



Extended Orientation Events for New Faculty Academic Year 2011-12

Lunch or refreshments will be served at most of these events. Registration is requested for food planning purposes; watch your email for announcements and registration links.

Thursday, September 22, 12-2pm, Higgins House Great Hall

Lunch and Workshop on the Grants Application Process

Presented by the Office of Sponsored Programs.

Tuesday, October 4, Higgins House Library

New Faculty Luncheon

Reconnect with colleagues you met at New Faculty Orientation. This will be an informal, unstructured gathering associated with the New Faculty Mentoring Program; all new faculty are welcome to attend.

Thursday, October 20, 10am-noon followed by lunch, Higgins House Great Hall

Workshop: Making the First Day of Class Truly First Class

Experts in pedagogy stress the importance of the first class meeting for setting the stage. In this workshop we'll use multimedia case stories of the first day of college classes as a launching point for discussion of possible goals and strategies for designing the first class meeting: establishing motivation for the course, framing the entire course, establishing expectations, reviewing essential administrative requirements, assessing students informally, and creating a comfortable classroom climate. The intended audience for this workshop during the A-B break includes returning faculty as well as new faculty.

Tuesday, November 29, 12-1pm, Higgins House Great Hall

Building Your Professional Network

Studies support the positive impact of mentoring on a variety of career competencies. Recent literature has indicated the emergence of flexible approaches to mentoring in which faculty build a network of "multiple mentors" who can address a variety of career development issues. Join this luncheon and create a networking map. All early career faculty are invited, regardless of participation in the one-to-one component of WPI's mentoring program. Some more senior faculty will also be invited to reflect on their professional networks.

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Spring Semester

Tuesday, January 31, 12-1pm, Campus Center, Chairman's Room

Getting Involved in IQP Advising

February is the month when faculty typically begin thinking in earnest about projects they may advise in the following academic year. Meet with faculty in the Interdisciplinary & Global Studies Division (IGSD) to discuss IQPs and options for getting involved.

Thursday, March 8, 12-1pm, Campus Center, Chairman's Room

New Faculty Luncheon

Join early career colleagues for lunch during spring break. This will be an informal, unstructured gathering

Date and location to be determined

CTAF Open Meeting

The Committee on Tenure and Academic Freedom (CTAF) holds an annual meeting with tenure-track faculty in the spring semester (usually March or April) to provide information and answer questions about criteria, process and procedures, and requested documentation. All untenured tenure-track faculty will receive notice about this meeting when it is scheduled.

Monday, April 2, 12-1pm, Higgins House Great Hall

Celebratory Luncheon with 2012 Tenure Recipients

Meet faculty who were awarded tenure in February/March and hear their reflections and advice. All early career faculty are invited to attend.