

# 2021 Department Chairs Conference

June 3-4, 2021

## Conference Schedule

Thursday, June 3rd

				Parallel Sessions		
				S1: How to be an Effective Chair	S2. Introductory Courses for STEM Majors	S3. Implementing Active Learning in Physics Departments
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)				A chair is a special position that needs to communicate to college leadership and faculty, set the tone for the department, and set directions for innovations. The job requires working with staff, mentoring, and difficult conversations. In this session, current chairs will discuss and share best practices appropriate to the type of department they lead.	The largest contingent of students in most departments of physics are those taking the introductory physics sequence; when healthy, this sequence can lead to increasing the number of majors, and improve the department's standing with the institution. Pedagogical innovation in methodology and technology is critical for success, and it requires much departmental support. This session will include an organized discussion of ideas for improving the introductory courses in physics for the STEM majors and the role of the chair of the department.	This session will address questions and concerns chairs might have about implementing Active Learning in their departments. What specific techniques are you using in classes? How do you convince different stakeholders to implement active learning techniques?