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# FacDev Chatter

The FacDev Chatter is the monthly (or so) newsletter about faculty development opportunities coming up at Knox College. These include planned workshops and funding opportunities, both internal and external to Knox College.

## Autumn Notes from the ADFA



Here I am, sitting in my office and looking back over summer and forward to my favorite season of the year — the “no mosquito season” ... I mean *autumn*. For me, autumn was most enjoyable because it signaled the start of the school year, where I would be able to rejoin my friends in the classroom and to meet someone who would become one of the most important parts of my life: my new teacher.

Those were my feelings until I *became* a teacher in my own right. From that point forward, autumn meant an opportunity to meet my newest students and learn about the people I will be affecting for the next nine months. Of course, they affected me in turn.

None of this is surprising to you. I’m sure you feel the same way about autumn: new students, new experiences, and a chance to leave our mark on the future.

... and no mosquitoes!

~ Ole

## The Fac Dev Calendar

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As we move beyond summer and into the new academic year, I am pleased to announce events scheduled for the term. From Fridays at Four celebrating our faculty to tailgating celebrating the faculty-staff community, there is a lot happening in the autumn.

### New Faculty Orientation

When: August 28 through 30 (Wednesday through Friday)

Where: Wilcon House (and Library and Administrative Services Center)

This three-day event is a celebration of our incoming faculty, giving them a foundation of Knox upon which they can grow over the coming years. If you see a new face, come up and introduce yourself. Warmth is a Knox specialty.

### Faculty-Staff Tailgating

When: September 21 (**Saturday**) from 11:00am until halftime

Where: Gravel lot east of Knosher Bowl



Come join fellow faculty and staff to cheer for the Prairie Fire football team as they take on the University of Chicago. This is a great time to enjoy Knox during the fall. Hotdogs, beef burgers, turkey burgers, and veggie burgers will be provided. Please bring a side dish and drinks. Grilling starts at 11:00am, and we will move to watch the game when it starts at 1:00 pm. Go Fire!



## Brown Bag Tuesdays 🥡

When: Tuesdays from 12-noon until 1:00

Where: Evelyn Handler Forum (ALUM 300)

This term, we will have a series of events designed to support y'all throughout the term. All faculty can learn from these, and I encourage all to attend... if only to grow community and find a place to eat lunch away from the office. Here are the planned topics:

September 17	Making efficient use of the Google Suite
September 24	Early career at Knox
October 1	Office of Disability Support Services
October 8	Fink's taxonomy and assignments, courses, and majors
October 15	Moodle tips (and continue October 8 work)
October 22	Faculty funding (CoFR)
October 29	Universal course design
November 5	What to do with December

While those are planned, feel free to ask questions about anything of interest to you. These are not intended to be high-pressure settings.

## Fridays at Four 🕒

When: September 27 from 4:00pm until 5:15 or so

Where: Trustees Room (ALUM 302)

Our first Friday at Four will feature our very own Thomas Bell of the Political Science and International Relations department. This presentation will examine the Supreme Court in light of our separation of powers.

When: November 8 from 4:00pm until 5:15 or so

Where: Trustees Room (ALUM 302)

We end our fall term with Duane Oldfield's Friday at Four. Here, Duane will discuss his journey looking into the archives trying to decipher how Knox has handled free speech and academic freedom throughout the years.

## Other Upcoming Calendar Happenings

First Faculty Meeting and Faculty Conversation

September 3

See email from the Provost for more information.

First Day of Classes and Fall Convocation

September 9

There will be an adjusted schedule. See email from the Provost.

Institute Day

October 16

No classes today. See upcoming email concerning what to do with this day.

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"Education is the most powerful weapon  
which you can use to change the world."

Nelson Mandela

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## Program and Department Review

Several of you will be working on department and program reviews this academic year. The Office of Faculty Development is here to support you with useful information, helpful schedules, and accountability. For information about assessing your academic program, rather as part of regular ongoing assessment activities or part of a program review, please visit the [Departmental Assessment Tools](https://www.knox.edu/offices/faculty-affairs/departmental-assessment-tools) page or the [Academic Schedule for program reviews](https://www.knox.edu/offices/faculty-affairs/program-review-academic-schedule).

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## Faculty Funding Opportunities

### New Funding Opportunity

**NEW** [\*The Mellon Emerging Faculty Leaders \(MEFL\)\*](#) are building inclusive campus communities through their teaching, scholarship, and service. Awardees are early-career faculty whose research focuses on contemporary American history, politics, culture, and society. In addition to bringing a diversity of perspectives to their fields, MEFL awardees are building support systems, networks, and affinity groups for their students and peers.

#### Eligibility:

- Applicants eligible for the Mellon Emerging Faculty Leaders Award will be assistant professors in tenure-track appointments who are pursuing tenure.
- They will have successfully passed the standard third-year/midpoint review or their institution's equivalent no later than January 31, 2025.
- Eligible applicants are typically in the fourth or fifth year of the tenure-track appointment and are still working to complete key items for the tenure dossier, which should not be scheduled for submission prior to the end of the award year (Summer 2026).

- Please note that the award seeks to support progress toward tenure for scholars who are also meaningfully engaged in building campus community; therefore, applicants who are already effectively in a position to go up for tenure—for instance, those who have already submitted the dossier and/or who would be considered for tenure during the award year—will be ineligible.
- Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the United States as of December 1, 2024 (please include a copy of your green card with your application supplemental items if a permanent resident).

The due date for this is **December 1**. If you have any questions, please contact Fallon Allison ([fnallison@knox.edu](mailto:fnallison@knox.edu)). She has all the deets! She also has a lot of help to help you receive this grant.

## Financial Support for Your Research and Creative Work

Whether you are looking for seed money for a new project or just need a bit of help finishing something already under way, the Committee on Faculty Resources (CoFR) can help. We support your professional work at all stages of development.

### Support for Research, Creative Work, and Conference Travel

CoFR has funds to support your professional work in the upcoming months, and we encourage you to apply! The committee reviews requests for funding support on a regular basis. You can learn more about internal funding opportunities on the [Faculty Grants website](#). Please be aware of [the reimbursement procedures](#).

- <https://www.knox.edu/offices/faculty-affairs/research>
- <https://www.knox.edu/offices/faculty-affairs/research/reimbursement-procedures>
- Research & Creative work, use this form:
  - [https://knox.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_dpzxil6xLgPspPo](https://knox.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_dpzxil6xLgPspPo)



### Upcoming deadlines:

- September 27, 2024  
(last call for funding for projects that will happen in Fall Term or December 2024)
  - October 18, 2024  
(last call for funding for Winter Term 2025 projects)
  - January 24, 2025  
(first call for Summer 2025 and last call for Spring Term 2025 projects)
  - April 18, 2025  
(last call for Summer 2025 projects)
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- Conference Travel Allotment, use this form:
    - [https://knox.col.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_5ps5egTUKf7e9Ui](https://knox.col.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5ps5egTUKf7e9Ui)

Apply for a Conference Travel Allotment (CTA) to support your travel to a professional conference. You can apply now via the portal for the 2024-25 academic year (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025). Funding varies based on your role at the conference and the conference location. The college does its best to support as many faculty members as possible going to at least one conference a year.

The Faculty Resource Committee, which combines the work previously undertaken by the Cultural Events Committee (CEC) and the Committee on Faculty Resources (CoFR), regularly reviews applications to support faculty research and creative work and makes recommendations to the Provost regarding support for the applications.

For more information or to apply, visit the [Scholarship & Creative Work page](#). If you are not sure where your application belongs or if you have other questions, please just [send me an email \(facultydevelopment@knox.edu\)](mailto:facultydevelopment@knox.edu). I love talking to you about your work!

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