



TO: University of Vermont Faculty

FROM: Jim Vigoreaux, Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs  
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SUBJ: Campus-Wide Faculty Event

We write to invite you to a faculty event to take place on **August 23, 2021**, from 8:30 AM to 10:45 AM, with optional breakfast beginning at 7:45 AM. The event, held in conjunction with the New Faculty Orientation, launches the fifth annual *UVM Faculty Development Series* and provides an opportunity for returning faculty to welcome new colleagues. The [Faculty Development Series](#) is a year-long program designed to assist faculty in acquiring the knowledge and skills to succeed as 21<sup>st</sup> century educators and maintain excellence in research and scholarly activities.

The theme for AY21-22 series is *Equity, Social Justice and the Sustainability Imperative*. We anticipate lectures, discussions, book groups, panel presentations and workshops throughout the year to further develop the conference theme. Plans are underway for a fall research symposium on Equity, Justice, and Environment, designed to spark and support collaborative research and action at UVM and beyond. Please stay tuned for these events.

We are pleased that Lesley-Ann Dupigny-Giroux, PhD, Professor of Climatology in the Department of Geography and VT State Climatologist for the past 25 years, will be the keynote speaker for the faculty event. The title for the keynote address is *Addressing Climate Change: Through the Lenses of Vulnerability and Inclusion*. Professor Dupigny-Giroux is an internationally recognized expert in the fields of climate variability and change, as well as climate science communication. In her research, Dr. Dupigny-Giroux uses a variety of mixed methods from remotely sensed data to statistics and historical content analysis, to explore the influence of atmospheric processes on fluvial processes and vegetated landscapes. Her expertise spans a number of climate hazards and severe weather, with a special focus on flooding and droughts. She is the lead editor of [Historical climate variability and impacts in North America](#), the first monograph to deal with the use of documentary and other ancillary records for analyzing climate variability and change. Dr. Dupigny-Giroux is a Fellow of the American Meteorological Society, the Gund Institute for Environment, the African Scientific Institute, and the Vermont Academy for Science and Engineering.

Later in the Fall semester you will be invited to participate in a discussion of the book [Communicating Climate Change: A Guide for Educators](#), by Anne K. Armstrong, Marianne E. Krasny, and Jonathon P. Schuldt. The Office of the Provost will be providing a limited number of hard copies of the book on a first-come first-serve basis to registrants for the group discussions. A free PDF version of the book can be downloaded [here](#).

The event will be held both in-person in the Grand Maple Ballroom on the fourth floor of the Davis Center, and via Livestream. A preliminary agenda of the day's event is posted [here](#). We kindly request registration by **August 12, 2021** for the Campus Wide Faculty Event by clicking [here](#).

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