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Pacific Lutheran University
PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS
August 30 and August 31, 2021

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Registration is required by August 24 *for Pre-Conference Workshops and Events.*
In light of our ongoing commitment to safety, particularly as we navigate the Delta variant, ***we will require all participants to wear masks****. Please follow this link to register unless otherwise directed in the description:*
https://www.plu.edu/faculty-resources/important-dates/university-faculty-conference/

Monday, August 30

8:15 – 9:30 a.m.   *Hybrid session*

Academic Program Leaders Meeting
Joanna Gregson, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

All Academic Deans, Department Chairs, and Interdisciplinary Program Chairs/Directors should plan to attend this important meeting where we will gather on-campus to discuss the major academic topics for the 2021-2022 academic year.

This meeting is by invitation only; please RSVP via the Google Calendar event invitation. Contact the Office of the Provost (provost@plu.edu) with questions.

8:00 – 10:00 a.m.   *Library 140*

Getting Started with Sakai for Instructors
Sean Horner, Senior Web Developer

Intended for new faculty and other instructors, this workshop provides a guided walk-through for setting up a Sakai course site. Such tasks include uploading a syllabus and other introductory course materials. Participants will also learn how to publish weekly instructional content, administer a gradebook, and send announcements. (Note: Instructors who have participated in the PLUTO Essentials program may find this "Getting Started" workshop a repetition of some content from that program.)

This workshop is open to all faculty/instructors. Registration is required.

9:45 – 10:45 a.m.   *Library 331*

Academic Dashboard Introduction
Kevin Berg, Associate Dean for Institutional Research and Records
Ardys Curtis, Chief Information Officer and Director of Information Systems

If you are a dean or chair and have not learned about the power of the Academic Dashboard, sign up for this important session. The Academic Dashboard is a data reporting tool developed specifically for department chairs, deans and administrators which yields student, course, enrollment, registration, graduation, and other pertinent data. This tool provides a way to extract metrics and key performance indicators in a consistent manner. Information is displayed in graphical, spreadsheet and other useful report formats. This session is held in a computer lab, providing you hands-on experience using the Dashboard (you may bring your own laptop if preferred).

This workshop is open to academic deans and department chairs. Registration is required. (A session for Academic Division Staff with Academic Dashboard access will be hosted later in the fall semester).

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Monday, August 30 continued

11:00 – 12:00 p.m.   *Virtual session*
<u>**Integrating Digital Content/Activities**</u>
Dana Shreaves, Instructional Designer

While teaching at a distance during the pandemic, many faculty invested time and creativity into the development of digital content and activities. When teaching courses on campus, there are many ways to integrate digital learning into your course design. This workshop will provide an opportunity to discuss your ideas and learn new ideas from your peers.

This virtual workshop is open to all faculty. Registration is required; the Zoom link will be sent prior to the workshop.

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.   *Xavier 150*
<u>**Faculty Search Process and Procedures Training for Tenure-Track Search Committees**</u>
Laura Silcox, Associate Director, Department of Human Resources

This training will cover the legal obligations and best practices for a successful tenure-track faculty search at PLU. Participating in a process to select and welcome new colleagues to our university is some of the most important work we do.

This session is open to the Search Chair(s) and Diversity Advocate(s) for tenure-track search committees as well as Deans of units conducting tenure-track searches. (Search Chair(s), Diversity Advocate(s), and Deans are required to attend an HR training session, unless they have completed the training in the past two years. At least one more additional HR training will be offered during the fall semester). Members of tenure-track search committees and support staff may attend this session but are not required to do so. Registration is required.

1:00 – 5:00 p.m.   *By invitation only - Virtual session*
<u>**WRIT 101 Assessment Workshop**</u>
Rona Kaufman, FYEP Director

Fall 2021 WRIT 101 faculty will be invited to participate in this assessment workshop. Rona Kaufman, FYEP Director, will send an email with more information.

~~2:00 – 3:00 p.m.~~   *CANCELLED*
<u>**Backups and Data Security at PLU**</u>
David Rebar, Director for User Services & Instructional Technologies

Learn about backup solutions available at PLU including Netstor and Google Drive and best practices for storing your sensitive data. Topics will include data encryption options, appropriate use of cloud storage, and types of data that may need additional security.

This workshop is open to all faculty and staff. Registration is required.

2:30 – 4:00 p.m.   *Xavier 150*
<u>**Implicit Bias Training for Tenure-Track Search Committees**</u>
Jen Smith, Dean of Inclusive Excellence

During this training, we will complicate some of the myths about diversity and hiring (particularly in regards to race) that have maintained faculty as predominantly white, outline where bias can impact the search process and best practices to mitigate it, and discuss strategies for reading and assessing teaching/diversity statements.

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This session is open to members of tenure-track search committees as well as anyone interested in learning more about implicit bias and the search process. (Members of tenure-track search committees are required to attend an implicit bias training session, unless they have completed the training in the past two years. At least one more additional implicit bias training will be offered during the fall semester). Registration is required.

Tuesday, August 31

8:00 – 8:45 a.m.   *Virtual meeting*
IDIS Chairs & Program Directors
Suzanne Crawford O'Brien, Interim Dean of Interdisciplinary Programs

Meeting for all Interdisciplinary Program Chairs and Directors. Invitations have been sent via Google calendar.

9:00 – 10:30 a.m.   *Xavier 201*
Re-Engaging Students in the Classroom Using an Equity & Trauma-Informed Lens
Jen Smith, Dean of Inclusive Excellence

Although many of us are looking forward to returning to in-person teaching, it is also likely that many of us have lots of questions, concerns, and anxieties about this transition. Returning to the classroom will not be a return to "normal." Much has been disrupted — and continues to be — in relation to not only the pandemic but also the deepening climate crisis and continuing fight for racial justice, among other ruptures. Such disruptions, while often deeply painful, can also be productively unsettling, uprooting routines and practices that cloak inequitable dynamics and requiring one to think and do differently. So, how do we account for these disruptions — both in regards to our students and ourselves — and make space for their continuing impacts in our classes as an opportunity to deepen student engagement and learning? During the workshop, we will review the definition of trauma, explore the principles and practices of trauma-informed pedagogy, cultivate critical self-awareness of how our positionality informs this work, and outline concrete strategies for applying these principles and practices as we move back into the classroom.

This workshop is open to all faculty and staff. Registration is required.

10:30 – 12:00 p.m.
Open House! Office of DJS/dCenter/CGE
Hosted by the Office of DJS/dCenter/CGE Staff

Join staff from the Office of DJS/dCenter/CGE for a drop-in open house. Stop by the Office of DJS/dCenter/CGE, DJS Classroom, and DJS Lounge, located on the lower level of the Anderson University Center. Light refreshments will be provided.

This event is open to all faculty and staff. Registration is appreciated.

10:30 – 12:00 p.m.   *Centennial Red Square Tent*
Drop-in Photo Session
John Froschauer, Campus Photographer, Marketing & Communications

Stop by this drop-in session if you are in need of an updated photograph for your faculty/staff profile. Wearing your PLU gold name tag is recommended.

This event is open to all faculty and staff. Photos will be available on a first-come, first-served basis during the event time.

Tuesday, August 31 continued

1:00 – 1:45 p.m.   *Virtual session*

        Introduction to Hypothes.is
        Misty Berlin, Instructional Technology Team Manager
        Adela Ramos, Associate Professor of English, and Advisor for the Center of Student Success

        This ***in-person*** introduction to the application will provide faculty and staff with the basics of using Hypothes.is on Sakai, with ideas for how to use it, and for connecting assignments to learning outcomes

        This workshop is open to all faculty and staff who work with Sakai. Registration is required.

2:00 – 2:45 p.m.   *Virtual session*

        Hypothes.is in the In-Person Classroom
        Autumn Ottenad, Hypothes.is liaison

        This ***online workshop*** offered by Autumn Ottenad, our Hypothes.is liaison, will provide new and seasoned faculty with ideas for how to use the application in the in-person classroom by providing strategies for group work, class discussion, and more.

        This workshop is open to all faculty. Registration via the link below is required.
        https://hypothesis.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_bp2VTmG8Saq0pEkWmDr7KQ

3:00 – 3:45 p.m.   *Xavier 201*

        Academic Support for Students - CSS Pushing for Success!
        Kris Plaehn, Executive Director, Center for Student Success and Director for Retention

        This session will focus on the academic supports for PLU students including the Center for Student Success work, Tutoring, SI and includes some great "cheat sheets" that you will be able to use throughout the year! Empower yourself with the info that will empower your students!

        This workshop is open to all faculty and staff, and will be of particular interest to new advisors and staff who support students. Registration is required.

4:00 – 4:45 p.m.   *Virtual session*

        High Impact Experiential Practices (HIEPs): What they are, why they matter, and PLU resources available to support their development
        Elli Pippin, Assistant Director for Career & Experiential Learning, Alumni and Student
            Connections
        Tamara R. Williams, Executive Director, Wang Center for Global and Community Engaged
            Education

        This session is designed to introduce the PLU community to the concepts, educational benefits, and terminology related to four High Impact Experiential Practices: Community Engaged Learning (CEL), Course-Based Undergraduate Research Experiences (CURES), Internships, and Global Learning. It will also provide an update on the resources and an upcoming funding opportunity available to support PLU faculty in developing HIEP in new or existing coursework.

        This event is open to all faculty and staff. Registration is required.