



2015 NASPA Conference Committee Report
Richard Walker, Conference Chair
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The 2015 NASPA Conference Leadership Committee confirmed and announced the featured/keynote speakers for the 2015 conference in August. They are scheduled as follows:

Sunday, March 22, 2015

5:00 p.m.

Jennifer Arnold

<http://jenniferarnoldmd.com/>

<http://www.tlc.com/tv-shows/little-couple/about-the-show/bill-jen-a-love-story.htm>

Monday, March 23, 2015

10:00 – 11:15 a.m.

Melissa Harris-Perry, host of MSNBC's Melissa Harris-Perry and Professor of Politics and International Affairs, Wake Forest University

<http://melissaharrisperry.com/>

Tuesday, March 24, 2015

10:00 – 11:15 a.m.

Tim Sanders, Chief Solutions Officer, Yahoo!

<http://www.timsanders.com/>

Wednesday, March 25, 2015

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Dr. Renu Khator, President, University of Houston

<http://www.uh.edu/president/>

The deadline for the submission of program proposals was September 5, 2014. This year the total number of submissions was 1,801 which is a new record beating last year's record of 1,406 which accounts for a 28% increase. Additionally, 1,370 NASPA members signed-up to serve as program proposal reviewers, another record. The Conference Leadership Committee met in Washington, DC October 7-9, 2014 to make the program selections for the 2015 conference. The data regarding the program submissions and accepted sessions is listed below.

Total Number of Submissions – 1,801

Total Number Accepted – 752

- Pre-conference Workshops (Half-Day) - 20

- Pre-conference Workshops (Full-Day) - 24
- General Interest - 523
- KC Sponsored - 77
- Virtual Ticket - 53
- Poster Sessions - 31
- SA Speaks – 5 (additional sessions still to be added)
- Scholarly Papers – 33

Total Number Rejected – 1,039

The Conference Leadership Committee and the NASPA staff are in the process of finalizing a number of Featured Educational Sessions as well as the Book Club sessions. Information regarding these sessions will be announced in the near future.

Generations Hall which is located across the street from the Convention Center has been confirmed as the location for the Opening Reception on Sunday, March 22, 2015 immediately following the Opening Session.