

# Welcome

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# Social Science Genetics Association Consortium - SSGAC

- 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:
  - NSF EAGER grant, supplemented by NIH OBSSR
  - 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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