

Preliminary Agenda
Teaching Assistant Orientation
Friday, September 4, 2009

University of Massachusetts Amherst, Lincoln Campus Center Auditorium

8:00 - 9:00 REGISTRATION AND COFFEE (CAMPUS CENTER AUDITORIUM)

9:00 - 9:40 WELCOME

9:45 -10:40 ADVICE FROM TAs TO TAs

Organized by colleges and schools, panels of experienced TAs will answer questions, offer strategies, and describe “best practices” based upon their teaching development experiences at UMass. These sessions are an informal opportunity to explore with peers how to make the most of teaching development opportunities at UMass.

10:45 -12:00 CONCURRENT WORKSHOP SESSIONS I

Workshop sessions focus on fundamental teaching skills and discussion of classroom issues. (Please see the enclosed description of workshop.)

12:00 - 12:45 TA / FACULTY LUNCHEON

1:00 - 2:15 CONCURRENT WORKSHOP SESSIONS II

2:15 -2:30 BREAK

2:30 - 3:45 CONCURRENT WORKSHOP SESSIONS III