Welcome

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• Is a large scale consortium for GWAS research in the social sciences feasible?
  – Workshop in Boston (12 Feb 2011)
    • NSF EAGER Grant
    – Answer: Yes!
• First phenotype: educational attainment
• Close collaboration with CHARGE consortium
Today

- Highly accomplished and diverse audience
  - GWAS cohort representatives (mostly medicine)
  - Social science survey representatives
  - Behavioral geneticists
  - Statistical geneticists
  - Genetic epidemiologists
  - Social scientists with interest in genetics
  - Funding agency representatives

- Excellent invited speakers

- We are very grateful:
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  - NBER, especially Carl Beck and Rob Shannon
Objectives

- Progress report
  - Educational attainment GWAS

- Next phenotypes
  - Currently feasible
  - New phenotype collection

- Responsible research

- Appropriate and feasible methods
  - Beyond GWAS
Our advisory board

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  - New York University, Sociology
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