

## INVITATION TO ATTEND THE 2009 ANNUAL CONVENTION ALLIED SOCIAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATIONS



# SAN FRANCISCO, CA JANUARY 3-5, 2009 \*\*SATURDAY, SUNDAY & MONDAY\*\*

### MEETING FACILITIES

The headquarters hotel is the Hilton San Francisco. Sessions are also in the San Francisco Marriott, and the Westin St. Francisc. The AEA Continuing Education Program is located in the Grand Hyatt, January 5-7. Registration and Exhibits are located in the Hilton San Francisco. Interview tables are located in the San Francisco Marriott. Sessions begin Saturday, January 3 at 8:00 a.m. and run until 3:00 p.m. on Monday, January 5.

### **PRELIMINARY PROGRAMS**

The entire preliminary program is on the AEA website at www.vanderbilt.edu/AEA starting in September. An update is made in November only.

### REGISTRATION

You must register and pay the registration fee before booking a room. The five digit registration ID number is needed to book a room or suite. Once registration payment is received, you will get an email confirmation, registration ID number, housing form, and link to housing. See housing instructions. Everyone must register, including speakers and discussants. Badges are required for admission to all sessions and activities. Pick up your registration packet at the Hilton San Francisco, Grand Ballroom-Salon A, Building 2, "GB" Grand Ballroom Level. On-Site and Advance Registration Booths will be open as follows:

Friday, January 2	::00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.*
Saturday, January 3	7:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.*
Sunday, January 4.	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.*
Monday, January 5	8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Green Room, Building 2, Ballroom Level)

<sup>\*</sup>The on-site registration line will be closed off fifteen minutes prior to closing of each day. Early registration fee (received by November 21) for AEA members is \$60.00. Early registration fee for non-AEA members is \$75.00. Registration fee after November 21 and on-site registration is \$125.00 for AEA members or non-AEA members. Online registration is the only option after November 21.

### **REGISTRATION CONFIRMATIONS**

If you register online you will get an email confirmation within a few minutes, faxed registration forms take up to three days, and mailed in forms take up to two weeks to process. Confirmations are emailed when email addresses are provided. If you do not receive a confirmation within this time frame email us at ASSA@vanderbilt.edu. Check your confirmation for name and affiliation accuracy. If any corrections are required, fax changes to 615.343.2986, email to ASSA@vanderbilt.edu, or mail to the ASSA Registration Office, 2014 Broadway, Suite 305, Nashville, TN 37203. We recommend you bring your confirmation when picking up your packet at the Hilton San Francisco. A receipt is included in each participant's packet.

### REFUNDS

In order to process refunds for pre-registration you must forward a copy of your hotel room or suite cancellation notice to ASSA. We must receive your request in writing by November 21 to the address or fax number under "Registration Confirmations" or email it to assa@vanderbilt.edu.

### **AEA CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM**

Starting in 2009, the AEA will offer a set of three "continuing education" programs scheduled immediately following the ASSA Meetings. The programs are designed to help mid-career economists with heavy teaching loads or considerable administrative responsibilities maintain the value of their human capital. They are tailored to faculty at liberal arts colleges and teaching-oriented state universities that usually have fewer research opportunities than colleagues at universities with Ph.D. programs in economics. The lecturers are leading scholars in their fields who are excellent expositors. The focus is on content to help improve both teaching and research. See the AEA Continuing Education link for more details.

### ASSA 2009 MEETINGS IN SAN FRANCISCO, CA, JANUARY 3-5

#### PROFESSIONAL PLACEMENT SERVICE

Information and procedures for both employers and job seekers on how to use the professional placement service for both academic and non-academic positions are included in this booklet. The placement center and interview tables are located in the Golden Gate Hall, San Francisco Marriott, January 2nd through 5th and will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day. Illinois Skills Match (ISM) provides self-service matching of qualified candidates to both academic and non-academic job postings with follow-up assistance from trained ISM staff to maximize your success. The professional placement service is conducted and sponsored free of charge through the efforts of the Illinois Department of Employment Security and AEA.

#### HOTEL DIRECTORY

The directory of participants is generated from the hotel reservation form. You must be registered and make your hotel reservations through the ASSA official housing company by November 21st to be listed in the directory. If you are not staying in one of the convention hotels, you may send a phone number where you can be reached during the meetings to the ASSA Registration Office in Nashville by November 21st. Send the phone number in a separate letter along with your registration form. You may also email your location to assa@vanderbilt.edu.

### PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

If you need disability aids or services to fully participate in the meetings, contact the ASSA Registration Office at 615-322-3509 by December 5. If you need a specially equipped sleeping room, inform the Housing Bureau when making your hotel reservation.

#### **WELCOME RECEPTION**

Plan to attend the Ninth Annual "ASSA Welcome Reception," January 2, 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Hilton San Francisco. If you RSVP on the registration form you will receive a free drink coupon in your registration packet for the reception. Mark the box only if you plan to attend. This will help keep the cost down. There will be heavy hors d'oeuvres and live entertainment.

#### SPOUSE OR GUEST

There is no spouse program. Spouses or guests wishing to attend any of the meetings may register by November 21st for \$35.00. After November 21st and on-site registration fee is \$55.00. If your spouse or guest needs an affiliation on his/her badge, he/she must register separately and pay the full fee.

#### **CHILDREN'S PROGRAM**

KiddieCorp will provide a professional children's program at the Hilton San Francisco. You may print out a registration form at www.vanderbilt.edu/AEA or register online at https://www.kiddiecorp.com/assakids.htm.

#### EXHIBITS

Exhibits are located in the Hilton San Francisco, Grand Ballroom-Salon B, Building 2, "GB" Grand Ballroom Level. The hours will be:

Saturday, January 3.	9:00	a.m.	to 6:00 p.m	L
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### CAR RENTAL

Special discounted rates arranged through Avis Rent A Car are as follows: \$21 day/weekend, \$36 day/weekday or \$144/week for subcompact, \$23 day/weekend, \$41 day/weekday or \$154/week for compact, \$25 day/weekend, \$46 day/weekday or \$175/week for intermediate, \$28 day/weekend, \$48 day/weekday or \$185/week for full size 2-door, \$31 day/weekend, \$51 day/weekday or \$196/week for full size 4-door, \$39 day/weekend, \$57 day/weekday or \$257/week for premium, \$63 day/weekend, \$83 day/weekday or \$350/week for luxury, \$60 day, or \$302/week for mini van, \$57 day, or \$288/week for sport utility, \$57 day, or \$290/week for convertible. Weekend daily rates are available from noon Thursday – Monday at 11:59 p.m. Should a lower qualifying rate become available, Avis is pleased to present a 5% discount off the lower qualifying rate or the meeting rate, whichever is lowest. These rates are available December 26, 2008– January 12, 2009 and include UNLIMITED FREE MILEAGE. Gas, tax and optional insurance coverage are extra. Return to the same renting location or additional surcharges may apply. To make reservations, call Avis at 1-800-331-1600 and request Avis Worldwide Discount (AWD) number J947275. You may also reserve a car on-line at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/54wahx">https://tinyurl.com/54wahx</a>. Avis meeting rates will apply at all San Francisco locations, as well as San Jose, CA Airport and Oakland Airport. An advance reservation is recommended.

### PARKING

Hotel parking rates range between \$39-\$59 plus tax per 24 hours. Parking rates are subject to change without notice. See link for other parking options.

### SHUTTLE

ASSA will run a continuous shuttle bus from the Hilton San Francisco to Nob Hill to facilitate job candidate movement. We will also run a shuttle bus from the Hyatt Regency at Embarcadero to the Hilton San Francisco in the mornings and afternoons. All other hotels are within walking distance.

### BART TRANSIT AND CABLE CARS

BART Transit hours are Monday-Friday, 4am to midnight, Saturdays, 6am to midnight, and Sunday, 8am-midnight. Fares are based on how far you travel. Hyatt Regency Embarcadero to the Hilton San Francisco is \$1.50 one-way. For more details and schedules go to www.bart.gov. There are basically three routes for the San Francisco cable cars. At Powell and Market streets, there is a cable car turntable which serves as the beginning stop for two lines, the Powell-Mason and Powell-Hyde. Both lines run from there up and over Nob Hill to Fisherman's Wharf, but at different areas, and the routes are significantly different. The California line runs East-West from the Hyatt Regency Embarcadero, through Chinatown, over Nob Hill and stops at Van Ness Avenue. Cable cars operate every day from 6am in the morning until 1am. Fares are \$3.00 each way. A one day pass is \$9 and a three day pass is \$15.

### **AIR TRANSPORTATION**

Discounted fares are available through SAILAIR TRAVEL, the official travel agency for ASSA. For reservations call 1.800.759.5800 or 615.297.9200. Sailair Travel provides free flight insurance of \$100,000, seat assignments, schedule change notices, and assistance with any difficulties before, during and after travel. A \$35.00 service charge will apply. Reservation hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. central time, Monday through Friday.

### AIRPORT/HOTEL TRANSPORATION

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Distance to downtown	14 miles	Distance to downtown	20 miles					
Taxi to downtown takes 20-40 minutes	\$40-\$45	Taxi to downtown takes 30-60+ minutes (depending on traffic)	\$48-\$65					
SuperShuttle (www.supershuttle.com—discount code CJLJD)	\$17.00	SuperShuttle (www.supershuttle.com—discount code CJLJD)	\$27.00					
BART Transit (www.bart.gov)	\$ 5.35	BART (www.bart.gov) AirBART to BART takes 15 minutes & cost \$3.00	\$ 3.55 \$ 3.00					

### **ASSA REGISTRATION FORM** ANNUAL MEETINGS + SAN FRANCISCO, CA + JANUARY 3-5, 2009

### INTERNET

Credit Card Only 24 Hours http://www.vanderbilt.edu/AEA

(Confirmations received within a few minutes) Online or on-site only after November 21st

### FAX

Credit Card Only 24 Hours 615-343-2986

OR

(Confirmations take up to three days)

OR

Send Check or Credit Card Number to: ASSA Registration Office 2014 Broadway—Suite 305 Nashville, TN 37203

Check must be in U.S. dollars drawn on a U.S. bank (Confirmations take up to two weeks)

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### **ASSA HOUSING INSTRUCTIONS**

ALLIED SOCIAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATIONS 2009 ANNUAL MEETINGS JANUARY 3-5 SAN FRANCISCO DEADLINE TO CANCEL A RESERVATION WITHOUT PENALTY AND TO BE LISTED IN THE HOTEL DIRECTORY IS NOVEMBER 21ST

### **IMPORTANT**

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### ROOM RATES/TAXES

→ To take advantage of the special ASSA Convention rates, be sure to book your hotel reservation by November 21, 2008. Request received after November 21, 2008 will be processed on a space available basis until December 15th. All rates are per room night and are subject to 14% state and local taxes per room, per night (subject to change). Some hotels add a California State Tourism Assessment fee.

### DEPOSIT

→All hotels require a deposit of \$150 per room. The deposit for a one bedroom suite is \$300 and the deposit for a two bedroom suite is \$450. Requests received without a deposit will not be processed. Fill out the credit card information entirely or mail a check, along with your housing form, payable to: San Francisco Housing Bureau (ASSA). Credit cards will be charged immediately. Checks must be in U.S. dollars drawn on a U.S. Bank. Wire transfers, cash, and purchase orders are not accepted.

### MODIFICATIONS

→ Continue to make or modify your reservation through the San Francisco Housing Bureau until December 15th. Contact your hotel directly after December 21 for necessary changes. Some hotels do not allow name changes.

### CANCELS/REFUNDS

⇒ Cancellations made on or before November 21st are refunded in full in the same method orginially paid. Cancellations after November 21st and 72 hours prior to arrival, the deposit less the \$20 processing fee will be refunded. Cancellations made by December 15th will be refunded in December. Cancellations made after December 15th but prior to 72 hours will be refunded approximately 60-90 days after the convention. Hold on to your cancellation number for a minimum of three months as it will be used as verification of cancellation. Contact the San Francisco Housing Bureau until December 15th for cancellations. Contact your hotel directly after December 21. Some hotels charge an early departure fee but should notify you at check-in if this is the case. Any cancellation made after 72 hours prior to your arrival will result in forfeiture of the entire deposit.

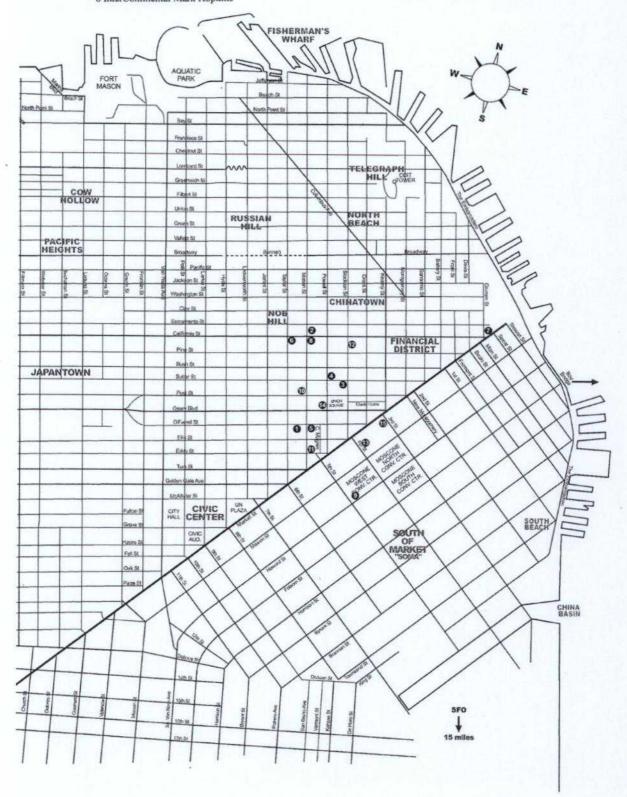
### **ASSA HOUSING INFORMATION**

Rates do not include local and state taxes of 14% per room per night. Some hotels add a California State Tourism Assessment Fee. Taxes are subject to change without notice. To be eligible for these rates you must register for the meetings and make your hotel reservations through the San Francisco Housing Bureau.

MAP NO.	HOTEL	SINGLE	DOUBLE	TRIPLE	QUAD	SUITES (See suite diagrams)	CHECK IN TIME	CHECK OUT TIME
1	Hilton San Francisco (Headquarters Hotel) 333 O'Farrell Street, 94102	\$111	\$131	\$151	\$171	(1) Bedroom—\$400 (2) Bedroom—\$600 Junior Suite (one room) \$222	3PM	12PM
2	Fairmont San Francisco (Top of Nob Hill) 950 Mason Street, 94108		SUITES	ONLY		(1) Bedroom—\$556 Single or double occupancy \$30 for each add'1 person	3PM	12PM
3	Grand Hyatt San Francisco 345 Stockton Street, 94108	\$111	\$131	\$151	\$171	(1) Bedroom—\$399-\$499	3PM	12PM
4	Hotel 480 (formerly Crowne Plaza) 480 Sutter Street, 94108	\$111	\$131	\$141	\$151	Junior Suite—\$161-\$181 (Partial wall between bed and sitting area)	3PM	12PM
5	Hotel Nikko San Francisco 222 Mason Street, 94102	\$111 Queen	\$131 Queen	N/A	N/A	(1) Bedroom—\$269-\$329 Junior Suite—\$219 (Sitting area is not completely closed off from bedroom)	3PM	12PM
6	Huntington Hotel & Spa (Top of Nob Hill) 1075 California St., 94108		SUITES	ONLY		(1) Bedroom—\$450	3PM	12PM
7	Hyatt Regency SF 5 Embarcadero Ctr., 94111	\$111	\$131	N/A	N/A		3PM	12PM
8	InterContinental Mark Hopkins (Top of Nob Hill) 999 California St., 94108		SUITES	ONLY		(1) Bedroom King—\$499 Single or double occupancy Add \$30 for third person	3PM	12PM
9	InterContinental SF 888 Howard Street, 94108	\$111	\$131	\$151	N/A		3PM	12PM
10	JW Marriott San Francisco 500 Post Street, 94102	\$111	\$131	\$151	\$171	(1) Bedroom—\$450 Junior Suite (one room) \$275	4PM	12PM
11	Parc 55 Hotel 55 Cyril Magnin St., 94102	\$99	\$99	\$119	\$139	(1) Bedroom—\$350-\$450	3PM	12PM
12	Ritz-Carlton San Francisco 600 Stockton Street, 94108		SUITES	ONLY		(1) Bedroom—\$499 Single or double occupancy	3PM	12PM
13	San Francisco Marriott 55 Fourth Street, 94103	\$111	\$111	\$131	\$151	(1) Bedroom—\$445-\$499 Two & Three Bay Suites with Murphy bed in parlor—\$369-\$489 add a connector for \$111 Junior Suite & Executive King Suites (one room) \$299	4PM	12PM
14	Westin St. Francis 335 Powell Street, 94102	\$111	\$111	\$141	\$171	(1) Bedroom—\$650 (2) Bedroom—\$800	ЗРМ	12PM
15	Westin SF Market Street 50 Third Street, 94103	\$111	\$111	N/A	N/A	(1) Bedroom—\$461	3РМ	12PM

- 1 Hilton San Francisco
- 2 Fairmont San Francisco
- 3 Grand Hyatt San Francisco
- 4 Hotel 480 (formerly Crown Plaza)
- 5 Hotel Nikko San Francisco
- 6 Huntington Hotel & Spa
- 7 Hyatt Regency San Francisco
- 8 InterContinental Mark Hopkins

- 9 InterContinental San Francisco
- 10 JW Marriott San Francisco
- 11 Parc 55 Hotel
- 12 Ritz-Carlton San Francisco
- 13 San Francisco Marriott
- 14 Westin St. Francis
- 15 Westin SF Market Street



### **SUITE AND JUNIOR SUITE RESERVATION FORM**

Read the NEW housing instructions first. Suite request must be faxed to 847-996-5663 or 847-996-5577 or mailed to the San Francisco Housing Bureau, 568 Atrium Dr., Vernon Hills, IL 60061-1731. Suite request cannot be taken over the phone.

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ENTER YOUR REQUIRED ASSA REGISTRATION ID # Each suite requires a different number.

Once you register you will receive an email confirmation with your five digit registration ID number. This number is required to book a suite, junior suite, or regular room. Read the new housing instructions before trying to book a suite.

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### **HOTEL RESERVATION FORM FOR STANDARD ROOMS**

Read the NEW housing instructions first. If you require a suite or junior suite you must fill out a suite form.

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Each room request requires a different number.

Once you register you will receive an email confirmation with your five digit registration ID number.

This number is required to book a hotel room or suite. See the new housing instructions before trying to book a room.

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### 2009 PROFESSIONAL PLACEMENT SERVICE

Welcome to the on-line placement service provided through a partnership of the American Economic Association (AEA) and the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES). The placement service introduces employers and job seekers to each other through self-service with staff assistance follow-up, using Illinois Skills Match (ISM), by listing and matching employment, training and education requirements/skills via the Internet. ISM is open 24/7, free of charge, allowing you to keep your information available and updated on a year-round basis. Placement Center hours in San Francisco, CA will last four full days, January 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Golden Gate Hall of the San Francisco Marriott. Here is how it works from both an employer and job seeker perspective:

### Illinois Skills Match for Employers: Highlights and new instructions this year.

- Allows employers to advertise their job openings for an unlimited amount of time at no cost.
- Allows employers to select potential job seekers based on the skills job seekers have developed through past employment, training and education, and to contact them directly for employment consideration.
- Allows employers to suppress their identity if they wish, while still having the ability to conduct searches.

If you registered your company with ISM in previous years, you don't have to go through the two (2) business day approval process again. Simply pull up your closed job order from last year, copy it to a new job order and make whatever changes are necessary. However, you still need to read this year's new instructions with attached skills checklist when selecting your skills and experience level requirements. If you are registering for the first time, you should have your job order written out so that you can transfer its contents and convert it to the necessary skills used by AEA. Employer instructions for 2009 can be obtained at http://www.ides.state.il.us/ASSA/employers/. It is recommended that you print out these instructions and use them as a guide whenever you wish to go back into the system to revise your job order or open a new one. Even if you have used ISM before, you must send us an e-mail again this year at jay.oconnor@illinois.gov so we can track your job order(s) after you have entered it/them to make sure you have entered everything to your matching advantage. Type: Employer, followed by your name, the name of your business or institution, address, phone # and e-mail address. A blank 4-day schedule is available upon request for recruiters to pencil in their scheduled interviews at the same e-mail address. Then you only need to agree on dates, times and locations with your qualified candidates. It is best to schedule all your interviews well in advance of your arrival in San Francisco. In fairness to candidates, we ask you to post your job orders by Friday, December 26th, but you may post on site at the meeting or even after. To communicate in San Francisco with candidates, use the ASSA on-site hotel directory. To have your name and hotel where you will be staying listed in the directory, you must register for housing through ASSA by Friday, November 21st. The deadline to cancel a reservation without a penalty is November 21st. See housing information).

### **Employment Interview Tables and Disclosure Codes at the ASSA Meetings**

The AEA is responsible for organizing interview tables at the January 2009 ASSA Meetings. To reserve your **interview table** email your request to **bonita.g.anderson@vanderbilt.edu** with 1.) your company name, 2.) recruiter(s) name(s), 3.) state or country the position is located in, and 4.) days you will need the interview table. If you plan to interview in a hotel suite, disclosure codes will be available online in September. You must apply for a new disclosure code each year, you can not use last year's disclosure code. If you have questions contact Gwyn Loftis at **gwyn.p.loftis@vanderbilt.edu**. All employers must pay the registration fee for the ASSA Meetings in order to access the interview tables.

### Illinois Skills Match for Job Seekers: Highlights and new instructions for this year.

- Allows job seekers to avail themselves to the job market for an unlimited amount of time at no cost.
- Helps job seekers match to employer's prerequisites for being hired.
- Allows job seekers to contact employers directly to offer themselves for employment.
- Allows job seekers to suppress their identity if they wish, to prevent current employers from recognizing their availability in the job market.

If you already registered last year, you should go back and update your information at any time. This year's new Job Seeker instructions with attached skills checklist on how to use ISM for this placement service can be obtained at the web site <a href="http://www.ides.state.il.us/ASSA/jobseeker/">http://www.ides.state.il.us/ASSA/jobseeker/</a>. It is recommended that you print out these instructions and use them as a guide whenever you wish to go back into the system to revise your profile. It makes it <a href="mailto:much">much</a> easier to keyboard your way through ISM. Even if you have used ISM before, you must send us an e-mail again this year at <a href="mailto:jav.oconnor@illinois.gov">jav.oconnor@illinois.gov</a> so we can track your profile to make sure you have entered or updated everything to your matching advantage. Type: <a href="mailto:Job Seeker">Job Seeker</a>, followed by your name, address, phone # and e-mail. Please remember that employers generally post their job orders later than job seekers post their profiles. So don't panic if you don't match up to any jobs right away if you register early. Just keep going back into the system all the way up through the convention to check for new matches. Employers are being encouraged to post their orders by Friday, December 26th. A blank 4-day schedule is available for penciling in your scheduled interviews. Just ask for one at the same e-mail address. Then you only need to agree on dates, times and locations with your potential employers.

It is best to request interview consideration with employers well in advance of your arrival in San Francisco. Details can be found on the last page of the ISM instructions. To communicate on site with employers, use the ASSA hotel directory. To have your name and hotel where you will be staying listed in the directory, you must register for housing through ASSA by Friday, November 21st. The deadline to cancel a reservation without a penalty is November 21st. See housing information). All job seekers must pay the conference registration fee for the ASSA Meetings in order to access the interview tables.