Dear Faculty Member:

Congratulations on your new position within the UVM community. We invite you to join us and other new UVM faculty on an introductory tour of Vermont’s working landscape and communities. This is your first invitation; we will follow up again as the date draws closer.

**Tour date: THURSDAY, August 17, 2017**  
Bus leaves at 8:00 a.m. from the Dudley Davis Center

Our day-long tour will allow you the opportunity for networking and stimulating discussion with new faculty as you visit some of Vermont’s sights and see firsthand the programming being conducted throughout the state by University faculty and staff. Highlights of the day will include a drive through the beautiful countryside of surrounding communities, a visit to a local maple syrup producer and to a dairy farm, discussions about small town economic development, and a visit to a local diversified farm. Conversation will revolve around how these efforts are supported by faculty and programs of the University of Vermont. We will also stop for lunch along the way and visit South Hero to end the day with homemade apple pie.

This quote from an attendee of the tour sums up the day:

“...I thought it was a great experience, and when I spoke with others in the library about it there was a bit of "why didn't we ever get to do this?" in the content and tone of their articulated thoughts. In one day, I became aware of things regarding UVM that other people, who had been here for years, had little or no knowledge. So yes, it was a wonderful orientation to UVM and the local landscape. It was a hands-on education regarding the reach of UVM’s presence in the community. It created a window into how UVM cooperated with local businesses or organizations in a concrete manner, while providing insight into how this effected people, how it helped them do things they enjoyed while making a living and, probably, making Vermont a better place to be.” --Tom - Dana Medical Library

**Please RSVP to Cindy Corkins at: cynthia.corkins@uvm.edu or by calling (802) 656-0874.**

This is a wonderful opportunity to engage with your fellow colleagues, see some of Vermont’s beauty, meet people, and learn about the valuable contributions of the faculty and staff of the University to Vermont’s working landscape.

To watch an overview of recent tours on Extension’s ‘Across the Fence’ show, click the links below.  
Our 2015 Tour highlights visit: [http://go.uvm.edu/5x6li](http://go.uvm.edu/5x6li) or our 2014 Tour: [http://go.uvm.edu/qr3qa](http://go.uvm.edu/qr3qa)

Sincerely,

Dean & Director