Fall 2015 Orientation for New Graduate Students and New TAs
Tuesday, August 25, 2015

Location: LH001
8:30am Coffee/Tea

9:00-9:15am Welcome from Susan Strehle, Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School

9:15-10:30am New Graduate Students: Strategies for Success in Graduate Programs
This session will examine the pathways for success in Graduate School and University-wide resources that are available to enrich your academic experience at Binghamton University and ensure the timely completion of your graduate degree. Additional time will be devoted to issues relating to academic integrity, confidential problem solving, managing your enrollment, and ESL resources on campus. *Discussants: Associate Dean Sarah Lam, Assistant Dean Kishan Zuber, University Ombudsman Bathabile Mthombeni, and ESL Program Director Jennifer Brondell.*

10:45-12:00pm New TAs: Responsibilities and Tips from Experienced & Award-Winning TAs
Experienced TAs have a wealth of information regarding TA duties and responsibilities, practical tips for teaching, and experiences that may help you anticipate and better resolve issues that often arise in the classroom. In this session, we will hear from some of our award-winning TAs. *Session Panelists: Kevin Murphy (History), Aaron Perey (Biological Sciences), and Yu Yin To (Comparative Literature)*

Location: LH008
1:00-2:15pm New TAs: Responsibilities and Tips from Faculty
There are different types of TA appointments depending on your discipline, type of funding, expertise, and academic standing. This session will address specific duties associated with your appointment, and help you get started this semester. *Session Panelists: Shelley Dionne (Associate Professor of School of Management), Siobhan Hart (Assistant Professor of Anthropology) and James Pitarresi (Associate Vice Provost for Student and Faculty Development, Executive Director of the Center for Learning and Teaching, and Distinguished Teaching Professor of Mechanical Engineering)*

2:15-2:30pm Center for Learning and Teaching (CLT): An Introduction
This session will provide an overview of the instructional resources that are available in the Center for Learning and Teaching. *Discussants: James Pitarresi (Associate Vice Provost for Student and Faculty Development, Executive Director of the CLT, and Distinguished Teaching Professor of Mechanical Engineering) and Eric Machan Howd (Instructional Designer of the CLT)*

2:30-3:00pm Human Resources and Related Benefits
Members of the Human Resources division will provide an overview of TA employee benefits, and a description of payroll and related forms that must be completed prior to the beginning of the academic year. *Discussants: Christine Koban (Secretary) and Jonathan Roma (Manager of Student Employment)*

3:05-4:00pm Breakout Meetings for New Graduate Students: Insight and Advice from Ambassadors
The breakout meetings will offer some insight on graduate experience and provide information to help you become familiar with the university.
Session A: Anthropology, led by Michel Shamoon Pour, in FA 209
Session B: Art History, led by Amanda Beardsley, in FA 348
Session C: Asian and Asian American Studies, led by Ryan Sassano-Higgins, in FA 241
Session D: Biological Sciences, led by Sarah Marcus, in FA 247
Session E: Biomedical Engineering, led by Sara Mina and Courtney Sakolish, in FA 245
Session F: CCPA, led by Rebekah Kukowski and Christina Stevens, in FA 244
Session G: Chemistry, led by Stephen Ambrozik, in FA 346
Session H: Comparative Literature, led by Yu Yin To, in FA 246
Session I: Computer Science, led by Arth Patel and Pankaj Saha, in LH 008
Session J: Decker School of Nursing, led by Jonathan Lachance, in UU 103
Session K: Economics, led by Andrew Verdon, in LN G335
Session L: Electrical and Computer Engineering, led by Arwa Fraiwan, in UU 120
Session M: English, General Literature, and Rhetoric, led by Marcus Heiligenthal, in FA 342
Session N: Geography, led by Tammie Harris, in FA 242
Session O: Geological Sciences and Environmental Studies, led by Emma McNulty, in FA 354
Session P: Graduate School of Education, led by Alexandra Laletina, in FA 258
Session Q: History, led by Kevin Murphy, in FA 344
Session R: Mathematical Sciences, led by Junyi Dong, in LN G1404
Session S: Mechanical Engineering, led by William Doak, in FA 249
Session T: Philosophy, led by Rochelle DuFord, in LN G2402
Session U: Physics, led by Todd Rutkowski, in FA351
Session V: Political Science, led by Katherine Felt, in FA 352
Session W: Psychology, led by Anastacia Kudinova and Aliona Tsypes, in LN G1402
Session X: Public Administration, led by Chelsea Reome, in LN 1120
Session Y: School of Management, led by Jung Yeun Kim and Jennifer Lee, in LH 001
Session Z: Systems Science and Industrial Engineering, led by Husam Dauod and Mandana Rezaeiahari, in EB 110