Fall 2017 Orientation for New Graduate Students, New GAs/TAs/RPAs  
Tuesday, August 22, 2017

**Location:** LH001

8:30am  Coffee/Tea

9:00-9:15am  Welcome from Aondover Tarhule, Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School, and Sarah Lam, Associate Dean of the Graduate School

9:15-10:30am  New Graduate Students: Strategies for Success in Graduate Programs
This session will examine the pathways for success in Graduate School and University-wide resources that are available to enrich your academic experience at Binghamton University and ensure the timely completion of your graduate degree. Additional time will be devoted to issues relating to academic integrity, confidential problem solving, managing your enrollment, and ELI resources on campus. **Discussants:** Associate Dean Sarah Lam, Assistant Dean and Director of Graduate Admissions Ben Balkaya, University Ombudsman Bathabile Mthombeni, and ELI Director Jennifer Brondell.

10:45-11:30am  Breakout Meetings for New Graduate Students: Insight and Advice from Ambassadors
The breakout meetings will offer some insight on graduate experience and provide information to help you become familiar with the university. *See attached for breakout locations.*

**Location:** LH008

11:30-12:00pm  New TAs: Center for Learning and Teaching (CLT), An Introduction
This session will provide an overview of the instructional resources that are available in the Center for Learning and Teaching. **Discussant:** James Pitarresi (Vice Provost for Student and Faculty Development, Executive Director of the CLT, and Distinguished Teaching Professor of Mechanical Engineering).

**Location:** LH008

1:00-2:00pm  New TAs: Responsibilities and Tips from Experienced & Award-Winning TAs
Experienced TAs have a wealth of information regarding TA duties and responsibilities, practical tips for teaching, and experiences that may help you anticipate and better resolve issues that often arise in the classroom. In this session, we will hear from some of our award-winning TAs. **Session Panelists:** Chelsea Gibson (History), Alexander Haruk (Chemistry), and Marcus Heiligenthal (English).

2:10-3:20pm  New TAs: Responsibilities and Tips from Faculty
There are different types of TA appointments depending on your discipline, type of funding, expertise, and academic standing. This session will address specific duties associated with your appointment, and help you get started this semester. **Session Panelists:** Heather DeHaan (Chair and Associate Professor of History), Matthew Johnson (Chair and Professor of Psychology), and James Pitarresi (Vice Provost for Student and Faculty Development, Executive Director of the Center for Learning and Teaching, and Distinguished Teaching Professor of Mechanical Engineering).

**Location:** LH008 (GA/TA) & LH002 (RPA)

3:30-4:00pm  Human Resources and Related Benefits (two locations – RPA & GA/TA)
Members of the Human Resources division will provide an overview of GA/TA and RPA employee benefits, and a description of payroll and related forms that must be completed prior to the beginning of the academic year. **Discussants:** Kim Avery (Assistant Director of Human Resources, Benefits and Immigration Services), Jonathan Roma (Manager of Student Employment), Tom Popielarski (Director of RF Human Resources and Payroll) and Lynda Emmert (Human Resources Associate, RF Human Resources and Payroll).
Session A: Anthropology, led by Sarah Gilleland, in LN 1120
Session B: Art History, led by Mariah Postlewait, in FA 352
Session C: Asian and Asian American Studies, led by Qianxu Li, in FA 348
Session D: Biological Sciences, led by John Wolters and Adam Cooke, in FA 245
Session E: Biomedical Engineering, led by Jonathan Bramsen and Mridu Malik, in LN 1406
Session F: CCPA, led by Elise Cain, in FA 351
Session G: Chemistry, led by Innocent Achari, in FA 247
Session H: Decker School of Nursing, led by Graciela Solano and Lila Menzi, in LH 005
Session I: Economics, led by Leila Salarpour Goodarzi, in LH 012
Session J: English, General Literature, and Rhetoric, led by James Fitzgerald, in LN G335
Session K: Geography, led by Juan Cordova, in FA 346
Session L: Geological Sciences and Environmental Studies, led by Jessica Domino, in FA 342
Session M: History, led by Matthew Hollis, in FA 246
Session N: Mathematical Sciences, led by Fan Yang, in LH 004
Session O: Mechanical Engineering, led by Liang Liu, in LH 003
Session P: Philosophy, led by Courtney Miller, in FA 241
Session Q: Physics, led by Christopher Singh, in FA 354
Session R: Political Science, led by Andrew Bennett, in FA 344
Session S: Psychology, led by Kaylie Wiseman, Kenneth Houghton, and Siara Rouzer, in FA 244
Session T: Public Administration and Student Affairs Administration, led by Thomas Mastro, in LH 010
Session U: School of Management, led by Xiang Gao and Taukir Aziz, in LH 001
Session V: Sociology, led by Gabreella Friday, in FA 242
Session W: Systems Science and Industrial Engineering, led by Haifeng Wang and Nourma Khader, in LH 002
Session X: Teaching, Learning, and Educational Leadership, led by Andrew Sweeney, in LH 007
Session Y: Theatre, led by Emily Goodell, in LN 2402
Session Z: TRIP, led by Youn Soo Kim, in LN 1404