This year’s workshop will focus on the many challenges department leaders face in growing and improving their programs during a period of disruption and change in higher education. Workshop sessions will explore how departments can position themselves strategically to generate student credit hours, attract diverse faculty and students, support faculty research and publication, and innovate in high-impact learning practices. This also means addressing strategies for effective management and leadership, issues of shared governance, and the value of a deep understanding of the challenges and opportunities now facing colleges and universities across the entire country.

In addition to sessions centered around the workshop theme, participants will be able to pick other topics they would like to discuss. Previous workshops have offered sessions on getting started in department leadership; strategic planning; preparing for program reviews; recruiting and retaining majors; keeping in contact with alumni; conflict management; leading and teaching for diversity and inclusion and a wide range of other topics.

The workshop is for all geographers interested in improving their programs—particularly, department chairs & heads, associate chairs & heads, academic advisors, or any faculty moving into leadership roles.

Time will also be set aside for participants to share and discuss their own concerns and experiences. One of the most important elements of the workshop is the opportunity it affords everyone to learn from and network with new and experienced leaders and administrators.

Participants will also have an opportunity to meet, learn with, and share some meals with those attending the Early Career Workshop being held during the same week. Most participants have built lasting networks among themselves and with workshop leaders.

The Department Leadership Workshop is a part of the AAG’s Healthy Departments Initiative.

George Washington University’s Department of Geography will host this summer workshop on its centrally-located Foggy Bottom campus in the heart of Washington, D.C.

A minimum of 15 participants are needed to meet the costs of the workshop. If fewer are enrolled as of May 15, the workshop may be cancelled and all funds returned to participants.

For more questions about the workshop contact Patricia Price (Patricia.Price@baruch.cuny.edu).

REGISTRATION FEES:

$375 covers supplies, meeting space, facilitator costs, and most meals

$300 for three nights stay on George Washington University campus (this fee is in addition to the registration fee, if you decide to stay in campus housing)

Often participants’ home departments pay all or part of the workshop cost, so please check with your chair, advisor, dean or provost about fellowship opportunities.

All participants are responsible for making their own travel arrangements. Reagan National Airport and Union Station are a short taxi or Metro ride away from the workshop venue. Baltimore-Washington International Airport and Dulles International Airport are about an hour away by airport transportation to public transit connections.

You do not need to be a member of the American Association of Geographers to register for the workshop or to enter the website. Follow the instructions to “Sign Up” for a temporary password if you are not an AAG member. Sign in to your account, if you are a member. Enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis.

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