

Adjunct Faculty Academic Calendar

August:

- 13 Adjunct Faculty Fall Orientation
Curtiss Hall Banquet Rooms
5:00 pm - 9:00 pm
- 17 Summer Session Ends
- 19 Submit syllabi to Adjunct Faculty Support Programs Office, SE-201, for printing. Call x4050
- 26 Fall 2013 Semester First Day of Class

September:

- 2-3 Labor Day Recess
- 4 Classes Resume

November:

- 27 Thanksgiving Recess Begins

December:

- 2 Classes Resume
- 7 Last Day of Class
- 9-14 Final Exams
- 13 Commencement
- 18 Grades Due by Noon

Upcoming Workshops

(register at: svsu.edu/workshops)

Tuesday, August 6, 2013

Introduction to VSpace
Zahnow Library, Z-302
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Tuesday, August 13, 2013

Adjunct Faculty Fall Orientation
Curtiss Hall Banquet Rooms
5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Thursday, August 15, 2013

Presentation Software Curtiss Hall, C-147
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

**KickStart 2013: Adjunct Faculty Orientation
21 Sessions To Get You Started!**

Be a part of SVSU's 50th successful academic year by registering today for *KickStart 2013: The 2013-14 All Campus Adjunct Faculty Orientation and Dinner*. It all takes place in the Curtiss Hall Banquet Rooms on Tuesday, August 13.

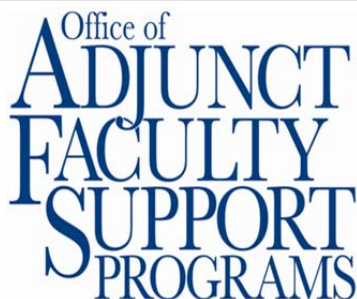
The evening starts with dinner from 5:00 to 6:00, which is followed by three 45-minute blocks, each consisting of seven breakout sessions. To make sure you have a seat, refer to the session schedule below and pre-register for your sessions today by emailing adjunctfaculty@svsu.edu or by calling (989)964 4050.

Breakout Session Selections

Block 1— 6:00-6:45	Block 2— 7:00-7:45	Block 3— 8:00-8:45
Adjunct Faculty 101 (req. for first year faculty)	VSpace Overview	Apps for Educators
VSpace: Gradebook	Designing Effective Writing Assignments	VSpace: Wikis & Blogs
MapWorks and Retention Initiatives	MapWorks and Retention Initiatives	MapWorks and Retention Initiatives
First Year Library Resources and Services for Faculty and Students: Helping First Year Students Succeed	Integrating Google with Library Resources	VSpace Library Support: Options for Online/Hybrid and Face-to-Face Courses
Building an Inclusive Classroom	Making the First Day of Class Count	The Characteristics of Quality Writing
Promoting Academic Integrity and Avoiding Plagiarism	Podium Training	Podium Training
The 4 C's of SVSU: Counselors, Conduct, Cops & Collaboration	The 4 C's of SVSU: Counselors, Conduct, Cops & Collaboration	The 4 C's of SVSU: Counselors, Conduct, Cops & Collaboration

The evening concludes with a wrap-up and a Q & A Session beginning at 8:45 p.m. In addition to the educational opportunities, the annual Adjunct Faculty Orientation is an excellent way for you to network with your colleagues, department chairs and deans.

Remember, RSVP today and KickStart SVSU's 50th academic year!!



SPRING/SUMMER HOURS

Writing Center
3rd Floor Zahnow
Monday/Thursday, 10 am – 5 pm

Online Writing Center
Tuesday/Wed./Sunday 6-9 pm
(Use link on VSpace to schedule online appointments)

Zahnow Library
Monday-Thursday, 8:00am – 10:30 pm
Friday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm
Saturday/Sunday, 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Center for Academic Achievement
2nd Floor Zahnow
Monday – Thursday, 9:00 am – 6:00 pm

Adjunct Faculty Profile



Ann Coburn-Collins
 Director
 Academic Programs Support

In the Loop: What's new for adjunct faculty this academic year?

Ann Coburn-Collins: Well, those who have taught for us for more than 9 semesters or have a Ph.D. will be receiving a \$25.00/credit hour increase in pay. And, we are creating a Faculty Learning Community for those who teach first year students. Five selected faculty members will attend the Lillie Conference in Traverse City and bring the new teaching ideas learned there back to the classroom.

ITL: Any changes in SE-201?

AC²: Our responsibilities have expanded to include the desk in the Center for Academic Achievement, so we've had to hire more students. Deborah Rickert and I are very excited about the many new bright, shiny, smiling faces at the student desks in SE-201 and AAC this year,

ITL: What impresses you the most about SVSU adjunct faculty?

AC²: Their dedication to students. SVSU's adjunct faculty are among the most caring faculty I have ever worked with. They are always kind to me and the office staff, and they know that we are trying to provide the best support possible to help them succeed in the classroom.

ITL: Favorite quote?

AC²: I am inspired by Parker Palmer. "Good teaching cannot be reduced to technique; good teaching comes from the identity and integrity of the teacher."

ITL: A good day at SVSU is . . . ?

AC²: When I hear a room full of adjunct faculty talking about their students and what they are going to be doing in class that day.

Adjunct Faculty Learning Community: New Learning Community Provides Opportunities for Adjunct Faculty

Adjunct Faculty members at Saginaw Valley State University have until Friday, September 20, to submit their applications to be part of a new Faculty Learning Community (FLC). Among other professional development opportunities, participants will attend at no cost a leading national conference for university and college instructors. Only five adjunct faculty instructors will be selected.

Participants in the FLC will meet monthly during the Fall 2013 and Winter 2014 semesters, and will be required to develop and administer three different innovative teaching projects during that time.

Part of their research and inspiration will include attending the Lilley Conference on October 17-20 at the Park Place Hotel in downtown Traverse City. All registration, lodging, travel and food expenses will be covered by the Office of Adjunct Faculty Support Programs.

To be eligible to participate in the FLC, applicants are required to have taught at SVSU for at least two semesters and must teach first year students (080 and 100 level courses). The FLC will be led by Ann Coburn-Collins, director of the Office of Adjunct Faculty Support Programs.

"The participants will be required to put some work into this, but it is a great opportunity for them to discover innovative teaching methods and learn how to put them into practice in the classroom," said Ms. Coburn-Collins, who is also the Director for Academic Programs Support and the Center for Academic Achievement. "This is a tremendous opportunity for adjunct faculty to help their first year students become better learners and, in the process, become successful."

If you would like to join this Faculty Learning Community, you have until Friday, September 20th to submit a Faculty Development Plan and a copy of your Teaching Philosophy to the Office of Adjunct Faculty Support programs in Science East 201. To receive a copy of the Faculty Development Plan or to learn more about the Faculty Learning Community program and requirements, call the Office of Adjunct Faculty Support Programs at 989-964-4050, or email adjunct@svsu.edu.

English, Social Studies and Natural Sciences Are Foundation of SVSU

On September 8, 1964, the first class of 119 students completed their first two years at Delta College and then enrolled as juniors and seniors at Saginaw Valley College, attending classes in the basement of Delta College. Freshmen were not permitted to Saginaw Valley College until 1965 because of the college lacked facilities.

It was decided that Saginaw Valley College would offer three core courses to be known as the foundation courses: freshman English, Social Studies and Natural science. These three core subjects were believed to be the building blocks for communication and grammar skills, developing and respecting diversity among humankind, and assisting in logical reasoning through the wonders of chemistry and biology.

If you would like to learn more about the first 50 years of SVSU's history, go to: www.svsu.edu/svusuhistory/. Do you have an SVSU story to share? Email Charles Davenport at: chdavenport@svsu.edu.