Pre-Orientation for New International Graduate Teaching Assistants

Thursday, August 13, 2015
Funkhouser Building, Rm. 200

8:00-8:30 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30 Welcome and Overview of Orientation
Morris A. Grubbs, Ph.D., Assistant Dean, The Graduate School

8:45 Insights into Higher Education in the United States and at Kentucky
Beth Barnes, Ph.D., Assistant Provost for Internationalization, UKIC

9:15 Making the Transition: Advice from an International Faculty Member
Xuguo “Joe” Zhou, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Entomology

10:00 Break

10:15 Succeeding as a Graduate Student and Graduate Teaching Assistant
Jamie Hopkins, Ph.D., Staff Psychologist, UK Counseling Center

11:00 Discussion with a Panel of Experienced International TAs
Albert Kalim, Moderator
Ting Gu, Computer Science
Adriana Rivera Vargas, Hispanic Studies
Richard Mensah, Education Sciences

12:00 Lunch (provided in hallway)

1:00 p.m. The ITA Language Screening: What to Expect and How to Prepare
Angela Garner, Lecturer, UK Center for English as a Second Language

2:30 Break

2:45 UK International Center Orientation – for students new to the University of KY

This completes the International TA Orientation. Throughout the day on Friday, August 14th, are pre-set appointments for ITA language screenings. If you are scheduled for a language screening, you should have received an email with the location and your appointed time. If you did not receive an email or if you have questions, the screening schedule is available for review at the ITA orientation. You will continue with the two-day university-wide TA Orientation on Monday, August 17th, with Microteaching at 9:00 a.m. (in assigned rooms in the White Hall Classroom Building).