

New Faculty Orientation at USI

Agenda | August 5-7, 2026

Wednesday, August 5

New Employee Orientation - Human Resources

Location: Liberal Arts Center ([LA](#)) Room 1004

9:00 - 9:20 am	Welcome - Kaylee Simmons and Whitney Hensley
9:20 - 9:35 am	IT Security - Stacy Draper
9:35 - 10:05 am	Public Safety - Sam Preston
10:05 - 10:20 am	Break
10:20 - 10:40 am	Disability Services - Michelle Kirk
10:40 - 11:00 am	Institutional Equity - Chelsea Givens and Jennifer Roberts
11:00 - 11:45 am	Benefits - Amy Miller

New Faculty Orientation (NFO) Welcome

12:00 - 12:10 pm	Board vans to Historic New Harmony Parking Lot N circle (between LA & UC West)
12:50 - 1:40 pm	Lunch and Welcome from the Provost and Deans Historic New Harmony Atheneum Dr. Shelly Blunt, Provost and Drs. Jason Hardgrave and Kenny Purcell, Assistant Provosts Dr. Teri Beam, Dr. Michael Dixon, Dr. Del Doughty, Marna Hostetler, Dr. Julie McCullough & Dr. Sudesh Mujumdar, Deans
1:40 - 1:55 pm	Photos and Break
1:55 - 2:45 pm	Tram Tour and Introduction to Opportunities in Historic New Harmony Leslie Townsend, Diane Sanders, David Angel, and Audra Lambert
2:45 - 3:05 pm	Exploring Historic New Harmony
3:05 - 3:15 pm	Board vans to USI – Return to USI by 4 pm

Thursday, August 6: New Faculty Orientation Day 1 - Getting to Know USI

Location: Liberal Arts Center ([LA](#)) Room 1004, unless noted

8:15 - 8:45 am	Check-in and Continental Breakfast
8:45 - 9:00 am	Welcome from President Steven J. Bridges
9:00 - 9:10 am	Welcome remarks from Provost Shelly Blunt
9:10 - 10:00 am	Welcome to New Faculty Orientation! New Faculty Introductions
10:00 - 10:15 am	Break
10:15 - 11:05 am	Supporting Student Success and Retention at USI Priorities in Supporting Academic Success and Helping Our Students Thrive Drs. Jason Hardgrave and Kenny Purcell, Assistant Provosts Drs. Laurie Berry and César D. Berrios, Dean of Students Office Who Are Our Students? Greg Johnson and Keith Cotterell, Institutional Analytics Office
11:05 - 11:45 am	Exploring Your Role as a Faculty Member at USI - Warm Up
11:50 am - 12:45 pm	Lunch McCutchan Art Center, LA Lower Level
12:45 - 1:00 pm	Break
1:00 - 1:50 pm	Faculty Panel: Tips for Success and Lessons Learned Dr. Ezra Butcher, Assistant Professor of Economics Dr. Michele Chaleunphonh, Assistant Professor of Occupational Therapy Dr. Erin Johnson, Assistant Professor of Sociology Dr. Robert Knurek, Assistant Professor of Mathematics

1:50 - 2:35 pm	Teaching & Learning at USI - Warm Up Dr. Amy Chan Hilton, Director, Center for Excellence in Teaching & Learning (CETL)
2:35 - 2:40 pm	Day 1 Wrap-Up
2:45 - 3:15 pm	Reappointment, Promotion, and Tenure Overview (optional) Dr. Amy Chan Hilton, Director of CETL and OSPR (Sponsored Projects & Research)
8:30 am - 3:00 pm*	Eagle Access Card (University ID) University Center West, Lower Level
2:30 - 4:15 pm*	Photography Studio drop-in Recreation, Fitness, and Wellness Center, Room 220

Friday, August 8: New Faculty Orientation Day 2 - Teaching & Learning at USI

Location: Liberal Arts Center ([LA](#)) Room 1004, unless noted

New/recent full-time and adjunct faculty members are invited to participate in the Day 2 sessions.

8:30 - 9:00 am	Continental Breakfast
9:00 - 9:05 am	Day 2 Overview
9:05 - 10:45 am	Getting Ready for Teaching and Supporting Student Learning at USI Dr. Amy Chan Hilton, Director of CETL and OSPR
10:45 - 11:00 am	Break
11:00 - 11:45 am	Resource Fair LA 1st Floor Lobby Career Success Center, Counseling and Psychological Services, Center for International Programs, David L. Rice Library, Dean of Students Office, Disability Resources, Faculty Senate, Graduate Studies, Honors Program, Human Resources, Information Technology, Institutional Analytics, Online and Adult Learning, Outreach and Engagement, Recreation, Fitness, and Wellness Center, Service Learning, Sponsored Projects and Research, University Division
11:45 am - 12:30 pm	Lunch LA 1004
12:30 - 12:40 pm	Break and Transition to the Computer Lab (LA 1008)
12:40 - 1:15 pm	Introduction to Library, Digital Accessibility, IT & Online Instruction Tools LA 1008
1:15 - 2:15 pm	Teaching & Learning Tools Hands-on Lab and Q&A LA 1008 IT/Blackboard, Digital Accessibility, Disability Resources, Online & Adult Learning, CETL, Rice Library
8:30 am - 3:00 pm*	Eagle Access Card (University ID) University Center West, Lower Level

Getting Around USI

[USI Campus map](#) | Parking information: Parking is free, and permits are not needed.

- Parking Lot N is adjacent to the Liberal Arts Center (LA) and University Center West (UC). Alternatively, Lot J is adjacent to the Business and Engineering Center (BE) and connected to the LA Center by sidewalk. Another option is Lot I, which is down the hill from the LA Center.
- For the [Photography Studio](#), Lot D is nearest to the Recreation Center.
- Accessible spaces are available next to the University Center West, Business and Engineering Center (BE), Rice Library, and the Recreation, Fitness, and Wellness Center.

Upcoming Events of Interest

Tuesday, August 11 Fall University Meeting & Luncheon | Liberty Arena

August 11-14 College/Department Meetings (check with your Chair)

Monday, August 17 Fall Semester and Classes Begin

New Faculty Orientation webpage at bit.ly/nfo-usi

Notes

Resource Fair details

11:00 - 11:45 am Resource Fair | LA 1st Floor Lobby green=yes

1. Career Success Center Paula, Danielle Bonczewski
2. Counseling and Psychological Services Robin, [Schmitt, Mackenzie](#)
3. Center for International Programs Hunter
4. David L. Rice Library Peter
5. Dean of Students Office César, Michael Revelle; Digital Accessibility Jennifer Roberts
6. Disability Resources Michelle K
7. Faculty Senate Zack
8. Graduate Studies Michael
9. Honors Program & TLC Jenn
10. Human Resources Whitney, Morganne Adams
11. Information Technology Shannon, Walter, Matt Brown, Juzar
12. Institutional Analytics Office Keith
13. Online and Adult Learning Spence (contact), 5 total (Brian, Jeremy, Christine, Natalie Clark, Spence)
14. Outreach and Engagement (e.g., Service Learning, CAR) Monica, Steven
15. Recreation, Fitness & Wellness Center Stephanie
16. Sponsored Projects and Research Rebecca
17. University Division (Center for Exploring Majors, Academic Success Center) Tim, Chris Wittmer
18. ~~TRIO Tina (not likely)~~
19. ~~University Core??~~

Catering Notes – to be confirmed

23 new faculty attendees (21 new + 2 who started before summer; 6 semi-new no RSVP)

Wednesday lunch at HNH: 22 NF + 10 deans/provosts+ ?? OE = 32+OE

Thursday breakfast: 23+10 (not all will eat) = 31

Thursday lunch 23+10 (3 provost, 1 CETL, 6 deans; 4 panel??) = 33

Friday breakfast 22+1 = 22

Friday lunch 22+13 (2 OSPR+5 OAL+2 Bb+2 DR+2 Lib) = 35

Dietary restrictions:

1 Vegetarian or chicken

2 Vegan

1 Pescatarian (I eat fish and seafood, but I do not eat pork, chicken, beef, or other meats)

1 Lactose intolerant (dairy-free meal options whenever possible)

1 Dairy free and gluten free

NEW 1 Allergic to crustacean (shrimp, prawn, crab, and lobster)

[HNH and Thurs lunch: 1 vegetarian](#)

[Fri lunch: 1 vegetarian](#)