Learning Assistant (LA) Model CHANDRA TURPEN, TBA — This workshop will introduce the Learning Assistant (LA) Model. The LA Model uses the transformation of STEM courses as a mechanism for improving the quality of STEM education for all undergraduates. The transformation of courses can be accomplished in many different ways, but often involves creating environments in which students can interact with one another, engage in collaborative problem solving, and articulate and defend their ideas. To accomplish this, LAs are hired to facilitate small-group interaction in these courses. This model offers unique affordances for recruiting and preparing physics teachers. In this workshop, we will discuss what is involved in building an LA program.