

WiGS meeting minutes

February 4th, 2015 organizational meeting
2:30pm-3:30pm, Foegen S-448

In attendance:

Andrea Higdon
Katherine Xue
Melissa Chiasson
Beth Morton
Elyse Hope

Upcoming events:

- Journal club tomorrow about a correlation between certain PhD fields and a belief in the need for possessing innate genius
 - We discussed today – what data has contributed to the belief in “male exceptionalism”? Metrics like IQ, SAT score trends? Branch of pseudoscience?
- Michael Senko from Thermo Scientific giving seminar next week
- Update on Seattle Expanding Your Horizons:
 - Thinking about adding an additional strip tasting, sodium benzoate - naturally occurs in some fruits
 - Add to show them a complex trait — add more of a discussion component
 - Potentially do a graph of their tasting with this in addition to PTC
 - Choose a couple of foods with sodium benzoate
- Time to send out call for seminar speaker nominations
 - Nicole King at Berkeley – has compiled a list of good women seminar speakers
- A question was raised about good popular science books to introduce interested folks to genetics and genomics. Books that came up:
 - The eighth day of creation: makers of the revolution in biology
 - “Genome: the autobiography of a species in 23 chapters” by Matt Ridley