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Penn State Faculty Digest

The Faculty Digest provides faculty and instructors with relevant news and information about programs and resources that promote faculty success. Watch for these emails on the last Friday of every month (or earlier when there is a campus closure). Happy Thanksgiving from all of us in the Office of the Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs!

LATEST NEWS

President Bendapudi's Message on Addressing Racial Inequity

President Neeli Bendapudi [shared a message](#) with the Penn State community about addressing racial inequity.

Celebrating Promoted Faculty

Promoted faculty were celebrated at two ceremonies in October. Faculty with teaching, research, and clinical appointments who were recently promoted were [recognized at an October 14 event](#). In addition, at an October 17 ceremony, [faculty who were recently promoted and tenured](#) were recognized.

Living Our Values Survey

Penn State has launched the [2022 Living Our Values Survey](#) as part of the University's commitment to the Penn State Values, non-retaliation for those who report wrongdoing, and the highest level of ethical decision-making across the University. All faculty should have received on November 7 with a unique link to participate in the survey. The survey will be open through Nov. 22. If you have questions about the survey, please visit the [Office of Ethics and Compliance website](#) for more information, or contact the Ethics and Compliance Initiative directly at 1-800-777-1285 or 1-703-647-2185, or by email at ethicssurvey@ethics.org.

Deadline Extended for 2023 Faculty and Staff Achievement Awards

The deadline for the [2023 Faculty and Staff Achievement Awards](#) has been extended to December 5. All Penn State faculty and staff are encouraged to nominate a fellow Penn Stater for an award.

Winter Weather Reminder

In the event of a [change in normal campus operations](#) due to weather, in-person courses cannot, except in extenuating circumstances, be moved to a synchronous remote meeting, per [Faculty Senate Policy 45-00](#). If a course typically meets in person, the instructor can choose to cancel class or to offer content asynchronously.

Fall Professional Development Opportunities for Teaching

- Penn State faculty have access to continuous learning opportunities and professional development resources from multiple sources.

- [Faculty Professional Development Opportunities - Continuously Updated.docx](#)
- Penn State's teaching center, the Schreyer Institute for Teaching, offers [workshops, programs and short-courses](#), [custom workshops](#) for groups and academic units, [individual consultations](#), and [grants](#).

Faculty Passings

Howard Weiss, professor of biology and mathematics at the University Park campus, [passed away on November 5](#).

Janna Maranas, professor of chemical engineering at the University Park campus, passed away on November 3.

Partha Mukherjee, assistant professor of data analytics at Penn State Great Valley, [passed away on August 22](#).

COVID-19 Resources

The University encourages those [traveling over the Thanksgiving or winter break](#) to follow the latest [CDC guidance for travel during COVID-19](#). These precautions include making sure you are up to date on your COVID-19 vaccines, considering getting tested before travel, following current recommendations for wearing masks in travel and public transportation settings, and getting tested after travel.

The University continues to provide resources to help individuals stay safe and healthy and prevent the spread of COVID-19. Read more about University resources pertaining to masking, testing, vaccines, and more [here](#).

FOR MORE INFORMATION

To obtain comprehensive, updated information at any time, please review:

- The Office of the Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs [website](#)
- The University's comprehensive [COVID-19 resources](#)
- Previous issues of this [Digest](#)