

ASA Chairs Conference Program
The Academic Department as a Real Utopia:
Clear Headed Approaches to an Idealistic Endeavor

Thursday August 16, 2012 8:00am – 5:30pm
Colorado Convention Center, Room 101-105, Street Level

8:00-8:30am	Continental breakfast, receive packets
8:30-8:45am	<u>Welcome</u> <i>Margaret Weigers Vitullo, Director – Academic and Professional Affairs, ASA</i>
8:45-10:00am	<u>Opening Keynote</u> (75 minutes) The Academic Department as a Real Utopia <i>Erik Olin Wright, 2012 ASA President</i> <i>University of Wisconsin - Madison</i>
10:00am-10:15am	Break
10:15-11:30am	<u>Concurrent Roundtables I</u> (75 minutes) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Taking on the Role of Department Chair <i>Sarah Willie-LeBreton, Chair – Swarthmore College</i> 2. There’s a New Dean/Provost/President: Administrative Transitions as Moments of Departmental Opportunity <i>Thomas Calhoun, Acting Dean - Jackson State University</i> 3. Evaluating Faculty Scholarship: What Criteria Are Chairs Using for Alternative and Online Publications? <i>Margaret Weigers Vitullo, Director – Academic and Professional Affairs, ASA</i> 4. Alumni and Community Advisory Boards: A New Approach for Building Relevance and Support <i>Nancy Greenwood, Chair - Indiana University, Kokomo</i> 5. Preparing for Program Review <i>Susan J. Ferguson, Recent Chair and DRG Consultant, Grinnell College</i> 6. Conflict Resolution for Department Chairs <i>Tracy Ore, Chair – St. Cloud State University</i>
11:30-1:00pm	Lunch and ASA Registration (90 minutes)
1:00-2:15pm	<u>Plenary Workshop</u> (75 minutes) “Machine, Family, Jungle, Theater: Organizational Sociology for Departmental Leadership” <i>Diane Pike</i> <i>Former Chair, Augsburg College</i> <i>Co-winner, 2012 ASA Distinguished Contribution to Teaching Award</i> <i>ASA Department Resources Group Advisory Board</i> <i>Past President, Midwest Sociological Society</i>
2:15-2:30pm	Break

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2:30-3:45pm	<p><u>Concurrent Roundtables II</u> (75 minutes) (most repeat in Roundtables III, non-repeating sessions are marked with a star)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On-line and Distance Learning – Departmental Considerations <i>John Brooks, Dean – South University</i> 2. Building Department Structures that Foster Career Success for Undergraduates TBA 3. Attracting Majors – Empirical Insights Into What Works <i>Roberta Spalter-Roth, Director of Research - ASA</i> <i>Mary Senter, Chair – Central Michigan State University</i> 4. Useful and Manageable Assessment <i>Cynthia M. Siemsen, Chair - California State University, Chico</i> 5. Chairing a PhD Program in Sociology <i>Alford Young, Chair – University of Michigan</i> 7. Advocating for Gender Progressive Work-Family Policies <i>Barbara Risman, Chair – University of Illinois, Chicago</i>
3:45-4:00pm	<p><u>Break</u></p>
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5:15-5:30pm	<p><u>Thank You and Evaluations</u></p>

Don't forget!

7:00-9:00pm: ASA Annual Meeting Opening Plenary - "Equality."

9:00-10:30pm: Welcoming Reception.