



Office of the Provost
NEW FACULTY ORIENTATION 2025

Wednesday–Friday August 13-15, 2025 • Business Innovation Building (BIB) Room 108
BIB is located at 201 East Packer Avenue, diagonally across from the Rauch Business Center

Wednesday, August 13, 2025

7:45 am–8:30 am **Breakfast** (BIB 110, Business Innovation Building)

8:30 am–9:00 am **Welcome**

Joseph J. Helble, President

Nathan Urban, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Larry Snyder, Deputy Provost for Faculty Affairs and Professor of Industrial and Systems Engineering

Janele Kryzwicki, Director of Faculty Affairs

Daniele Holland, Manager of Faculty Affairs

9:00 am–9:30 am **Icebreaker: Sense of Belonging**

Megan Cream, Teaching Associate Professor of Mathematics

Nick Russoniello, Teaching Assistant Professor of Mathematics

9:30 am–10:00 am **Getting to Know Lehigh**

Suzanne Schafer, Assistant Director, Office of Admissions

10:00 am–10:45 am **Panel: Cultivating Excellence: Faculty as Partners in Student Success**

Terry-Ann Jones (moderator), Deputy Provost for Undergraduate Education and Professor of Political Science

Emily Ford, Director of Coordinated Advising

Donna Mohr, Director of Retention

Kara Uhrich, Assistant Dean/Director of the Academic Success and Writing Center

10:45 am–11:00 am **Break**

11:00 am–11:30 am **Lehigh's Strategic Plan**

Mark Erickson, Interim Vice President of Strategic Planning and Initiatives

11:30 am–12:15 pm **Micro-workshop: Getting Ready for Your First Week in the Classroom**

Greg Reihman, Vice Provost for Library and Technology Services (LTS)

Ilena Key, Chief Technology Officer

Judd Hark, Interim Director, Center for Innovation in Teaching and Learning

12:15 pm–1:30 pm **Lunch** (BIB 110, Business Innovation Building)



1:30 pm–2:15 pm Office of Inclusive Excellence and Belonging

Donald Outing, Vice President for Equity and Community
Henry Odi, Deputy Vice President for Equity and Community
Rita Jones, Director, Gender, Leadership and Empowerment Center
Scottie Burden, Director, Pride Center
Lloyd Steffen, University Chaplain, Professor of Religion, Culture, and Society
Denise Beautreanu, Director, Student Access and Success
RL Robinson, Director, Center for Cultural Engagement

2:15 pm–2:45 pm Equal Opportunity, Title IX and Compliance

Alexandra Dunn, Director of Compliance
Angelina Calomino, Equal Opportunity and Title IX Case Manager

2:45 pm–3:00 pm Break

3:00 am–3:30 pm Office of International Affairs

Cheryl Matherly, Vice President and Vice Provost for International Affairs
Nichole Hunley, Acting Director of International Students & Scholars

3:30 pm–4:15 pm Micro-workshop: Lehigh User-Designed Inquiry (LUDI)

Jeff Olimpo, Director, Office of Educational Innovation and Assessment
Kimberly Williamson, Director, Educational Analytics

4:15 pm Adjourn

5:00 pm–7:00 pm New Faculty Welcome Dinner (Tauck Lobby, Business Innovation Building)

Partners and kids are welcome! There will be activities for the kids to keep them entertained as the adults mingle. This event will give the new faculty a chance to meet other new faculty and make connections with seasoned colleagues.



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9:00 am–10:00 am **Review, Promotion, and Tenure**
Larry Snyder, Deputy Provost for Faculty Affairs and Professor of Industrial and Systems Engineering

10:00 am–10:45 am **Micro-workshop: ADVANCE Center: Leveraging a Magical Moment for Success**
Stephanie Powell Watts, Faculty Director, ADVANCE Center and Professor of English
Marci Levine, Director for Faculty Development and Success

10:45 am–11:00 am **Break**

11:00 am–11:45 am **Panel: Advising and Supporting Lehigh Graduate Students**
Sabrina Jedlicka (moderator), Deputy Provost for Graduate Education and Associate Professor of Materials Science and Engineering (MSE) and Bioengineering
Brook Sawyer, Professor of Education and Human Services
Burak Eskici, Teaching Assistant Professor of Decision and Technology Analytics
Mark Snyder, Professor of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering
Won Choi, Professor of Population Health

11:45 am–1:00 pm **Lunch** (BIB 110, Business Innovation Building)

1:00 pm–1:30 pm **Shared Governance at Lehigh**
Peter Zeitler, Chair of the Faculty Senate and Professor of Earth and Environmental Science
Jenna Lay, Vice-Chair of the Faculty Senate and Associate Professor of English and Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies

1:30 pm–2:00 pm **Ombuds Office**
Kathleen Hutnik, Associate Deputy Provost for Graduate Education
Anne Meltzer, Professor of Earth and Environmental Science

2:00 pm–2:45 pm **Micro-workshop: Equity-Minded Teaching**
Rita Jones, Director, Gender, Leadership and Empowerment Center

2:45 pm–3:00pm **Break**

3:00 pm–3:30 pm **The University Research Centers (URCs) and Research at Lehigh**
Dominic Packer, Associate Vice Provost for Research in the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences
Paolo Bocchini, Director of the Center for Catastrophe Modeling and Resilience and Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering
Vinod Namboodiri, Director for the Center for Community-Driven Assistive Technologies and Professor of Biostatistics and Health Data Science



3:30 pm–4:15 pm Panel: “No Longer New” Faculty

Larry Snyder (moderator), Deputy Provost for Faculty Affairs and Professor of Industrial and Systems Engineering

Mary Kate Dodgson, Associate Professor of Accounting

Dean Caivano, Assistant Professor of Political Science

J. Cameron Anglum, Assistant Professor of Education and Human Services, Educational Leadership Program

Joseph Menicucci, Teaching Associate Professor of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering

Gideon Gogovi, Assistant Professor of Biostatistics and Health Data Science

4:15 pm–4:30 pm Wrap-Up

(Optional Session)

5:00 pm Campus Tour (Admissions Office, Alumni Memorial Building, First Floor)



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8:00 am–4:00pm **Headshots** (Tauck Lobby, Business Innovation Building)—[Sign-up](#) required to select a time!

9:00 am **Campus Tour** (Admissions Office, Alumni Memorial Building, First Floor)

9:00 am–11:00 am **Understanding Your Immigration Status and Green Card Options with [Office of International Students and Scholars](#)** (BIB 110)

10:00 am–12:00 pm **Lehigh Expo** (Tauck Lobby, Business Innovation Building)

Come meet representatives from over 20 units across the campus community and learn about the many resources that Lehigh has to offer new faculty from child care to dining services.