# Graduate Academy for College Teaching

**DAY ONE: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2018**

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<td>141 Wohlers, Foyer/Auditorium</td>
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<td>9:00–9:15</td>
<td>WELCOME: <strong>Lucas Anderson</strong>, CITL</td>
<td>141 Wohlers</td>
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<td>9:15–10:00</td>
<td>DRAMA TECHNIQUES FOR TEACHING: <strong>J. W. Morrissette</strong>, Theatre Studies Program</td>
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<td>10:00–10:15</td>
<td>BREAK (with beverage and snack)</td>
<td>Wohlers Foyer</td>
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<td>REQUIRED SMALL GROUP SESSIONS</td>
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<td>Running a Class Session</td>
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<td>Bloom’s Taxonomy &amp; Microteaching</td>
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<td>12:45–1:15</td>
<td>BOX LUNCH</td>
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<td>Teaching in Different Disciplines</td>
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<td>2:25–3:25</td>
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**Reminder:** Sign up for Microteaching.

You will do Microteaching in 90-minute blocks on Friday, January 12, in the Armory Building.

Sign up today (between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm) and tomorrow (between 9:30 am and 1:00 pm) in WOHLERS Foyer.

Session times are 8:30-10:00, 10:00-11:30, 11:30-1:00, 1:30-3:00, 3:00-4:30, or 4:30-6:00. More details are provided in your folder.
8:30–9:00  CHECK-IN & INFORMATIONAL SLIDESHOW  141 Wohlers Foyer/Auditorium
9:00–9:30 WELCOME BACK: Lucas Anderson, CITL  141 Wohlers
9:30–10:20 GRADING: Shelly Schmidt, Food Science and Human Nutrition  141 Wohlers
10:20–10:40 BREAK (with beverage and snack)  Wohlers Foyer
10:40–11:40 CONCURRENT SESSIONS C  Sessions are listed on Page 5
     General Pedagogy / Teaching with Technology
11:50–12:50 CONCURRENT SESSIONS D  Sessions are listed on Page 6
     Culture and Diversity

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Small Group Assignments
(For required small group sessions)

DAY ONE: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10: 10:15-12:45

GROUP 1
166 Wohlers

MCB STAFF
School of Molecular & Cellular Biology (ALL departments)

GROUP 2
111 DKH

KAZEM ALIDOOST & XIAN ZHANG
Mechanical Science and Engineering

GROUP 3
113 Wohlers

TYLER PACK & JAMES BITTNER
Electrical & Computer Engineering

GROUP 4
226 Wohlers

CHELSEA LLOYD & LIBBY HAYWOOD
• Animal Sciences
• Chemistry
• Crop Sciences
• FSHN
• Geography & Geographic Information Science
• Geology
• Integrative Biology
• KCH
• Natural Resources & Environmental Sciences

GROUP 5
170 Wohlers

JACLYN THEISEN & AMIR TEIMOURIGERDEH
• Ag Ed
• Architecture
• Art & Design
• Curriculum & Instruction
• HDFS
• Landscape Architecture
• Library & Information Science
• iSchool
• Linguistics
• Psychology
• Statistics
• Urban Planning

GROUP 6
126 Wohlers

MEGAN WITZKE & EMILY CHEN
• Aerospace Engineering
• Agricultural and Biological Engineering
• CEE
• Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering
• Industrial and Enterprise Systems Engineering
• Physics

GROUP 7
236 Wohlers

KATHERINE JO & ALYSSA PARSONS
• Advertising
• Accountancy
• Agricultural & Consumer Economics
• Business Administration
• Economics
• Finance
• Labor and Employment Relations
• Statistics

GROUP 8
317 DKH

MICHAEL ROBSON
Computer Science

DKH = David Kinley Hall
(Just across the courtyard to the east from Wohlers)

Don’t see your department? Ask Lucas (bearded guy wearing a Star Trek lapel pin).
### Concurrent Sessions A/B

#### SESSION A: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10: 1:15-2:15

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<td>Tackling Common Issues in Engineering Lab Courses (KAZEM ALIDOOST)</td>
<td>119 DKH</td>
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<td>In the lab, engineering students must answer important questions for the first time: Are the experimental results significantly different than the theoretical ones? If so, why? How do I explain all of this in a written report? We will explore such questions and determine methods to best guide the students to finding the answers.</td>
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<td>A2</td>
<td>Preparing to Teach in a Laboratory Setting (ELIZABETH BLINSTRUP-GOOD)</td>
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<td>In lab courses, students engage in hands-on activities, handle laboratory equipment, work on group projects, and practice scientific writing. As a result, TAs may encounter challenges that do not arise in a traditional lecture setting. This session will help TAs prepare for teaching a laboratory course and will also include a discussion about student-driven learning.</td>
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<td>A3</td>
<td>Preparing to Teach Online (MARC THOMPSON, MELISSA HEIL &amp; WHITNEY MCCOMAS)</td>
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<td>In this session, you’ll learn some of the most important strategies for effective online teaching. We’ll focus on fostering an online learning community, establishing instructor presence, orchestrating asynchronous and synchronous online discussion, establishing course policies and document formats, and facilitating academic integrity in assessment.</td>
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<td>A4</td>
<td>Running Effective Discussions (TYLER PACK)</td>
<td>123 DKH</td>
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<td>Whether you are fully in charge of a course, or only responsible for a discussion section each week, you can generate a lot of learning by stimulating good discussions in your class. Come to this session to learn some important principles for running effective discussions.</td>
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<td>Active Learning in the College Classroom (CHRIS MIGOTSKY)</td>
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<td>In this active session about active learning, you’ll learn what active learning is (and is not), why it’s important, pros and cons of the approach, and multiple methods you can try in your class (lecture, discussion, or lab).</td>
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<td>A6</td>
<td>Everything you ever wanted to know about being a CS TA (MICHAEL ROBSON)</td>
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<td>For Computer Science TAs only. Be the best CS TA you can be by using this one weird trick. Actually, Michael has several tips for you to be a successful TA. You won’t believe number 6! First you’ll be shocked. Then you’ll be inspired!</td>
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#### SESSION B: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10: 2:25-3:25

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<td>What They Never Told Me: 10 Things I Learned in 10 Years to Have Success in Classroom Teaching (STEVE NOTARO)</td>
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<td>A challenge for every instructor is how to get students interested and engaged. In ten years of teaching, Steve has found ten facts to be true in all of his classes that will help you be a successful instructor.</td>
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<td>Helping Distressed and Distressing Students (TOM MIEBACH &amp; KATHERINE ZILMER)</td>
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<td>More and more college students are experiencing significant mental health problems, which makes it likely you will encounter a student in distress. Come learn some basic skills on how to help these students, and gain information on important campus resources!</td>
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<td>Promoting Discussion in Science &amp; Engineering Classes (CHRISTIAN RAY)</td>
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<td>There are different ways to encourage active participation and discussion in science classes. We will look at ways to engage your science students, especially in a discussion setting.</td>
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<td>Teaching for Professional Development (DEREK ATTIG)</td>
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<td>Make the most of teaching by approaching it as an opportunity for professional development. Your time in the classroom can help you develop a range of important skills valued by employers. In this session, you will learn concrete strategies that emphasize skill development for you and positive outcomes for your students.</td>
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<td>B5</td>
<td>Responding to Student Writing (CAROLYN WISNIEWSKI)</td>
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<td>Learn to respond to student writing in ways that are efficient, consistent, and valuable to students. You will consider goals and how your response can be a part of your teaching method. A toolkit of strategies will help you tackle a daunting pile of term papers, essays, lab reports, etc.</td>
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C1. Efficient, Consistent and Transparent Grading with Rubrics (LEYLA LAMBERT & JOHN KOTNAROWSKI)  119 DKH

Grading rubrics offer multiple benefits for increasing the overall quality of instruction yet are often overlooked by new teachers. The session will cover the basics of how to create, adapt and use a rubric to provide effective feedback on papers, lab reports and tests. Attendees will get hands-on experience with rubrics and will leave the session with a wealth of practical resources for further exploration.

C2. Illinois Compass 2G: Key Features & Productivity Tips for TAs (DAN HAHN)  226 WOHLERS

This session will provide teaching assistants with a familiarity of the commonly used features. Topics include basic content creation and organization, emailing students through Illinois Compass 2G, adding users to the course, creating assignments and online grading.

C3. Know your Tools: Classroom Tech (LILLIAN HAAS)  123 DKH

The session will provide an overview of each piece of equipment available for use in general assignment classrooms; review the steps necessary to access and use the equipment; and provide attendees with a sense of how each piece of equipment can be used to best enhance various lessons. Teaching is hard enough without having to worry about how to turn on the computer, so come to this session and get to know your tools!

C4. With or Without Trigger Warnings: A Conversation on Teaching Sensitive Topics (MOLLY MCLAY)  243 WOHLERS

Considering the growing national dialogue on classroom safe spaces, this session will provide best practices for teaching sensitive topics in ways that facilitate students’ safe yet active engagement with the material, rooted in the presenter’s longstanding teaching experiences.

C5. The Power of Presentations: Enhancing your Slides for Teaching & Engagement (JAMIE NELSON)  245 WOHLERS

Throughout your life, you will almost certainly give presentations. We’ve all sat through presentations that were boring, confusing, and drab. How do you communicate your message most succinctly? What visuals will captivate and inform our students the best? In this session we will distill the magic that just might take your next presentation from bland to grand.
Concurrent Sessions D

SESSION D: THURSDAY, JANUARY 11: 11:50-12:50

D1. Introduction to the American Classroom for International Educators (AMELIA KIMBALL) 243 WOHLERS

Who are American students? What is an American classroom like? This workshop introduces U of I undergraduates and the cultural norms of American teaching. You’ll leave the session with a plan to adapt your own teaching to a new country.

D2. Effectively Working with Students with Disabilities (ANN FREDRICKSEN & TINA ROLFE) 226 WOHLERS

What do you do when your students are struggling to thrive in your course? What are your responsibilities if they need testing accommodations? Is your course material accessible? Are you interested in making your teaching more universally designed? Learn this and more!

D3. Teaching LGBTQ Students and Topics (JASMINE ROUTON) 119 DKH

Students in all disciplines identify as LGBTQ. Learn how to be an effective ally in your classroom at this session, designed to help you understand the lingo and give you a broad overview of how you can help be inclusive of LGBTQ students and topics in your course.

D4. Communication Barriers: Supporting International Students in the Classroom (DANIEL ALMANZA) 245 WOHLERS

Teaching international students can pose different challenges for TAs. This session will focus on different pedagogical strategies that can be implemented in the classroom to help your international students be successful. Different communication techniques, international students’ expectations, and cultural differences will be discussed.

D5. Responding to Second Language Writers (DOROTHY MAYNE & CAROLYN WISNIEWSKI) 123 DKH

This presentation will introduce you to a toolkit of strategies to help you tackle the daunting pile of term papers, essays, or lab reports, with a specific focus on responding to students who are writing in English as a non-native language. Learn to respond to student writing in ways that are efficient, consistent, and valuable to students. You will consider the goals of your course and assignments and how your response can be a part of your teaching method.

Thank you for attending the Spring 2018 Graduate Academy for College Teaching

The Graduate Academy represents the efforts of many. The Center for Innovation in Teaching & Learning thanks all of our Academy presenters and facilitators, and the microteaching facilitators and camera operators.

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