

**2009 Campus-Wide International TA Orientation  
Tuesday, August 18, 2009  
Lecture Center A**

**Tentative Agenda**

- 12:45-1:00 Sign-In, Lecture Center A - Lobby**
- 1:00-1:10 Welcome and Introduction to Being a TA at UIC**
- 1:10-1:25 Introduction to the ITA Program and the Teaching & Learning Center (TLC)**
- 1:25-1:55 Bridging the Communication Gap – Resources and Strategies**  
(includes the experiences of a panel of successful ITAs and representatives from the Academic Center for Excellence)
- 1:55-2:05 BREAK – Snack**
- 2:05-2:55 Small Group Breakout Sessions - I**  
**Sessions Designed for New Arrivals to the US**  
What's Up These Days in the American Undergraduate Classroom?  
Fielding Questions – The Key to Survival in the Classroom  
Communicating from the Start  
**Sessions Designed for New TA who have been in the US at least 1 yr.**  
Surviving or Thriving – Some Tips?  
Establishing Rules and Classroom Boundaries  
Collecting and Using Student Feedback to Improve Teaching
- 3:00-3:50 Small Group Breakout Sessions - II**  
**Above Sessions are repeated**
- 3:55-4:15 American Undergraduates –A U-Tube Peak into their Lives**
- 4:15-4:30 Wrap Up and Prizes**