AGENDA: VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY NEW FACULTY PROGRAM

This pre-Fall semester program is designed to support you as a faculty member, help ease your transition into your teaching position, answer your questions, and introduce you to instructional resources. In this interactive setting you network with faculty from other disciplines, begin to discuss teaching practices that foster students’ learning, and become part of a collegial community that provides a sounding board for your ideas and questions.

Monday, August 17, 2015
Garey Hall Event Room 10A, Lower Level (Garey Hall is located next to the Villanova University School of Law)

9:00 – 9:30 a.m.  Continental Breakfast

9:30 - 10:00 a.m.  Welcome and Overview
Gabriele Bauer, Ph.D., Director, Villanova Institute for Teaching and Learning (VITAL)

10:00 - 10:15 a.m.  Welcome to the Villanova University Community and Mission
Rev. Peter Donohue, O.S.A., Ph.D., President
Beth Hassel, P.B.V.M., D.Min., Director, Center for Faith and Learning, Office for Mission and Ministry

10:15 - 11:00 a.m.  Office of Academic Affairs – Welcome, Services, and Resources
Patrick G. Maggitti, Ph.D., Provost
Craig Wheeland, Ph.D., Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs
Alfonso Ortega, Ph.D., Associate Vice President for Research and Graduate Programs

11:00 a.m.   Break

11:10 – 11:30 a.m.  How Can We Ensure Academic Integrity at Villanova?
Craig Wheeland, Ph.D., Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs

11:30 – 11:50 a.m.  Who Are Our Students?
Kathleen Byrnes, Associate Vice President for Student Life
Christine Kelleher Palus, Dean of Graduate Studies, CLAS

11:50 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  “What I Wished I Had Known in My First Year at Villanova” – Lunch, Faculty Panel
Sutirtha Bagchi, Assistant Professor, Accounting, VSB
Christopher Castille, Visiting Assistant Professor, Human Resources Development, CLAS
Kathryn Haymaker, Assistant Professor, Mathematics and Statistics, CLAS
Cristina Percoco, Visiting Assistant Professor, Romance Languages & Literatures, CLAS
Jennifer Gunberg Ross, Assistant Professor, Nursing
Wenqing Xu, Assistant Professor, Civil & Environmental Engineering, Engineering

1:00 p.m.   Break

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1:15 - 1:45 p.m.  How Can We Help Our Students With Their Writing?
Mary Beth Simmons, M.F.A., Director, Villanova Writing Center

1:45 – 2:30 p.m.  Student Panel (Undergraduate and Graduate Students)
Eric Aldieri, Junior Presidential Scholar, Economics and Astronomy
Anna Maria Eakins, Sophomore Presidential Scholar, Mechanical Engineering
Nathalia Castillo, Sophomore, Secondary Education
James Holmes, M.A., History, Adjunct Faculty, Holy Family University, Philadelphia, PA
Katherine Kurtz, Doctoral Student, Philosophy

2:30 - 3:30 p.m.  How Can We Support Our Students to Succeed Personally and Academically?
Nancy Mott, Ed.D., Director, Learning Support Services Office
Joan G. Whitney, Ph.D., Executive Director, University Counseling Center

Connelly Center - Presidents’ Lounge, Second Floor

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.  Wine and Cheese Reception
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Tuesday, August 18, 2015

7:30 - 8:30 a.m.  Start Your Day With Yoga - OPTIONAL
Davis Center, Third Floor, Group Exercise Room (shower facilities available)
No Yoga experience necessary; session guided by Certified Yoga Instructor

Falvey Memorial Library – Second Floor, Learning Commons

8:45 - 9:30 a.m.  Student-Guided Walking Tour of Campus with Blue Key Society - OPTIONAL
Meet at the circulation desk on the first floor of Falvey Memorial Library

9:30 a.m.  Continental Breakfast and Brief Introduction to Library Services for Faculty
Meet on the second floor of Falvey Memorial Library, Learning Commons
Millicent Gaskell, University Librarian and Director, Falvey Memorial Library

9:45 – 10:15 a.m.  Informal Discussion with Liaison Librarians
Falvey Memorial Library Staff and Departmental Liaisons

10:15 a.m.  Break and Walk to Bartley Hall, Room 2001

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10:45 – 11:00 a.m.  Mindfulness: A Practice of Calming Our Mind, Reducing Stress, Catching Our Breath
Linda Jaczynski, Director, Center for Worship and Spirituality, Office for Mission and Ministry

11:00 - 11:30 a.m.  Instructional Technology Resources and Support (Email, Blackboard)
Kevin Donahue, Assistant Director, UNIT-Center for Instructional Technologies (CIT)

11:30 a.m.  Bagged Lunch

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.  Teaching at Villanova: Engaging the Heart and the Mind
John Immerwahr, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus, Philosophy
Gabriele Bauer, Director, VITAL

1:30 – 2:15 p.m.  Office of Human Resources: Services for Faculty- Forum for Questions
Ray Duffy, M.S., Senior Director, Benefits, Compensation, and Employment
Rabbia Evans, Senior Employment Analyst
Mary Beth Green, Senior Benefits Analyst
Rose Clinton, Benefits Analyst
Annette Lucidi, Benefits Analyst

2:15 p.m.  For Your Convenience: Set up for Fingerprinting to assist in fingerprinting portion of PA ACT 153 requirement
Department of Public Safety – outside of Room 2001, Bartley Hall

Note. Effective December 31, 2015, all Villanova University employees must complete the background clearances required under Pennsylvania ACT 153. In order to get fingerprinted on August 18 faculty need to return the completed PA State Police and FBI Fingerprinting forms to the HR department by Friday, August 13, 2015.
Bartley Hall, Optional Sessions: Getting Ready for the Fall Semester

2:30 – 4:00 p.m.    (1) Setting up Your Course in Blackboard (LMS): Open Lab
Meet in Room 2001, Bartley Hall
Kevin Donahue, Assistant Director and Colleagues, UNIT-CIT

Note. Please bring the following materials with you: Laptop, syllabus (electronic form), course materials (electronic form), e.g., assignments, rubrics, tests, discussion questions

Also available: Record Introductory Video to Your Course

(2) Making Your Syllabus Learning-Centered: Revisit, Review, and Refine
Meet in Room 2010, Bartley Hall
Gabriele Bauer, Director, VITAL

Note. Please bring a syllabus (print and/or electronic form) of a course that you will be teaching in the Fall semester with you.

Sign-up for both sessions will occur on Monday, August 17.
To ensure individualized assistance, attendance is capped at fifteen per session.