
New York State Section Spring Meeting 2004
April 16–17, 2004
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Buffalo, New York

On April 16–17, 2004, SUNY-Buffalo State College hosted the jointly convened Spring 2004 symposia of the NYSS-APS and NYSS-AAPT in Buffalo, New York. The theme of the co-convened meeting was “What Physics Education Research says to Physicists and Physics Educators,” and the conference was organized by Dan MacIsaac, Mike Demarco, David Henry, and Dewayne Beery of the SUNY-BSC Physics and Elementary Education Departments.

One hundred and thirty registrants attended presentations by national and regional PER scholars and industrial physicists conducting physics training and outreach. Suzanne Brahmia (Rutgers), Ewart Leblanc (Xerox), Michael Neuschatz (AIP), and John Lacey (Kodak) spoke on recruiting and retaining under-represented populations; Dewey Dykstra (Boise State), Ron Thornton (Tufts), Richard Steinberg (CCNY), and Karen Cummings (S CT State) presented research on learning physics and Bob Beichner (NCSU), Dan MacIsaac and Kathleen Falconer (Buffalo State) described

various application of PER in the physics classroom. The keynote speaker was Randy Knight (Cal Poly) who spoke on taking PER from the laboratory to the classroom in a public evening session at the nearby Buffalo Historical Museum.

The jointly convened meeting and conference was quite well received, with considerable attendance and positive comment from Western New York regional physicists and teachers. John Wiley and Prentice Hall publishing donated several PER titles for free distribution to attendees, and Addison-Wesley (Pearson) publishing financed travel for the keynote speaker.

Papers, PowerPoint slides, programs, and photographs from the conference are available online at <http://physicsed.buffalostate.edu/pubs/AAPTmtgs/NYSS/Apr2004NYSSPERconf/>. Further conference details can be had from macisadl@buffalostate.edu. See <http://physicsed.buffalostate.edu/pubs/AAPTmtgs/NYSS/Apr2004NYSSPERconf/ConfPhotos/2004symposium.htm> for specific photos and captions.