Twenty-fifth College-wide Graduate Assistant Colloquium on Teaching and Learning

Wednesday, August 23 and Thursday, August 24, 2017
Moon Library

Wednesday, August 23, 2017

8:00 am  Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30  Welcome, Introductions, and Overview
Dr. Chuck Spuches, Dean, ESF Open Academy
Teaching Fellows
The goals, background, and schedule of the program will be presented along with staff, participants, and materials.
Welcome from Dr. Quentin Wheeler, President

9:00  Exploring Learning Styles
Dr. Chuck Spuches, Dean, ESF Open Academy
In this session, you will consider characteristics of some of your most memorable teachers along with strategies for understanding and accommodating your and your students’ diverse learning needs.

9:45  Can You Hear Me Now?
Sarita Bassil and Audrey White, Teaching Fellows
This session will enable you to employ strategies to promote open communication between your faculty supervisor, other graduate students, and undergraduate students.

10:45  Teaching Strategies: Your Instructional Toolbox
Introduction: Sara Velardi and Justine Weber, Teaching Fellows
This session will provide you with strategies that challenge and facilitate your students’ learning in large classes, small-group recitations, and other settings.
Please choose two of the following:

10:50 – 11:30  A. Presentations and Discussions
Moon Main Room
Thomas Mackey, Teaching Fellow
Dr. Neal Abrams, Associate Professor, Chemistry

11:35 – 12:15  C. Research Projects and Studios
Moon Academic Success Center
Margaret Roberts, Teaching Fellow
Dr. Doug Johnston, Professor and Chair, Landscape Architecture

B. Labs and Field Experiences
Moon 19
Sara Velardi, Teaching Fellow
Dr. Arthur Stipanovic, Professor, Chemistry
Dr. Tom Horton, Associate Professor, Environmental and Forest Biology

D. Instructional Technology & Blackboard
Moon 110
Audrey White, Teaching Fellow
Dr. Melissa Fierke, Associate Professor, Environmental and Forest Biology
12:20 **Lunch: Points of View from Faculty, GAs, and Students**
Department Chairs and Graduate Coordinators

*A Vision of Excellence for Scholarship, Teaching, and Service*
Dr. Donald J. Leopold, Chair and Distinguished Teaching Professor, Environmental and Forest Biology

1:20 **Reality Check: Balancing Personal, Professional, and Academic Responsibilities**
Teaching Fellows

Through presentation and facilitated dialogue, this session is an opportunity for you to develop and/or strengthen resources and strategies that will enable you to balance and succeed with all of your sometimes competing professional, academic, and personal roles as an individual, as a professional, and as a graduate student. You will participate in all three sessions:
- Personal (stress and time management)
- Professional
- Academic

2:30 **Classroom Assessment and Student Feedback**
Sara Velardi, Justine Weber, and Sarita Bassil, Teaching Fellows

This session will use the Colloquium assessment and evaluation strategies to portray how you can efficiently collect and use student feedback throughout the semester in order to monitor and make adjustments to support student learning.

2:45 **Title IX and Graduate Student Responsibilities**
Mary Triano, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs

This session will outline your responsibilities as a Graduate Assistant related to federal and state regulations concerning Title IX and sex discrimination.

3:45 **Human Resources Information**
Sarita Bassil, Teaching Fellow
Beverly Gracz, Senior Personnel Associate, Human Resources
Tim Blehar, Assistant Director, Human Resources
Marcia Barber, Director, Human Resources

This session will assist you with your health and other benefits available to you as a GA and RPA.
Thursday, August 24, 2017

8:00 am  Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:10  Assessment & Evaluation: How to Know What Students Are Learning
Introduction: Classroom Assessment Techniques
Sara Velardi, Justine Weber, and Sarita Bassil, Teaching Fellows

This session will enable you to articulate the importance of providing timely feedback to your students, have strategies for evaluating your students through the use of quizzes, exams, papers, projects, and other assignments; and have strategies for assessing and improving your teaching effectiveness.

Please choose two of the following:

8:15 – 8:50
A. Papers/Written Work
Moon 110
Margaret Roberts, Teaching Fellow
and
Dr. Greg McGee, Assistant Professor,
Environmental and Forest Biology

B. Quizzes/Exams
Moon Main Room
Dr. Christopher Nowak, Professor, Forest and Natural Resource Management

9:00 – 9:30
C. Research Projects
Moon 19
Sara Velardi, Teaching Fellow
Dr. Andrea Feldpausch-Parker, Assistant Professor, Environmental Studies

D. Studios (Note: offered 8:15-8:50am only; required for LA)
Moon Academic Success Center
Dr. Doug Johnston, Professor and Chair, Landscape Architecture

9:35  Environmental Health and Safety Resources
Margaret Roberts, Teaching Fellow
Thomas LeRoy, Chief of University Police
John Wasiel, Environmental Health & Safety Officer

This session will introduce you to environmental health, safety resources, and people.

9:50  ESF’s Commitment to Diversity: Program, Status, and Next Steps
Scott Blair, Director of Student Diversity and Inclusion Initiatives

In this session, you will learn about the College’s current status, initiatives, resources, and next steps towards creating a diverse and inclusive campus community.

10:20  Facing the Challenge: Where the Rubber Meets the Road
Teaching Fellows
Dr. Neal Abrams, Associate Professor, Chemistry
Scott Blair, Director, Student Diversity and Inclusion Initiatives
Tim Blehar, Assistant Director, Human Resources
Dr. Biljana Bujanovic, Associate Professor, Paper & Bioprocess Engineering
Dr. Richard Smardon, Interim Director, College Libraries
Dr. Paul Crovella, Instructor, Sustainable Construction Management and Engineering
Dr. Anne Lombard, Dean, Student Affairs
Dr. David Newman, Chair, Forest & Natural Resources Management and Professor
Thomas Carter, Coordinator of International Education, Office of International Education
Anthony Chefafo, Coordinator of Student Conduct, Student Affairs
Dr. Kimberly Schulz, Associate Professor, Environmental and Forest Biology
Scott Shannon, Dean, Instruction and Graduate Studies
Dr. Chuck Spuches, Dean, ESF Open Academy
Dr. Christina Limpert, Interim Director, Writing Program and Lecturer

This session will include selected cases and roundtable discussions on potentially challenging situations for you as a Graduate Assistant. Topics will include, for example, academic integrity; classroom-, lab-, studio- and field-related instructional challenges; and encouraging and supporting students’ academic support needs. Several faculty, staff, and administrators are on hand to help describe the considerable range of campus leadership and support Graduate Assistants can and should engage to appropriately support students.

11:35  Concluding Remarks
Dr. Nosa Egiebor, Executive Vice President and Provost
12:00  **Program Evaluation & Group Photo**  
 Thomas Mackey and Justine Weber, Teaching Fellows  
 Dan Collins, Outreach Graduate Assistant

12:15  **Lunch / Academic Department Meetings / Optional Sessions**  
 Note: Faculty supervising a 2017 Colloquium participant (GA or RPA) are invited to this lunch.  **RSVP is required.**  
 Thank you.

**Department-specific Meetings with Supervising Faculty**  
 Graduate Assistants and supervising faculty are encouraged to schedule meetings during this time.

**Opportunity for Consultations with Human Resources Staff (benefits)**  
 Students with last name A-M 12:15 – 1:00  
 Students with last name N-Z 1:00 – 1:30  
 **HR Staff available after 1:30 pm in 216 Bray, or by appointment**

1:00  **Optional: Campus Tour for Graduate Students**  
 Teaching Fellows  
 Please meet by the registration desk if you would like a campus tour. Our Graduate Fellows will take you on a quick tour of campus, pointing out major resources (Copy Center, Payroll, Printing Services), department offices, and answering questions about on campus resources.

1:30  **Optional Hands-On Demonstration of the Blackboard Course Management System**  
 Dr. Kelley Donaghy, Associate Professor, Chemistry  
 Dr. Melissa Fierke, Associate Professor, Environmental and Forest Biology  
 **Location:** Baker Laboratory, Room 309  
 Blackboard, like other course management systems, is a web-based password-protected software system that allows instructors to distribute information and engage students in asynchronous (as well as synchronous) discussions and other small and large group learning activities. In this Hands-On Demonstration you will receive training on the grade book, discussion boards, document uploads and other "behind-the-scenes" administrative tasks. This session is open to all GAs and in particular it will be required of GAs for the General Biology and General Chemistry courses.

**Colloquium Follow-up**  
 As an extension of the Colloquium, and as part of your ongoing professional development, you are encouraged to take advantage of the following resources:  
 **Seminar on College Teaching:** Open to all ESF graduate students. EFB797, Section 2 (#21400) or FOR797 Section 3 (#21401); 1 credit; Fall 2017; 237 Gateway Center (Outreach Conference Room); Mondays 3-4 PM; C. Spuches, Instructor.  
 **ESF Outreach/Open Academy:** [www.esf.edu/outreach](http://www.esf.edu/outreach)  
 **GA Colloquium:** [www.esf.edu/iq/colloquium](http://www.esf.edu/iq/colloquium)  
 **ESF Academic Integrity Handbook:** [http://www.esf.edu/students/handbook/integrity.pdf](http://www.esf.edu/students/handbook/integrity.pdf)  
 **ESF Graduate Student Association:** [http://www.esfgsa.com/](http://www.esfgsa.com/)

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