

CSULB Faculty Center Newsletter

January 2025

Introducing Beach XP -- a Community for 1st year CSULB Students



Beach XP (aka "Beach Experience") is a program that offers first-time, first-year students a chance to kick-off their academic career as part of a learning community within their college. The program aims to enhance the college experience by helping students forge lasting peer connections and academic success. Students enrolled in Beach XP enter into college-specific cohorts, and meet with the same peers each week for designated courses that count toward their general education or major-specific requirements. [Learn more about Beach XP here.](#)

The Faculty Center invites you to the **2025 Winter Writing Institute**



**Monday, January 13, 9-3
@ the Anatol Center (AS-119)**

Please bring your laptop and whatever you need to work on your scholarly work. The space will be open at 9am and we will have coffee and light breakfast items, snacks, and lunch. We will have vegetarian options, but if you have any dietary restrictions, please feel free to bring your own lunch and snacks. The Writing Institute will end at 3pm, but you are free to come and go as you please. If you would like to have a group meeting or work collaboratively, please use the Anatol Patio rooms; the Original Conference Room will be a silent workspace.

Remember to bring your refillable water bottles.

SPACE IS LIMITED - REGISTER HERE

CSULB LECTURER ORIENTATION

Friday, Jan 24, 8:30-3:30 @the Anatol Center



The Faculty Center and Faculty Affairs are pleased to invite all Lecturer faculty in their first 5 years on campus to a special orientation day just for Lecturers.

Informational sessions will cover Lecturer contracts and the Collective Bargaining Agreement; lecturer salaries; and lecturer evaluations. We will have a Lunchtime Resource Fair on the patio featuring tables from campus groups and organizations such as Basic Needs and Affinity Groups. Special guests: the California Faculty Association. Afternoon workshop sessions and time to meet your colleagues from across campus. Includes Continental Breakfast and Lunch.

Register early [HERE](#) – attendance is limited to room capacity.

<https://www.csulb.edu/faculty-center>

**Academic Technology Services (ATS) and
CSULB Affordable Learning Solutions (AL\$)**

announce the

Course Material Integration Program

The AL\$ Course Materials Integration program assists faculty in converting their courses to Zero Cost Course Materials (ZCCM) or low-cost courses.

By completing the course and attending hands-on workshops, faculty will be introduced to Open Educational Resources (OER), CSU Library Resources/Open Access Content, Immediate Access Programs, and Equitable Access/Flat-Fee Programs. To conclude the program, participants will create an e-portfolio site to present their course and be invited to attend a Faculty Showcase Event (Spring 2025) highlighting their amazing work.

After completing the program, participants will be featured on the ~CSULB Affordable Learning Solutions Showcase.~ They will also earn a

**500\$ Stipend
and a digital Canvas badge**

APPLICATIONS DUE 1/31/25

INFORMATION AND APPLICATION LINK [HERE](#)



Would you like to learn to be a more effective mentor for your students?

Join the faculty center for a six-part zoom learning experience to refresh and reaffirm inclusive mentoring practices.

program includes 6 online modules w/ videos and live zoom discussions

**Spring semester meetings: Monday 2-3
2/10, 2/17, 2/24, 3/3,
3/10, 3/17, 2-3,
(Zoom)**

[Click here for more information](#)

[Click here to register](#)



New Faculty Academy

The New Faculty Academy is for pre-tenure faculty and Lecturers in their first five years on campus, and is a chance to explore and develop skills that will support you as a new faculty member at CSULB. Sessions will be centered around key strategic areas for early career faculty and feature expert guest speakers from across our campus. We will prepare by completing recommended readings from *Candid Advice for New Faculty Members* and *What the Best College Teachers Do* (both available as free ebooks at the CSULB library).

**All sessions meet on Zoom, 2-3 pm.
3 sessions left this year!**

1/27 Managing Service

2/24 The RTP and Evaluation Process

3/24 Achieving Work/Life Balance

Faculty members who complete all 6 zoom sessions will receive a certificate. After the 6 sessions, we will meet in person for a lunch in May.

Register Here



You're invited to

CSULB's

**Women of Color in Academia
(WOCA)**

HAPPY HOUR

Friday, January 24, 2025

4:00-6:00 PM

Kennedy's Craft Kitchen & Cocktails

5506 E. Britton Drive, LB 90815

WOCA

Women of Color in Academia



WOMEN OF COLOR IN ACADEMIA aims to:

- Create awareness of the impact of the intersectionality of race, gender, and ethnicity on the professional experiences of women of color faculty @CSULB
- Increase institutional support to promote the success of our faculty women of color
- Create a support network for WOCA across the university, with special attention to mentoring and professional development

SPRING 2025 WOCA Events:

1/24 - WOCA Happy Hour, 4-6

2/12 - Grants and Fellowships

Workshop, 12-1:30

3/21 - WOCA Yoga, 11-12

5/2 - Wellness Retreat, 10-2

**Email WOCA@csulb.edu
for more information**



Look out for these Spring 2025 Faculty Center events!

February:

Ideas for Equity in Department RTP Policies

Publishing in Academic Journals

Promoting Black Student Success @ the Beach

Artificial Intelligence in College Pedagogy: Pros and Cons

March:

What's Next After Tenure? Senior Faculty Life at CSULB

Faculty & Staff Coffee & Community: The Carpenter Center

Advancing Racial and Social Justice in Pedagogy

Faculty Center Bowling Night @the Student Union

April:

Culturally Responsive Pedagogy

Self-Care and Healthy Boundaries

College Bridge: Arts Education (with College of the Arts)

Earth Day Celebration: Therapy Goats on the Quad

May:

President's Breakfast with New Faculty

New Faculty Academy Lunch

DEIA In the Beach Classroom Faculty Learning Community Poster Session

Inclusive Excellence in Pedagogy Faculty Learning Community Showcase

**See our newsletters, website, and Canvas
for registration links (released the month prior)**

The Faculty Center Wants to Hear from You!

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Do you want to hear more from us?

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notifications directly to your inbox.**