on the past year, I am filled with gratitude for the opportunity to have served as your President. It has been a privilege to witness the dedication and passion of our members in advancing the cause of gender equality and promoting work-life balance within our profession.

I am thrilled to share that we have had a remarkably productive year, thanks to the tireless efforts of our dedicated volunteers. Together, we have made significant strides in furthering our Section's mission and enhancing its standing within the AAA community. Our commitment to serving our members and fostering a supportive environment remains unwavering.

One of our proudest achievements this year has been the growth of our membership. Through the collective efforts of our members, we have successfully expanded our reach and welcomed new voices into our Section. We especially want to welcome our new volunteers and officers joining us from the various regions. I encourage each of you to continue advocating for our cause and inviting your colleagues to join us in our journey towards inclusivity and equity.

I am also delighted to announce that we have partnered with KPMG to continue several prestigious awards, including the KPMG Mentoring Award, the KPMG Outstanding Dissertation Award, the KPMG Best Paper Award, and the KPMG Outstanding Published Manuscript Award. These awards recognize excellence in research and mentorship within our field, and I look forward to celebrating the accomplishments of our deserving recipients at our upcoming business meeting during the AAA Annual Meeting in DC. Our Section's annual Business Meeting will be held on Monday, August 12th from 4:00 – 5:30. I hope to see you there!

As we prepare for this year's Annual Meeting, I am pleased to report a significant increase in the number of paper submissions. This influx of scholarly contributions speaks to the vitality of our Section and the relevance of our work. I am grateful to the numerous discussants who have generously volunteered their time to provide valuable feedback to our authors, ensuring the success of our conference sessions.

Looking ahead, my vision for our Section is one of continued growth and impact. Together, we will strive to expand our reach and deepen our engagement with our members, while remaining steadfast in our commitment to advancing gender equality and promoting work-life balance. I invite each of you to actively participate in our Section's activities and contribute your unique perspectives to our collective endeavor. Again, this is a great time to welcome new members to our section from the void left by the regions.

In closing, I extend my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for your unwavering support and dedication. It is through our collective efforts that we will create a more inclusive and equitable future for all. Together, let us continue to champion change and make a difference in the world.

See you in Washington!

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