

June 18, 2009

MEMO TO: New Faculty Members

FROM: R. Danielle Egan
Director, Center for Teaching & Learning
and Associate Professor, Gender & Sexuality Studies

RE: Faculty Orientation Meetings, August 19 & 20, 2009

Welcome to St. Lawrence University. We are looking forward to all that you will bring to our faculty this upcoming year and in the years to come. An important aspect of your first year at St. Lawrence University is New Faculty Orientation. In addition to providing practical information about St. Lawrence, these sessions also afford opportunities for new faculty to get acquainted with one another and a considerable number of seasoned colleagues. Orientation for new faculty will be held on **Wednesday and Thursday, August 19 and 20, 2009** at the Center for Teaching & Learning (CTL), 62 Park Street, Canton.

Wednesday's meeting will begin at 9:00 am, but a continental breakfast will be available by 8:30 am. The first morning is devoted to introductions, a conversation with Dean Valerie Lehr on the university's liberal arts mission, and discussion about our student culture and classroom instruction. Around noon, we will break for a complimentary lunch in Dana Dining Hall followed by the traditional group photo and a tour of key campus areas and buildings lead by second-year colleagues. Later in the day, we invite you to return to the CTL for a Wine & Cheese Reception with Dean's Staff and President Bill Fox.

New faculty orientation will continue on **Thursday** at 9:00 a.m. (continental breakfast available by 8:30 am) and will be primarily devoted to an overview of professional development funding opportunities for scholarship and teaching. A number of St. Lawrence faculty have been invited to join us to talk about myriad teaching topics including grading scales and practices, and syllabus construction and design. An introduction to the university's academic advising services will round out the morning. The second day of orientation will adjourn after lunch with your new colleagues, approximately 1:45 pm.

Follow-up orientation sessions will be held during the fall and spring semesters and details on them will be available at the August orientation. In the meantime, please feel free to visit the CTL web site at <http://web.stlawu.edu/ctl> for more information on our programs and events that support faculty.

On August 17 and 18, 2009 the educational technologies group, in collaboration with the CTL, offers its **Back to Basics** technology workshops designed to introduce you to a variety of instructional tools at St. Lawrence. A detailed schedule of events and a registration form will be available later this summer at <http://infotech.stlawu.edu>. Although faculty participants have priority for this event, seating is often limited; we encourage you to register early.

We look forward to seeing you in August! If you have any questions, please call the Center for Teaching and Learning, 315-229-5981.