



# New Faculty Orientation

August 20, 2025



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# Introduction to Faculty Affairs

**Patrick Louchouart**

Senior Vice Provost for Leadership and External Engagement







Office of Academic Affairs

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**Enriching the faculty experience at The Ohio State University**



# Office of Faculty Affairs

**Mission:** “Our mission is to develop, curate, and connect academic resources, programming, and structures in support of faculty success across the entire career life cycle. We focus on providing an unparalleled set of services to academic units and individuals, that are guided by principles of transparency, efficiency, and inclusive excellence”.

**Vision:** “We aspire to create an environment where every faculty member is seen in their whole identity, inundated with positive experiences throughout all stages of their career, and as such have a sense of belonging to their academic communities. We align with OSU’s Shared Values in promoting the understanding of faculty roles and contributions in teaching, scholarship and creative activities, service, extension, clinical work, and patient care, in the context of a land-grant, R1 Institution”.





# Office of Faculty Affairs



Patrick Louchouart  
Sr. Vice Provost for  
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Assistant Vice Provost for  
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Director of Faculty  
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# Thank You!

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Office of Faculty Affairs  
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## WELCOME NEW FACULTY

You and a guest are invited to join fellow new faculty members from other higher education institutions for the annual Columbus Region New Faculty Reception.

**Thursday, September 18**  
**5 - 7 PM**

The Columbus Foundation  
1234 E Broad St, Columbus, OH 43205  
*Complimentary parking is available onsite*

Please RSVP to [events@columbuspartnership.com](mailto:events@columbuspartnership.com) by September 5 with any dietary restrictions and the name of your guest (if applicable). Small bites and drinks will be served.



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# Interfolio & Support

## Helen Malone

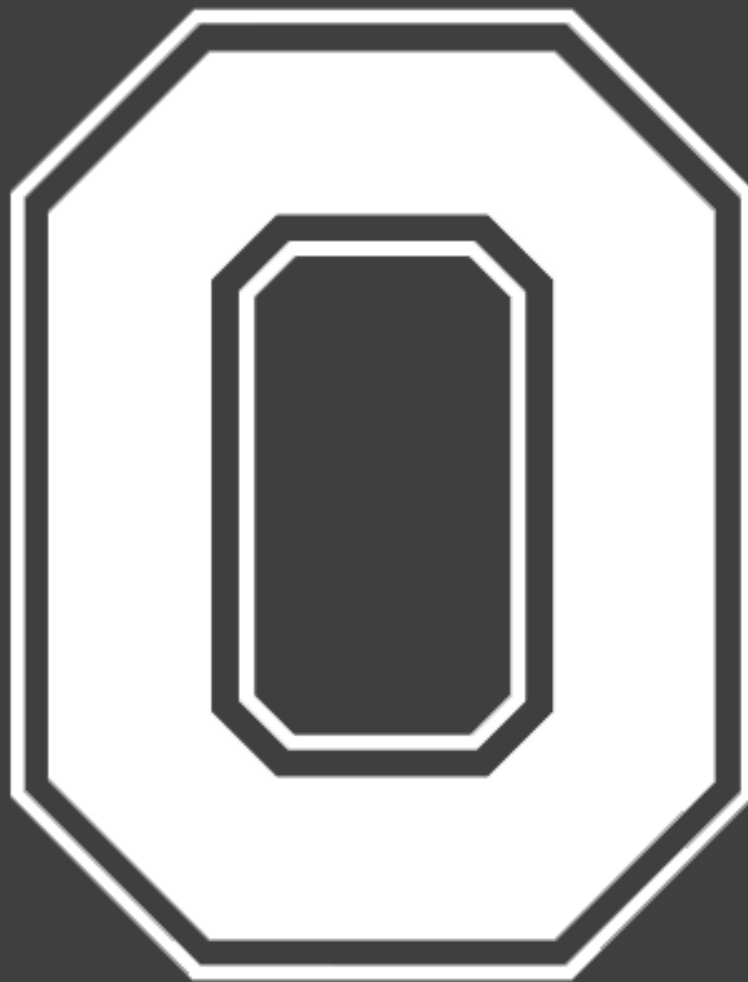
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## Review, Promotion, and Tenure (RPT)

### Workflow system

- Materials begin with the candidate and end in OAA
- Ability to send materials back and forth through Interfolio
- Can collect external review letters





## Faculty Activity Reporting (FAR)

- Faculty dossier
- Can have a designee assigned
- Will flow into RPT
- Can be used to build out website, CV, short vita, etc.
- Strongly encourage ALL new faculty to begin using FAR now



# Steering Committee & Support Model

Faculty and staff representatives from all colleges

Started monthly meetings in May 2024

Distributed Support Model

- Each college and school/department will have someone locally trained to support the unit





[faculty.osu.edu/interfolio](https://faculty.osu.edu/interfolio)





# Faculty Development

## Kaprea Johnson

Associate Vice Provost for Faculty Development & Recognition

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# Supporting Your Success at Ohio State University

## **Onboarding & Early Career**

Tailored support for new faculty to navigate university resources and establish strong foundations.

## **Professional Skill- Building**

Workshops and programs designed to enhance your research, teaching, wellness, and leadership capabilities.

## **Recognition & Advancement**

Strategic guidance for honorifics and celebrating your academic achievements.



# Faculty Pathways



- Faculty development sessions focused on teaching, research, service, and wellness
- Writing Retreats
- In Person, Virtual, or Hybrid
- 60 minutes in length from 12-1pm
- First session is September 23rd in-person on Developing a Plan for your academic career (Includes Lunch)



FACULTY PATHWAYS IS A COMPREHENSIVE AND INNOVATIVE FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM DESIGNED TO EQUIP EDUCATORS WITH THE NECESSARY TOOLS, KNOWLEDGE AND SUPPORT TO EXCEL IN THEIR ROLES AT THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.



THE GOAL IS TO NURTURE A CULTURE OF CONTINUOUS LEARNING AND FOSTER A COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE THAT ENHANCES FACULTY MEMBERS' PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LIVES.

<https://faculty.osu.edu/faculty-support/faculty-development/faculty-pathways>

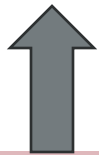


# Faculty Writing Retreats

Turn Intentions into Publications

**20 Minutes**

Expert-led session on productivity techniques, writing strategies, and publication tips.



**November & April**

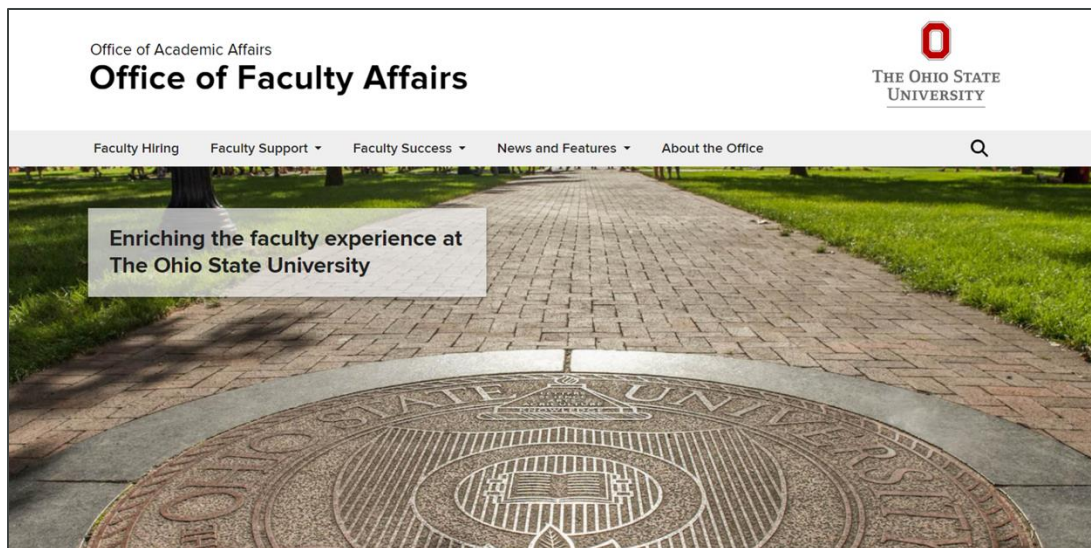
Consistent schedule you can count on for maintaining research momentum.



**10 Minutes**

Protected, distraction-free writing time with accountability from peers.





# Visit the Faculty Affairs Website

[www.faculty.osu.edu](http://www.faculty.osu.edu)

## Faculty Support

- Equitable Policies
- Academic Organization, Curriculum, and Assessment Handbook
- Faculty Affairs Approval Request
- Faculty Policy FAQ
- Faculty Workload Guideline
- Guideline Documents
- OAA Policies and Procedures Handbook
- Policy Guidelines and Forms
- Faculty Development
- Multimedia Resources**
- New Chairs Program
- New Faculty Program
- Promotion and Tenure
- Academic Leadership Development Opportunities
- Faculty Pathways

## Multimedia Resources

These multimedia resources are designed to enrich your teaching and research endeavors. As you explore these resources, we encourage you to take full advantage of the opportunities they offer to elevate your teaching and research. Engage with your discipline in new and exciting ways, communicate effectively, and continue to uphold the tradition of academic excellence that Ohio State is renowned for.

**Faculty Stories - Tell Me Your Why podcast**

**Faculty Affairs Leadership Podcast**

**Faculty Affairs YouTube Playlist**

# Michael V. Drake Institute for Teaching and Learning

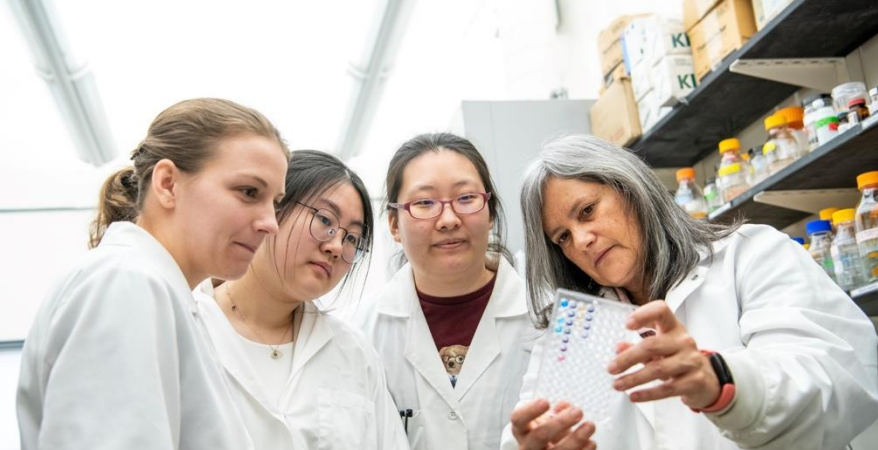
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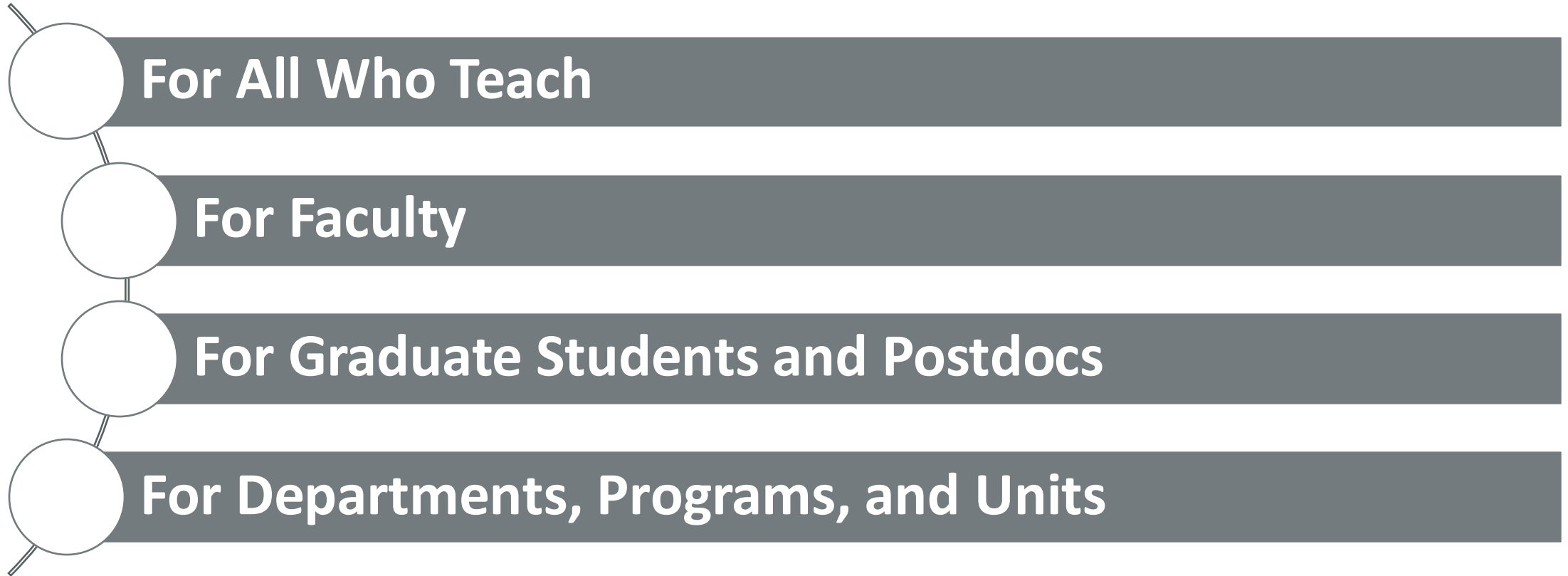


# Drake Institute for Teaching and Learning

- Cultivate teaching excellence among **all who teach and support instruction** at the university
- Integrate and enhance **teaching and learning initiatives** that support academic programs, elevating them to the institutional level
- Improve **learning experiences** for our students
- Support the university as a **national leader** in teaching, learning, and research



# Programs and Services





# Programs and Services

- Workshops
- On-Demand Videos and Online Courses
- Teaching Endorsements
- Individualized Support
- Collecting Student Feedback on Teaching
- Teaching and Learning Resource Center
- Teaching Mentoring Program



# Small Group Instructional Diagnosis

Formative feedback by conducting a Small Group Instructional Diagnosis (SGID) to assist with refining and improving teaching practice.

- Midterm or end-of-course surveys
- In-Class focus groups
- Classroom observations



<https://teaching.resources.osu.edu/>

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 **TEACHING & LEARNING**  
RESOURCE CENTER

  
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[ABOUT ▾](#)[TOOLSETS ▾](#)[TEACHING TOPICS](#)[LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES](#)[HELP](#)

## Welcome to the Teaching and Learning Resource Center!

*Helping Ohio State educators enhance their teaching skills and support student success*





# Faculty Foundation, Impact, and Transformation (FIT) Mentoring Program

ENGAGE EARLY

BUILD COMMUNITY

LEARN FROM OTHERS

REFLECT ON TEACHING



# Faculty FIT Mentoring Program Interest Survey



# Welcome to Ohio State!

Email: [DrakeInstitute@osu.edu](mailto:DrakeInstitute@osu.edu)

Website: <https://drakeinstitute.osu.edu/>



# Importance of Faculty Connection

**Sarah Conley**

Assistant Vice Provost for Dual Career & Faculty Recruitment

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# Office of Dual Career & Faculty Recruitment

The **Office of Dual Career and Faculty Recruitment (DCFR)** provides comprehensive service offerings in support of new and prospective faculty. These service offerings focus on people and creating the essential connections to ensure a seamless transition for incoming and prospective and their loved ones.

Areas of focus for DCFR are:

- Dual Career Services
- Relocation
- Community



# Connections On & Off Campus

- Campus Events
  - University level events
  - College/unit level events
- Faculty Interest Groups
- Academic Mentoring Networks
- Professional Associations





# The Faculty Network

The [Faculty Network](#) creates opportunities for connection and community across colleges and departments as faculty come together for informal gatherings to socialize and share resources, stories, and support.



# The Faculty Club



THE FACULTY CLUB  
*at The Ohio State University*

Nestled on the historic Oval between Mirror Lake and Orton Hall, the [Faculty Club](#) is a century-old membership club designed to serve the needs of faculty, staff, administrators and the greater university community. The Ohio State Faculty Club is the perfect place for members to connect on campus for dining, private events and social gatherings.







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# Connection

# IMPORTANT REMINDERS







# Submit your raffle tickets!

- 10 pairs of tickets
- Game against Ohio University on Saturday, September 13, 2025
- Write full name and OSU email address and drop in basket at back of room
- **Drawing after last morning session at 10:50am**



# Food & Beverages

- **Breakfast items & Beverages:** on either side of the room
- **Lunch 12:00-12:45pm**
  - Buffet outside of West Ballroom
  - You can eat anywhere in the Ohio Union, or in the outdoor spaces
- **Afternoon snacks and beverages:** outside of West Ballroom during breakout sessions





# Restrooms & Lactation Spaces

- **Restrooms**: when exiting this Ballroom, you will find them in the corners of the building, opposite of our registration area
- **Gender neutral restrooms**: in between the women's and men's restrooms on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, in the southwest corner of the building
- **Lactation space**: in between the women's and men's restrooms on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, in the southwest corner.
- *There is an additional lactation space as needed; please see the staff at registration for the key and directions.*



# Creating an Environment for Faculty Success

9:45-10:15 a.m.

## Important Policies

Jan Neiger, Assistant Vice Provost for Academic Human Resources  
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## Faculty Council

Valarie Williams, Arts & Sciences, Dance, Professor  
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## Faculty Ombuds

Mollie Blackburn, Faculty Ombudsperson, Professor  
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## Employee Assistance Program (EAP) Resources and Services

Suzanne Vickers, EAP Counselor  
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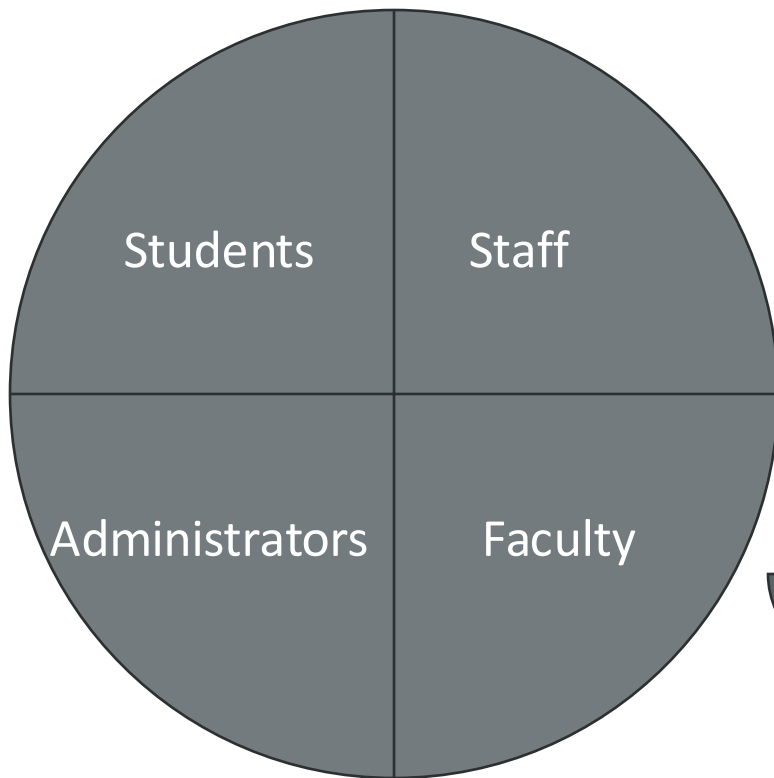


# Faculty Council of the University Senate



# University Senate

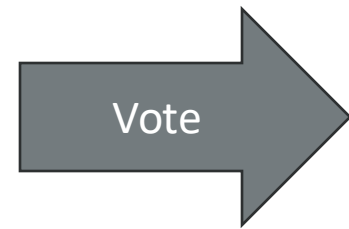
# Faculty Council



Faculty Senators – 71 Senators



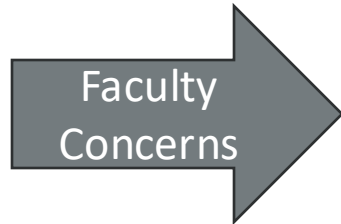
# What Faculty Council Does



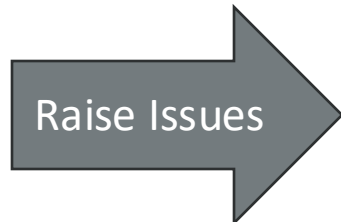
IP Policy, Resolutions, Faculty Leaders.



Provide Feedback on Curricular Proposals, Center Proposals, Reports and Senate Proposals.



Engage with President, Provost, Administrators and Offices on campus and serve as a communication and feedback venue.



Bring forward issues and ideas from faculty to enhance the culture and workplace experiences.



# Committees that Report to Faculty Council

Fiscal Committee

Faculty Compensation and Benefits Committee (FCBC)

Council on Academic Affairs (CAA)

Faculty Hearing Committee

Sanctioning Committee

Honorary Degrees Committee

Committee on Academic Freedom and Responsibility (CAFR)



# University Senate Office

119 Independence Hall  
The Ohio State University  
Columbus, OH 43210  
[senate.osu.edu](http://senate.osu.edu)  
[senate@osu.edu](mailto:senate@osu.edu)

## Secretary of the Senate:

Jared Gardner, Professor of English

## Recording Secretary of the Senate:

Ivy Hammond





# Faculty Leaders

**Secretary of the Senate:** Jared Gardner, Professor of English

**Chair of Steering:** Sara Watson, Assoc. Professor of Political Science

**Chair of Faculty Council:** Valarie Williams, Professor of Dance

**Chair-Elect of Faculty Council:** Eric Schoon, Assoc. Professor of Sociology

What we do:

- Set Faculty Council agendas
- Meet weekly to discuss ongoing issues
- Meet every two to three weeks with President and Provost



# Faculty Council Executive Committee

Faculty Leaders

+

Faculty Members of the University Senate Steering Committee

+

Faculty Representatives to the Board of Trustees

**Faculty Representatives to Ohio State's Board of Trustees**

Eric Bielefeld (Academic Affairs & Student Life)

Phil Popovich (Research, Innovation & Strategic Partnerships)



# Asking for Feedback Through Multiple Ways:

- Surveys
- Listservs
- Senator Representatives
- Committee participation



# Call for New Senators Every Spring

## Senator expectations

- Serve on one of the 22 committees of the University Senate
- Attend: monthly committee, senate, and faculty council meetings
- Read Materials
- Ask Questions
- Communicate with Constituents



# Call for Committee Members Every Spring

If you do not have time to run and serve as a senator, but want to stay involved in the university senate

You can serve on one of the 22 committees of the University Senate as a committee member





# Why Serve the University Community

- Collaborate with people and learn about parts of the university
- Contribute to Ohio State's community and help move issues forward
- Engage with people outside your discipline
- Work with students, staff, faculty, and administrators on issues important to all of us



# Format of Meetings

Faculty Council Meetings are in Person  
in the Senate Chamber in the Ohio  
Union

Carmen – Voting and Attendance

Teams – Listservs addresses and email  
templates; chat function to raise issues  
for discussion between meetings



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## AY25-26 SENATE CALENDAR

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1	Board of Trustees - Longaberger Alumni House
2	University Senate - 3:30 PM
3	Faculty Council - 3:30 PM
4	Steering Committee - 3:30 PM
5	Faculty Cabinet - 11:30 AM
6	University Offices Closed
7	Break (no classes)
8	Start of Semester/End of Finals
10	Commencement



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# 2025-2026 Faculty Representatives:

## Faculty Council Chair:

Valarie Williams, Professor of Dance

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## Faculty Council Chair-Elect:

Eric Schoon, Assoc. Professor of Sociology

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# Office of Ombuds Services

**Mollie Blackburn**

Faculty Ombuds

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# Office of Ombuds Services

Faculty ombuds:

- Mollie Blackburn (she/her)

Graduate and professional student ombuds:

- Rebeka Campos-Astorkiza (she/her)





# Guiding Principles

- Independence
- Impartiality
- Confidentiality
- Informality



# Independence

I do not report to anyone, except to the faculty senate, in very broad terms.



# Impartiality

I do not take sides on any issues.

I do not represent or act as an advocate for anyone.

I do not tell faculty what to do (or not do).



# Confidentiality

I do not tell on anyone, unless I'm legally required to as a mandated reporter.



# Informality

I do not participate in any formal investigations.

I do not play a role in any formal resolution process.

I do not overturn any decisions of existing dispute resolution.

I do not make binding decisions.

I do not mandate policies.

I do not provide legal advice.





# So, what do I do?

I help faculty identify and clarify issues.

I help faculty develop and consider options.

I coach faculty in navigating conflict.

I look into issues for faculty.

I provide information to faculty.



# So, what do I do?

I provide upward feedback to leadership.

I observe, facilitate, or mediate discussions between faculty members and others.

I maintain confidentiality, with some exceptions.



# What I've learned...

Develop positive, healthy relationships with your unit leaders.

Be present with your colleagues. Get to know them, so when things get hard, you can work through those hard times together.

Remember your students have a lot to learn, not just in the classroom, but in your labs, on your projects, in your office, on social media. Teach them.

When things in your work life change, talk with people about the changes – why they are being made and how they impact you and others.



# What I've learned...

If you get into a bind, study the related policies and rules, connect with people who know them well, start with someone who you trust or can maintain your confidentiality.

If you have trouble finding the resources you need, ask for help.

We are all impacted by social, cultural, and legal events and practices beyond the university. Because these things are always evolving, there is constant conversation about these. Be a part of these conversations.



# Contact Info

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## Employee Assistance Program (EAP) Resources and Services

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# Creating an Environment for Student Success

10:20-10:50 a.m.

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# Office of Undergraduate Education



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## General Education

Meg Daly, Associate Dean

- Manages Ohio State's General Education (GE) program.
- Oversees GE learning outcomes assessment.
- Teaches GE Bookends seminars; all undergraduates across all campuses.

## Academic Enrichment

Ola Ahlqvist, Associate Vice Provost

- Supports 10,000+ students across academic enrichment programs:
  - 4,000+ Honors students in 200+ majors; 4,000 Scholars in 16 themed programs;
  - 100+ Stamps Eminence Scholars; 1,300 Undergraduate Researchers;
  - 1,200 in service-learning; 100+ national fellowship applicants (e.g., Fulbright, Rhodes);
  - 2,800+ in the Second-Year Transformational Experience Program (STEP).

## Military and Veterans Services

Kevin Cullen, Assistant Vice Provost

- Supports 500+ student veterans, ~100 active-duty, and 420+ National Guard/Reserve students.
- Assists ~900 students who are military family members.
- Oversees ROTC programs for ~400 students in the Air Force, Army, and Navy.

## Student Athlete Support Services Office

Kacy King, Executive Director and Senior Associate Athletic Director

- Provides academic support to ~1,100 NCAA Division I athletes.
- Helps student athletes achieve academic and athletic success.

## Academic Advising

Amy Treboni, Senior Director

- Coordinates academic advising across 12 colleges and six campuses.
- Provides training and policy coordination for advisors.
- Manages OnCourse student success platform for early alerts and support services.

## Academic Success Programs

Kia Fletcher, Assistant Vice Provost

- Provides orientation and first-year experience programs for 9,000+ new first-year students.
- Supports 1,800+ transfer students and ~1,300 campus-change students.
- Manages the Kessler Scholars program for 200+ first-generation students.
- Assists students with academic challenges through the SpringForward program.

## Access and Academic Engagement

Dr. Chila Thomas, Assistant Vice Provost

- Provides strategic leadership and operational planning for access and engagement programs, and oversees ACCESS Collaborative, Morrill Scholarship Program, Upward Bound, and Young Scholars Program.
- Utilizes data-driven assessment to inform strategies and tactics for colleges and works with college-based programs to promote undergraduate access and engagement.

## University Exploration

Peter Spreitzer, Director

- Advises ~1,500 students who have not yet declared a major.
- Helps students explore and identify academic pathways suited to their goals.

## Student Success Research Lab

Shanna Jaggars, Assistant Vice Provost

- Conducts research to identify solutions for complex student success challenges.
- Analyzes data and supports the implementation of student success initiatives.

## STEM Student Success Initiative

Katie Stanutz, Director

- Strengthens academic pathways for students in high-demand STEM fields.
- Supports over 10,000 students in JobsOhio STEM majors.

[ugeducation.osu.edu](http://ugeducation.osu.edu)



# Listen. Learn. Discuss.

SKILLS FOR CHALLENGING CONVERSATIONS



[listen-learn-discuss.osu.edu](https://listen-learn-discuss.osu.edu)





# Tips for a good teaching experience

- Participation Rosters
- Respond to students
- Give feedback in time
- Early assignment





# Teaching Resources

<https://teaching.resources.osu.edu/>

<https://ugeducation.osu.edu/academics/recommended-syllabus>







# Office of Ombuds Services

Graduate and professional student ombudsperson



# What is an Ombudsperson?

The Graduate and Professional Student (GPS) Ombuds is an independent, impartial and confidential\* resource for students to discuss issues and receive informal counsel and advice.

The ombuds...

- guides students in identifying and reframing issues.
- helps explore options and make decisions
- assists in developing solutions and strategies to resolve conflict and empowers students with tools to solve problems, e.g., through coaching.
- in some cases, informally observes, mediates or facilitates communication among the parties involved.



# Guiding Principles

## Independence:

- the GPS ombuds does not represent faculty or the university.

## Confidentiality\*:

- conversations with ombuds are confidential; no record is kept; BUT reporting responsibility with OCRC

## Impartiality:

- the GPS ombuds remains impartial to all parties involved in the situation.

## Informality:

- talking with the GPS ombuds is off-the-record.

\* The GPS ombudsperson has reporting obligations related to sexual misconduct and discrimination based on protected classes complaints. While the Ombud will discuss concerns in these areas with sensitivity and keep your information as private as possible, confidentiality cannot be guaranteed. For confidential resources for concern in these areas, please contact a [confidential counselor](#).



# Examples of Topics brought to the GPS Ombuds

Issues with advisors, faculty, or supervisors

Conflict or struggles with peers

Interpersonal, intercultural and group conflicts

Confusion around policies and/or procedures

Ethical dilemmas

Perceived unfair treatment

Challenges in classes they are teaching

Issues in graduate courses

Appeals and petitions





# Annual Reports

Annual report are published in fall semester:

- Summary of trends and patterns coming out from interactions with students.
- <https://ombuds.osu.edu/annual-reports>



# How to Access Ombuds Services?

Set-up a meeting with the GPS ombuds by:

- Emailing [gradombuds@osu.edu](mailto:gradombuds@osu.edu)
- Calling 614-292-4252
- Preferred method: email







# Student Life



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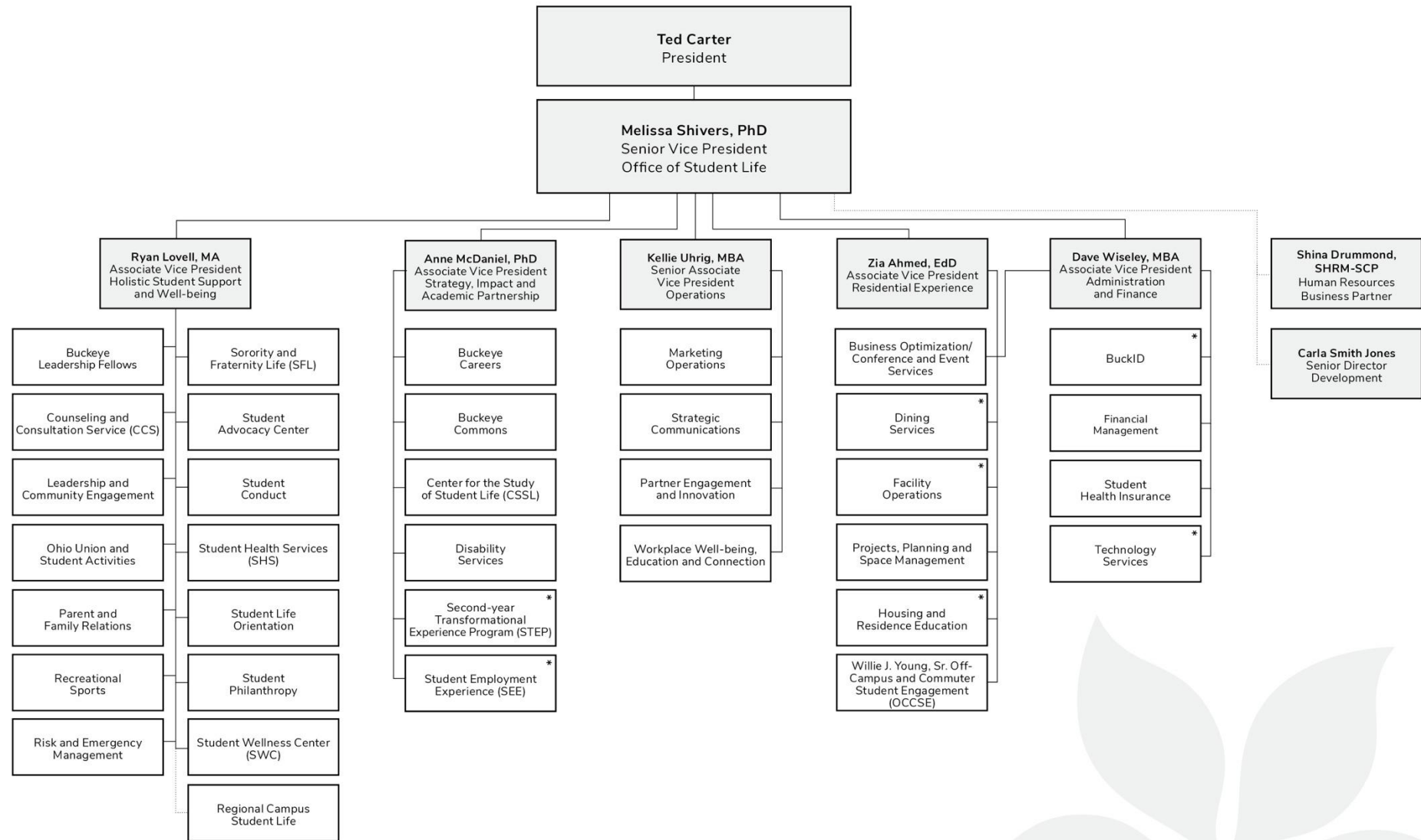
# About Student Life



# Focus Areas

- Academic Partnership and Career Success
- Administrative Excellence
- Holistic Student Support and Well-being
- Residential Experience





\*direct regional campus support





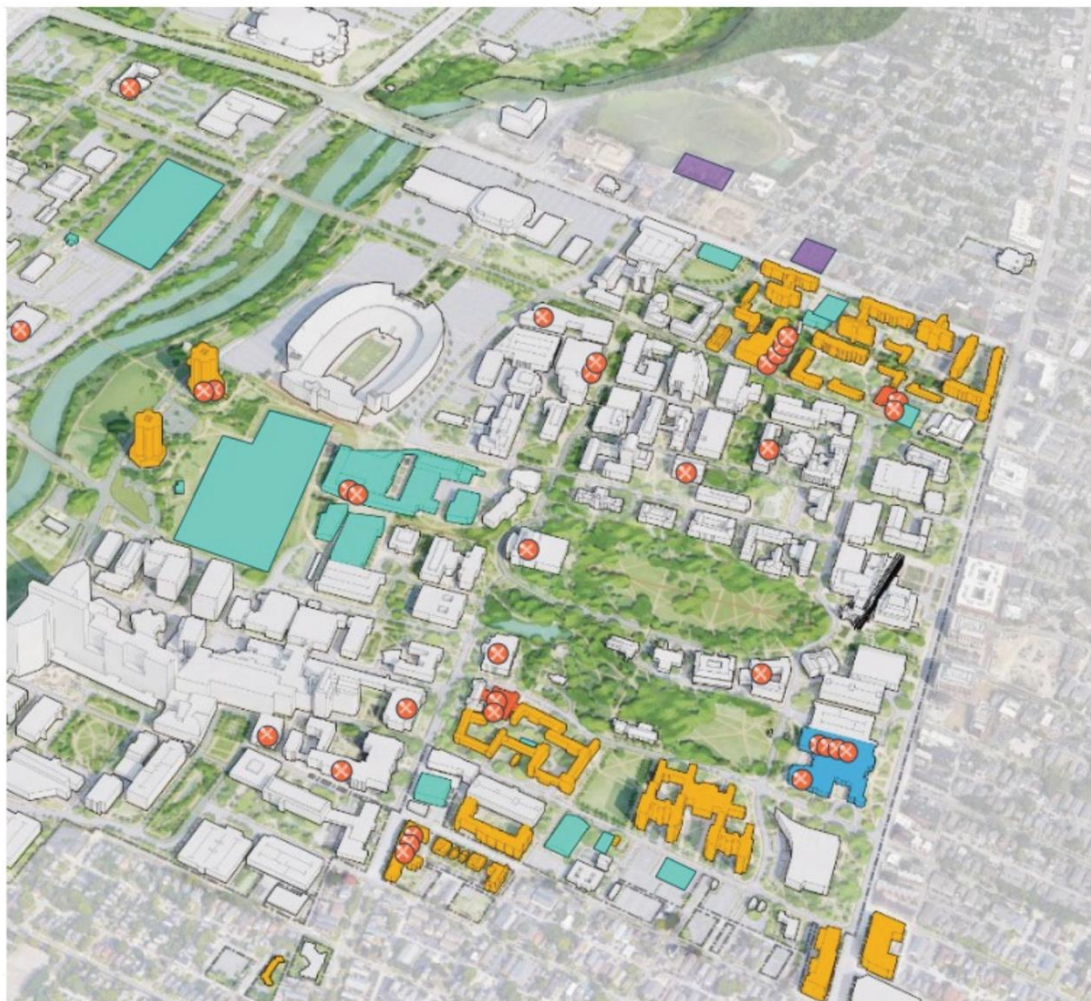
# Our Team






The Office of Student Life employs more than 5,000 individuals, including:

- **550+** Administrative and Professional Staff
- **120+** Civil Service
- **4,600+** part-time student employees
- **325+** bargaining unit staff (housekeeping, food service, maintenance)
- **60+** graduate assistants



# Our Footprint



- |   |                        |   |                             |
|---|------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
|  | Student Housing        |  | Health and Well-Being Space |
|  | Student-Centered Space |  | Master Leased Properties    |
|  | Dining                 |   |                             |







# Student Engagement

35,863

unique students involved in Student Life programming or activities in 2024-25

1.8x

students who are involved on campus are 1.8x more likely to report they have relationships with Ohio State faculty

3x

involved students are three times more likely to be considered for jobs by employers



Data from Center for the Student of Student Life: [cssl.osu.edu](https://cssl.osu.edu)

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# Faculty Engagement

- Student org advising
- Learning communities, presentations to residents, etc.
- Informal engagement (event attendance, eating in dining facilities, interaction with student leaders, etc.)





# If you remember nothing else

- Student Advocacy Center
- Counseling and Consultation Service
- Monda Student Resource Center
- Disability Services

[studentlife@osu.edu](mailto:studentlife@osu.edu)



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# Our Mission

# Creating access, together.

*Student Life Disability Services (SLDS) supports the mission and vision of the Office of Student life by:*

*collaborating with the university community to create accessible educational experiences for students with disabilities.*



# By the Numbers

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8,500+

students registered  
with OSU SLDS as of  
SP25

21%

of American  
undergraduates  
identified as having  
disabilities  
(NCES, 2019)

75%

Students registered  
with SLDS who have  
at least one  
diagnosed mental  
health condition



# SLDS provides...

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- Academic/Classroom Accommodations
- Assistive Technology
- Accessible Media
- Interpreting/Transcribing
- Lab Assistants
- Accessible/Ergonomic Furniture
- Paratransit
- Clinical Accommodations
- Consultation & Advocacy
- and more!

# Information Session Webinars

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VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO  
REGISTER



NINE SESSIONS DURING THE  
FIRST TWO WEEKS OF THE  
SEMESTER

Basics of implementing  
accommodations in the classroom

Overview of AIM (Accessible  
Information Management)

## Connect with SLDS

- Email: [slds@osu.edu](mailto:slds@osu.edu)
- Website: [slds.osu.edu](http://slds.osu.edu)
- Phone: 614-292-3307
- Video Phone: 614-500-4445

***Access Specialists are available for drop-ins daily:  
(phone or in-person)***

***10am – 1pm and 2pm – 4pm***

***Or appointments daily:  
8am-5pm***

# Creating an Environment for Student Success

10:20-10:50 a.m.

## **Norman Jones**

Vice Provost and Dean for Undergraduate Education

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## **Heidi Aune**

Accessibility Manager, Office of Student Life, Disability Services

[aune.5@osu.edu](mailto:aune.5@osu.edu)



# Raffle Ticket Drawing!

Saturday, September 13 vs Ohio University

10 pairs of tickets

Staff will follow up with winners via email





# Campus Resource Fair

11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

West Ballroom

12:00pm Lunch Served Outside West Ballroom



Welcome to OSU!



# The Wexner Center for the Arts



## Visual Art

Encounter groundbreaking work from the world's most compelling visual artists.



## Film

Enjoy a curated moviegoing experience for cinephiles and casual film fans alike.



## Learning and Public Programs

Engage in educational experiences and connection across communities.



## Performing Arts

Experience transformative live dance, music, theater, & cross-disciplinary art forms.





# Wex Spaces



## Cinema

Film screenings and  
special talks



## Performance Space

"black box" space that is  
adaptable for many uses



## Heirloom Café

Receptions, mixers and  
workshops



## Mershon Auditorium

Large-scale performances and speakers



## Plaza

Special events, outdoor  
performances and screenings



## Store

Book signings, intimate readings,  
and merch for sale



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## Goals for Student Engagement

- Make the Wex a welcoming, accessible space for all students
- Connect students with the arts in ways that support belonging, well-being and exploration
- Offer programs that meet students where they are—academically, socially and personally
- Strengthen partnerships that help us reach students we might not otherwise engage, including collaborations with student orgs
- Provide free or low-cost access to experiences that feel relevant and meaningful

School of Music students perform in Wexner Center courtyard.





## Faculty & Staff Opportunities

### For Your Teaching

- Custom gallery and art collection **tours**
- Consultation on **course integration** with Wex programs and tours

### For Program Collaboration

- Collaboratively developed **talks, screenings, or workshops**
- **Meetings and masterclasses with artists**

### For Research Support

- **Access to the art and archive materials** in the collection stewarded by the Wex

### Membership

- Pre-tax via payroll
- Free parking at Wex events, discounts, reciprocal benefits around Columbus and nationally



# Learning and Public Programs

## Teach & Learn

- Exhibition tours and learning resources for all ages
- Specialized programs for educators, students, and families

## Imagine & Create

- Hands-on studios and engagement with artists
- Community-based projects and programs
- Collaborative workshops and experiences for all ages

## Talk, Listen, & Explore

- Talks and dialogues
- Performances
- Film screenings
- Gallery programs
- Social gatherings

Brother(hood) Dance! engages with students at Wexner Center Open House.



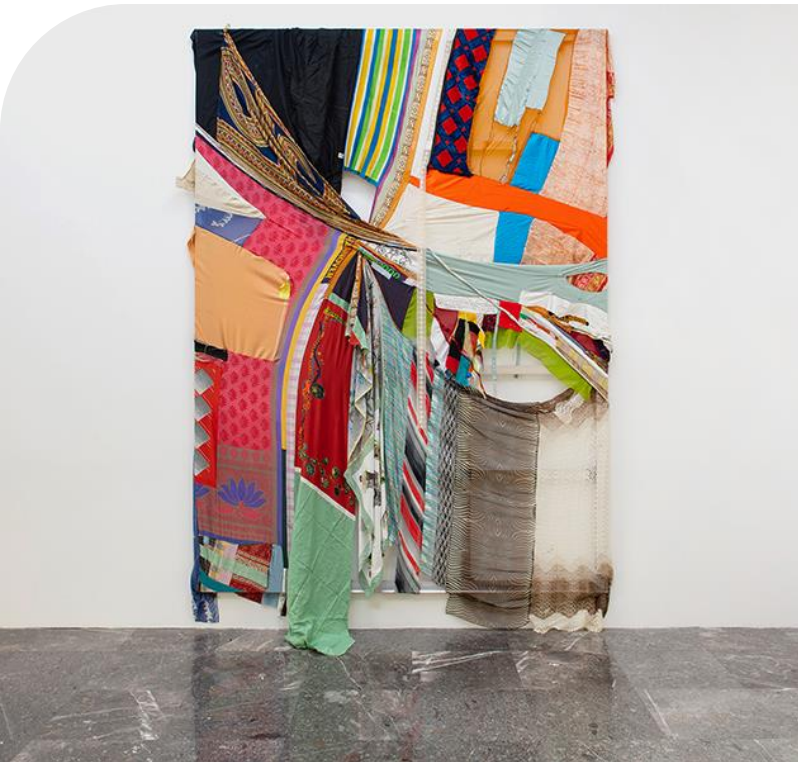
# Exhibition Tours

- Exhibition tours are customized to each group. Staff will work with you to determine the tour length and topic focus for each tour.
- Guided tours are **led by Wex staff or Gallery Educators.**
- **Self-guided or drop-in class tours are an option.** Just let us know when you plan to visit!
- To schedule a tour, email [srobison@wexarts.org](mailto:srobison@wexarts.org), [education@wexarts.org](mailto:education@wexarts.org).

A group of Walnut Ridge High School students engage with Harold Mendez's work



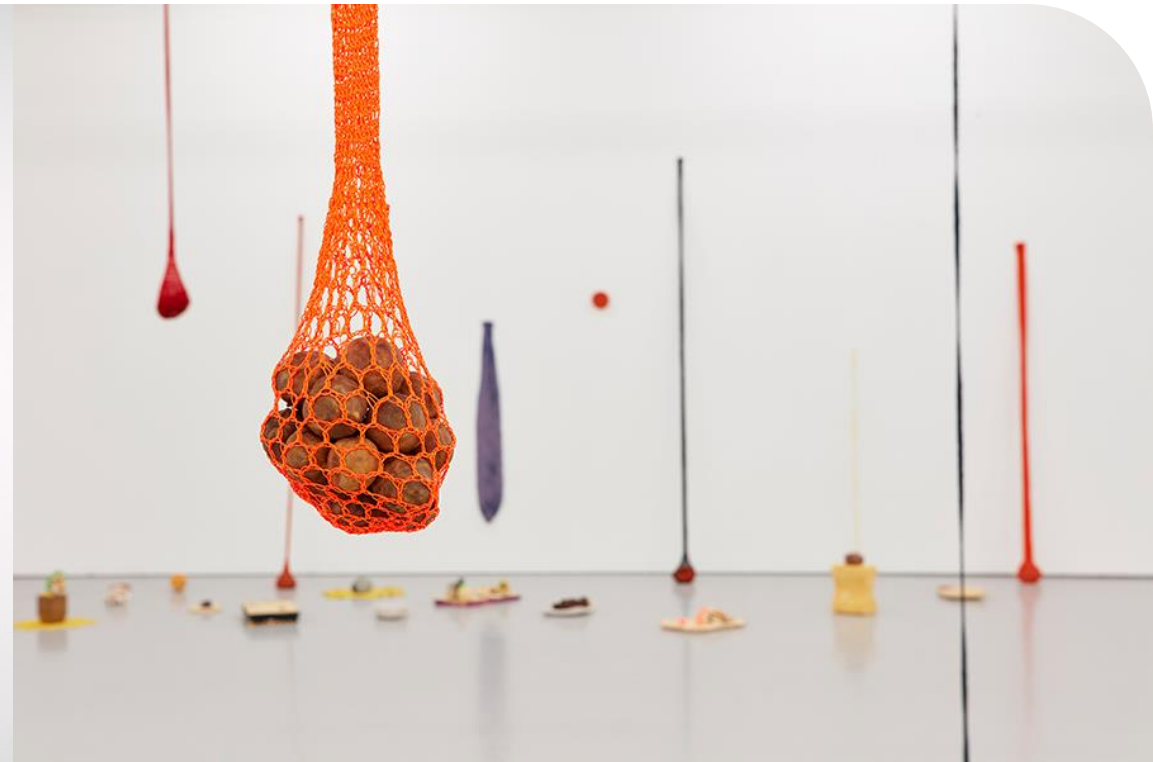




*Eric Mack:*  
*All the Oohs, and the Aahs*  
Curated by Julieta González



*Nanette Carter:*  
*Afro Sentinels*  
Curated by Rebecca Lowery



*Veronica Ryan:*  
*Unruly Objects*  
Curated by Tamara H. Schenkenberg

Fall 2025 Exhibitions, August 22, 2025 - January 11, 2026



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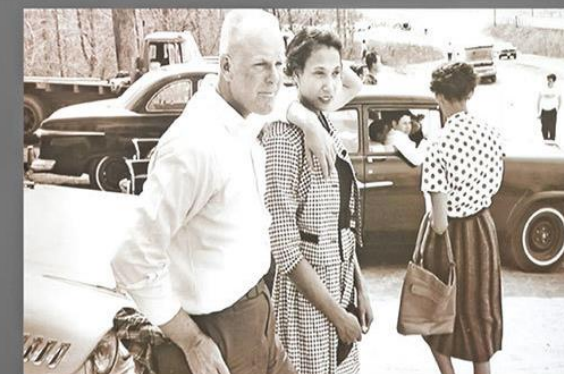
*Hew Locke:  
Passages*

Organized by Yale Center for British  
Art



*Ximena Garrido-Lecca:  
Seedings*

Curated by Julieta González



*Naeem Mohaiemen:  
Through a Glass, Darkly*

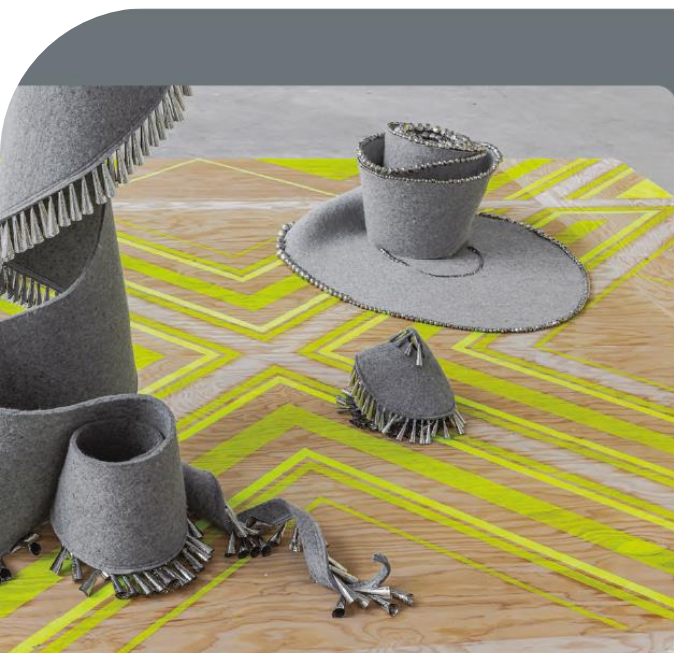
Curated by Rebecca Lowery

Spring 2026 Exhibitions, February 13, 2026 – May 24, 2026



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## LEARNING GUIDE Spring 2025

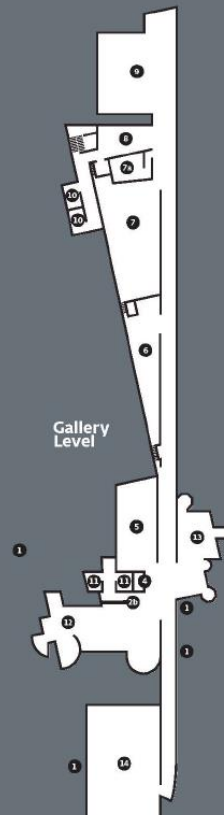
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### GALLERY MAP



#### Map Key

- 1 Outpost Office\*
- 2a Nancy Holt\*
- 2b Nancy Holt
- 3 Entrance
- 4 The Box
- 5 Gallery A
- 6 Gallery B
- 7 Gallery C
- 7a Screening Room
- 8 Reading Room
- 9 Gallery D
- 10 Bathrooms/Nancy Holt
- 11 Bathrooms
- 12 Heirloom Café
- 13 Wexner Center Store
- 14 Film/Video Theater
- \* Outdoor Locations



## Exhibition Learning Guide

## Reading Room



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# Save the Date: Public Programs

August 22

## Exhibitions Opening Celebration

Public Reception 5-9 PM

Artist Conversation at 5:30 PM

Galleries Open at 6:30 PM

August 25

## Open House

Get a taste of what the Wex offers year-round: performances, gallery experiences, studio activities, and more.

September 4

## First Thursdays

October 2

The First Thursday of every month, the Wex offers student-focused events and programs

November 6

December 4

- Extended Heirloom Café hours and discounts
- Drop-in gallery experiences with Wex Educators
- Hands-on artmaking studios and workshops



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Wex Open House, 2024. Emma Parker Photography

# Save the Date: Film Programs

August 29

## Welcome Week Double Feature

FREE back-to-back screenings of *13 Going on 30* (2004) and *Old* (2021).

September 18-20

## Cartoon Crossroads Columbus

Films and conversations with John Canemaker, John Musker, and Charles Burns as part of this free, citywide festival.

September 24 & 26

## Euzhan Palcy Series

French Martinique filmmaker Euzhan Palcy visits for screenings and campus engagements.

November 6-10

## Unorthodox

The Wex's annual documentary film festival devoted to creative nonfiction filmmaking.

*13 Going on 30*, image courtesy Park Circus



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# Save the Date: Performing Arts

Left: ZAZ, photo: Jonathan Hsu    Right: *The Old Man and the Sea*, photo: Dorian Šilec Petek



September 4-7

## *SOLE Defined, ZAZ*

A choreography-led experience showcasing African Diasporic Percussive Dance and immersive media technologies.

October 2

## *Mark Lomax II, Unity Suite*

A multidisciplinary premiere performance elevating the human spirit through healing, transformation, and family unity.

October 10 + 12

## *Old Man and the Sea*

An operatic reimagining of Hemingway's classic, combining literary text and portraits of everyday life.

October 22 + 23

## *Wanjiru Kamuyu, Fragmented Shadows*

An exploration through dance and imagery of the body as a site of liberation and a space of refuge for our memories.



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## Jazz Series

Check out our lineup of award-winning jazz musicians, who will perform throughout the 2025-26 academic year!

September 18

Etienne Charles & Creole Soul

January 23

Immanuel Wilkins

February 13

Kenny Barron Trio

April 2

Bill Frisell



Etienne Charles, photo: Luigi Creese



# Questions?

Contact us at  
[education@wexarts.org](mailto:education@wexarts.org)

Sign up for emails at [wexarts.org](https://wexarts.org)

Follow us on socials [@wexarts](https://www.instagram.com/wexarts)





# Afternoon Breakout Sessions

*Full details in printed agenda, available in the folder in your Welcome Bag*

Time	Session Name	Location
1:15-2:00 p.m.	Introduction to Research Resources & Sponsored Programs	Cartoon Room
1:15-2:00 p.m.	Developing a Professional Learning Plan for Teaching	Traditions Room
1:15-2:00 p.m.	Media Training for Faculty	Senate Chamber
2:10-2:40 p.m.	Community Engagement to Support Research & Teaching Excellence	Cartoon Room
2:10-2:40 p.m.	Best Practices in Facilitating Access & Managing Accommodation Requests	Traditions Room
2:50-3:20 p.m.	Introduction to University Libraries Resources & Open Access Support	Cartoon Room
2:50-3:20 p.m.	Mentorship with Undergraduate & Graduate Students	Traditions Room

***\*3:30-4:15** Please join us back in this room for the Human Resources and Benefits Session*





**Thank you, and  
Welcome to Ohio State!**

