AGENDA: PROGRAM FOR FACULTY NEW TO VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY
August 18-19, 2025

This pre-Fall semester program is designed to support you as a faculty member, answer your questions, and introduce you to instructional resources. In this interactive setting you engage with faculty from other disciplines, begin to discuss teaching practices that foster students' learning and participate in a collegial community that offers a sounding board for your ideas and questions.

In preparation for the fall semester, you have access to an asynchronous course on learning-teaching topics and resources offered in Blackboard (LMS) under "My Organizations", accompanied by virtual, drop-in conversations with VITAL staff.
Faculty Blog: Onboarding, policies, academic resources, course preparation

Save the Date: New Faculty Program, Part 2, Wed., January 7, 2026

Monday, August 18, 2025
The Inn at Villanova University, Ballroom

8:30 – 9:30 am	**Continental Breakfast and Meeting Your Colleagues**
8:30 – 9:20am	**Laptop Pick-Up and Set-Up: *Link* to register by Thu., August 14 at the latest** Colleagues, University Technology Services
9:30 – 10:00 am	**Welcome and Overview** Gabriele Bauer, PhD, Sr. Director, Villanova Institute for Teaching and Learning (VITAL) Stefan Perun, PhD, Associate Director for Digital Learning Pedagogy, VITAL Hetal Thaker, MA, Assistant Director for Instructional Technologies Integration
10:00 – 10:20 am	**Welcome to the Villanova University Community and Mission** Rev. Peter Donohue, O.S.A., PhD, President Beth Hassel, P.B.V.M., D.Min., Director, Center for Faith and Learning Office for Mission and Ministry
10:20 – 10:45 am	**Office of the Provost – Welcome, Services, and Support for Teaching and Learning** Patrick Maggitti, PhD, Provost Christine Kelleher Palus, PhD, Sr. Vice Provost for Academics Randy Weinstein, PhD, Vice Provost for Teaching and Learning
10:45 – 11:25 am	**How Can We Ensure Academic Integrity at Villanova?** Alice Dailey, PhD, Associate Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs & Chair, Board of Academic Integrity Office of the Provost
11:25 am	**Break**
11:30 – 11:45 am	**Office of the Provost – Support for Research** Amanda Grannas, PhD, Vice Provost for Research & Chief Research Officer
11:45 am – 12:20 pm	**Who Are Our Students?** Kathleen Byrnes, JD, Vice President for the Division of Student Life Michael Westrate, PhD, Assistant Vice Provost, Graduate Research & Education CARE Committee - Support for Students of Concern

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12:20 – 1:20 pm	**Lunch with VITAL Faculty Mentors** Ballroom, Mansion and Patio (weather permitting)
1:30 - 2:25 pm	**Teaching at Villanova: Engaging the Heart and the Mind** Teresa Wojcik, PhD, Associate Professor & Chairperson, Education & Counseling, CLAS
2:30 – 3:10 pm	**Creating Equitable and Inclusive Learning Environments Every Day** Sydney Lobosko, MA, Assistant Director of Education and Training and Colleagues Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
3:15 – 4:00 pm	**Using Technology to Support Teaching and Learning** Ankit Desai, Director, Learning Technologies, University Technology Services, and Hetal Thaker, VITAL
4:10 – 5:30 pm	**Reception: Lite Fair and Refreshments** Mansion and Patio (weather permitting)

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Falvey Library – Back Section of First Floor

8:15 – 8:45 am	**Student-Guided Walking Tour of Campus** – *Optional*
	Link *to register by Thu., August 14 at the latest*
	Mike Whaley, '27
	Peace & Justice, Political Science, and Religious Studies
	Office of Undergraduate Admission
	Meet in front of main entrance to Falvey Library
8:45 am	**Continental Breakfast with Colleagues**
9:00 am	**Overview of Library Services for Faculty**
	Jutta Seibert, Director of Research Services & Scholarly Engagement,
	Global Interdisciplinary Studies Librarian, Falvey Library
9:10 – 9:40 am	**Discussion with Liaison Librarians**
	Falvey Library Staff and Departmental Liaisons
9:40 am	**Walk to Driscoll Hall, Room 134**

Driscoll Hall, Louise M. Fitzpatrick College of Nursing, Room 134

10:10 – 10:50 am	**How Can We Support Students Who Experience Emotional Challenges?**
	Nathalie Edmond, Psy.D., Director, University Counseling Center
10:50 – 11:20 am	**How Can We Assist Our Students with Their Writing?**
	Mary Beth Simmons, M.F.A., Sr. Director, Villanova Writing Center
11:25 am – 12:05 pm	**How Can We Support Our Students to Succeed Personally and Academically?**
	Nicole Subik, MS ED, Director, Learning Support Services
12:05 – 12:35 pm	**Lunch**
	Please use the following spaces for lunch: – Rooms 227, 244, 246, and 248, 2nd Floor Café
12:45 - 1:45 pm	**Faculty Panel: Teaching at Villanova: Rewards, Challenges, and Opportunities**
	Brian Grant, PhD, CPA, Assistant Professor, Accounting & Information Systems, VSB
	Janet Guedon, PhD, Assistant Teaching Professor, Biology, CLAS
	Gwendolyn Hamid, PhD, Clinical Assistant Professor, College of Nursing
	Anusha Hariharan, PhD, Assistant Professor, Global Interdisciplinary Studies, CLAS
	Gabriel Rodriguez-Rivera, PhD, Assistant Professor, Chemical & Biological Engineering, COE
1:45 – 1:50 pm	**Break**
1:50 – 2:40 pm	**Human Resources (HR) Department: Completion of I-9 Form**
	Amanda Muzi, Director of Talent Acquisition, Sabrina Manno, Talent Acquisition Specialist
	Lynn Shultz, Talent Acquisition Specialist, Molly Power, Associate Talent Acquisition Specialist
	Justine Cilvick, Talent Acquisition Coordinator, James Conte, Talent Acquisition Coordinator
	Shannan Ott, Sr. HR Compliance Coordinator
	Meetings with HR team will be held in Driscoll Hall, Rooms 227, 246, and 248

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Driscoll Hall, Louise M. Fitzpatrick College of Nursing, Room 134

1:50 – 2:40 pm   **Human Resources (HR) Department: Completion of I-9 Form**
This time provides an opportunity to complete the required electronic I-9 Form. HR colleagues will be available to assist you with completing the I-9 Form. Consult the following information to ensure that you bring the necessary identification documents. In advance, please complete Section 1 of the electronic Form I-9 by visiting newi9.com and enter Employer Code: **21047**.

You are required to present original forms of acceptable identification to the HR department as outlined on Form I-9 (copies are not accepted). Click here for a list of acceptable I-9 identification documents. According to USICS Guidelines, you may present one ID from List A, **or** a combination of one ID from List B with one ID from List C.
Link to Pathways (Villanova University Benefits Guide)

Driscoll Hall, *Optional Sessions*

1:50 – 2:30 pm   **Blackboard LMS for Course Organization, Engagement, and Assessment: Open Lab**
***Link** to register by Thu., August 14 at the latest*
Driscoll Hall, Room 244
Ankit Desai, Director, Learning Technologies and Colleagues, University Technology Services

Please bring your syllabus and other course materials (e.g., assignments, tests, rubrics, discussion questions) in digital form. Also, bring your own laptop, if possible.

2:45 – 4:45 pm   **Villanova's Scholarly Culture: Opportunities and Support for Your Research**
Driscoll Hall, Room 240
This session has been designed for faculty who will be engaged in research; all faculty are welcome. Open Q&A time will also be available in this session.

Topics include:
Research Support at Villanova
Navigating the Regulatory Framework to Facilitate Your Research
Sponsored Research: Setting Yourself Up for Success

Areas represented:
Vice Provost for Research
Villanova Institute for Research and Scholarship
Office of Grants and Contracts
Corporate and Foundation Relations
Office of Research Protections
University Compliance Office
Center for Research and Fellowships
Environmental Health and Safety
Office of the Vice President and General Counsel
University Technology Services