

**2009 Campus-Wide TA Orientation  
Wednesday, August 19, 2009  
Lecture Center A**

**Tentative Agenda**

- 12:45-1:00**      **Sign-In, Lecture Center A - Lobby** (TA's can bring their box lunches into the opening session)
- 1:00-1:10**      **Welcome**
- 1:10-1:30**      **Teaching at UIC**
- 1:30-1:45**      **Your Target Audience – UIC**
- 1:45-1:55**      **Introduction to the Teaching and Learning Center**
- 1:55-2:00**      **5-Minute Stretch**
- 2:00-2:30**      **Secrets of Our Success – Experienced TA Panel Q&A**
- 2:30-2:50**      **Introduction to some UIC Resources for Instruction and Learning**  
                    **Honors College Tutoring**  
                    **Science & Learning Center Tutoring**  
                    **Academic Center for Excellence**  
                    **Library**
- 2:50-3:00**      **10-Minute BREAK (Snack provided)**
- 3:00-3:30**      **Breakout Sessions (Small Group Interactions)**  
                    Critical Thinking  
                    Effectively Communicating with Faculty Supervisors  
                    Collecting and Using Student Feedback to Improve Teaching  
                    Teaching & Learning Website Topics  
                    (3 small groups led by experienced UIC TAs, topics will be offered in pairs)  
                    Time Management  
                    Finding Your Comfort Zone in the Classroom  
                    Reflections on Teaching: Students as Teachers  
                    Meaningful Discussions  
                    Dealing with Cheating  
                    Grading Writing  
                    Planning a Class Session  
                    Talking and Working with Your Faculty Supervisor
- 3:35-3:50**      **Students with Special Needs – Working with Disability Service**
- 3:50-4:10**      **What the Instructional Teaching Lab (ITL) Can Do for You?**
- 4:10-4:40**      **Dealing with Distressed and Angry Students**
- 4:40- 4:50**      **Wrap Up and Prizes**