

2009 AAG Departmental Leadership Workshop  
Hilton Wilmington Riverside Hotel

*Advancing Geography Departments in Lean Years*

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

**Thursday, July 9, 2009**

- 9:00 am – 5:00 pm      Optional field trip      *Leader:* Doug Gamble
- 6:00 pm      **Welcome Session**  
Welcome (Harden)  
Opening talk (Palm): Key issues for higher education in the future and perspectives on departmental leadership
- 7:00 pm      Welcome Dinner

**Friday, July 10, 2009**

- Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 – 10:30 am      **Session 1      Key issues for departmental leadership in lean years.**  
*Panelists:* Risa Palm, Susan Cutter, Doug Richardson
- Break
- 10:45 – 12:00      **Session 2      Breakout sessions.**  
Small group discussions of challenges and opportunities facing different types of departments (10:45–11:30, reporting back to group 11:30–noon).
- Lunch
- 1:30 – 3:00 pm      **Session 3      Addressing the Challenges of Lean Years.**  
*Panelists:* Harden, Ingalls, Foote  
Strategic planning, strengthening morale, recruiting students, preparing students for and connecting them with job opportunities
- Break
- 3:15–4:45 pm      **Session 4      Lessons from the EDGE Project.**  
*Panelists:* Solem, Harrington.  
Research associated with the AAG's EDGE Project (Enhancing Departments and Graduate Education) offers insights on geography departments and professional development relevant to all departments. Copies of publications resulting from the EDGE project, including the book, *Aspiring Academics*, will be distributed to workshop participants.
- Dinner

**Saturday, July 11, 2009**

Continental Breakfast

8:45–10:15 am

**Session 5 Money and Other Resources: How/where to get more and how to hang onto what you have**  
*Leaders:* Cutter, Harden

Break

10:30–11:45 am

**Session 6** Improving Communication on all Fronts, Assessment, Open Forum for extended discussion of topics of special interest

11:45–12:00

Wrap-up, consideration of future steps, and adjournment.

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*Panelists:*

Susan Cutter  
Ken Foote  
Carol Harden

JW Harrington  
Jerry Ingalls  
Risa Palm

Doug Richardson  
Michael Solem