

Women in Genome Sciences WiGS

Women in Genome Sciences (WiGS) was created in 2006 to establish an environment supportive of women in Genome Sciences. Some of the issues we address include:

- graduate student and faculty recruitment
- attrition of women from academic science
- navigation of an academic career with a family
- development of a department friendly to women and minorities
- barriers minorities face in science and our department
- the impact of our research on society

We encourage everyone in the department who is interested in these issues to join us.

Check out our website at gs.washington.edu/news/wigs.htm.

To join our email list, contact Genn Merrihew (genn@u.washington.edu).

Upcoming Events

- **Genome Science charades (good times!)**
9pm Wed 17 Sept in the Blakely/Cypress Ballroom
- Chalk talk workshop with Jay Shendure
16 Oct 2008
- GS seminar with Leonie Moyle
21 Jan 2009
- Policy seminar
- Combi seminar
- Family-friendly department barbecue
Summer 2009
- Quarterly seminar, workshop, or discussions

Past Events

- Research seminar with Hannele Ruohola-Baker
- New GS grad student info session
- Ethics in genetics seminar with Wylie Burke
- Job-hunting in academics with Christine Queitsch
- GS seminar with Elaine Ostrander
- Policy seminar on genetics and race with Sandra Lee
- Academic work value discussion with Willie Swanson and Carol Sibley
- Combi seminar with Rebecca Doerge
- Family-friendly department barbecue
- Career path talk with Kathy Friedman
- Research seminar by Barbara Wakimoto
- Combi seminar by Dahlia Neilsen

Current short-term goals

- Complete annual departmental survey
- Investigate the possibility of establishing a WiGS lending library
- Promote connectivity among women in the department
- Support GS happy hour as a welcoming space for all genome scientists

Departmental progress

- Improved gender equity in grad student recruitment
- Improved gender equity in faculty hires

Monthly organizational meetings are generally held the first ????? of each month at ????? in Foege S-230.

Everyone is welcome at all WiGS events, regardless of gender, unless otherwise specified.

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