Graduate Assistant Training & Orientation

• Update
  – Committee/Training History
  – Areas of Improvement
  – Exciting Changes
  – Future Ambitions
Graduate Professional Development Committee

- Began in AY 2015 (3rd year now)
  - Bring consistency to GA Training

- Two-day event
  - Speakers
  - Activities
  - Compliance training
Areas for Improvement

• Feedback from GAs
  – Long
  – Some of the material was heavy

• Feedback from Committee Members
  – Lack of participation by GAs in some activities
  – Displeasure vocalized by some participants
  – Some participants did not return after lunch
  – Did not set the right tone
  – Lack of community
Moodle Training

- Leveraging Moodle
  - Better method of assessment
  - Longer timeline to process and engage with material

- Moodle Modules
  - Ethic of Student Care
  - First Amendment and Higher Education
  - Student Affairs Compliance
  - UMatter Maroon Folder
  - Supervision & Your GA Position
  - SACL Resources
In-Person Welcome & Orientation

• Shorter in-person orientation

• Shifted focus
  – What do GAs need to know about UMass?
  – What does it mean to be a GA for UMass SACL?
  – How do we build community?
Orientation Agenda

• New GAs arrive at 9:00a.m.
• Overview of SACL
• Who are our students?
• Campus Climate at UMass
• Working Lunch
  – Returning GAs arrive and facilitate activity
  – Graduate Assistant REDI Awards
• Your Role in Creating Inclusive Communities
• Closing Remarks at 2:30p.m.
• Optional Graduate Employee Organization (GEO) Session
Future Work for the Committee

• Continued enhancement of Orientation/Moodle modules
• Resume workshops
• Mock interviews
• Additional professional development
GA Nominations

- For Returning GAs
- Nomination form live on SACL website
- Accepting until June 27th