# New Faculty Welcome and Orientation 2025

***Welcome to Southern, new colleagues!***

*We are delighted you are here and look forward to supporting you in all stages*

*of your career.*

**JOIN THE**

**Faculty Mentoring Circle!**

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***SAVE THE DATES***

***New Faculty Showcase***

***August 21, 2025 • Buley Library, Room 438***

8:30 - 9:15 a.m. **Breakfast with the Provost**

9:15 - 9:30 a.m. **Welcome**

Sarah Benes, Director of Faculty Development 9:30 - 10:00 a.m. **Community Building**

Patricia Gagliardi, Director of Education and Restorative Practices

10:00 - 10:15 a.m. **Break**

10:15 - 11:15 a.m. **Best Practices in Inclusive Pedagogy**

Sarah Benes, Director of Faculty Development

Daisy Torres-Baez, Faculty and Staff Diversity Recruitment and Retention Specialist 11:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. **Meet Southern Students Panel and Discussion**

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. **Lunch with AAUP and Faculty Senate**

Kari Swanson, AAUP President Joan Weir, Faculty Senate President

1:00 - 1:15 p.m **Mentoring**

Jennifer Hudson, Associate Director of Faculty Development

1:15 - 1:30 p.m. **Advising**

Meredith Sinclair, Faculty Director of Academic Advising

1:30 - 1:45 p.m **Grants**

Julianne Fowler, Interim Director of Sponsored Programs and Research 1:45 - 2:00 p.m. **Counseling Services and Wellbeing**

Nick Pinkerton, Associate Dean of Counseling Services and Wellbeing

2:00 - 2:30 p.m. **What Would You Do?**

Sarah Benes, Director of Faculty Development

2:30 - 2:45 p.m. **Break**

2:45 - 3:15 p.m. **Interfolio**

Scott Jackson, Co-Director, Ofﬁce of Institutional Research and Assessment Klay Kruczek, Professor of Mathematics

3:15 - 3:45 p.m. **Setting Your Semester Up for Success**

Sarah Benes, Director of Faculty Development

3:45 - 4:15 p.m. **Library Resources**

4:15 - 5:00 p.m. **Social**

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| **Thursday, September 11****8:30 - 10:30 a.m.****ASC Ballroom A*****DEI Conference*** | ***FALL SEMESTER KEY DATES 2025*** **Aug. 26 First Day of Classes****Sept. 1 Labor Day Holiday, No Classes** |
| **Friday, September 19****9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.****Location TBA** | **Nov. 26 - 30 Holiday Recess, No Classes****Dec. 7 Last Day of Classes****Dec. 8-14 Final Examinations** |

**BU** = Hilton C. Buley Library **ASC** = Adanti Student Center **SB** = School of Business

# Ofﬁce of Faculty Development Events 2025-26

***This calendar will be updated with further details throughout the semester.***

*Dates, times and locations are subject to change.*

*Look for updates at:* [*inside.SouthernCT.edu/faculty-*](https://inside.southernct.edu/faculty-development/OFDEvents)[*development/OFDEvents*](https://inside.southernct.edu/faculty-development/OFDEvents)

## August 2025

**21 New Faculty Orientation** 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Buley Library, Room 449

## September 2025

**18 Faculty Mentoring Circle: “Humanizing Pedagogy”** 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., Buley 219

Faculty Development Conference Room (facilitated by Sarah Benes,

Director of Faculty Development)

### 19 Series on GenAI: Overview of GenAI and its Current Climate

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location TBA

(FDG Grant funded — A. Marsoobian, P. Wang and M. Brown)

## October 2025

### 17 Bridging Data Gaps

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.,

Location TBA

(FDG Grant funded — G. Salubi and K. Jones)

### 17 Series on GenAI: Impact of GenAI on Society and Incorporating GenAI Ethically

TBA

(FDG Grant funded — A. Marsoobian, P. Wang and M. Brown)

### 31 Bridging Data Gaps

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Location TBA

(FDG Grant funded — G. Salubi and K. Jones)

## November 2025

### 5 Bridging Data Gaps

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Location TBA

(FDG Grant funded—G. Salubi and K. Jones)

## December 2025

TBA

## January 2026

### 15 University Forum — TBA

**20 Series on GenAI: GenAI, Pedagogy, and Learning**

11:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location TBA

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## February 2026

TBA

## March 2026

TBA

## April 2026

### 17 Series on GenAI: GenAI in Research and Scholarship

11:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location TBA

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## May 2026

Teaching Academy — TBA