

IE Orientation and 33rd Annual Faculty Development Symposium on University English Teaching

9:15 AM – 1:30 PM, Saturday April 4, 2026, Building 15: Rooms 15305, 15306, and 15308

9:15	Meet in Room 15-305
9:15 - 9:30	Meet and Greet: Opportunity to (re)connect with other teachers over coffee and snacks
9:35 - 9:55	Introductory Matters: introducing new teachers, changes to the program, overview of the orientation line-up, new resources, discussion on how to create a safe learning environment
10:00 - 10:25	Demonstration of the new Moodle (replaces CoursePower) Q & A: Bring your questions and concerns about it. It is recommended that you also bring your laptop so we can troubleshoot any problems you might be having.
10:30 - 10:55	Intro to Google Classroom [Including changes to the way it's used at AGU] - Brenden Van Stolk & Joseph Dias
11:00 - 11:20	Bringing books, plays, poems and songs alive through Performance and Oral Interpretation - Chris Parham
11:25- 11:45	Smart approaches to Smartphones in the classroom - Catherine Takasugi & Colin Thompson
11:50 – 12:30	AI and Writing: The challenge continues - Roundtable discussion of concerns, experiences, and strategies. – - Forrest Nelson & others
During Lunch	Fabulous Lunch - Photos taken for the IE Program Website's teacher intro page - Meet trio-ing partners and take the opportunity to get to know them a bit. - Unanswered questions answered on an individual basis - Campus and classroom tours for those who require them.