

For Faculty and Staff

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Suin Roberts, Amal Khalifa, Rebecca Essig, and Michael Kirchner have been selected as teaching development fellows.

CELT Announces Its Newest Faculty Fellows

The Center for the Enhancement of Learning and Teaching at Purdue University Fort Wayne has named its next round of **teaching development fellows** to work with the unit's staff on developing new programs and collaborating with others.

"We have a great degree of respect for the expertise the faculty bring when they work with us," said Adam Dircksen, CELT's executive director. "It gives us an opportunity to learn from new perspectives and new experiences."

The four faculty members selected have all previously utilized CELT's services or collaborated extensively with its team to help in other programs.

- Suin Roberts, associate professor of German, will work with Rachel Roberts, assistant director of faculty teaching development, to support the peer review program and deliver a teaching certificate aimed at meeting teaching needs specific to international faculty.
- Michael Kirchner, chair of the Department of Organizational Leadership, will team with Kevin Stoller, instructional consultant and designer. They will focus on teaching PFW 101 and building additional programming to the support scholarship of teaching and Learning across campus.
- Rebecca Essig, associate professor of first-year engineering, will work with Ramsey and Stoller to lead CELT's Formative Peer Review fellows.
- Amal Khalifa, assistant professor of computer science, will collaborate with Katie Jia, associate director of educational technologies, to support rapidly changing curriculum needs necessitated by the rise of artificial intelligence in education.

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On-campus Retirement Presentation for PERF Participants Set for Oct. 3

Jennifer Lowery from Indiana Public Retirement System will be on campus Oct. 3 at 11 a.m. in the IDEASpace at Helmke Library to share updates and answer questions. Those participating in the Public Employees' Retirement Fund will have the opportunity to learn more about the program and income options.

Can't attend that day? Catch Lowery on Sept. 26 via Zoom as she presents during the biannual Road to Retirement program. Register for the session **here**.

All benefits-eligible employees are invited to attend Road to Retirement sessions. See the offerings, including live, on-demand, and independent-study materials on the Purdue Human Resources website.

Eventful

SEPTEMBER

American Red Cross Blood Drive

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Thurs, 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

In celebration of the 75th anniversary of PEANUTS®, those who come to give blood, Aug. 29–Sept. 21, 2025, will receive an exclusive Red Cross x PEANUTS mystery bag with one of four special T-shirt designs...

SEPTEMBER

PFW Service Day

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Thurs., 1–4 p.m.

Help make an impact on our campus community through a variety of service projects. RSVP is not required, but is encouraged...

In a Snap

Seen and noted around campus. Monitor our university social feeds for more great moments of Mastodon life.



Friday was the official inauguration of the executive branch of the Student Government

Association. Shown here with Chancellor Ron Elsenbaumer are Amber Smith, vice president of finance, Michael Boyd, vice president of legislation, and Willow Cribb, student body president.

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