

WiGS Organizational Meeting  
Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014  
2:30pm-4:30pm Foege S040

Chair: Elyse Hope

**Updates on past events:**

- Rhein Haus bocce and beer welcome event very successful; high attendance from first-year students
- Talk at retreat generated several useful conversations with faculty
  - Spoke with Evan Eichler – wrote quick addition for him to Genome Training Grant
  - Spoke with Doug Fowler – idea to have women geneticists represented in lobby display case
  - Spoke with Cole Trapnell – he wants to encourage undergrad women to continue in the sciences
- Seattle Expanding Your Horizons
  - Got our reviews back from the student participants – 23 said it was super, 10 said it was good
- Statistics on gender distribution in the department labs are ongoing

**Upcoming events:**

- Cathy Ball, Ancestry.com - October 14th at 1:30pm
  - Anticipate about 30 people
  - Want to hear from her how to make that bridge into industry
  - Cecilia baking for the event
- Grant writing review - October 24th –
  - This is a new event – how might it work?
  - Assign groups of 3 in advance, read two other people's; ask a week in advance
- Jen to host games night
  - Pick a date after November 4<sup>th</sup>
  - Jen to send out a Doodle

**Other potential event ideas:**

- Workshop - work/life balance discussion?
  - Frame around the 24/7 lab paper, maybe a winter quarter thing?
- Career panel - UW Alum Dr. Ryan Emerson, Adaptive Biotechnologies
  - Giving Combi 2/25/15 – could potentially tap him for an industry talk?
- Making a good poster workshop - in May, right before conferences?
- STEM OUT outreach event?
  - Engineering thing from Brian with middle school girls
- Women geneticists featured in display case? Poll everyone, Melissa will be in charge of display case updating
- Cole Trapnell wants to encourage undergrad women to access computational fields through biology. How would this work?

- Better as a for-credit thing? Does UW have introsems?
- Add-on to an intro bio class?
- Get them early - a bootcamp/workshop like CSI Seattle?
- Does WISE have a point-person to do things on a university-wide scale?
- A new study shows women get specifically negative feedback – could we do a workshop on maybe how to address from the bottom up?
  - Journal Club?
  - Book about it/book club?
  - New York Times article - forum - have you experienced this, how have you handled it etc.
  - Google running explicit workshops about it, voluntary workshops about implicit bias
- A goal for the year is to improve the seminar lunches
  - A lot of people didn't get on the list fall quarter
  - Address by sending list out list early?
  - Shared google doc available at a specific time - sign up for up to 2 and then expand - maximum size 8 (7 + speaker)