

WiGS Organizational Meeting
7 September 2011 from 10-11AM in Foege S-448
Recorded by Gennifer Merrihew

Members in attendance: Leslie Emery (emeryl@uw.edu), Jen McCreight (jmccreig@uw.edu), Gennifer Merrihew (genn@uw.edu), Melody Rynerson Palmer (mryner@uw.edu) and Jenny (Wagner) Andrie (jmwagner@uw.edu)

- I. Event coordinating responsibilities/issues
 - a. Still waiting for final protocol solidification
 - i. Leslie will email Nancy again as a reminder
- II. GS Seminar planning
 - a. Jenny invited Christina Smolke based on Catalyst survey responses
 - b. Seminar is Wednesday, January 11th
- III. Policy seminar
 - a. Leslie will organize spring policy seminar
 - i. Plan to invite Laura Meyers to discuss gender pay gap
- IV. Alternative career seminar
 - a. Jenn invited science writer Jennifer Ouelette
 - b. Seminar is Thursday, November 10th in Foege Auditorium from 1-3 PM
 - c. Her husband Sean Carroll will also be in Seattle
 - i. Jenn will email Jennifer to see if he may be interested in giving a physics seminar while here
- V. Alumni Seminar
 - a. Genn invited alum Karen James
 - b. Seminar will be in February or March
- VI. Retreat talk
 - a. WiGS has a Thursday morning talk
 - b. Jenn and Leslie will present
 - c. Melody will create a handout to place in the retreat folder with information about WiGS
- VII. Fall lunch discussion - general exam/thesis proposal session
 - a. Genn organized a panel on Thursday, November 3rd at 4 PM in Foege S110
 - b. Have a panel of 4 grad students to discuss issues relating to taking a general exam, picking a committee and writing a thesis proposal
 - i. Keisha Carlson, Adam Gordon, Peter Sudmant, and Sanna Oddone Sullivan are panelists
- VIII. Spring lunch discussion
 - a. Leslie would like to organize a discussion about picking a post-doc position
- IX. Possible other lunch discussion
 - a. Melody mentioned having a discussion about management of time while TAing
- X. Life Science Research Weekend
 - a. Genn will talk to previous volunteers to see if they would be interested in helping with organization this year
 - i. WiGS will not organize if there is not much interest in helping this year
 - b. Event is Friday, November 4th through Sunday, November 6th
- XI. New school year kick-off event
 - a. After Wednesday, October 5th GS seminar
 - b. (Who?Tanya or Leslie?) will organize a bowling event at the Garage like last year