### TEACHING ASSISTANT ORIENTATION

Monday, August 19 | Arkansas Union
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#### TIME | EVENT | LOCATION
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8:30-9:00 | Check-in | Verizon Ballroom Lobby
9:00-9:15 | Welcomes | Verizon Ballroom
9:30-10:15 | Breakout Sessions I | See Below
10:30-11:15 | Breakout Sessions I | See Below
11:30-12:15 | Breakout Sessions I | See Below
12:30-1:30 | Policy Session and Lunch | Verizon Ballroom
1:45-3:00 | Breakout Sessions II | See Below

#### BREAKOUT SESSIONS I

**Lesson Planning** 507-509
This session will provide an overview of the basic principles of lesson planning, time management and course management. You will receive hands-on practice in applying these principles.

**Professionalism and Communication** 512-514
This session will facilitate a discussions about attitudes in the classroom, appropriate use of social media, professional boundaries and self-presentation.

**Hands-On Blackboard Training**
Union Computer Lab (lobby level)
Blackboard is the online system used for managing course content. Learn the basics of navigating Blackboard as an instructor in this hands-on session.

#### BREAKOUT SESSIONS II

**Teaching Practice** TBD
Will the first day of classes be your first day in the classroom? Get some real life experience leading a class before your first day. New TA’s will have the chance to lead mini lessons in this session. Faculty and current TA’s will be present to give feedback and advice.

**Help Desk** Verizon Ballroom
Have questions that didn’t get answered during orientation? Stop by the Help Desk and get your questions answered. The Help Desk will be staffed by Teaching and Faculty Support Center faculty, IT Services (Blackboard) staff, current TA’s and Graduate School staff.