AGENDA: PROGRAM FOR FACULTY NEW TO VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY
August 16-17, 2023

This pre-Fall semester program is designed to support you as a faculty member, answer your questions, and introduce you to instructional resources. In this interactive setting you engage with faculty from other disciplines, begin to discuss teaching practices that foster students’ learning and participate in a collegial community that offers a sounding board for your ideas and questions.

In preparation for the fall semester, you have access to an asynchronous course on learning-teaching topics and resources offered in Blackboard (LMS) under “My Organizations”, accompanied by virtual, drop-in conversations with VITAL staff. 

Faculty Blog: Onboarding, policies, academic resources, course preparation

Save the Date: New Faculty Program, Part 2, Wed., January 10, 2024

Wednesday, August 16, 2023
The Inn at Villanova University, Ballroom

8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast and Meeting Your Colleagues

9:30 – 10:00 a.m. Welcome and Overview
Gabriele Bauer, PhD, Director, Villanova Institute for Teaching and Learning (VITAL)
Stefan A. Perun, PhD, Associate Director for Digital Learning Pedagogy, VITAL

10:00 - 10:20 a.m. Welcome to the Villanova University Community and Mission
Rev. Peter Donohue, O.S.A., PhD, President
Beth Hassel, P.B.V.M., D.Min., Director, Center for Faith and Learning
Office for Mission and Ministry

10:20 – 10:40 a.m. Office of the Provost – Welcome, Services, and Support for Teaching and Learning
Craig Wheeland, PhD, Vice Provost for Academics
Randy Weinstein, PhD, Vice Provost for Teaching and Learning

10:40 – 11:20 a.m. How Can We Ensure Academic Integrity at Villanova?
Alice Dailey, PhD, Director of Faculty Affairs, Office of the Provost

11:20 a.m. Break

11:25 – 11:40 a.m. Office of the Provost – Support for Research
Amanda Grannas, PhD, Vice Provost for Research & Chief Research Officer

11:40 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Who Are Our Students?
Kathleen Byrne, Vice President for Student Life
Michel Westrate, PhD, Assistant Vice Provost, Graduate Research and Education

12:15 – 1:15 p.m. Lunch with VITAL Faculty Mentors
Ballroom and Patio (weather permitting)

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*Wednesday, August 16, 2023, continued*

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1:30 - 2:20 p.m.  
**How Can We Support Students Who Experience Emotional Challenges**  
Julia Stein, PhD, Associate Director, [University Counseling Center](#)

2:25 – 3:20 p.m.  
**Teaching at Villanova: Engaging the Heart and the Mind**

3:25 – 4:10 p.m.  
**How Can We Use Technology to Support Students’ Learning?**  
Ankit Desai, Director, Learning Technologies, [UNIT-Instructional Technologies (IT)](#)    
Stefan A. Perun, VITAL    

4:15 p.m.  
**Brief Review and Preview**

4:25 – 5:30 p.m.  
**Reception: Lite Fair and Refreshments**  
Mansion and Patio (weather permitting)

*Location for I-9 Form completion:* Mansion, Montrose Room (upstairs)  
[Human Resources](#)

This time slot provides an opportunity to complete the required electronic I-9 Form. Colleagues from Human Resources will be available to assist you with completing the I-9 Form. Please consult the following information to ensure that you bring the necessary identification documents.

To complete the electronic Form I-9, you must visit [newi9.com](http://newi9.com) and enter Employer Code: **21047**. For additional information please view the [newi9.com quick reference guide](http://newi9.com).

You are required to present original forms of acceptable identification to the HR department as outlined on Form I-9. [Click here](http://newi9.com) for a list of acceptable I-9 identification documents. According to USICS Guidelines, you may present one ID from List A, or a combination of one ID from List B with one ID from List C.
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Thursday, August 17, 2023
Falvey Memorial Library – Back Section of First Floor

8:15 – 8:45 a.m.  Student-Guided Walking Tour of Campus – Optional
Sign-up will occur on Wednesday, August 16. Attendance is kept at ten (10).
Office of Undergraduate Admission
Meet in front of main entrance to Falvey Memorial Library

8:30 a.m.  Continental Breakfast with Colleagues

9:00 a.m.  Brief Introduction to Library Services for Faculty
Millicent Gaskell, University Librarian and Director, Falvey Memorial Library

9:15 – 9:45 a.m.  Discussion with Liaison Librarians
Falvey Memorial Library Staff and Departmental Liaisons

9:45 a.m.  Break and Walk to Bartley Hall, Room 3001
Bartley Hall, Villanova School of Business, Room 3001

10:15 – 10:45 a.m.  How Can We Support Our Students to Succeed Personally and Academically?
Nicole Subik, MS ED, Director, Learning Support Services

10:45 – 11:15 a.m.  How Can We Assist Our Students with Their Writing?
Mary Beth Simmons, M.F.A., Senior Director, Villanova Writing Center

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.  Creating Equitable and Inclusive Learning Environments Every Day
Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

12:15 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.  Lunch – Room 3001, Patio and Student Lounge, Ground Floor

1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.  Faculty Panel: Teaching at Villanova: Rewards, Challenges, and Opportunities

1:30 – 1:45 p.m.  Thank You and Opportunities for Professional Instructional Development
Gabriele Bauer, VITAL
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Thursday, August 17, 2023, continued
Tolentine Hall, Room 215

2:00 – 4:15 p.m.

Villanova’s Scholarly Culture: Opportunities and Support for Your Research

Sign-up will occur on Wednesday, August 16.

Note. This session has been designed for tenure-track faculty; all faculty are welcome. Open Q&A time will also be available in this session.

Topics include:

Research Support at Villanova
Navigating the Regulatory Framework to Facilitate Your Research
Sponsored Research: Setting Yourself Up for Success

Areas represented:

Vice Provost for Research
Villanova Institute for Research and Scholarship
Office of Grants and Contracts
Corporate and Foundation Relations
Office of Research Protections
University Compliance Office
Center for Research and Fellowships
Environmental Health and Safety
Office of the Vice President and General Counsel
University IT (UNIT)

Bartley Hall, Gearing Up for the Fall Semester – Optional Sessions

Sign-up for both sessions will occur on Wednesday, August 16. To ensure individualized assistance, attendance is kept at twelve (12) per session.

2:00– 3:15 p.m.

(1) Blackboard LMS for Course Organization, Engagement, and Assessment: Open Lab
Bartley Hall, Room 3040
Ankit Desai, Director, Learning Technologies and Colleagues, UNIT-IT

Note. Please bring your syllabus and other course materials (e.g., assignments, tests, rubrics, discussion questions) in digital form. Also, bring your own laptop, if possible.

(2) Syllabus Discussion: Focus on Inclusion, Learning and Motivation
Bartley Hall, Room 3068
Gabriele Bauer, VITAL

Note. Please bring two print copies and/or digital version of a syllabus of a course that you will be teaching in the fall semester for discussion and review.