



The CFD Monthly

Workshops, Events, Resources, and More

July 2025

Get Ready for Fall with the PPE Series!

Kick off your fall semester with confidence by joining us this August for the Plan, Prepare, and Engage (PPE) Series —our summer professional development series designed to energize and equip you for the academic year ahead.

- August 5 – 8
- 13 dynamic sessions
- Topics include teaching strategies, research support, and essential resources for faculty, staff, and students.

Whether you're looking to refresh your teaching toolkit, explore new research opportunities, or connect with campus resources, the PPE Series has something for everyone.

- Watch the video below to learn more, or visit our [website](#) for the full schedule and session details.

Let's make this your most successful year yet!

[Register Here!](#)



Upcoming Events and Announcements



Leadership Refreshers Series

July 22- 22, 2025

Are you looking to keep up-to-date on campus policies, resources, and forthcoming changes? Join us on July 22- 23, 2025 for sessions to help you prepare for the upcoming year and stay on top of campus policy changes and prepare for upcoming work on the faculty handbook and the SACSCOC accreditation visit. All are welcome and you can attend one, two, or all of the sessions relevant to your work at Southern Miss.

Register to Attend

[Find the Schedule Here](#)

THE EDUCATORS' RETREAT

A RETREAT FOR EDUCATORS INSIDE & OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

SAVE THE DATE!

AUG | 13TH | 2025

Save the Date for the Educators' Retreat August 13th

Fall First Week will be here soon! The line-up of professional development sessions in our Educators' Retreat is set. Check out the schedule and programs at our website.

Full Schedule Here!

University Libraries Conducting Trial of Scopus Abstract and Citation Database

University Libraries is currently conducting a trial of Elsevier's Scopus abstract and citation database as a potential alternative to our existing subscription to Web of Science (WoS) from Clarivate. We welcome your feedback on both resources to help us provide the most valuable tools to support the unique needs of our University.

A trial of Scopus will be available **through July 31**. During this trial period, we invite you to review Scopus for data accuracy, adequate coverage of your discipline, user experience and overall satisfaction. Furthermore, your insights on how Scopus's features compare to those you use in WoS would be especially valuable.

Please take a moment to review [Scopus](#) and [Web of Science](#) and then complete the [survey](#).



Click [here](#) to read more about these two databases and the Libraries' trial.



Welcoming Dr. Kendrick Buford as Our New Academic Integrity Director

We are excited to announce the appointment of Dr. Kendrick Buford as the new Academic Integrity Director at USM. Dr. Buford brings a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to fostering a culture of honesty, responsibility, and ethical scholarship.

Dr. Buford joined USM faculty in 2019, as an Assistant Teaching Professor in the Center for STEM Education after finishing his doctoral degree in Science Education from USM. He is passionate about teaching and learning, earning the designation as a ACUE Distinguished Teaching Scholar in 2021, and his advanced Certificate in Effective College Instruction this spring. In the Center for STEM Education, he directs the master's program and teaches courses in biology education and lab sciences.

In his new role, Dr. Buford will lead efforts to promote awareness, provide guidance, and uphold the standards that define our commitment to academic rigor. His collaborative approach and passion for education make him an outstanding addition to our Academic Integrity Office.

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Buford to this important position. We look forward to the positive impact he will make in advancing our shared commitment to integrity and excellence. To meet Dr. Buford and hear more about the Academic Integrity policy and procedures at USM, please join us for his session, *Building Bridges: Cultivating Academic Integrity Through Community and Support*, during the [Educators' Retreat](#) on August 13th, 10 -10:50 am in LAB 109.

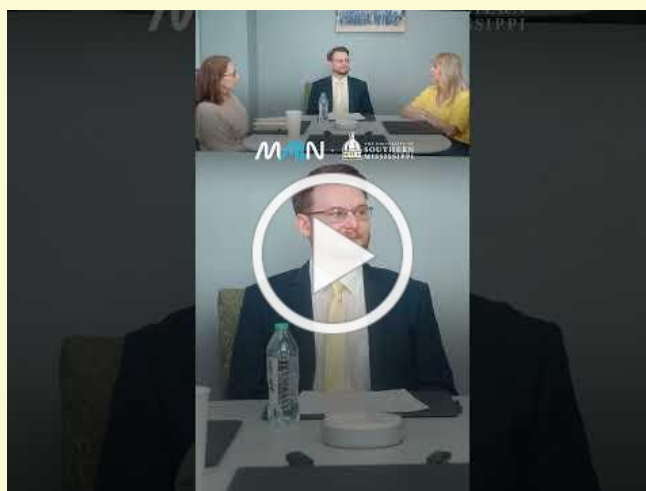
If you have other questions about academic integrity, please visit the [website](#) or email integrity@usm.edu.



In Case You Missed It:

Check out our new AI video series spotlighting the powerful partnership between USM and MAIN. This series dives into their collaborative work in AI innovation, and this is just the beginning! New episodes drop every **Tuesday**, so stay tuned for more conversations on how USM and MAIN are helping shape the future of AI.

Watch now and join the conversation!



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