

January 2024 Newsletter Faculty Affairs Department

“Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year.”
— Ralph Waldo Emerson



Faculty Calendar Highlights

**JAN
15** Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday (University Closed)

**JAN
16** Full Time Faculty Meeting -WLA Graduate Campus
10:00 AM-12:00 PM

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REMINDERS!

- **January 8, 2024** - [Spring 2024](#) Full-Term and Session A Classes Begin
- **January 19, 2024** - 3rd Year Peer Reviews Due
- **January 19, 2024** - Interfolio Drop in Session (1-4PM via [Zoom](#))
- **January 29, 2024** - 5 Year Review Applications Due

2024 Future of Healthcare Symposium Elevating

Healthcare: Exploring Solutions for the Future



Thursday, February 29, 2024
9 AM-2 PM
Pepperdine University
Malibu, California

Healthcare today continues to be faced with numerous challenges that are complex and difficult to navigate. Whether from a political regulatory perspective, healthcare coverage needs, to the business of healthcare, join us at the [2024 Future of Healthcare Symposium](#), where we will explore emergent and potential solutions and innovations for the future of healthcare.

As a thank you for your interest in Pepperdine Graziadio, we are pleased to offer you complimentary registration with promo code **GOWAVES** when you select any appropriate ticket type at checkout.

[Register Now](#)

Don't Delay - Enter Your Data Into Interfolio (Faculty 180) Today!

In preparation for faculty annual reviews, follow these easy steps to ensure your data is entered into Interfolio by the **January 26, 2024** deadline.

Need a refresher on Interfolio? Check out our helpful [Interfolio guide](#).

Exciting News from the Faculty Affairs Team

We are thrilled to announce the latest updates to our [Faculty Affairs website](#)! Our team has been working hard to make our site even more user-friendly and informative for our faculty members. Our revitalized landing page is crafted to guide faculty with seamless ease.

One of the new features we are most excited about is the addition of our vision, mission, and core values. We believe they reflect the essence of our department's purpose and approach to our work, while embracing Pepperdine's values.

In addition, we have updated our [Student Support Resource](#) section to detail contacts and resources for a variety of student interventions including academic support assistance for students.

Syllabi Templates Updates

Updated syllabi templates for [Onground Programs](#) and [Online Programs](#) have been posted on the [syllabi section of the FA site](#) to help streamline the course planning process. These templates were designed to provide a clear and concise outline of course expectations, objectives, and assignments for both students and instructors.

The updated templates include additional language regarding the attendance policy,

accommodations for disability needs, student support and emergency services, COVID-19, and recommended internet and computer processing speeds. This update will ensure that all syllabi are in compliance with University standards.

Faculty Contract Spreadsheets- Spring Term Ready for Review

We have updated all faculty contract spreadsheets to reflect the teaching loads for the Spring 2024 term. This is the main document used to track the courses taught for the academic year. This file is available to all full-time faculty using the “Shared with Me” folder on Google Drive (ex: **First Name Last Name | Contract Spreadsheet AY 2023-2024**). Please review your individualized spreadsheet for accuracy and contact Janna Martinez and your respective department chair with questions.

Will you be exceeding your contractual units this term, or do you plan to use your banked units to fulfill your annual contract? If you are interested in receiving an overload stipend or wish to use or bank units for next year for these additional teaching units, please use this [Google Form](#).

Athens Institute for Education & Research ([ATINER](#))

The organization of the 21st Annual International Conference on SMEs, Entrepreneurship and Innovation: Management-Marketing-Economic-Social Aspects (www.atiner.gr/sme), scheduled for 29-31 July & 1 August 2024, Athens, Greece. You are more than welcome to submit a proposal for presentation. If you require additional information, please contact Dr. Demos Vardiabasis (demos.vardiabasis@pepperdine.edu)

Faculty Highlight

A Message from Abraham Park



Dear colleagues,

Well, it is finally coming to pass – the day when I can bid adieu to the riveting world of overseeing the invisible tapestry of a business school. No more fretting over the mundane yet crucial details that keep the gears turning. The life of a faculty turned administrator is a peculiar one, and mine has taken me on a journey filled with unexpected twists and turns. Life, as it turns out, has a sense of humor, presenting us with challenges that, in the grand scheme of things, turn out to be rather sweet. Navigating the highs and lows of managing the life cycle of faculty and steering through the complex, messy landscape of academia management has been nothing short of colorful, memorable, sometimes painful and comical, but also beautiful. Through it all, I've found joy in the shared experiences with people that God has brought into my life at PGBS. I cannot help but feel grateful for the ordinary yet extraordinary moments that defined our time side by side. A special shout-out to Kristin Bailey and the Academic Affairs team, the extraordinary team of Department Chairs, and the Leadership Team. I will miss our close collaborations, banter and camaraderie. And speaking of adventures, I'm delighted to announce my return to the hallowed and dark halls of the Drescher lower level classrooms, where I can once again revel in the joy of caring about students and programs and propelling PGBS forward.

As we march into the New Year, I leave you with the blessing and joy of our Lord. I hope your holidays were delightful, filled with the warmth of family and friendship, the melody of laughter, and the richness of experiences that make life truly extraordinary.

Until our paths intersect once more,

Abraham

Cheers for Peers

We invite you to submit a "[Cheers for Peers](#)" to acknowledge a colleague that has gone above and beyond the call of duty. In the spirit of "giving each other flowers" continuously, we hope that you consider expressing your gratitude with "cheers"!

We look forward to highlighting these submissions!

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