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## NEW FACULTY ORIENTATION SCHEDULE FALL 2022

This year's New Faculty Orientation is designed to provide new full-time VSU faculty members with the following:

- (1) The opportunity to meet and get to know other new faculty members across the university.
- (2) An introduction to Valdosta State University—its mission and plans as well as your role as faculty member.
- (3) An overview with the resources, materials, and modalities available as you begin your teaching responsibilities.

**All activities will be held face-to-face; materials and hand-outs from sessions will be available in your BlazeVIEW “New Full-Time Faculty ACYR 22-23” course**

### Monday, August 1 and Tuesday, August 2

**By appointment** Our Human Resources Team will be available to meet with you in their office to complete any necessary paperwork and to answer questions.

### Tuesday, August 2

5-7 pm

#### Getting to Know VSU and Each Other

STEAM Center

You and a guest are invited to join us for this reception where you will have the opportunity to meet each other and learn about how to gain the most from orientation. Our President and our Provost will be there to greet you.

### Wednesday, August 3

**Beverage service will be provided in both the morning and afternoon.**

#### Morning Sessions

STEAM Center

9:00-9:15 am

**“Class” Photo: Come prepared to have your photo made with this year’s class of new faculty**

9:30-11:00 am

#### Understanding Your Role as a Member of the VSU Faculty

Meet VSU’s Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Robert (Bob) Smith and Vice President for Student Success, Dr. Rodney Carr, as they lead a discussion about the role faculty play in a comprehensive university, VSU’s strategic goals and initiatives, our VSU students, academic mindset, and the resources available to faculty to assist student academic success.



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**11:15-12:15**

### **“Rules of the Road”**

Dr. Sheri Gravett, Associate Provost for Academic Programs and Services, will provide guidelines about preparing for teaching at VSU. Information will include such topics as syllabi guidelines, scheduling, academic policies, and much more.

**BREAK (12:15-2)**

### **Afternoon Sessions**

**2-3:15 pm**

**STEAM Center**

### **Developing a Campus Culture of Wellness**

As faculty members, you have a role in being part of a campus environment that fosters well-being both for yourselves and your students. Join our panel to learn more about your resources as we discuss how to promote respect and inclusion, a safe and secure environment, and emotional and physical wellness.

**4-5 pm**

**UC Magnolia Room**

### **Opportunities Fair**

Come across the street to this meet-and-greet gives that new faculty the opportunity to meet retirement representatives, the South Georgia Greeting service and other key organizations and departments. Spouses/partners are welcome to participate.

## **Thursday, August 5**

**Beverage service available in the morning and afternoon.**

### **Morning Sessions**

**STEAM Center**

**9:00-11:00 am**

### **Tips for Effective Teaching the First Day F2F or Online**

Dr. Jamie Landau will introduce you to VSU’s CELT (Center for Excellence in Learning & Teaching) and explore evidence-based strategies to get your class off to a successful start, whether you are teaching face-to-face or online.

**11:15 am-12:15 pm** **Introduction to Banner**

Our registrar, Mr. Stanley Jones, will introduce you to VSU’s computer system as well as to important policies and procedures.

### **Afternoon Sessions**

**2:00-3:00 pm**

**Odum Library 3270**

### **Systems Orientation/Technology Support**

Information Technology (IT) will provide you with information regarding the various technology systems, technology training resources, Solution Center services, and computer security.

**3:15-4:15 pm**

### **Introduction to Online Teaching at VSU, including BlazeVIEW**



**Odum Library 3270** CELT-eLearning's Training Specialist, Bryan FitzGerald, will provide an overview of educational technologies available at VSU, including BlazeVIEW (VSU's learning management system). Additionally, he will cover the requirement for the Certificate in Online Teaching, the growth in online learning, VSU policies related to online teaching, the Online College at VSU, as well as special considerations for FERPA in an online course.

**4:30-5:30 pm**      **Learn BlazeVIEW**

**Odum Library 3270** Choose to complete *Learn BlazeVIEW*, an asynchronous online course that introduces faculty to VSU's learning management system. This course covers the basic functionality of BlazeVIEW and helps learners navigate the landing page and their course pages.

**OR**

**Beginning of Semester-Long New Faculty Campus Tour Scavenger Hunt** Kick-off a semester-long scavenger hunt—offered just to new faculty—starting with a tour of VSU's Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching (CELT) at 102 Georgia Avenue. Complete the scavenger hunt by the end of the Fall 2022 semester for a chance to win prizes.

## **Friday, August 5**

**9:00-10:30 am**      **Benefits? Retirement? Tell me more!**

**New Media Center**

**Odum Library**

This drop-by session is designed for anyone wanting more information on how to gain the most from their USG benefits and retirement options.

**10:30-11:15 am**      **Welcome to Odum Library**

**New Media Center**

Members of our reference faculty will introduce you to the many resources available to faculty and their students through Odum Library and the University of Georgia System.



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**12:30-2:00 pm**  
**STEAM Center**

**CELT Mentoring Luncheon and Workshop**

Required session for those new faculty who have elected to participate in the CELT Peer Faculty Mentoring program, see: <https://www.valdosta.edu/celt/faculty-mentoring-experts.php#PeerFacultyMentor>

**OR**

**Lunch with a Faculty Colleague (optional)**

A sign-up sheet will be available to join a group for an on-your-own lunch to meet current faculty members, such as second-year faculty who were in your shoes last year.

**First Day of Class, Monday, August 15**