



VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

2025 New Faculty Orientation
Thursday, August 14, 2025
Carmichael Conference Center

Chancellor & Provost Welcome

9:00–9:45 a.m. | Opening Remarks

Introductions: Duane Watson | vice provost for faculty affairs, professor of psychology and human development, and Frank W. Mayborn Chair in Cognitive Science

Speakers:

- [Daniel Diermeier](#) | chancellor and University Distinguished Professor of Management and of Political Science
- [C. Cybele Raver](#) | provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs and Cornelius Vanderbilt Chair in Psychology and Human Development

Morning Panel Sessions

9:50–10:50 a.m. | Advancing Knowledge and Expression in Times of Uncertainty

Moderator: Provost C. Cybele Raver

Panelists:

- [Laurie Cutting](#), Patricia and Rodes Hart Professor of Neuroscience
- [John McLean](#), senior associate dean for research and graduate education and Stevenson Professor of Chemistry
- [Jonathan Sprinkle](#), chair and professor of computer science
- [Consuelo Wilkins](#), senior vice president and senior associate dean, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, and professor of medicine

11:00 a.m.–noon | Dialogue Vanderbilt

Moderator: [Jaco Hamman](#), professor of religion, psychology & culture

Panelists:

- [Sarah Igo](#), Andrew Jackson Chair in American History and faculty director of Dialogue Vanderbilt
- [Christopher Loss](#), associate professor of public policy and higher education
- [Dana Nelson](#), Nancy Perot Chair and Professor of English
- [Sarah Raskoff](#), assistant professor of philosophy

Afternoon Session

12:45–1:15 p.m. | Embracing a Culture of Radical Curiosity

A conversation between Provost C. Cybele Raver and Matthew Johnson-Roberson, dean of the College of Connected Computing and University Distinguished Professor of Computer Science

1:20 p.m. | Cohort Photo

1:30–2:00 p.m. | Individual Professional Headshots

2:30–5:00 p.m. | Teaching at Vanderbilt (TAV)

Facilitator: [AdvancED](#)

Located: [Buttrick Hall](#)

- **If you plan to attend, TAV will be held directly following New Faculty Orientation.** TAV is an interactive teaching orientation for new faculty. In this session, you'll explore evidence-based teaching practices, learn about resources that support your teaching success, and begin building your Vanderbilt network. A reception will follow.

Agenda Overview

8–9 a.m. | Registration & Breakfast

Breakfast will be in the Carmichael Lobby

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12–12:45 p.m. | Lunch

Connect with other new faculty

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