2015 Ohio University
New Teaching Assistant Orientation Program
Baker University Center Ballroom   ||   Tuesday, August 18, 2015

WELCOME to Ohio University and the New TA Orientation!
This program is designed for you. Through this program, we hope to:

• Introduce you to the culture of support available for your instructional responsibilities at OHIO.
• Provide encouragement for excellent instruction through seminar sessions that are designed to foster thinking about the applicable knowledge and skills associated with teaching.
• Initiate cross-disciplinary discussion and mutual support in all aspects of graduate student and teaching assistant life. Our goal is to commence regular gatherings through which we can address together what is important to you and your colleagues.

The Center for Teaching & Learning hopes that this orientation will begin a partnership between the Center and you, an aspiring teacher. Again, welcome to OHIO. We are delighted to have your intellect, skills, and passion for scholarship and teaching as part of our community!

Introduction to Ohio University: An Orientation Session for All Teaching Assistants

8:30 AM          Registration
9:00             Welcomes
                  Dr. Joseph Shields, Dean of the Graduate College, Vice President for Research & Creative Activity
                  and Professor of Physics & Astronomy
                  Dr. Howard Dewald, Associate Provost for Faculty and Academic Planning and Professor of Chemistry & Biochemistry

9:20 – 10:20      Overview of Orientation and University Resources & Services for Teaching Assistants
                  Tim Vickers, Director, Center for Teaching & Learning

10:20 – 11:00    “Class of 2019”
                  Dr. Jenny Hall-Jones, Dean of Students & Interim Vice-President for Student Affairs

11:00 – 11:10    The Allen Student Advising Center Overview
                  Jenny Klein, Assistant Dean for Success and Persistence

11:10 – 11:40    Question & Answer Session and Graduate Student Employment Paperwork
                  Staff from the Graduate Writing and Research Center, the Office of Graduate Student Services with Senior Teaching Assistants

11:45 AM – 12:55 PM   Lunch – On your own
                  The Baker University Center West 82 Food Court on the 1st Floor has a wide variety of lunch options at very reasonable prices. You are encouraged to bring your lunch back up to the Ballroom and enjoy it here with your new colleagues. This would be a great chance for you to more informally address possible questions & concerns you may have while meeting other TAs, etc.

1:00 – 1:30       FERPA Overview (The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 and amendments)
                  Debra Benton, University Registrar

1:40 – 2:50       Panel Discussion: Questions, Concerns & Hopes about being a TA at OHIO
                  Distinguished Faculty and Teaching Assistants from across the University Campus

3:00 PM           Closing Remarks

A Special Orientation Session for International Teaching Assistants
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3:00 – 3:10       Welcome
                  Tim Vickers, Director, Center for Teaching & Learning

3:10 – 5:00       Basic Issues for International Teaching Assistants:
                  Dr. Lara Wallace, Lecturer, Department of Linguistics, English Language Improvement Program (ELIP)

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