**Dietrich School Staff Development Series 2019-2020**

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| **Workshop Title** | **Presenters** | **Description** | **Target Audience** | **Dates/Times/Location/Registration** |
| Supervising Undergraduate Student Employees | Rebecca Roadman  Maureen Lazar | Student employees are a great resource for our departments. We hire hundreds of students each year and for many of our students, this is their first job. Are you and your student workers getting the most from this experience? Join us to gain strategies for onboarding, supervising, and supporting your student workers to provide an exceptional experience. Through interactive activities and discussions, supervisors of undergraduate students will learn best practices to engage them. | Supervisors of Undergraduate Student workers | Tuesday, August 20, 2019  10:30am – 12:00pm  532, Alumni Hall  [Register](https://pitt.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6RKbcEvYobZO6Zn) |
| Advanced Outlook Email and Calendar | Maureen Lazar, Rebecca Roadman, IT Team | Outlook offers many helpful tools to increase efficiency and productivity in the workplace. Participants will learn some of the less commonly known aspects of Outlook calendar and email. If you complete both the Basic and Advanced Outlook trainings, a certificate of completion will be awarded. | Faculty & Staff | Thursday, August 22, 2019  2:00 pm – 3:00 pm  1201 Posvar Hall  [Register](https://pitt.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_ai0anALgBY4d8xv) |
| Faculty Records Q&A | Jaime Wesoloski,  Kelly Lloyd | Question and Answer session. | All Staff | Wednesday, September 4, 2019  2:00 pm – 3:00 pm  910 CL  No registration required. |
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| Dietrich School and CGS Brown Bag Session | Michele Montag | These sessions serve as an opportunity for all interested Arts and Sciences and College of General Studies staff to share ideas, ask questions, and discuss important issues. | All Staff | Wednesday, September 25, 2019  11:30 am – 12:30 pm  527, WPU  No registration required. |
| Allies Training | Sherdina Harper | Co-sponsored by the Division of Student Affairs and the Anti-discriminatory Policies Committee of the University Senate, in collaboration with the Rainbow Alliance, the **Allies Network program** is designed to improve visibility and support to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex/asexual, and allied (LGBTQIA) students and employees. For further information on the Allies Network, please see <http://www.studentaffairs.pitt.edu/ccld/crosscultural/allies-training-2/>. | Faculty, Staff, and Graduate Students | Friday, September 27, 2019  9:00am – 12:30pm  Room 527, WPU  [Register](https://pitt.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cZSTZdbQyp55Qep) |
| Data Literacy in the Dietrich School | Chris March | The ability to read, write, understand, and communicate with data is becoming an increasingly essential skill in the modern workplace. This workshop will provide an overview of what it means to be data literate, how to increase your data literacy, and provide an overview of the data resources and analytical tools available within the Dietrich School. | All Staff | Tuesday, October 1, 2019  11:00 am – 12:00 pm  910 CL  [Register](https://pitt.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1FeYlNVeJwzpnIF) |
| Perceptive Content Workshop Series: Intro to Perceptive Content for Staff | Rebecca Roadman | Perceptive Content software is used across the Dietrich School for payroll/personnel file document management. In this workshop, you will:   * Learn about Perceptive Content fundamentals for payroll/personnel file document management * Learn about payroll/personnel processing resources that are available to you | New Staff who work with payroll/personnel documents | Thursday, October 3, 2019  9:00am-10:00am  910 CL  [Register](https://pitt.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5vgwSOFJHGZa0hT) |
| Budget & Finance Q&A | Barbara Vattimo | Question and Answer session. | All Staff | Thursday, October 10, 2019  9:00 am – 10:30 am  910 CL  No registration required. |
| Communicating with Parents:  What can – or should – I say? | Undergraduate Studies | Sue Crain and Jessica Hatherill will lead a discussion on best practices for communicating with parents/guardians and complying with FERPA regulations. | All Faculty and Staff | Thursday, October 10, 2019  1:00pm – 2:00pm  910 CL  [Register](https://pitt.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bxByWm4Qhe3IF3D) |
| Hot Topics Sessions for Graduate Administrators | Graduate Studies Staff | Monthly Meeting: **Students in Distress** | Graduate Administrators | Tuesday, October 15, 2019  10:00am – 11:00am  5601 Sennott Square  No registration required. |
| Bystander Intervention | Michele Welker  Carrie Benson | This interactive program geared towards staff and faculty will offer participants the opportunity to identify themselves as active bystanders when they observe others in distressing situations. Participants will begin to identify strategies and utilize communication skills necessary for intervention in unsafe situations. Information about resources for mental health services and sexual violence on campus are included in this program. | All Faculty, Staff, and Graduate Students | Wednesday, October 16, 2019  11:00am – 12:30 pm  540, WPU  [Register](https://pitt.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0cYgXUXawuaABXT) |
| Perceptive Content Workshop Series: How to Maximize Functionality of Custom Filters | Rebecca Roadman | Perceptive Content software is used across the Dietrich School for payroll/personnel file document management. In this workshop, you will:   * See a demo of example filters users can use to view relevant payroll/personnel documents * Receive recommendations to get the most out of your custom filters and views | Staff who use Perceptive Content software | Wednesday, October 23, 2019  9:30am-10:30am  901 CL  [Register](https://nam05.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fpitt.co1.qualtrics.com%2Fjfe%2Fform%2FSV_5vgwSOFJHGZa0hT&data=02%7C01%7Cjrf89%40pitt.edu%7C8cfde789a4904000bcaf08d70c563ca4%7C9ef9f489e0a04eeb87cc3a526112fd0d%7C1%7C0%7C636991436829656440&sdata=SMFaNYpbYjbDwXVvF1RCPdWYZCLptstqsFnwxP0oq8s%3D&reserved=0) |
| Advancing Your Career in the Dietrich School (for all staff) | Maureen Lazar and Michele Montag | Are you ready to look for the next position in your career and are not sure how to start? How can your supervisor help you? This workshop will provide you with resources to open this dialogue with your supervisor. Your most pressing questions will be addressed. | All Staff | Thursday, October 24, 2019  12:00 pm – 1:00 pm  910 CL  [Register](https://pitt.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_aY8Jsqf2XzuLIGN) |
| Your Dietrich School Story – Communicating effectively and engaging your Audience | Amanda Gilman  Pat McGrane | There is so much happening in the Dietrich School every day- news, events, student accomplishments, interesting courses, faculty achievements- and we are here to help. Join us as we review the many ways the Dean’s Office communications team can help share your stories through strategic, effective marketing and communications planning. We will cover branding, methods and venues, best practices, and goal setting. | All Faculty and Staff | Tuesday, October 29, 2019  10:00 am – 11:00 am  910 CL  [Register](https://pitt.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bfncAb0BXfB5qg5) |
| Working with Distressed Students | Undergraduate Studies | Two members of the University’s Concern and Resource Support (CARS) Team – Alexandra Magee and Lisa Schoon – will lead a discussion on ways you can effectively work with students who are experiencing distress. | All Faculty and Staff | Tuesday, November 5, 2019  1:00pm – 2:00pm  140 Thackeray Hall  [Register](https://nam05.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fpitt.co1.qualtrics.com%2Fjfe%2Fform%2FSV_57GfhyZSeXGs3Zz&data=02%7C01%7Cjrf89%40pitt.edu%7C251794eab90e415f22a608d710698f4e%7C9ef9f489e0a04eeb87cc3a526112fd0d%7C1%7C0%7C636995917884232494&sdata=NLEiwhQds4cN7ssMhxoyo%2Bpzld%2B7EIC279sCi4tg7Ls%3D&reserved=0) |
| Perceptive Content Workshop Series: How to Use Search Features | Rebecca Roadman | Perceptive Content software is used across the Dietrich School for payroll/personnel file document management. In this workshop, you will:   * Learn about different types of searches within Perceptive Content to find the payroll/personnel documents you need * See a demo of searches by various document keys, document properties, and custom properties | Staff who use Perceptive Content software | Wednesday, November 6, 2019  1:00 – 2:00 pm  910 CL |
| Ready to Update Your Resume and Cover Letter? | Maureen Lazar | Once we are in a position, many forget the importance of keeping a resume updated. Each staff member in the Dietrich School and CGS gains incredible skills that should be highlighted on a resume to communicate strengths and accomplishments. If you have a resume, bring it with you for a quick review! This workshop will share some quick tips on resumes, cover letters, and provides an opportunity to ask questions to a panel of experienced resume reviewers. | All Staff | Monday, November 11, 2019  12:00 pm - 1:30 pm  910 CL  [Register](https://nam05.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fpitt.co1.qualtrics.com%2Fjfe%2Fform%2FSV_6qV2MbMdmrDpMUZ&data=02%7C01%7Cjrf89%40pitt.edu%7Ccea60c011a3440f8b57408d715e5c017%7C9ef9f489e0a04eeb87cc3a526112fd0d%7C1%7C0%7C637001948818338603&sdata=98YbKjcdaLmhnpCkqx%2Bjc45n3nCSk5p7%2FM3UQUbKCy8%3D&reserved=0) |
| Hot Topics Sessions for Graduate Administrators | Graduate Studies Staff | Monthly Meeting:  **Medical Leaves & Mental Health** | Graduate Administrators | Tuesday, November 12, 2019  10:00am– 11:00am  5601 Sennott Square  No registration required. |
| Fundamentals of Sponsored Projects Administration | Jeff Petsis,  Marcie Conrad,  Dawna Kasper, & Jason Rosol | Do you interact with the sponsored projects team? Does your job require you to delve into the mysterious world of research administration, including involvement with personnel appointments, effort certification, purchasing, T&Bs, human subjects, vertebrate animals, or anything else relating to the realm of -05 accounts? Then this is the session for you. We will start with an overview of research administration, exploring concepts like gifts vs. grants, allowable/unallowable expenses, intellectual property, export controls, and much more. Then, we will do a Q&A and answer questions on everything you ever wanted to know about research administration but were afraid to ask. | All Staff | Tuesday, November 12, 2019  10:00 am – 11:30 am  Dining Room, O’Hara Student Center  [Register](https://pitt.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bK3OSkbeRJzDkJ7) |
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| Supporting Veteran Students Training | Aryanna Berringer | In order for advisors, faculty, and staff to better serve veteran students, they all need to be aware of the potential challenges a service member, student veteran and their families might face when attending college. This training will provide faculty and staff with an understanding of the military experience of military-connected students and families as they transition from the military to campus life. This training opportunity will also bring awareness of community resources available to military-connected students and families on and off our campus. | All Faculty and Staff | Thursday, November 14, 2019  11:00 am – 12:00 pm  Room 527, WPU  [Register](https://pitt.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3JmBBpMJ6kP6mNv) |
| Translatable Skills in Hiring | Staff Diversity Committee | Information coming soon. | All Faculty and Staff | Tuesday, December 3, 2019  10:00 am – 11:00 am  Room 548, WPU |
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| PivotTable Training | Chris March  Amer Kahwash | Are you looking to improve your Microsoft Excel skills? PivotTables are a powerful Excel features that allow you to summarize and gain new insight from your data. This workshop will cover how to build PivotTables from your data, improve the look and function of your pivot table with filtering and formatting, and how to visualize your results with interactive charts. | All Faculty and Staff | Tuesday, December 17, 2019  3:30 pm – 4:30 pm  Stats Lab, 1201 Posvar  [Register](https://pitt.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_doOMZFRSTzjVUtD) |
| Hot Topics Sessions for Graduate Administrators | Graduate Studies Staff | Monthly Meeting**:  Milestones, Admission to Candidacy, Remote Participation, Leaves and Statutes** | Graduate Administrators | Tuesday, January 14, 2020  10:00am – 11:00am  5601 Sennott Square  No registration required. |
| Love Your Neighbor As Yourself: From the Heart of Mr. Rogers’ Neighborhood | Rev. Liddy Barlow and Rabbi Ron Symons | Join Rev. Liddy Barlow (Executive Minister of Christian Associates of Southwest PA) and Rabbi Ron Symons (Founding Director of the JCC’s Center for Loving Kindness) in an interfaith exploration of the meaning of ‘neighbor’ from across the ages, faiths, and neighbors we all encounter. | All Faculty and Staff | Wednesday, January 15, 2020  2:00 pm – 3:30 pm  William Pitt Union, Dining Room A  No registration required. |
| Advancing Your Staff Employee’s Careers in the Dietrich School (for supervisors) | Maureen Lazar and Michele Montag | How can you help support and develop your employees? How can you be an advocate for your employee’s next position? Did you know one of the best compliments a supervisor can receive is when an employee is promoted to a high-level role that aligns with their career objectives? This workshop encourages supervisors to help build a culture where promotion and advancement are a regular discussion. A discussion tool will be provided to help kickstart the conversation. | Supervisors | Tuesday, January 21, 2020  12:00 pm – 1:00 pm  910 CL  [Register](https://nam05.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fpitt.co1.qualtrics.com%2Fjfe%2Fform%2FSV_8oVsftBWkGokSKV&data=02%7C01%7Cjrf89%40pitt.edu%7Ccea60c011a3440f8b57408d715e5c017%7C9ef9f489e0a04eeb87cc3a526112fd0d%7C1%7C0%7C637001948818348597&sdata=MS1Fey7VKd8eSTSH9zEBvDgcbUexvnOptcqlznLEsjA%3D&reserved=0) |
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| Adobe Acrobat Pro Training | Rebecca Roadman | In this fast-paced lab workshop, you will explore Adobe Acrobat Pro functionality.  Learn how to: Create and convert PDFs, edit text and formatting, delete, reorder, and extract pages, create fillable forms with digital signatures, annotate documents, and redact sensitive information. | All Faculty and Staff | Thursday, March 19, 2020  10:30 am – 11:30 am  302 Bellefield  [Register](https://nam05.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fpitt.co1.qualtrics.com%2Fjfe%2Fform%2FSV_06s6CPX6QpPeyzP&data=02%7C01%7Cjrf89%40pitt.edu%7C2c8d5491a59844bacee908d711e36940%7C9ef9f489e0a04eeb87cc3a526112fd0d%7C1%7C0%7C636997540726729423&sdata=hv50l3oJn8MZIbZIeZHEKaxYTm8SM23pzYDdEcGuJeo%3D&reserved=0) |
| Promotion and Tenure Q&A Session for Chairs Assistants | Jennifer Bates | Question and Answer session. Will discuss general guidelines, timeline, and promotion and tenure process. | Chairs Assistants | Friday, May 1, 2020  11:00am – 12:00pm  910 CL  [Register](https://pitt.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_38hFmg9ABMW6kAt) |
| Project Management Basics in Higher Education | Rebecca Roadman | Many of us participate in project-based work, but formal project management is not prevalent in higher education. Unlike operations, projects are temporary endeavors undertaken to create unique products or services. In this workshop, we will discuss fundamentals in the field of project management that can be used and adapted to projects that you coordinate every day. The workshop is intended for individuals who do some project work, or who are interested in learning about project-based work.  In a fast-paced two-day format, we will address selected foundations of project management, including: Project Management (PM) Process Groups, PM Knowledge Areas, project manager roles, project scope, triple constraints in projects, project charters, Work Breakdown Structures, Activities Lists, scheduling, critical path, communication, roles & responsibilities, stakeholders, risk, and project closing. Participants must come to the session with at least one project example to develop. Participants will receive resources that can be used and adapted to their project work. | All Faculty and Staff | Tuesday, May 5, 2020  9:00am-12:00pm &  Tuesday, May 12, 2020  9:00am-12:00pm  910 CL  [Register by April 24](https://pitt.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3waVZyFtpnByrKB). |