

WiGS Organizational Meeting
2 November 2011 from 2:30-3:30 PM in Foege S-448
Recorded by Gennifer Merrihew

Members in attendance: Jenny Wagner Andrie (jmwagner@uw.edu), Jessica Aronson (jarons@uw.edu), Leslie Emery (emeryl@uw.edu), (Tanya Grancharova (tgranch@uw.edu), Jen McCreight (jmccreig@uw.edu), Gennifer Merrihew (genn@uw.edu), Maureen Munn (mmunn@uw.edu), and Melody Rynerson Palmer(mryner@uw.edu)

- I. Event coordinating responsibilities/issues
 - a. Leslie will email Nancy to verify Carlene specific tasks
- II. GS Seminar - Wednesday, January 11th at 3:30 PM
 - a. Christina Smolke from Stanford
 - b. Jenny organizing
- III. Policy seminar
 - a. Leslie will organize spring policy seminar, must be local speaker because of budget
 - i. Plan to invite Laura Meyers to discuss gender pay gap
 - ii. If Laura cannot attend, then we will invite a different local speaker
- IV. Alternative career seminar
 - a. Jenn invited science writer Jennifer Ouelette
 - b. Seminar is Thursday, November 10th in Foege Auditorium 1:30 PM
- V. Alumni Seminar
 - a. Genn invited alum Karen James
 - b. Seminar will be Thursday, March 1st at 10 AM in Foege Auditorium
- VI. 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
- VII. Spring lunch discussion
 - a. Leslie would like to organize a discussion about picking a post-doc position
- VIII. Winter lunch discussion
 - a. Melody will organize discussion about networking
- IX. Life Science Research Weekend
 - a. Genn emailed Reitha to tell her that WiGS cannot organize a table for the event this year
- X. Other outreach opportunities
 - a. Maureen and Jessica mentioned several other outreach activities and will forward more information to the email lists
 - i. Science festival in Yakima Valley - weekend of March 8th
 1. focus on under-represented minorities
 2. SACNAS, OHSU Let's Get Healthy, UW GEAR UP
 - ii. Elementary outreach in West Seattle at the Neighborhood House in November
 - iii. SPLASH at Seattle University