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Jeanne Ballantine is university professor of sociology at Wright State University, a mid-sized state university in southwestern Ohio. Located in the Dayton metropolitan area, Wright State has 16,500 students, both commuters and residents. The sociology department is combined with anthropology (and formerly with social work), and houses a criminology/criminal justice major. The department has approximately 200 sociology majors, and a large number of minors. The graduate masters program, Applied Behavioral Science, is an applied program focusing on social problems and criminal justice. The masters program is over 30 years old and accepts 8 to 12 students in a typical year. Jeanne received her Master's Degree at Columbia University and PhD at Indiana University.

Jeanne has held a number of positions in ASA and sections, including ASA Coordinator for Departmental Consultation Visits; chair of Teaching and Learning and Sociology of Education sections; ASA committees including Committee on Committees, Teaching Awards Committee, Membership Committee, several task forces; leader for new section officer workshops; and she has won a number of awards including the Section on Teaching and Learning Teaching Award and the ASA Distinguished Contributions to Teaching Award. In her institution, Jeanne has been department chair, director of graduate programs, faculty president, and has held other administrative positions including originator and director of the Center for Teaching and Learning (faculty development). She has also been president of North Central Sociological Association, Society for Applied Sociology, and held leadership positions in other sociological organizations, including International Sociological Association.

Jeanne has conducted numerous workshops and made presentations on faculty development and in her specialty fields such as International women's issues, Sociology of Education and Teaching. She has been an organizer of special workshops such as the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning including coordinator of the ASA pre-conference courses on teaching. She is also a featured presenter at the Lilly Conference on Teaching at Miami University. She is author of numerous articles and several books including Our Social World (Sage/Pine Forge) with Keith Roberts. Jeanne has done consultation visits to a number of institutions including community colleges, four-year institutions (state and private), religiously affiliated institutions, and state universities.

In conducting department consultation visits, Jeanne sees herself as an advocate for the department, determining the department's strengths and areas of concern. She is a skilled interviewer and can see the "big picture"

including how the department fits into the whole institution. She focuses on curriculum, assessment, joint departments, applied programs, and other issues of concern to departments (excluding personnel issues). She does extensive preparation for visits and writes balanced, constructive reports if requested.

She requests that the department or institution clarify the goals of the visit, who is requesting the visit, and for what purpose. She asks that departments send information about the department and institution, and discuss any special concerns on which she should focus. During the visit she meets with faculty members and other concerned individuals including students, deans, and associated department chairs. Visits are often followed by a debriefing and a written report.

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