



**FACULTY COLLEGE 2026**  
**Co-Creating Healthy Learning Ecosystems**  
*May 26-29, The Osthoff Resort at Elkhart Lake*

**SCHEDULE** *(subject to change)*

**Tuesday, May 26, 2026**

3 pm to 5 pm	<b>2026-27 Wisconsin Teaching Fellows &amp; Scholars</b> – Palm Room D Co-Directors <i>Sarah Riforgiate</i> UW-Milwaukee & <i>Georjeanna Wilson-Doenges</i> UW-Green Bay. <i>Meeting for WTFS only.</i>
4 pm to 6 pm	<b>The Osthoff Resort check-in</b> – Osthoff Lobby <b>Faculty College registration</b> – Palm Ballroom – <i>Laura Richards</i>
6 pm to 7:30 pm	<b>Welcome Supper</b> – Palm Ballroom Welcome – <i>Fay Akindes</i> , OPID Director, UWSA Getting Started – <i>Valerie Barske</i> UW-Stevens Point & <i>Heather Pelzel</i> UW-Whitewater
After-dinner socializing	The Elk Room (optional)

**Wednesday, May 27, 2026 – Wear your university colors for our photo shoot at noon**

8 am to 8:45 am	Breakfast – Palm Ballroom
8:45	Mindful Moment – <i>Valerie Barske</i> UW-Stevens Point
8:50	Welcome – <i>Wayne Weber</i> Associate VP, Academic Affairs, UWSA
9 to 10:30	<b>Workshop: Understanding moral injury and imagination</b> <i>Bryan Dewsbury</i> Florida International University <i>Mays Imad</i> Connecticut College
9:00 - 9:45	On Burnout and Overwhelm – <i>Mays Imad</i>
9:45 - 10:30	What then shall I teach? - Education and Its Possibilities – <i>Bryan Dewsbury</i>
10:30 to 10:45	Coffee/tea break
10:45 to Noon	<b>Workshop</b> (continued) Imagining New Possibilities – <i>Mays Imad</i>  Announcements, Continuity Reminders – <i>Heather Pelzel</i>
Noon to 1	Group Photos – Wear your university colors! <i>Robbie Kosmeder</i> UWSA photographer Followed by Lunch

1 to 4	<b>Restorative Retreat</b> – reflective writing, reading, walking, etc. (See handout for additional suggestions)
3 to 4	<i>Discussion leaders meet with Bryan and Mays – Villa Gottfried Parlor</i>
4:15 to 5:45	<b>Discussion</b> – WTFS, University Teams
6 to 7	Supper – Palm Ballroom
	Announcements, Continuity Reminders – <i>Valerie Barske</i>
8:30 to 10:30	Firepit near Elkhart Lake (optional) Games & puzzles – The Elk Room (optional)

**Thursday, May 28, 2026**

8 am to 8:50 am	Breakfast – Ballroom Please sit somewhere new or with new people today if possible
8:50 to 9	Mindful Moment – <i>Valerie Barske &amp; Heather Pelzel</i>
9 to 10:30	<b>Workshop: Education’s Civic Possibilities</b>
9:00 - 9:45	Democracy, Behaviors and the College Classroom – <i>Bryan Dewsbury</i>
9:45 - 10:30	Case Study - Teaching Moral Consequences – <i>Mays Imad</i>
10:30 - 10:45	Coffee/tea break
10:45 - Noon	<b>Workshop</b> (continued) Re-arresting the Narrative - A Poster Session – <i>Bryan Dewsbury</i>
	Announcements, Continuity Reminders – <i>Heather Pelzel</i>
Noon to 1	Lunch
1 to 4	<b>Restorative Retreat</b> – reflective writing, reading, walking, etc. (See handout for additional suggestions)
3 to 4	<i>Discussion leaders meet with Bryan &amp; Mays – Villa Gottfried Parlor</i>
4:15 to 5:45	<b>Discussion Groups</b> – WTFS, University Teams
6 to 7	<b>Supper</b> – Palm Ballroom
	Announcements, Continuity Reminders – <i>Valerie Barske</i>
8:30 to 10:30	Firepit near Elkhart Lake (optional) Games & puzzles – The Elk Room (optional)

**Friday, May 29, 2026**

7	<b>Polar Plunge</b> – Osthoff Beach on Elkhart Lake (optional)
8 to 8:45	Swag drop-off (optional) – <i>Diane Waters</i> , Villa Gottfried Parlor <b>Breakfast</b> – Palm Ballroom
8:50 to 9	Mindful Moment – <i>Valerie Barske</i>
9 to 9:30	<b>Closing Thoughts</b> – <i>Bryan Dewsbury &amp; Mays Imad</i>
9:30 to 11:15	<b>Guided Reflection &amp; Goal-Setting</b> Co-facilitated by <i>Valerie Barske &amp; Heather Pelzel</i>
11:15	<b>Closing Comments</b> – <i>Fay Akindes</i> OPID/UWSA
11:25	Mindful Moment – <i>Heather Pelzel</i> UW-Whitewater
11:30 am	<b>Farewell / Swag Swap</b> – <i>Diane Waters</i> , Villa Gottfried Parlor

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