



Faculty Relations Corner: **Controversial Material**

Dear Faculty Relations: *I teach a class with controversial material. I'm nervous about handling subject matter that might blow up in my face, but I don't want to skip these topics either. Help!*
– *Worried About Controversy*

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Opportunities for All Faculty

Connect with Your Colleagues

Community is built on relationships. [Faculty Shared Perspectives and Community Engagement, or SPACE](#), is an agenda-free social event that provides opportunities for faculty members to foster connections and harness a sense of belonging through meeting and networking with other faculty at CU Boulder.

We hope you'll join us, and please extend the invitation to your colleagues!

Fall Foliage Walk, Sep. 19, 12-1, meet outside the Old Main building

Breakfast Hour, Oct. 9, 9-10, Center for British & Irish Studies (CBIS), 5th floor of Norlin Library

Happy Hour, Oct. 29, 4-6, Fiske Planetarium

Questions? Contact Faculty Fellow [Sam Boyd](#)

Final Call: Don't Miss Out on Mentorship This Upcoming Academic Year

It's your last chance to join the Across CU Mentoring (ACUMent) program this upcoming academic year! ACUMent offers two mentoring formats: **Mentor Matches** pair faculty with experienced mentors for advice, support, and encouragement in areas of aligned interests. **Peer Circles** are small groups of 5-7 faculty members engaging in mutual mentoring through focused discussions based on shared interests or identities. [Learn more about ACUMent](#).

If you are interested in becoming a mentor, a mentee, or you'd like to participate in a peer circle, please [submit your application](#) by **Sep. 6**. Faculty at all career stages may apply.

Questions? Contact [our FDS Team](#)

Final Call: Join a Writing Group and Get Results

Faculty Affairs is organizing writing groups of three to six members to support your writing productivity. Writing groups for faculty can take several different forms with varied goals, including accountability for getting writing done; shared time for writing; space for talking about the writing process and productivity tips; or space for sharing work and receiving feedback.

Questions? Contact Faculty Fellow [Micheale Ferguson](#)



[Sign up](#) by **Sep. 6** to join a group.

National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity (NCFDD)

Use your [free NCFDD membership](#) to access outstanding professional development workshops. We especially want to highlight the following sessions:

- [Overcoming Academic Perfectionism](#)
Sep. 12, 12-1:30
- [Fall 14-Day Writing Challenge](#)
Oct. 7, Register by Sep. 27
- [How to Engage in Healthy Conflict](#)
Oct. 10, 12-1:30



To learn more about NCFDD opportunities for CU Boulder faculty, visit [our website](#).

Questions? Contact [Maribeth Van Haute](#)

Preparing Your Sabbatical Application

The sabbatical application form and process have been updated in time for the 2024–25 academic year. Carolyn Tir, Director of Faculty Personnel in the Office of Faculty Affairs will walk attendees through the sabbatical application process, covering deadlines, planning, crafting a strong application, and the sabbatical approval process. Donna Axel, Proposal Writer & Research Development Specialist in the Research & Innovation Office (RIO) will introduce resources, support services, and a timeline for faculty to identify and seek external funding for their sabbatical. The workshop will include time for questions and answers.

Questions? Contact [our FDS Team](#)



[Register](#)

Oct. 16, 11:30-12:50, Zoom

*To register, please use the youridentikey@colorado.edu version of your email address.

Introduction to the Restorative Justice Circle Process for Faculty

In this virtual workshop, Jennifer Fluri, Faculty Director for Academic Leadership and Restorative Practices in the Office of Faculty Affairs, will provide an overview and practical applications of the restorative justice circle process in various academic contexts.

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Questions? Contact [our FDS Team](#)



[Register](#)

Oct. 23, 12-12:50, Zoom

Just in Time 🕒

The beginning of the academic year is the perfect time to explore ways to deepen your connection to the CU Boulder community. Whether you're a new faculty member looking for ways to get involved or a tenured professor seeking to maximize the resources available to you, [this article](#) offers valuable insights to help you thrive and build lasting relationships across campus.

Early-Career Faculty



Thriving at CU Series

A monthly workshop series for tenure-track, teaching, and clinical faculty who are in their first three years at CU Boulder. Meet other new faculty and get your questions answered! Participate in at least eight Thriving at CU sessions over your first three years and earn a faculty development certificate.

[Thriving in the First Year: What I Wish I Had Known \(Tenure-Track Faculty\)](#)

Sep. 13, 11-12, Zoom

[Thriving in the First Year \(Teaching & Clinical Faculty\)](#)

Sep. 13, 12-1, CASE E422

[Thriving in the Classroom: Handling Challenges](#)

Oct. 10, 12:30-1:30, Zoom

[Thriving in Research & Creative Work: Resources to Support You as a Scholar](#)

Nov. 1, 12-1, Zoom

Questions? Contact Faculty Fellow [Joëlle Cruz](#)

Call for Applications: 2025 LEAP Introductory Leadership Workshop

Pre-Tenure Assistant Professors! Please [apply](#) by Sep. 27, 2024 to participate in one of the [2025 LEAP Introductory Leadership Workshops](#). These workshops will run Jan. 8–9, 2025 and May 13–14, 2025. We will meet in-person on the Boulder campus with facilitation by Nathalie Vriend, Faculty Fellow for LEAP and International Faculty in the Office of Faculty Affairs.

Questions? Contact [our FDS Team](#)

Teaching and Clinical Faculty

Thriving at CU: What I Wish I Had Known

This workshop focuses on the ways that new faculty can find success in their first years at CU Boulder. Our panelists will describe some of the challenges they faced early in their careers and offer suggestions to participants as they acclimate to their new positions.

Questions? Contact Faculty Fellow [Lev Szentkirályi](#)



[Register](#)

Sep. 13, 12-1, CASE E422

Teaching and Clinical Faculty Community of Practice

Join us for an informal social gathering where you can network across campus and share topics of interest specific to teaching and clinical faculty. Meet your peers, make new friends, and build connections!

Happy Hour, Oct. 29, 4-6, Fiske Planetarium

Questions? Contact Faculty Fellow [Lev Szentkirályi](#)



Raising Your Professional Profile

This workshop explores the importance of developing a public-facing professional presence, both on campus and online. Our panelists will describe their own motivations for and experiences with developing their professional profiles, and they will offer a few concrete suggestions to participants who are interested in creating or enhancing their own professional profiles.

Questions? Contact Faculty Fellow [Lev Szentkirályi](#)



[Register](#)

Oct. 10, 2-3, Zoom

Women+ Faculty

Women+ Faculty Socials

Join us for these casual, no-agenda chats over coffee and tea to catch up with old friends or make some new ones! These events are oriented for women, non-binary, and genderqueer faculty. Pre-registration is not required.

Sep. 9, 3-4:30, CASE Chancellor's Hall
Oct. 8, 9-10, ENVD Lobby/Gallery

Questions? Contact Faculty Fellow [Micheale Ferguson](#)

International Faculty

Global Minds, Local Connections: International Faculty Coffee Social Hour

[Faculty Affairs](#) and [International Student and Scholar Services](#) invite all international faculty to enjoy conversation, community, and light refreshments with colleagues from across the globe. Pre-registration is not required. Join us!

Sep. 11, 9-10, C4C Abrams Lounge - Room S336

Questions? Contact [our FDS Team](#)

Fall Finds 🍂

*"I cannot endure to waste anything so precious as autumnal sunshine by staying in the house."
– Nathaniel Hawthorne*

Believe it or not, fall is less than three weeks away! Wave the summer sunshine and swimming pools goodbye, and welcome fall's own collection of charming festivities. From vibrant fall festivals and bustling farmers markets to outdoor adventures and cozy autumn activities, [this article](#) has everything you need to make the most of fall in Boulder.

Dealing with a Difficult Situation?

Faculty Relations offers individualized consultations on challenges in our workplace, including managing professional relationships and resolving conflict meaningfully. We're here to help you enact positive and productive strategies for addressing work-related challenges.

[Schedule a Consultation](#)