

Hello! Here are the minutes from today's WISC meeting:

1. Recent events
 2. Take a girl to college day
 3. Breakfasts with speakers
 4. Spring banquet
 5. Game of life coordinator, WISC officers for next year
 6. Other upcoming events
- No meeting next month, see you at the spring banquet, time TBA.

1. Recent Events: We had two Game of Life Discussions with Dr. Cynthia Rosenweig leader of the Climate Impacts research group at NASA's Goddard Institute of Space Studies and Dr. Rebecca Goldberg senior scientist for Environmental Defense. Also, we had a breakfast with Prof. Dina Merrer from Barnard College.

WISC Spring Events

2. Take a Girl to College Day is scheduled for Wednesday, April 23rd. Girls in Grades 8-10 are invited to Columbia to attend classes and learn what it is like to be a college student. We still need volunteers for afternoon activities such as lab tours and GSD type experiments, please contact Mindy Levine (m1136@columbia.edu) if you're interested.

3. Breakfast with Speakers: There is a breakfast tentatively scheduled for April 17th with Justine Roth from Johns Hopkins, a bioinorganic/biophysical chemist who studies redox mechanisms in proteins. Also, it is not too late to organize a breakfast in your own department with a visiting speaker or professor, we have funds! If you're interested contact Jackie Catalano (jic2104@columbia.edu) or Victoria Landry (vk12103@columbia.edu)

4. The Spring Banquet will be at the end of April/Beginning of May – If you're interested in helping contact Kathleen Kristian (kek2108@columbia.edu) or Mary Pulling (mep2108@columbia.edu)

5. We need a Game of Life coordinator(s) for next year and suggestions on who to invite in the Fall (contact Heidi Perry (hap2102@columbia.edu)) - and also in two weeks we will ask for nominations for the WISC Officers 2008-2009 (co-president, secretary, treasurer, and web mistresses). If you are interested in a position and have questions contact Jackie (jic2104@columbia.edu) or Victoria (vk12103@columbia.edu) or Secretary Mary Blair (meb2127@columbia.edu), Treasurer Marlin Halim (mh2336@columbia.edu), or Webmistress Heidi Perry (hap2102@columbia.edu).

6. Other Events: A fellow WISC member Lauren Aguilar is conducting a study on the quality of grad student life at Columbia. The first wave of the study will be one-on-one private interviews, starting this

week--paid \$10/hour. The second wave of the study will be a short web study--entry into raffle for an i-pod and other prizes. She needs people to participate in both stages and also to endorse the event to other grad students in your department. Contact Lauren Aguilar at lja2106@columbia.edu if interested – she will also be sending out an email to the WISC list soon.

Also, there are a few upcoming events hosted by career services that might be of interest:

Career Education for Women Series

Panel on Leadership in the Workplace

-April 1, 6-8pm Mudd Building, Carleton Lounge

-Join alumni and experienced professionals to learn about their leadership experiences and recommendations for women seeking leadership roles.

-To RSVP, please go to: <https://calendar.columbia.edu/sundial/webapi/register.php?eventID=19259>

Panel on Women in Higher Education

-April 9, 6-8pm 301 Philosophy

-A wide variety of women in higher education will share their successes and challenges, advice, and expectations for the future role of women in education.

-To RSVP, please go to: <https://calendar.columbia.edu/sundial/webapi/register.php?eventID=19261>

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-Mary B