



# The CFD Monthly

Workshops, Events, Resources, and More

September 2023

## Welcome Back



August 14 - 18th marked our fifth annual Faculty First Week conference. Along with welcoming 61 new faculty members, the week included 4 pre-conferences, 50 sessions, 88 speakers, and over 525 attendees! We are excited to see what this academic year brings to USM.

## New Semester, New Program



Developed in 2017 as part of the *Eagles Engaged* SACS-Quality Enhancement Program, this summer the **Learning Assistant (LA) Program** transitioned to its permanent home under the units of Associate Vice Provost for Teaching and Learning, Dr. Kelly Lester. Learning Assistants are undergraduate students who facilitate course activities, lead study sessions, and support faculty members in implementing innovative teaching techniques in their classes. The LA Program selects, trains, and pairs LAs with faculty, currently overseeing nearly 50 LAs serving in introductory Chemistry, Mathematics, Biology, and History courses. The LA program is being led by Dr. Hugh Broome, the Associate Director of the CFD, who has expertise in active learning and peer learning models and has utilized learning assistants in his general chemistry classes for several years. Under his direction, Dr. Broome will be working to expand the LA program to more courses. If you're interested in incorporating LAs into your course, [contact Dr. Broome](#).

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2023



### FALL 2023 EDUCATORS' RETREAT

Tools, Techniques, and Trends in  
an AI-Enhanced Higher Education

## CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The Fall 2023 Educators' Retreat will bring together faculty, administrators, and staff to discuss strategies for effectively implementing generative artificial intelligence (AI) technologies at Southern Miss. The goal of the event is to help educators at all levels **harness the power of generative AI** to enhance student learning, research productivity, and job performance.

[Proposals](#) for the 2023 Educators' Retreat are being accepted through September 6, 2023.



In collaboration with the **School of Humanities**, the CFD will be hosting a grant writing workshop series open to faculty, graduate students, and staff this academic year.

### Fall Sessions

**Finding grants using resources through ORA**  
Sept. 8

**Creating a timeline and plan to complete an application**  
Sept. 29

**Reviewers' perspective on successful grant applications**  
Nov. 3

Sessions will be held on Friday mornings from 9 a.m.- 11 a.m. in the CFD.

[Register](#)

**Save  
the  
Date**



**March 13-15, 2024**  
**Gulf Park Campus**

[www.srfidc.org](http://www.srfidc.org)



### ***Tiny Teaching Tip***

Are students ignoring your feedback? As an instructor, you can encourage students to engage with your feedback. With some effort on the instructor's part, students can learn to see feedback as an opportunity for growth rather than mere criticism.

- Explain to students the purpose and benefits of feedback so they understand its value for improving their skills.
- Give feedback in a timely manner while assignments are still fresh in students' minds. This increases the likelihood of them implementing the feedback.
- Have students submit a reflection on how they will integrate the feedback into future work.
- Consider having one-on-one meetings with students to discuss their feedback and create plans for improvement.

## **Graduate School Mentorship Series**

The Southern Miss Graduate School is offering a comprehensive mentor-training program for graduate faculty during the 2023-2024 academic year in conjunction with the Center for Faculty Development. Topics to be covered throughout the year include defining mentorship, understanding outcomes of effective mentoring, addressing

# GRADUATE MENTORSHIP

## Training and Workshop Series

### MENTORSHIP TRAINING SERIES

12-1:30 PM | CENTER FOR FACULTY DEVELOPMENT | 319 INTERNATIONAL CENTER

September 12, 2023: Maintaining Effective Communication and Aligning Expectations

October 3, 2023: Promoting Professional Development

January 30, 2024: Reflecting on Diversity and Addressing Inclusion

February 20, 2024: Fostering Well-being & Cultivating Ethical Behavior

### MENTORSHIP LUNCH AND LEARN WORKSHOPS

12-2:00 PM | PECK HOUSE | HATTIESBURG CAMPUS

Tuesday, October 24, 2023

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE LUNCH AND LEARN WORKSHOPS ON OCTOBER 24 & MARCH 19. THE OTHER SESSIONS WILL BE BROWN BAG EVENTS AND SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED.



demographic disparities of mentees, and attributes of effective mentor-mentee relationships (including academic, interpersonal, and psychosocial development).

Please use the links below to register!

## CFD Workshops

### Coffee Chat: Student Accessibility Services and Student Counseling Services Overview:

Tuesday, September 5

IC 319 & Zoom

12 - 1 pm

[Register](#)

### Show Up and Write!:

Every Thursday | Sep 7 - Nov 30

IC 319 & Zoom

11 am - 1 pm

[Remind Me](#)

### Coffee Chat: Controller's office/budgets:

Wednesday, September 13

IC 319 & Zoom

9 - 10 am

[Register](#)

### First Year Foundations: Meet & Eat:

Friday, September 15

Glory Bound Gyro Co.

11:30 am - 12:45 pm

## Graduate Mentorship Training Series

### Maintaining Effective Communication and Aligning Expectations: [Register](#)

Tuesday, September 12

12 - 1:30 pm | IC 319

### Promoting Professional Development: [Register](#)

Tuesday, October 3

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## Graduate Mentorship Lunch

[RSVP](#)

**Approaching Advisement:**

Tuesday, September 26  
IC 319 & Zoom  
1 - 3 pm  
[Register](#)

**and Learn Workshops**

12:00-2:00 pm | Peck House

Tuesday, October 24, 2023

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

## New Year, New Name

What was previously known as Faculty + Staff First Friday has been rebranded to Cocktails and Conversations. Everything is still the same as before. Come join us at the designated restaurant to eat free appetizers provided by the sponsor, buy yourself a drink, and enjoy conversation with colleagues.

The graphic is set against a dark wood background. At the top center is a black martini glass with a yellow outline containing the text 'COCKTAILS & CONVERSATIONS'. To the right, a text box says 'Come have a drink and chat with your peers' and 'Sponsored by: Southern Miss HONORS COLLEGE'. Below the glass, text reads 'Friday September 8 at SoPro Brewing 4 - 6 pm'. At the bottom right is a photo of two people holding drinks.

## Looking for some Fun?

**Bring It On Eagle Style** has become a staple of SGA Homecoming events and involves teams performing synchronized dance performances. Last year we added a bonus group which was a faculty, staff, & GA team! Everyone had a blast and is excited to bring back the team this year! This team is for entertainment purposes only and not a part of the competition. The event will take place on Tuesday, October 3, 2023, at 7:00 pm and will be held at Reed Green Coliseum.

**Sign up to participate** - The deadline is Tuesday, September 5th. Questions? Email Christy Bowman at [christen.bowman@usm.edu](mailto:christen.bowman@usm.edu).

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