

# 2008 TA Orientation

Sponsored by the College of Arts and Letters and the Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning

**Thursday, August 21st, 2008—McKenna Hall**

12:00-1:00pm Luncheon, Dining Room, Lower Level

1:00-4:00pm Workshops—McKenna Auditorium

**\*Recommended for all TAs**

**Workshop 1: Understanding the Notre Dame Undergraduate in the Context of the Classroom at Notre Dame** presented by **Alex Hahn**, Professor of Mathematics and Director of the Kaneb Center. Professor Hahn's areas of research include the theories of Forms, Groups, and Algebras, as well as aspects of the History of Mathematics. He has a deep interest in the teaching of Mathematics, both in reference to the "what" and the "how". One manifestation of this interest is his book *Basic Calculus: From Archimedes to Newton to its Role in Science*.

**Workshop 2: How to Approach the First Day of Class and to Set the Tone for the Semester** presented by **James McKenna**, Professor and Chair in Anthropology. Professor McKenna's areas of interest include the evolution of human behavior, evolutionary medicine, human parenting and infancy with special emphasis on infant sleep, breast feeding, mother infant co-sleeping, and risk factors for sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS).

**Friday, August 22nd, 2008—McKenna Hall**

12:00-1:00pm Luncheon, Dining Room, Lower Level

1:00-4:00pm Workshops—McKenna Auditorium

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**Workshop 3: How to Lead Effective Discussions** presented by **Jo Ann DellaNeva**, Associate Professor in Romance Languages and Literatures. Professor DellaNeva is a specialist in Renaissance Literature, with a particular interest in Renaissance love poetry, Franco-Italian literary relations in the Renaissance, women writers of the Renaissance, the theory and practice of literary imitation, and the phenomenon of European Petrarchism.

**Workshop 4: Grading Student Work** presented by **Thomas Hall**, Associate Professor in English. Professor Hall works on the religious literature of Anglo-Saxon and early Anglo-Norman England. His current research includes an edition of the Latin sermons of Archbishop Wulfstan of York (d. 1023) and studies of the manuscripts of Paul the Deacon's Homiliary.

**\*Please RSVP to [kaneb@nd.edu](mailto:kaneb@nd.edu) by Thursday, August 14th, 2008**