Washington University TA Orientation

Annual Teaching Symposium for 1st-Time Teaching Assistants

8:45 am to 1:30 pm on Wednesday, August 12, 2015
Farrell Learning and Teaching Center (FLTC) and McDonnell Science Building, Medical Campus
Co-Sponsored by The Teaching Center, The Graduate School of Arts & Sciences,
and the Division of Biology and Biomedical Sciences (DBBS)

Registration Check-In — FLTC Atrium

8:45 *Coffee, tea, and light refreshments*

Introductory Program — Erlanger Auditorium (McDonnell Science Building)

9:00 **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
Beth Fisher, PhD, Director of Academic Services, The Teaching Center
Lecturer in Women, Gender, & Sexuality Studies (WGSS)
John Russell, PhD, Associate Dean for Graduate Education, Division of Biology and Biomedical Sciences
Professor of Developmental Biology

9:15 **Maintaining a Safe, Fair, and Respectful Environment for Teaching and Learning: Part I**
Michelle Repice, PhD, Assistant Director of Academic Services, The Teaching Center
Lecturer, American Culture Studies (AmCS)
Jessica Kennedy, JD, Title IX Coordinator, Office of the Provost

10:00 Short break

10:05 **Fostering a Growth Mindset**
Regina Frey, PhD, Executive Director, The Teaching Center
Florence E. Moog Professor of STEM Education, Chemistry

10:45 **Maintaining a Safe, Fair, and Respectful Environment for Teaching and Learning: Part II**
Bryn Lutes, PhD, Assistant Director of Academic Services, The Teaching Center
Ty Davisson, Emergency Management Program Director, Protective Services, School of Medicine

Break

11:00 *Refreshments will be available in the workshop classrooms (see below).*

TA-Training Workshops (attend the workshop of your choice)

11:10 **Improving Presentation Skills for Teaching** — **Holden Auditorium**
Learn strategies for improving communication and performance skills that are essential for effective teaching--whether in a laboratory, discussion, or lecture course.
Denise Leonard, PhD, Assistant Director of Academic Services, The Teaching Center

Increasing Student Participation — **FLTC 214**
Learn strategies for fostering active student engagement through questions, discussions, and group work.
Bryn Lutes, PhD, Assistant Director of Academic Services, The Teaching Center

Teaching a Laboratory Class — **FLTC 213**
Learn strategies for promoting independent learning while running a safe, well-managed laboratory.
Beth Fisher, PhD, Director of Academic Services, The Teaching Center

Lunch and Discipline-Specific Discussions with Experienced Teaching Assistants

12:25 *Please pick up your lunch on the first floor, then proceed to the location of your group discussion.*

12:35 *Discussions begin in the FLTC classrooms listed (TA groups are organized alphabetically, by last name).*

MSTPs	Holden Auditorium
TAs (A-D)	FLTC 213
TAs (E-H)	FLTC 214A
TAs (I-N)	FLTC 214B
TAs (O-S)	FLTC 201
TAs (T-Z)	FLTC 202

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