

**2014 Physics Department Chairs Conference  
Holiday Inn-College Park**

**Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup>**

**2:30 – 4:15 PM Special Workshop for New Chairs**

Hallsie Reno, University of Iowa  
Ron Henderson, Middle Tennessee State University

**4:15 – 4:45 PM Informal reception**

**4:45 PM Welcome and Introductions**

Beth Cunningham, Executive Officer, American Association of Physics Teachers  
Kate Kirby, Executive Officer, American Physical Society  
Fred Dylla, American Institute of Physics  
Moderator: Bob Hilborn, American Association of Physics Teachers

**5:00 – 6:00 PM Roundtable Discussion with NSF Program Officers**

Paul Sokol, Program Director, Division of Materials Research  
Kathleen McCloud, Program Director, Division of Physics  
Claudia Rankins, Program Director, Education and Human Resources  
Moderator: Monica Plisch, American Physical Society

**6:00 - 7:30 PM Dinner and opening talk**

"MOOCs, Online Education, and Your Department"  
David Pritchard, Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Moderator: Mary Hall Reno, University of Iowa

**Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**

**7:30-8:30 AM Breakfast at the hotel**

**9:00 – 10:00 AM Presentation and Panel Session:**

“Assessment for Course and Program Improvement”  
Charles Henderson, Western Michigan University

Panelists to be selected from participants.  
Moderator: Ron Henderson, Middle Tennessee State University

**10:00-10:15 AM Break**

**10:15-11:00AM Town Hall Discussion** with Laurie McNeil, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and co-chair of the AAPT/APS Joint Task Force on Undergraduate Physics Programs  
Moderator: Bob Hilborn, AAPT

**11:00 -11:45 AM Plenary:**

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“Majors’ tracks for innovation and entrepreneurship”  
Duncan Carlsmith, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Moderator: Bob Joynt, University of Wisconsin-Madison

11:45 – 12:45 PM **Group photo and lunch**

12:45 – 1:30 PM **Plenary**

“Research-based assessment resources to improve teaching in your classroom and department”  
Sarah (“Sam”) McKagan, AAPT and Seattle Pacific University  
Moderator: Karen Magee-Sauer, Rowan University

1:30 – 2:15 PM **Small Group Sessions I– topics to be determined by pre-conference survey**

- A. Assessing teaching in your department with the research-based Assessment Data Explorer, Sarah (“Sam”) McKagan and Eleanor Sayre, Kansas State University
- B. TBD
- C. TBD

2:15 – 3:00 PM **Plenary:**

“The landscape of graduate admissions: Surveying physics programs about doctoral admissions practices”  
Geoff Potvin, Florida International University  
Moderator: Anderson Sunda-Meya, Xavier University (New Orleans)

3:00 - 3:30 PM **Break**

3:30 –4:15 PM **Small Group Sessions II**

- A. Primarily Undergraduate Institutions
- B. Master’s Degree Institutions
- C. PhD granting institutions

4:15 - 5:00 PM **Plenary**

“Increasing participation of underrepresented minorities in graduate education: Building effective ‘bridge’ programs”  
Ted Hodapp, American Physical Society  
Moderator: Bob Joynt, University of Wisconsin-Madison

5:00-5:15 PM Feedback on Upcoming Physics Department Chairs’ Survey  
Ted Hodapp, American Physical Society

5:15 – 6:00 **Free Time**

6:00 – 6:30 PM **Reception**

6:30 PM **Dinner at the hotel**

**Sunday, June 8**

7:30 – 8:30 AM **Breakfast at the hotel**

9:00 – 9:45 AM **Physics policy session**

“Federal research and education policy outlook”  
Tyler Glembo, American Physical Society, Washington Office

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Moderator: Monica Plisch, American Physical Society

9:45 - 10:15 AM **Break** and hotel checkout

10:15 – 10:45 AM **Plenary**

“Putting students to work: Physics-based career opportunities education resources”  
Roman Czujko, Kendra Redmond, and Toni Sauncey, American Institute of Physics  
Moderator: Karen Magee-Sauer, Rowan University

10:45 – 11:15 AM **Open session** to discuss conference outcomes, conclusions and recommendations

Moderator: Mary Hall Reno, University of Iowa

11:15 AM **Final Words, Post-Conference Survey Information, Adjourn**

Moderator: Bob Hilborn, AAPT