

Thursday, August 13, 2026

8:15 – 8:45 am: **Registration**, *Registration Lobby*

9:00 - 9:30 am: **Welcome & Opening Remarks**,
Sellers

Dr. André Denham

Associate Provost and Dean of the
Graduate School

Dr. Peter Mohler

President, The University of Alabama

Dr. Karri Holley

Interim Associate Dean for Graduate Academic Affairs

9:30 - 10:20 am: **Keynote 1: Effective
Presentations**, *Sellers*

Dr. Adam Brooks

Associate Professor of Communication Studies
and Director of the Speaking Studio

10:30 - 10:40 am: **Break & Dismiss to Morning
Breakout Sessions**

10:40-11:30 am: **Morning Breakout Session 1**
Note: Each session will be offered twice

Teaching Resources Overview, *Sellers*

Dr. Tyler Roberts, Teaching Academy

Syllabus and Course Prep, *Birmingham/Central*

Dr. Kenon Brown, Advertising & PR

Philosophy of Teaching, *Rast A*

Dr. Kelly Guyotte, Qualitative Research

First Day Toolkit, *Rast B*

Deborah Keene, Assoc. Director, Blount Scholars
Program

Dr. Cassie Smith, Assoc. Dean for Academic Affairs,
Honors College

11:30 - 11:40 am: **Break & Dismiss to 2nd
Morning Breakout Session**

11:40 am - 12:30 pm: **Morning Breakout Session 2**
Note: Choose a session from Morning Breakout Session 1

12:30 - 1:30 pm: **Lunch with Cohort**
See Badge for Lunch Location

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1:30 - 1:40 pm: **Instructions for Afternoon
Breakout Session**, *Sellers*

Note: Each session will be offered twice

1:40 - 2:30 pm: **Afternoon Breakout Session 1**

Student Engagement in Large Lectures, *Rast A*
Douglas Klutz, UA Teaching Academy

Leading Lab Classes, *Birmingham/Central*

Dr. Murray Silverstone, Physics and Astronomy,
with Graduate Students

Balancing Teaching Responsibilities, *Sellers*

Graduate Student Panel

College Lesson Planning 101, *Rast B*

Dr. Latrise Johnson

2:30 - 2:40 pm: **Break & Dismiss to 2nd
Afternoon Breakout Session**

Note: Choose a session from Afternoon Breakout Session 1

2:40-3:30 pm: **Afternoon Breakout Session 2**

3:30 - 3:40 pm: **Break and Return to Sellers**

3:40 - 4:15 pm: **Keynote 2: Cognitive Principles
of Teaching**, *Sellers*

Dr. Claire Major

UA Distinguished Teaching Professor in Higher Education,
and Faculty Director of the Teaching Academy

4:15 - 4:30 pm: **Wrap-up & Dismissal**

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9:00 - 9:10 am: **Welcome and Opening Remarks**, *Sellers*

Dr. Lesley Reid

Provost,
The University of Alabama

Diweng Dafong

President, Graduate Student Association

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9:15 -10:20 am: **Policies & Legal Issues for GTAs**
Panel, *Sellers*

Seth Newton

Counsel, University of Alabama System

Beth Howard

Executive Director, Equal Opportunity and
Title IX

Vanessa Goepel

Director, Office of Disability Services

10:20-10:40 am: **Academic Integrity**, *Sellers*

Jessica Kidd

Coordinator for A&S Academic
Integrity Initiatives

10:40 - 10:50 am: **Break & Dismiss to Breakout Session**

10:50 -11:40 am: **Morning Breakout Sessions**

Assessing, Reflecting, & Grading, *Sellers*

TBD

CIT Overview, *Rast A*

Juli Cook, Center for Instructional Technology

Managing Relationships with Students, *Rast B*

Dr. Jennifer Humber, Consumer Sciences

AI & Teaching, *Birmingham/Central*

Dr. Laura McNeill, UA Teaching Academy

11:40 -11:50 am: **Break & Return to Sellers**

11:50 am - 12:30 pm: **Overview of Student
Services**, *Sellers*

Dr. Greg Vander Wal

Executive Director, Counseling Center

Shannon Welch

Assistant Director of Clinical Services,
Camellia Center

Kelly Miller

Assistant Director of Clinical Services,
Collegiate Recovery

12:30 - 1:00 pm: **Q&A and Checkout**, *Sellers*

1:00 -1:15 pm: **Dismiss & Lunch To-Go**

