



**New Faculty Orientation  
Oklahoma State University**

**Thursday, August 6, 2026  
8:30 am – 4:00 pm  
Jorns Hall**

**Welcome (8:30 am)**

Dr. Jim Hess, President, Oklahoma State University

Dr. Heather Yates, Faculty Council Chair, Professor/Head, School of Fire, Construction and Emergency Management

**General Session (8:45 to 9:15 am)**

*How to Be Successful at OSU*

Dr. Kathryn Weinland, Teaching Associate Professor, Psychology and Faculty Fellow, Hargis Leadership Institute

**Teaching Session 1 (9:30 am – 11:30 am)**

*What Does Brain Research Reveal About Teaching and Learning?*

Drs. Kristi Dickey and Gina Morris, Teaching Support Specialists, ITLE

**Lunch (11:30 am – 12:30 pm)**

**General Session (12:30 – 2:45 pm)**

*IRB, Grants, and Library Resources*

Dr. Debbie Cunningham, Assistant Vice President & Director of University Research Compliance

Dr. Christine Johnson, Associate Vice President, Office of Vice President for Research

Mr. Matt Upson, Professor and Mr. Clark Iakovakis, Associate Professor, Edmon Low Library

**General Session (3:00 – 4:00 pm)**

Overview of Digital Resources – Canvas, iClicker, Meazure Learning, Banner

Dr. Peter Terry and Stacy Jones, Instructional Technology Specialists, ITLE

**Friday, August 7, 2026**

**8:30 am – 12:00 pm**

**Teaching Session 2 (8:30 am – 10:30 am)**

*What Factors Enhance Student Motivation and Engagement?*

Drs. Kristi Dickey and Gina Morris, Teaching Support Specialists, ITLE

**General Session (10:45 am – 12:15 pm)**

*Campus Safety*

Sgt. Queen, OSU Police Department

**Monday, August 10, 2026**

**1:00 – 3:30 pm**

**Teaching Session 3 (1:00 – 3:00 pm)**

*How Can We Design Authentic Assessment Tasks that Inform Instruction and Further Student Learning?*

Drs. Kristi Dickey and Gina Morris, Teaching Support Specialists, ITLE

**General Session (3:00 – 3:30 pm)**

*Caregiving and Community: Resources for OSU Faculty,*

Drs. Lauren Lewis Cline, Kiranmayi Mangalgiri, and Bailey Hoffner, Faculty Council for Gender Equity