2016 Ohio University
New Teaching Assistant Orientation Program
Baker University Center Ballroom    ||   Tuesday, August 16, 2016

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. David Koonce, Associate Dean of the Graduate College and Professor of Industrial and Systems Engineering
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 2020”
       Dr. Jenny Hall-Jones, Dean of Students
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 College, the Graduate Writing and Research Center and Senior Teaching Assistants
11:45 AM – 12:55 PM    Lunch – On your own
       The Ohio University Hungry Cat Food Cart on the 1st Floor has a wide variety of lunch options at very reasonable prices, as does many local food vendors on Court St. 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)
       Dr. Patrick Beatty, Associate 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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