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On behalf of DU's **Office of Teaching and Learning (OTL)**, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the DU community. The **OTL's mission** is to support faculty in the advancement of transformative, inclusive, and impactful teaching and learning across all disciplines and modalities to actualize DU's educational promise to our students. We look forward to getting to know you, facilitating your transition to campus, and supporting your growth as an educator across the span of your career.

As a new faculty member, you will be automatically enrolled in our online onboarding course, **Teaching@DU**, which takes place in Canvas, our primary learning management system. This course includes content intended to orient you to the DU student body, how to engage students, inclusive pedagogy, course design, teaching strategies, technology, assessment, and the DU honor code. The Teaching@DU Short Course will become available in early August. You will receive a separate email that will invite you to the course.

You'll also be automatically assigned the **Faculty Institute for Inclusive Teaching (FIIT) through Talent@DU** (found in the mydu dashboard). FIIT is a self-paced, asynchronous, online program designed by the OTL to help you investigate your teaching practices through an equity-minded lens. The required training involves the completion of one module of your choice, and you will have ongoing access to all five modules and associated resource packets. Look for a separate email about this course as well and be sure to reach out to otl@du.edu, for questions.

The [OTL website](#) is filled with resources you can access immediately. So, if you're already planning your courses and ready to dig in to OTL supports, we've got your back with a suite of asynchronous course planning options. Check out our [Sample Syllabus Statements](#), [Inclusive Teaching Practices Modules](#), learn more about [instructional accessibility](#), navigating [AI in the classroom](#), or find instructional guides and videos in our [Educational Technology Knowledge Base](#). You can also get to know [our staff](#), and schedule a 1:1 to get support prepping your Canvas shells for fall with our [instructional designers](#).

We want you to feel ready for day one, no matter the teaching modality. To this end, we have set up a special [Canvas Learning & Working Session](#) for new faculty scheduled for August 31. Drop in at any point from 9am-noon to join us. Consider joining us for other summer programs from our [short courses](#) catalogue including [Teaching with Technology](#) or [Teaching with Canvas](#) (both begin August 23) or for our [Canvas Basics Webinar](#) on Sept. 7.

Check out our [calendar of events](#) to see the entire schedule.

We are so excited to welcome you to the DU community and look forward to seeing you at New Faculty Orientation on Sept. 8th ! Please do not hesitate to reach out to otl@du.edu or to me personally leslie.alvarez@du.edu with questions.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leslie Cramblet Alvarez".

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