Reception for First-Year Seminar Instructors

We welcome First-Year Seminar instructors to gather, ask questions, share ideas, and enjoy light refreshments. We will also discuss steps we are taking to assess the FYS initiative to better understand students' success in the first year.

Wednesday August 17 3:00-4:00
350 Van Allen Hall [TILE classroom]

Tips for New Teachers

Come share ideas about how to organize and teach undergraduate courses to provide the best learning experiences for your students. The workshop will provide suggestions gleaned from experienced teachers and higher education scholarship.

Wednesday August 24 11:30-1:30
University Capitol Centre 2520-D

Leading Discussions

Good classroom discussion engages, inspires, and informs students and teachers both. But effective discussions rarely just happen; they need to be nurtured by good teaching. Join us to talk about how to encourage students to actively participate in discussion.

Thursday August 25 11:30-1:30
University Capitol Centre 2520-D

On Time and On Track: Time Management Techniques for Instructors

This timely, fun workshop focuses on simple techniques for organizing your professional life to enhance your effectiveness as a teacher and scholar as well as reduce the feeling of being overwhelmed.

UI Professor of Obstetrics & Gynecology Susan R. Johnson also serves as the UI Professor of Obstetrics & Gynecology as well as reduce the feeling of being overwhelmed.

Wednesday August 31 12:00-1:30
Pappajohn Business Building W-401

The Power of Learning Portfolios

John Zubizarreta, professor of English at Columbia College, South Carolina and Carnegie Foundation/CAISE 2010 Professor of the Year.

Much more than document repositories, learning portfolios are powerful teaching tools that challenge students to think more deeply about what they have learned and how they have learned it. This workshop will provide strategies for designing and assessing learning portfolio reflection assignments grounded in scholarship and real-world examples. UI instructors, student services staff, deans, and DEOs of departments using learning portfolios (including the electronic iFolio system) are encouraged to attend.

Friday September 9 12:00-1:30
Pappajohn Business Building W-401
Co-Sponsored by Center for Teaching, ITS-Instructional Services, College of Pharmacy and the College of Medicine

Teaching, Learning, & the Road Ahead

How can we re-establish education as a vital endeavor? This interactive presentation will define and celebrate excellent teaching. Community members welcome.

Thursday September 8 7:30-8:30 pm
Sheraton Hotel (downtown) Carver Room

Writing Assignments to Enhance First-Year Seminars and Gen Ed Courses

Early in their college careers, UI students experience the richness of a liberal education through their First-Year Seminars and Gen Ed courses. Join us to discuss and practice ways to incorporate writing assignments that address the particular goals of these courses.

Associate Professor of Rhetoric Coral Severino directs the UI Writing Center. Matt Gilchrist is a lecturer in the Department of Rhetoric.

Thursday September 15 11:30-1:00
University Capitol Centre 2520-D

Examining Student Learning and Engagement at the UI

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“Some professors don’t realize that things that come naturally to them are not so straightforward for the students.”

Join us to learn what these and other students say in their responses to the UI Senior Exit Survey and the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE). Session participants will be invited to sort through data and discuss implications for UI faculty, staff, and administration.

Wayne Jacobson is the director of the UI Office of Assessment.

Wednesday October 5 12:00-1:20
1022 Main Library [TILE classroom]

Coming in December:

Iowa and Invisible Man: Making Blackness Visible

During a weekend residency, director Christopher McElroen will work with faculty, students, and community members to develop the first stage adaptation of Ralph Ellison’s Invisible Man. McElroen and Assistant Professor of English Lena Hill will teach classroom sessions. The week’s events also will include panel discussions, civic reflection opportunities, and a public reading. The project is part of the Creative Campus Faculty Institute, sponsored by Hancher Auditorium, the Center for Teaching, and the Doris Duke Foundation. For more information visit www.hancher.uiowa.edu.

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Drawn into Learning

This lively, hands-on, artful workshop will focus on ways to help students tap into deep learning by creating cartoons and comic strips. We will illustrate how comic strip and cartoon assignments can help students improve their recall, better reflect on their learning experiences, and share narratives. Participants also will discuss how these genres can stimulate and supplement writing instruction. Paper and art supplies will be provided.

Rachel Williams is an associate professor of Art and Art Education, and Women’s Studies. Mark Isham is a visiting professor of English and a consultant for the College of Engineering Hanson Center for Technical Communication.

Wednesday October 12 • 11:30-1:30
University Capitol Centre Exec. Boardroom 2390

Check the Obermann Center web site to learn about exhibits, symposium presentations (October 6-8), and a pre-symposium graduate course related to “Comics, Creativity, and Culture: International and Interdisciplinary Perspectives.”

Truth be Told: Academic Integrity in the Classroom

This University-wide conversation will provide an opportunity to discuss ways instructors and the University as a whole can encourage and support students to practice academic integrity. Collegiate administrators, faculty members, staff members, and TAs are encouraged to attend. Aspects of The IOWA Challenge will be used as a framework for the discussion.

Friday November 4 11:30-1:30
University Capitol Centre 2520-D

Registration for workshops is required because space is limited. To register, call 335-6048 or go online to our website. Feel free to bring your lunch to sessions during the noon hour.

The Center for Teaching promotes the enhancement of instruction at The University of Iowa. We offer workshops, class visits, one-on-one consultation, group discussion, and intensive teaching-and-learning institutes. Please let us know if you have a question and we will talk with you about solutions.

For information about additional faculty development programs, see the Office of the Provost Campus-Wide Faculty Development Calendar at http://provost.uiowa.edu/faculty/docs/Calendar.pdf

Individuals with disabilities are encouraged to attend all University of Iowa-sponsored events. If you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation to participate in this program, please contact the Center for Teaching at 335-6048.