2015 Teaching Assistant Training Program

Day 1: Wednesday, August 19

9:00-9:30 Welcoming Plenary (Chemistry 102)
Beth Winkelstein, Vice Provost for Education
Bruce Lenthall, Executive Director, Center for Teaching & Learning

9:30-10:00 Your Role as a TA (Chemistry 102)
Emily Elliot, Associate Director, Center for Teaching & Learning

10:00-10:30 Preparing for Your First Day (Chemistry 102)
Ian Petrie, Senior Associate Director, Center for Teaching & Learning

10:30-10:45 Coffee Break (Lobby outside Chemistry 102)

10:45-11:30 Support Resources for Your Students (Chemistry 102)
Janet Tighe, Director of Academic Advising and Dean of Freshmen (SAS)
Sonya Gwak, Director of Student Life (SEAS)
Myrna Cohen, Executive Director, Weingarten Learning Resources Center
Nathaniel Amos, Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)
Donna Brown, Director, Tutoring Center

11:30-12:15 Penn Policies and Resources (Chemistry 102)
Sexual Violence and Harassment – Felicity Paxton, Director, Penn Women’s Center
Student Privacy –University Privacy Officer
Students with Disabilities – Susan Shapiro, Director, Student Disabilities Services
Academic Integrity – Marcia Glickman, Associate Director and Mediation Coordinator, Office of Student Conduct

2:00-4:45 Graduate Student-Led Workshops (Williams Hall, rooms TBA)
Leading Discussions in the Humanities and Qualitative Social Sciences
Grading in the Humanities and Qualitative Social Sciences
Grading in the Sciences, Quantitative Social Sciences, and Engineering
Teaching Problem Solving in Engineering
Recitations in the Sciences and Quantitative Social Sciences
Leading Effective Lab Sessions
Leading Discussions in the Quantitative Sciences and Social Sciences

Day 2: Thursday, August 20

9-12 & 1:30-4:30 Teaching Demonstrations and Critiques (Williams Hall, rooms TBA)

Day 3: Friday, August 21

9:00-10:00 Teaching the Diversity of Penn Students (Leidy Labs 10)
Will Gipson, Associate Vice Provost for Equity and Access
Julie McGurk, Associate Director, Center for Teaching and Learning

10:00-10:15 Coffee Break (Williams Hall)

10:15-12:45 Discussions on Issues You May Face as a TA (Williams Hall rooms TBA)
Afternoon Departmental Workshops
Contact your home department for information

2:00-3:30 Beginners Workshops on Canvas (Van Pelt Library, Goldstein Classroom)
Optional session.