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### **Department Resources Group**

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### **Statement of Consulting Approach**

My approach to program review begins with in-depth study of the department focusing on its strengths—particularly faculty strengths. My overarching goal is to understand the unique assets of each department so that I may provide strategies for leveraging department strengths to address specific challenges and threats and to negotiate resources and opportunities needed to achieve department goals and serve students.

I have been a member of the ASA's Department Resources Group for over ten years and have conducted program reviews in a variety of university roles (department chair, program director, internship supervisor, member of the program review committee) at my home institutions (University of Wisconsin-Stout and now, Metropolitan State University).

My teaching, research and service agendas have brought me in frequent contact with community needs and justice-oriented community organizations. I serve on the executive committees of two non-profits: WATCH, a national court monitoring organization and the Center for Homicide Research, an organization dedicated to extra-agency research on lethal violence that aims to better understand and prevent homicide by examining it as an epidemic.

I earned a B.A. from the University of Minnesota in 1992 in Political Science and a Ph.D. in Sociology from Yale University in 2000.

