

News for Faculty – Friday, June 30, 2023

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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).

The Office of the Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs wishes all faculty happy and safe Fourth of July celebrations!

### **LATEST NEWS**

#### **Faculty Promotions**

Congratulations to all faculty who received a promotion! Please see the complete lists of promoted faculty:

- [Tenure-line faculty promotions](#)
- [Non-tenure-line faculty promotions](#)

#### **AI Resources**

Are you wondering about the impact of artificial intelligence (AI) on teaching and learning? A website, <https://ai.ai.psu.edu/>, provides resources developed by Penn State's AI and Academic Integrity Working Group. The site includes sample syllabus statements, readings on the topic of AI, and a list of AI generation tools.

#### **Big Ten Academic Alliance Fellows Named**

The Big Ten Academic Alliance (BTAA) Academic Leadership Program (ALP) in 2023-24 will include [six new fellows from Penn State](#): Friederike Baer, division head, Arts and Humanities, associate professor, History, Penn State Abington; Beth Gugino, assistant dean for Graduate Education, professor of Vegetable Pathology, College of Agricultural Sciences; Scarlett Miller, professor of Engineering Design and Industrial Engineering, College of Engineering; Erin Murphy, professor, English, Penn State Altoona; Tahira Reid Smith, professor, Mechanical Engineering and Engineering Design, associate department head for Inclusive Research and Education, and Arthur L. Glenn Professor of Engineering Education; and Josh Wede, teaching professor and associate department head for Instruction, director, World Campus (psychology), College of the Liberal Arts.

The Big Ten Academic Alliance Department Executive Officers (DEO) program has gained five additional [fellows from the Penn State ranks](#): Meg Bruening, department head, Nutritional Sciences, College of Health and Human Development; Jennifer Gilley, interim director of the Penn State Commonwealth Campus Libraries and head librarian at Penn State New Kensington; Matthew Jordan, department head, Film Production and Media Studies, Donald P. Bellisario College of Communications; Brian King, department

head, Geography, College of Earth and Mineral Sciences; and Randy McEntaffer, department head, Astronomy and Astrophysics, Eberly College of Science.

## **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](#)