

From: Sharon Hargus (TA coordinator), Darren Tanner (Lead TA)
To: Linguistics Department TAs (new: Ryan Georgi, Russell Tanenbaum;
continuing: Sarah Churng, Justin Goodenkauf, David Goss-Grubbs, Yulia
Galperina-Radu, Dan McCloy, Bill McNeill, Steve Moran, Meghan Oxley, Laurie
Poulson, Michael Tepper, Elizabeth Tittle, Chak Lam Yip)

Re: Autumn 2009 TA Orientation Schedule

Beginning of the year calendar for TAs

<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tues</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thurs</i>	<i>Fri</i>
<i>Sept 21</i>	<i>Sept 22</i> CIDR training (new TAs)	<i>Sept 23</i>	<i>Sept 24</i> videotaping (new TAs)	<i>Sept 25</i> dept workshop (all TAs)
		<i>Sept 28</i> first day of classes		

For New TAs

CIDR TA Training

All new TAs should consider attending CIDR's TA Conference on Teaching and Learning, Sept 22, 2009. The program is available at:

<http://depts.washington.edu/cidrweb/TAConference/2009/Program.html>

In the very near future you will be contacted by CIDR, if that hasn't already happened, and invited to attend the TA Conference. We recommend the following workshops:

- Teaching Social Science & Humanities Quiz Sections: First Day and Beyond
- Activities to Engage Your Students in Learning
- Including All Students: Teaching in the Diverse Classroom
- Balancing Graduate School Demands
- Gathering and Using Student Feedback to Improve your Teaching

CIDR videotaping

New TAs are required to participate in a "microteaching" workshop run by CIDR. This event will take place Thurs, Sept 24, time and location to be announced later (last year it was 1-4 pm, Chemistry Library 19). New TAs should come to this event having prepared a three-to-five-minute teaching segment on any topic of their choosing. The presentation will be videotaped and critiqued by the CIDR facilitator, the other new TAs, and the lead TA. (No other TAs or faculty will attend.)

For all TAs

Continuing TAs are welcome to attend the CIDR TA training workshop, though not required. You may have already been invited by CIDR to facilitate one of the workshops.

All new and continuing TAs are required to attend the Linguistics Department TA workshop on Friday, September 25. This event will take place in the seminar room, CMU 202, of the Simpson Center for the Humanities.

Here is a summary of the departmental TA training schedule as currently envisioned.

		<i>Presenter/moderator</i>
8:45	coffee and bagels	
9:00	welcome	Julia Herschensohn; Sharon
9:05	survey of workshop participants	
9:10	Some Catalyst tools: CommonView, GoPost, CollectIt, GroupManager, GradeBook	Jason Civjan (Catalyst)
9:40	Some uses of these tools in dept classes	Darren (moderator)
10:10	Team teaching/etiquette	Sarah and Dan
10:45	Teaching an actual class	Sharon (moderator)
11:15	union representative (UAW Local 4121)	to be announced
11:45	lunch break	
1	Group activities	Darren
1:30	Difficult classroom situations	David (moderator)
2:15	Planning our next meetings; evaluation of training	all
2:30	adjourn	