

A Faculty Professional Development Academy

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West Los Angeles College | Fall 2015

Each year, West welcomes a group of outstanding new faculty to our academic community. **The Faculty Professional Development Academy: West Connect** includes events for new and tenure-track faculty to provide information and resources; opportunities to expand perspectives by interacting and exchanging ideas with peers; and workshops relating to practical topics, instructional strategies, and implications for teaching.

The events are intended primarily for new and tenure-track faculty, but all faculty are welcome. All faculty may use attendance to these workshops for Flex Credit. *According to our Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) in Article 13.8.d. full time tenured faculty members are obligated contractually to serve in one committee. The participation of these faculty members in three events per semester organized by the Faculty Professional Development Academy, during their first year as probationary faculty, meets this contractual obligation.*

Unless otherwise noted, workshops are scheduled on Fridays from 10 am – 12 noon.

Please RSVP to Kimberly Manner at mannerke@wlaac.edu.

August

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

Welcome to West: An Overview

Office of Teaching & Learning | August 26 | 9:30 am-10:30 am | HLRC-4CD

Join us for an orientation to the campus. Meet with key people from campus areas including Distance Learning, the Library, the Learning Resource Center, and more. Learn about the various services offered and available resources on campus.

Meet Your Mentor Social

Office of Teaching & Learning and Academic Senate | August 26 | 10:30 am-12:00 pm | HLRC-4B

Immediately following the overview, faculty mentors will join the newly-hired tenure-track faculty for a meet-and-greet with light refreshments.

September

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3

Participatory Governance: The Importance of Getting Involved Academic Senate and AFT Guild | September 11 | 10:00 am-12:00 pm | Winlock

West's presidents of the AFT Chapter Guild and the Academic Senate will discuss the role of shared governance and opportunities for faculty to become involved at West. Faculty will choose which committees they plan to visit for their end-of-semester report to the group.

October

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
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Things to Know During the Tenure Process

Recently-Tenured Faculty | October 16 | 10:00 am-12:00 pm | Winlock
Join a roundtable discussion with recently-tenured faculty who will share what they wish they knew during the tenure process. We will also review the AFT Agreement, Article 42, "Tenure Review and Evaluation."

November

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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12

Annual College-wide Leadership Retreat

Leadership Retreat Planning Committee | November 20 | 8:30 am-2:30 pm | GC Building
Spend an enriching, stimulating day with others from West who look to this event as a time when "all are leaders," no matter where we work on campus. Look out for more details from the Leadership Retreat Planning Committee.

December

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2

Semester Wrap-Up

Office of Teaching & Learning | December 4 | 9:30 am-11:00 am | HLRC-4CD
Faculty will share their experiences visiting various participatory governance committees.

Tenure-Track Faculty Social

West Administration | December 4 | 11:00 am-12:00 pm | HLRC-4B
Join us to recognize the completion of your semester at West. Tenure-track faculty, mentors, Division Chairs, and administrators are invited.