

Faculty Affairs Monthly

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Message from the Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs

Dear Colleagues,

As we conclude another enriching academic year, I want to express my profound gratitude for your unwavering service and dedication. Your contributions have been instrumental in driving our collective success. I particularly appreciate your active engagement in the professional development opportunities provided by the Office for Faculty Affairs, Teaching and Faculty Support Center, Teaching Academy, and the UA ENGAGE Team. This commitment enhances our teaching and research capabilities, strengthens the collaborative spirit across all UA faculty, and is vital for our continuous growth and professional excellence.

Wishing you a delightful and rejuvenating summer break! I am eager to see the innovative ideas and fresh perspectives you will bring back this

fall, and I look forward to our continued collaboration.

Anna Zajicek, Ph.D.

Enrollment for Fall 2024 ACUE Micro Course **"Creating an Inclusive and Supportive Learning Environment"**

Applications are being accepted to participate in the Fall ACUE Micro Course. There are limited number of seats. If interested apply [here](#).

If you have specific questions please contact Deb Korth at dkorth@uark.edu

Now Accepting Travel Award Applications

As part of the Provost Office's commitment to supporting faculty development and enhancement, all full-time tenure or non-tenure assistant and associate professors, as well as full-time instructors are eligible to apply for travel assistance if they present original scholarship as a primary author at a national/international professional conference or creative activity at an exhibition, performance, or other related professional venue.

Applicants may receive up to \$1,000 of travel assistance if selected/accepted to present as a primary author, artist, or performer. Before travel, an expense authorization should be completed through the home department. To receive reimbursement, awardees must submit their expense report number in Workday to the Office for Faculty Affairs upon completion of their travel.

Applications are open through June 3 for conference travel July 1 through December 31, 2024. If interested go to our Faculty Affairs [website](#) for more information and to apply.

SAVE THE DATE

See below important events occurring this summer and the beginning of Fall semester.

The 2024 Chairs/Department Head Leadership Institute sponsored by
Faculty Affairs
July 30-31, 2024

Teaching Camp sponsored by the Teaching & Faculty Support Center
August 5-6, 2024

New Faculty Orientation sponsored by the Teaching & Faculty Support
Center & Faculty Affairs
August 13, 2024

Faculty Mentoring Graduate Student Workshop Series Kickoff sponsored
by Faculty Affairs
August 21, 2024

Bridge Program Workshop Series Kickoff sponsored by UA Engage &
Faculty Affairs
August 28, 2024

FINAL REMINDER BEFORE DEADLINE **Courses Transition to Blackboard Ultra**

Starting Fall 2024, all courses will utilize the Blackboard Ultra interface.

What does this mean for you?

The shift to Blackboard Ultra signifies a significant upgrade, necessitating familiarity with new features and navigation. The university strongly recommends faculty upgrade courses to Blackboard Ultra by **May 12, 2024** to avoid delays in getting courses set up correctly for fall

2024.

Where can you gain insight into Blackboard Ultra and seek assistance? Visit [here](#) for comprehensive information. Consider attending an introductory workshop during Ultra Mondays or delve deeper into specific topics during Follow-Up Friday training sessions. The Ultra Video Series offers quick training on various Ultra tools. Additionally, schedule a departmental or one-on-one consultation with a member of the TIPS team.



Professional Development Opportunities at your own pace

The University of Arkansas is a member of the **National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity (NCFDD)**. You can log on with your uark email, create your password and enjoy the curriculum! Go to www.ncfdd.org

Upcoming Events Scheduled 1:00pm-2:30 pm CST

Thursday June 13 - Skill #5: Moving from Resistance to Writing

Tuesday June 25 - The 3 Ps to Plan Your Professional Pivot

Thursday July 11 - Skill #6: The Art of Saying No

UA ENGAGE -- Empower. Lead. Transform.
Women in STEM at the U of A

The University of Arkansas is proud to be a NSF ADVANCE campus and Faculty Affairs plays a key role in the programming and initiation of UA ENGAGE activities. We are honored to recognize the excellent women researchers in our STEM departments. For more information on UA ENGAGE, visit the [website](#).

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