

**New Faculty Orientation (NFO) KICK-OFF: DAY 1**  
**Monday, August 11, 2025**  
**Damen Student Center Multipurpose Room, Lake Shore Campus**

**8:15 AM - 9:00 AM BREAKFAST & NETWORKING**

**9:00 AM - 12:00 PM MORNING SESSIONS**

**Provost's Welcome** **Douglas W. Woods, PhD**  
**9:00-9:15** Provost and Chief Academic Officer

**Welcome from Loyola Jesuit Community** **Richard Salmi, S.J.**  
**9:15-9:30** University Chaplain and Canonical Chaplain for Madonna della Strada Chapel

**Understanding Our Jesuit Mission** **Lauren Schwer, DMin**  
**9:30-10:00** Director of Ignatian Spirituality  
Mission Integration

**Welcome from Faculty Affairs and the Faculty Handbook** **Markeda Newell, PhD**  
**10:00-10:30** Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs

**10:30 AM - 10:40 AM BREAK**

**Faculty Council** **Walter Keith Jones, PhD**  
**10:40-11:00** Chair, Faculty Council  
Professor, Department of Molecular Pharmacology  
& Neuroscience  
Stritch School of Medicine

**Human Resources & Benefits Overview** **Danielle Hanson**  
**11:00-12:00 pm** Associate Vice President  
Human Resources

**Tamika Love**  
Senior Benefits Specialist  
Human Resources

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**12:00 PM - 1:00 PM LUNCH**

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**1:00 PM - 5:00 PM AFTERNOON SESSIONS**

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**Center for Faculty Development Overview** **Markeda Newell, PhD**  
Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs  
**1:00-1:30**

**John Gurnak, MA**  
Director, Office of Online Learning

**Research at LUC** **Meharvan (Sonny) Singh, PhD**  
**1:30-2:00** Vice Provost for Research, LUC  
Vice Dean of Research, Stritch School of Medicine  
Professor, Department of Cell and Molecular Physiology, Stritch School of Medicine

**From READI to Belonging** **Marshawn Razor, MBA**  
**2:00-2:30** Assistant Vice President  
Office of Institutional Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (OIDEI)

**Global Engagement** **Fraser Turner, MPP, MEd**  
**2:30-3:00** Senior Director, Global Initiatives  
Global Engagement

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**3:00 PM - 3:15 PM BREAK (SNACKS)**

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**Understanding the LUC Comprehensive Policy** **Tim Love, JD**  
Executive Director, Office for Equity and Compliance  
**3:15-4:00** Title IX Coordinator

**Faculty Panel: Current LUC Faculty Members**  
**What I Wish I Knew**  
**4:00-4:45**

**Preview of Day 2** **Julia Elsky, PhD**  
**4:45-5:00** Associate Director, Office of Faculty Affairs

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**NOTE: HEADSHOTS WITH PHOTOGRAPHER THROUGHOUT DAY 2**

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## New Faculty Orientation (NFO) KICK-OFF: DAY 2

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

Damen Student Center Multipurpose Room, Lake Shore Campus

9:15 AM - 10:00 AM LIGHT BREAKFAST & NETWORKING  
HEADSHOTS WITH PHOTOGRAPHER THROUGHOUT DAY 2

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM MORNING SESSIONS

- Student Rights and Responsibilities** 10:00-10:40 **Jae Joseph, MSW**  
Assistant Dean of Students for Student Rights & Responsibilities, Division of Student Development
- Student Transitions and Academic Partnerships:** 10:40-11:20 **Lauren Sanchez, MEd**  
Director, Student Transitions & Academic Partnerships, Student Academic Services
- Working with Graduate Students** 11:20-12:00 **Emily Barman, PhD**  
Dean of the Graduate School and Vice Provost of Graduate Education

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM LUNCH

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM AFTERNOON SESSIONS

- Veterans Affairs** 1:00-1:30 **Alex Pirila, MS**  
Director, Office of Military Veteran Student Services
- Student Accessibility Center** 1:30-2:15 **Carolyn Corbran, PhD**  
Director, Student Accessibility Center
- Wellness Center** 2:15-2:30 **Joan Holden, DNP, APRN, ANP-BC**  
Director, Wellness Center

Student LUC Undergraduate and Graduate Students  
Perspectives  
2:30-3:00

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3:00-3:30 GROUP PHOTO

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3:30-5:00 RECEPTION

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*NOTE:* Click [here](#) for information on the Focus on Teaching and Learning (FOTL) Conference, which will be held on Wednesday, August 13.