



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

TEACHING ASSISTANT PROGRAMS

2009 MSU TA Seminar on College Teaching: Overview

Monday, August 24th – Wednesday, August 26th 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

The 2009 MSU TA Seminar on College Teaching brings together new Michigan State University Teaching Assistants and some of the best faculty and graduate student teachers on campus to address important pedagogical and TA professional development issues. **The 2009 TA Seminar on College Teaching, now in its eighth year, IS REQUIRED for new international and domestic teaching assistants from departments without training programs.** The program is also open to all TAs seeking to improve their teaching skills. We encourage departments with their own training to allow their TAs to take advantage of selected parts of the Seminar program. We hope this schedule, with events taking place through the morning into early afternoon, will let departments more easily coordinate their own orientations with the campus-wide event. TAs would be available to meet for departmental functions each afternoon of the Seminar after 1:30 p.m.

During the MSU TA Seminar, Teaching Assistants will meet in **large-group sessions**, in which TAs will hear some of MSU's best teacher-scholars discuss important issues devoted to MSU Students and teaching and learning in higher education. TAs will have an opportunity to take advantage of **smaller-group workshops** (taking place on the second and third days of the Seminar, August 25th & 26th) in which participants will meet with some of MSU's most experienced faculty to address key issues concerning conflict resolution, classroom management and organization, and graduate student professional development.

This year's kick-off plenary will be delivered by MSU Professor Ann Austin, a leading scholar internationally on issues devoted to future faculty professional development. On Monday, August 24th, 9 – 10:30 am, Dr. Austin will address effective teaching as a part of successful graduate student development.

Each registered participant will receive a copy of the MSU TA Handbook, a *TA Seminar Resource Binder*, *MSU Teaching Thoughts*, and other materials on MSU teaching resources.

Please contact Kevin Johnston, University TA Program Director, at kmj@msu.edu, or the TA Office (517-353-3063) if you have any questions about the new program schedule. Please visit our website, <http://tap.msu.edu>, for more information. We look forward to meeting you at the Seminar!

**2009 MSU TA Seminar on College Teaching:
Proposed Schedule
1281 Anthony Hall 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.***

Monday, August 24th

8:00	Registration/ Dissemination of Materials/Breakfast
8:30	Welcome/ Plans for the Day
9:00 – 10:30	Kick-Off Plenary ; Professor Ann Austin
10:30 – 10:45	Break
10:45 – 11:00	MSU GEU – GEU President Greeting
11:10 – 11:45	MSU Policies and Procedures/Break-Out Session I
11:50 – 12:25	MSU Policies and Procedures/Break-Out Session II

TA Seminar Participants will meet with key MSU Administrators to discuss issues associated with A) Teaching Ethics, and Student Rights and Responsibilities and B) Diversity and Inclusion, and Surviving and Thriving in Graduate School. Sessions will run simultaneously in Anthony Hall each serving half of the students enrolled that day.

12:30 – 12:45	Daily Evaluation (TA Seminar Binder, pgs 86, 88. For those attending only today, please also complete pg. 94.)
1:00 p.m.	GEU Panel Discussion and Lunch

Tuesday, August 25th *

8:00	Registration/ Dissemination of Materials/Breakfast
8:30 – 9:15	“Being A TA”: TA Program Resources/MSU Teaching Resources/MSU Graduate Student Professional Development” PREP Program– Planning, Resilience, Engagement, Professionalism
9:15 – 10:15	“What is Effective Classroom Teaching?”
10:15 – 10:30	Break
10:30 – 12:45	Workshops on Selected Topics: Participants are asked to choose from one of the following topics. All workshops will again be available to TAs throughout the year. The First Day of Class (1281 Anthony Hall) – How, with effective planning and organization, the first day of class can set a successful tone for the entire semester. The TA-ship: The Ultimate Professional Development Experience

