The International Scholars Forum brings together international faculty, post-docs, and graduate students and all those who are interested in how to best support international students in their classes. The monthly sessions offer a supportive space where we can explore how our cultural, social, and linguistic identities impact our teaching and our interactions with students. Join us to build community with other international instructors and learn from each other! Co-sponsored by the Institute of Teaching Excellence and Faculty Development (TEFD) and Graduate School Office of Professional Development (OPD).

Monday, September 24th - 2:30-3:45pm
301 Goodell
**Decoding UMass Student Culture**
What do your students expect from you and your class? How might these expectations differ from what you experienced as a student or from what you expect from your students as an instructor or lab leader? This interactive discussion will provide you with an opportunity to explore those expectations and help you to brainstorm ways to create supportive relationships so that both you and your students feel comfortable in the classroom. Pre-registration required: [http://bit.ly/ISF2018a](http://bit.ly/ISF2018a)

Thursday, October 18th - 10:00-11:15am
301 Goodell
**Searching for Our Authentic Teaching Persona**
How can we preserve our joy and love of teaching? How can we grow as teachers? How can we find the courage to teach with integrity and authenticity? Join our discussion to explore what these questions mean for us as educators who sometimes struggle with teaching authentically as we find ourselves sometimes at the margins of our own classrooms. Pre-registration required: [http://bit.ly/ISF2018b](http://bit.ly/ISF2018b)

Friday, November 9th - 12:15-1:30pm
310 Goodell
**Combatting Linguistic Bias**
A recent study of Ratemyprofessor.com found that students often express linguistic bias against instructors who are non-native English speakers. In this interdisciplinary session, participants are invited to share their challenges and discuss ways to overcome disempowering experiences. Pre-registration required: [http://bit.ly/ISF2018c](http://bit.ly/ISF2018c)