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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).

LATEST NEWS

Faculty Passing

Carol Evans, lecturer in biology at Penn State Fayette, the Eberly campus, passed away on April 29, 2023. [Evans is remembered](#) as a dedicated professor and passionate advocate for diversity and inclusion.

Mark Gruskin, associate professor of finance and accounting at Penn State Lehigh Valley, passed away on May 15, 2023. Dr. Gruskin is remembered as a highly valued member of the Penn State Lehigh Valley faculty and a generous supporter of the campus.

Emeritus Academy

[The newly-created Emeritus Academy](#), which will be overseen by the Offices of the Executive Vice President and Provost and the Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs, aims to provide a community-based approach that fosters continued intellectual curiosity, professional growth, and collegiality. Membership is open to all Penn State emeritus tenure-line and non-tenure-line faculty and administrators who are completing scholarly projects. Applicants are expected to be actively involved and productive in an area of research or creative activity; pedagogy or educational advancement; disciplinary or interdisciplinary leadership; or outreach. Applications are accepted throughout the year. For more information and to apply, [visit the Penn State Emeritus Academy](#).

Faculty Elected Members of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences

Three Penn State faculty who have made distinguished contributions to the fields of physics, mathematics and anthropology have been [elected members of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences](#). The 269 new members elected in 2023 come from academia, the arts, industry, policy, research and science. Penn State faculty elected to the 2023 class of members are Zoltan Fodor, professor of physics; Yakov Pesin, distinguished professor of mathematics; and Joan Richtsmeier, distinguished professor of anthropology.

PASS Storage Space

After serving as the University's on-premises storage solution for several decades, Penn State IT will [retire the Penn State Account Storage Space \(PASS\)](#) as of July 28, 2023. Unit IT has coordinated the migration of departmental PASS spaces; however,

individuals must manage files stored in their personal storage spaces, including personal web spaces. We recommend that faculty review the [Prepare for the PASS Retirement](#) SharePoint site for instructions on how to check for, review, or transfer files stored in personal spaces to [recommended alternative platforms](#). Contact the Penn State IT Service Desk online at [Get IT Help](#) or 814-865-HELP (4357) for assistance reviewing and transferring files from PASS.

EVENTS AND TRAINING

Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities for Teaching

- Penn State's university-wide teaching center, the Schreyer Institute for Teaching Excellence (SITE), offers customized [programming](#) for groups from any campus or college—all you need to do is [reach out!](#) We sponsor a number of [grants](#) and [consult with instructors](#) to discuss any aspects of their teaching.
- Penn State's [Teaching and Learning with Technology](#) (TLT) units, [Creative Learning Initiatives](#), [IT Learning and Development](#), and the [Learning Design Team](#), offer workshops, programs, and individual consultations for faculty looking to enhance their teaching and learning through technology.
- SITE and TLT offer many continuous learning opportunities and professional development resources for Penn State faculty: [Faculty Professional Development Opportunities - Continuously Updated.docx](#)

COVID-19 Resources

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](#)