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## WIC Online Colloquium

### The Gendered Economy in the United States Before, During and After(?) Covid19

Thursday, June 4th, 2020  
16:00-17:00 (CEST)

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Countries around the world have gendered economies: men and women and girls and boys specialize in different activities and produce and consume differently. This talk will begin with a description of the gendered economy in the United States, using estimates from the National Transfer Accounts and Counting Women's Work projects. The division between household and market spheres of production is important in this story, with women taking a larger role in the production of unpaid care work in the household and men a larger role in market-based production of goods and services, although this specialization has been decreasing. With the household marking such an important border in the gendered economy, what has happened since the arrival of Covid19? Pandemic-related closures have shut down or curtailed the role of many institutions in the market economy and pushed much activity back inside the household. Many surveys have rushed into the field to measure how the gendered economy is responding. We will review results from some of these, including one conducted recently by Counting Women's Work. Most of these results indicate that under pressure from Covid19-related closures, "traditional" patterns have reasserted themselves, erasing years of trend toward less economic segregation by gender. We will close discussing what this might mean for the gendered economy and economic recovery going forward.

#### About the presenter

Gretchen Stockmayer Donehower is a research specialist with the Center on the Economics and Demography of Aging at the University of California at Berkeley and a fellow of the East-West Center. Her current research projects include National Transfer Accounts (NTA) which is focused on understanding the age dimension of economic activity and she is the Principal Investigator of the Counting Women's Work Project which brings gender into the NTA framework.

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