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**Holiday Inn
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Workshop Schedule

Friday, April 5

- 3:00–4:30 p.m. **Education Funding Opportunities** – Holiday Inn-College Park Ballroom B
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- 4:45–6:15 p.m. **Introduction to Peer Instruction** – Ballroom B
Eric Mazur, Harvard University
- 6:15–6:30 p.m. **Welcoming Remarks and Overview** – Ballroom B
Bob Hilborn, Workshop Chair
Beth Cunningham, Executive Officer, American Association of Physics Teachers
H. Frederick Dylla, Executive Director and CEO, American Institute of Physics
Kate Kirby, Executive Officer, American Physical Society
Kevin Marvel, Executive Officer, American Astronomical Society
Duncan McBride, Division of Undergraduate Education, National Science Foundation
- 6:30–7:30 p.m. **Dinner** – Holiday Inn – Ballroom A
- 7:30–8:30 p.m. **Keynote: *Scientific Teaching*** – Ballroom A
Carl Wieman, University of Colorado-Boulder

Saturday, April 6

- 7:00–8:00 a.m. **Breakfast** – Holiday Inn – Moose Creek Steak House
- 8:00–9:00 a.m. *Interactive Engagement in Large Introductory Courses*
Ballroom B
Ed Prather, University of Arizona
- 9:00–10:00 a.m. **Breakout I, Topics TBD** – Ballroom B, C, D
- 10:00–10:30 a.m. **Break** – Ballroom Foyer
- 10:30–11:30 a.m. *Assessment and Evaluation* – Ballroom B
Noah Finkelstein, University of Colorado
- 11:30–12:30 a.m. **Breakout II, Best Ideas About Teaching and Learning From the Experienced Faculty Members** – Ballroom B, C, D
- 12:30–1:30 p.m. **Group Photo and Lunch** – Ballroom A
- 1:30–2:30 p.m. *Using PhET Simulations to Enhance Student Learning*
Ballroom B
Katherine Perkins, University of Colorado-Boulder
- 2:30–3:30 p.m. *Panel Discussion – Mentoring New Faculty About Teaching and Learning* – Ballroom B
Bob Hilborn, American Association of Physics Teachers
- 3:30–4:00 p.m. **Break** – Ballroom Foyer
- 4:00–5:00 p.m. *Online Homework and Course Systems* – Ballroom B
David Pritchard, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- 5:00–6:00 p.m. *Interactive Engagement in Upper-Level Courses* – Ballroom B
Corinne Manogue, Oregon State University
- 6:00–6:30 p.m. **Resources for Interactive Engagement Teaching Methods – where to find more information** – Ballroom B
- 6:30–7:30 p.m. **Dinner** – Ballroom A
- 7:30–8:30 p.m. *Thinking Broadly About Educational Technology* – Ballroom A
Edward Price, California State University-San Marcos

Sunday, April 7

- 7:00–8:00 a.m. **Breakfast** – Holiday Inn – Moose Creek Steak House
- 8:00–9:00 a.m. *Just-in-time Teaching* – Ballroom B
Andrew Gavrin, Indiana Univ.-Purdue Univ.-Indianapolis
- 9:00–10:00 a.m. **Breakout III, Leadership in Undergraduate and Graduate Physics Programs – How to Shape Your Department’s Teaching Program** – Ballroom B, C, D
- 10:00–10:15 a.m. **Break** – Ballroom Foyer
- 10:15–10:45 a.m. **Reports from Breakout Sessions and Discussion** – Ballroom B
Bob Hilborn, American Association of Physics Teachers
- 10:45–12:00 a.m. *Teaching for Retention and Diversity* – Ballroom B
James Stith, American Institute of Physics
- 12:00 a.m. **Concluding Remarks and Farewell**



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