



The University of Vermont

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: Tuesday, August 13, 2019
Bus leaves at 7:50 a.m. from the UVM Dudley Davis Center

Our day-long tour offers the opportunity for networking and stimulating discussion with new faculty as you visit Vermont 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. Lunch is provided and we end the day with some homemade apple pie.

This quote from an attendee 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

For an overview of our most recent tour, watch Extension's 'Across the Fence' show: [2018 Tour Video](#)
See also the *UVM Today* article by Jeffrey Wakefield: [2018 Tour Article](#).

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. We hope you will join us!

Sincerely,

Charles R. Ross
Director