

# NEW FACULTY ORIENTATION

## Research and Creative Activities Networking Lunch

**Many thanks to the participating Centers, Offices, and Institutes for co-sponsoring lunch today!**

Feel free to move between tables and chat with the participating representatives, network with your colleagues, or email them to learn more.

**[A&HF: Arts and Humanities Forum](#)** advances arts and humanities scholarship at OU and shares that knowledge with communities beyond the university through grants, symposia, lecture series, workshops, and digital media platforms by supporting and promoting innovative, interdisciplinary, and transformative humanistic research and creative activity.

**[ARRC: Advanced Radar Research Center](#)**: The ARRC's mission is to create a confluence of science and engineering in radar and applied electromagnetics that empowers research, enhances collaboration, inspires discovery, and improves lives.

**[Carceral Studies Consortium](#)** brings scholars from across the University of Oklahoma and beyond to cultivate and support rigorous research, pedagogy, and community engagement toward social transformation by addressing the contemporary problem of states and societies organized by punishment and incarceration.

**[CQRT: Center for Quantum Research & Technology](#)** is committed to making significant advances in the field of quantum science and technology and to establish partnerships with industry in the areas of quantum sensing, quantum information, synthetic correlated quantum systems and quantum materials.

**Cross-Campus Health Research Collaborations**: With a new enterprise-wide Vice President for Research and Partnerships, there will be opportunities to exploit existing strengths in research across OU's three campuses and launch new initiatives such as harnessing the transformative power of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning (AI/ML), data science, engineering, the social sciences and the humanities, chemistry, and the life, medical, and clinical sciences to create a healthier future for all.

**[DISC: Data Institute for Societal Challenges](#)** creates innovative advances in data science, artificial intelligence, machine learning, and real-world applications by developing and growing convergent research teams focused on solutions for local to global challenges implementing foundational data science and data-enabled research.

**[ICAST: Institute for Society and Community Transformation](#)** aims to transform societies through convergent, community-engaged activities that advance access and opportunity, understand and address social and ethical challenges associated with technological advances, and partner with Native Nations to strengthen cultural continuance and sovereignty.

**[The Indigenous Circle Faculty and Staff Resource Group](#)** at the University of Oklahoma is a supportive community dedicated to promoting the interests, culture, and professional development of

Indigenous faculty and staff members. The group aims to foster a sense of belonging and advocate for Indigenous perspectives within the university. We are an inclusive community open to all faculty and staff, dedicated to understanding and supporting Indigenous culture and perspectives within the university.

**[IPPRA: Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis](#)** integrates public policy scholarship with the physical and engineering sciences to increase human well-being, improve our social choice infrastructure, and enhance resilience by addressing complex public policy problems and creating opportunities that span natural, technological, and social systems.

**[OADII: Oklahoma Aerospace & Defense Innovation Institute](#)** brings together OU's diverse capabilities and resources to provide holistic solutions to address the aerospace, defense, and global security challenges of today and advance security, liberty, and prosperity for our state, nation, and world.

**[ORS: Office of Research Services](#)** under the Vice President for Research and Partnerships (VPRP) strives to function as a highly trained, customer service-oriented organization whose primary purpose is to support externally funded research and sponsored activities within the university community.

**[OU Libraries Faculty Services](#)**: [Liaison librarians](#) with disciplinary expertise provide research services to support faculty teaching, learning, scholarship, and creative endeavors, including the [Digital Scholarship and Data Services](#), [Special Research Collections](#), and [Open Access and Open Educational Resources](#).

**[SCCASC: South Central Climate Adaptation Science Center](#)** provides decision maker in LA, NM, OK, and TX with the science, tools, and information they need to address the impacts of climate variability and change on their areas of responsibility. CASC scientists' partner with OU faculty to address research needs of federal, tribal, state, municipal, and non-profit partners.

**[Tribal Relations at OU](#)**: The University of Oklahoma is committed to strengthening relationships with tribal nations through respectful and sustained engagement. Tribal relations are coordinated at the university level to support this mission across all campuses and units.

The Associate Vice President for Tribal Relations leads the university's overall strategy for tribal engagement. While the role is primarily external-facing with tribal governments, the AVP-Tribal Relations also works to align internal efforts and provide direction on best practices for ethical and effective engagement with tribes. The Native Nations Center for Tribal Policy Research (NNC) is a research-focused institute that conducts nonpartisan policy analysis for the benefit of tribal governments. While not serving as a faculty-facing resource, its work may inform university understanding of tribal priorities and challenges. The AVP-Tribal Relations and the NNC together make up the Office of Tribal Relations housed in the Office of the President.

**[UReCA: The Office of Undergraduate Research and Activity](#)** at the University of Oklahoma was created in 2022 to help support undergraduate students who are involved, or wish to become involved, in any kind of research or creative activity. UReCA exists to serve undergraduate students, providing the entire undergraduate community at OU with open access to grow in knowledge, understanding, and collaboration. UReCA provides financial support, mentorship, and presentation opportunities to undergraduate students of all disciplines who wish to engage in research and/or creative activity.

## Other Resources

**[Archeological Survey](#)** conducts research of Oklahoma's archeological record and works to preserve significant archeological sites to gain knowledge about our state's cultural heritage.

**Biological Survey** is both a research unit of the University of Oklahoma and a state office. The mission of the survey is to scientifically investigate the diversity of plants and animals in Oklahoma and associated regions and to contribute to conservation and education concerning these important resources.

**Fred Jones Museum of Art:** is one of the finest university art museums in the United States. Strengths of the more than 20,000 object permanent collection (including the approx. 3,300-object Eugene B. Adkins Collection and the more than 4,500-object James T. Bialac Native American Art Collection) are the Weitzenhoffer Collection of French Impressionism, 20th century American painting and sculpture, traditional and contemporary Native American art, art of the Southwest, ceramics, photography, contemporary art, Asian art and graphics from the 16th century to the present.

**IREES: Institute for Resilient Environmental and Energy Systems** works to support the development of inclusive, equitable, and sustainable solutions to critical challenges at the intersection of society, the environment, and energy systems through convergent research, interdisciplinary education, and transformative partnerships.

**Oklahoma Geological Survey** is charged with investigating the state's land, water, mineral, and energy resources, and disseminating the results of those investigations to promote the wise use of Oklahoma's natural resources consistent with sound environmental practices.

**Sam Noble Museum** inspires minds to understand the world through collection-based research, interpretation and education. Curators and staff of the museum conduct scientific investigations to preserve and develop a greater understanding and appreciation of natural resources and human cultural heritage. They develop exhibitions and conduct educational programs for all ages that illustrate, interpret and explain the natural history of the state and region to bring a greater understanding of our world to the people of Oklahoma and others.