WiGS meeting minutes
Feburary 4th, 2015 organizational meeting
2:30pm-3:30pm, Foege 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
  o We discussed today – what data has contributed to the belief in “male exceptionality”? Metrics like IQ, SAT score trends? Branch of pseudoscience?
• Michael Senko from Thermo Scientific giving seminar next week
• Update on Seattle Expanding Your Horizons:
  o Thinking about adding an additional strip tasting, sodium benzoate - naturally occurs in some fruits
  o Add to show them a complex trait — add more of a discussion component
  o Potentially do a graph of their tasting with this in addition to PTC
  o Choose a couple of foods with sodium benzoate
• Time to send out call for seminar speaker nominations
  o 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:
  o The eighth day of creation: makers of the revolution in biology
  o “Genome: the autobiography of a species in 23 chapters” by Matt Ridley