

➤ THE PROGRAM FOR INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE (PIE)
&
➤ THE FELLOWS SOCIETY

**An Overview by Dr. Lisa Liseno, Program Director
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PIE & The Fellows Society Staff

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PIE Mission Statement

- **The Program for Instructional Excellence (PIE)**, a unit of The Graduate School strives to enrich the learning experience for undergraduate students at FSU by supporting the teaching efforts of graduate student teaching assistants through its various services. PIE offers professional development programs that create opportunities to foster a sense of collaboration and community among all graduate student teaching assistants, and any graduate student interested in learning about best practices in teaching and learning at FSU.

PIE Program Goals

- Promote FSU nationally and internationally as a leading research university committed to student learning.
- Orient graduate students to the University, its teaching policies, resources, and services.
- Provide awareness of teaching and learning best practices to improve the quality of undergraduate instruction by graduate student teaching assistants.
- Highlight and reward excellent teaching by graduate students.
- Support departments in developing departmental teaching assistant training programs.
- Establish mentoring relationships between experienced & new graduate student teaching assistants.
- Provide graduate students with opportunities for peer review of instruction.
- Provide teaching, leadership, mentoring, and service experiences designed to prepare graduate students for the range of responsibilities they will meet as future faculty members.

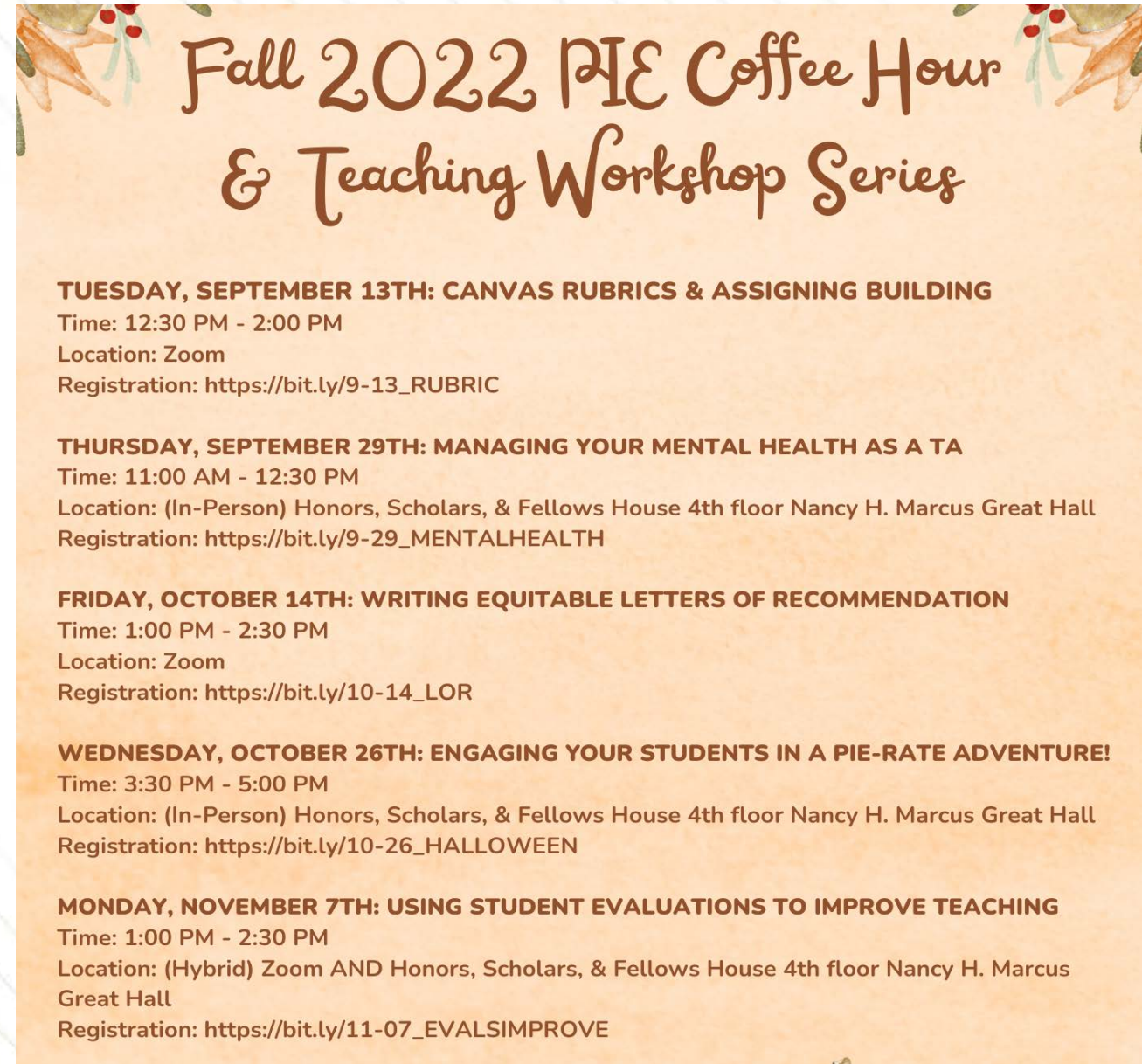
PIE Programs

- PIE Teaching Associate Assistantship Program
- Biannual PIE Teaching Conference (Fall & Spring)
- Category 5 TA Training (Fall & Spring)
- PIE Teaching Training Recognition (TTR)
- Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award (OTAA)
- PIE Coffee Hour & Teaching Workshop Series
- Basics of Teaching @ FSU online training series
- PIE TA Community Canvas site
- Peer Teaching Observations
- PIE Teaching Newsletter
- Pedagogy reading groups
- Print & Online Resources for TAs and departments
- Social Media-PIE Facebook, Twitter

The Program for Instructional Excellence (PIE)

Year-Round PIE Coffee Hour & Teaching Workshop Series!

- Fantastic opportunity to learn about best practices in education;
 - i.e., topics such as teaching with technology, inclusive teaching practices, student and course assessment, classroom management, etc.
- Not restricted to TAs; graduate students, staff, and faculty can all attend!
- Free professional development; free refreshments at our in-person workshops!

A poster for the Fall 2022 PIE Coffee Hour & Teaching Workshop Series. The title is in a large, brown, cursive font at the top. Below it, five events are listed in a smaller, brown, sans-serif font. Each event includes the date, time, location, and a registration link. The background is a light orange color with decorative autumn leaves and berries in the corners.

**Fall 2022 PIE Coffee Hour
& Teaching Workshop Series**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH: CANVAS RUBRICS & ASSIGNING BUILDING
Time: 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM
Location: Zoom
Registration: https://bit.ly/9-13_RUBRIC

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH: MANAGING YOUR MENTAL HEALTH AS A TA
Time: 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Location: (In-Person) Honors, Scholars, & Fellows House 4th floor Nancy H. Marcus Great Hall
Registration: https://bit.ly/9-29_MENTALHEALTH

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14TH: WRITING EQUITABLE LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION
Time: 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
Location: Zoom
Registration: https://bit.ly/10-14_LOR

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26TH: ENGAGING YOUR STUDENTS IN A PIE-RATE ADVENTURE!
Time: 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM
Location: (In-Person) Honors, Scholars, & Fellows House 4th floor Nancy H. Marcus Great Hall
Registration: https://bit.ly/10-26_HALLOWEEN

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH: USING STUDENT EVALUATIONS TO IMPROVE TEACHING
Time: 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
Location: (Hybrid) Zoom AND Honors, Scholars, & Fellows House 4th floor Nancy H. Marcus Great Hall
Registration: https://bit.ly/11-07_EVALSIMPROVE

Required University-Wide TA Trainings

Biannual PIE Teaching Conference

- PIE's "standard" training; offered spring & fall semesters only
- Includes Day 1 & Day 2 topics – requirements for TA positions vary by role/department
- Spring 2023 iteration will consist of totally asynchronous training work through Canvas; deadlines listed on the website
- Departments must verify their TA's exact position requirements
- Covers required teaching policy & best practices in teaching
- More information/registration on our website:

<https://pie.fsu.edu/biannual-pie-teaching-conference-category-5-ta-training-mandatory-ta-training>

Category 5 TA Training

- Day 1 & Day 2 of the Biannual PIE Teaching Conference is a prerequisite (also only offered Spring & Fall)
- Category 5 = Totally asynchronous Canvas training; deadlines listed on the website
- Content specifically geared toward the Category 5 TA role/grad. TAs assisting with supervised grading and/or occasional teaching in graduate level courses
- More information/registration on our website:

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PIE Resources

PIE TA Community Support Canvas site!

- Free readings, videos, & job aids for instructor support
- Daily “Open House Hours” with experienced Teaching Assistants from various disciplines
- **Teaching Philosophy Statement/DEI Statement consultations – Coming in Spring 2023!**


PIE Website: <https://pie.fsu.edu/>

- Professional development & TA handbooks
- Announcements for upcoming events & mandatory TA trainings

Peer Teaching Observations

- No-stakes, free professional development opportunity!
- A PIE Associate will attend a classroom session, observe teaching, & provide personalized feedback
- Scan the code (lower left) to request this service!



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PIE TA Community Support Canvas Site

Enroll Here:
<https://canvas.fsu.edu/enroll/JB4D8K>

What does this Canvas site provide?

- Copious teaching support materials such as:
 - Templates
 - Video tutorials
 - Job aids
 - Reading guides
 - Archived workshop recordings
- Open House Hours & Consultation Services



Each week, our experienced team of TAs from diverse fields host virtual Open House Hours. Graduate students and TAs can log into Zoom during these hours and seek teaching help. This is a great space for brainstorming teaching ideas or simply learning more about being a TA at FSU! Scan the code above or follow the link to self-enroll into the Canvas site.

Special PIE Opportunities

The PIE Teaching Associate Position

- Professional development position within PIE for experienced current TAs at FSU
- Hone leadership skills in interdisciplinary atmosphere
- Develop graduate student teaching practice & improve TA teaching support in departments
- Exact requirements listed on our website: <https://pie.fsu.edu/pie-teaching-associate-assistantship>



The Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award (OTAA)

- Reward graduate students who demonstrate excellence in the art and science of teaching
- Faculty, staff, and undergraduate students can nominate a graduate student TA who has shown excellence in teaching (graduate students cannot submit peer or self-nominations)
- Eligible TAs can choose to assemble a teaching portfolio and compete for one of 6 prizes (not required)
- Eligibility & competition requirements listed on our website: <https://pie.fsu.edu/outstanding-teaching-assistant-award>
- Nomination survey now open: https://fsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cHFWmZd3ssyXnU2
 - Nominations due January 18, 2023, 11:59 PM

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The Fellows Society, Florida State University's graduate fellowship society, brings together our outstanding graduate students who hold competitive fellowships for the purpose of interdisciplinary learning.



An Overview of Fellows Society Committees

MEET THE 2022-2023 ADVISORY BOARD



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Fellows Society Development Committee Service Events and Social Activities

- ★ Service events have included:
 - hosting “Fellowsgiving” with the Unconquered Scholars
 - helping out at the Presidential Tailgates,
 - presenting research locally in Tallahassee,
 - and representing the Fellows during FSU Day at the Capitol or during football games in the President’s Box!
- ★ Social activities have included Fellows Trivia Night





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Fellows Mentoring Initiative

- ★ New committee as of Fall 2021
- ★ Goal is to connect current Fellows with Fellows alumni in mentoring relationships
- ★ Focus on continuing to grow the initiative, implementing feedback from its first year and finding more ways for Fellows to connect
- ★ FSU Fellows Society LinkedIn



Major Fellows Society Events

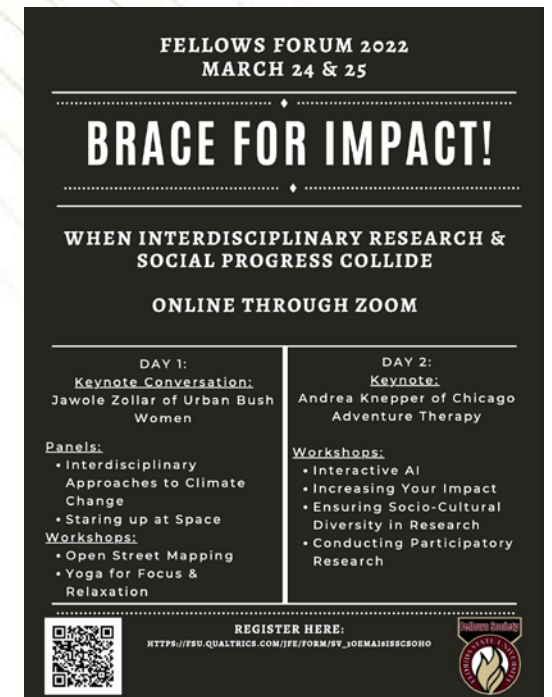
Research Sharing Luncheons

- Share research across disciplines and get feedback and questions (can be initial ideas or partial results)
- Practice/feedback on presentation skills in an interdisciplinary audience
- Free food & networking!



Fellows Forum

- Held each Spring Semester
- Provides a space for interdisciplinary research and conversation
- Fellows organize the event
- Themes from recent years:
 - 2022 - Brace for Impact: When Interdisciplinary Research & Social Progress Collide
 - 2021 - Surviving & Thriving Through Chaos: Resilience, Community, & Creativity in the Face of Crisis



Thanks for listening!

Questions?