AGENDA: PROGRAM FOR FACULTY NEW TO VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY
August 19-20, 2024

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 8, 2025

**Monday, August 19, 2024**
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, Sr. Director, Villanova Institute for Teaching and Learning (VITAL)
Stefan 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 – 10:45 a.m.  Office of the Provost – Welcome, Services, and Support for Teaching and Learning
Patrick Maggitti, PhD, Provost
Craig Wheeland, PhD, Sr. Vice Provost for Academics
Randy Weinstein, PhD, Vice Provost for Teaching and Learning

11:25 a.m.   Break

10:45 – 11:25 a.m.  How Can We Ensure Academic Integrity at Villanova?
Alice Dailey, PhD, Director of Faculty Affairs & Chair, Board of Academic Integrity
Office of the Provost

11:30 – 11:45 a.m.  Office of the Provost – Support for Research
Amanda Grannas, PhD, Vice Provost for Research & Chief Research Officer

11:45 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.  Who Are Our Students?
Kathleen Byrnes, JD, Vice President for the Division of Student Life
Michael Westrate, PhD, Assistant Vice Provost, Graduate Education & Research
CARE Committee - Support for Students of Concern

12:20 – 1:20 p.m.  Lunch with VITAL Faculty Mentors
Ballroom and Patio (weather permitting)

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1:30 - 2:25 p.m.  Teaching at Villanova: Engaging the Heart and the Mind
Teresa Wojcik, PhD, Associate Professor & Chairperson, Education & Counseling, CLAS

2:30 – 3:10 p.m.   How Can We Support Students Who Experience Emotional Challenges?
Nathalie Edmond, Psy.D., Director, University Counseling Center

3:15 – 4:00 p.m.   Using Technology to Support Teaching and Learning
Ankit Desai, Director, Learning Technologies, UNIT-Instructional Technologies (IT)
Stefan Perun, VITAL

4:00 p.m.          Brief Review and Preview

4:10 – 5:30 p.m.   Reception: Lite Fair and Refreshments
Mansion and Patio (weather permitting)
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Tuesday, August 20, 2024
Falvey Memorial Library – Back Section of First Floor

8:15 – 8:45 a.m.  Student-Guided Walking Tour of Campus – Optional
Optional Link to register by Mon., August 19 at the latest
Office of Undergraduate Admission
Meet in front of main entrance to Falvey Library

8:45 a.m.  Continental Breakfast with Colleagues

9:00 a.m.  Brief Introduction to Library Services for Faculty
Jutta Seibert, Director of Research Services & Scholarly Engagement,
Global Interdisciplinary Studies Librarian, Falvey 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 2001
Bartley Hall, Villanova School of Business, Room 2001

10:15 – 10:50 a.m.  How Can We Support Our Students to Succeed Personally and Academically?
Nicole Subik, MS ED, Director, Learning Support Services

10:50 – 11:20 a.m.  How Can We Assist Our Students with Their Writing?
Mary Beth Simmons, M.F.A., Sr. Director, Villanova Writing Center

11:20 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.  Creating Equitable and Inclusive Learning Environments Every Day
Ariella Robbins, MS, Interim Vice President, Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
Sheryl Perlmutter Bowen, PhD, Faculty Director, Dr. Terry Nance Center for Dialogue

12:15 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.  Lunch – Room 2001, Patio and Student Lounge, Ground Floor

1:00 p.m. - 1:35 p.m.  Faculty Panel: Teaching at Villanova: Rewards, Challenges, and Opportunities
Deborah King, MSN, MEd, PhD(c), RN, Clinical Assistant Professor, College of Nursing
Jonathan O’Neill, PhD, Assistant Professor of Irish Studies, Global Interdisciplinary Studies, CLAS
Rebecca Rivard, PhD, Assistant Professor, Biology, CLAS
Laura Shannon, Assistant Professor of the Practice, Finance & Real Estate, VSB
Arash Tavakoli, PhD, Assistant Professor, Civil & Environmental Engineering, COE
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Tuesday, August 20, 2024, continued

Bartley Hall, Optional Sessions

1:40–2:30 p.m.  Blackboard LMS for Course Organization, Engagement, and Assessment: Open Lab

[Link to register by Mon., August 19 at the latest]
Bartley Hall, Room 2045
Ankit Desai, Director, Learning Technologies and Colleagues, UNIT-IT

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.

2:45 – 5:00 p.m. Villanova’s Scholarly Culture: Opportunities and Support for Your Research
Bartley Hall, Location TBA
This session has been designed for faculty who will be engaged in research; 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)