Dear Faculty Member:

Congratulations on your new position within the UVM community! UVM Extension, which provides research-based education, outreach, and technical assistance to the people of Vermont, would like to extend an invitation to join this year’s **New Faculty Bus Tour on Thursday, August 25**. Due to pandemic concerns, we have not been able to offer this tour for the last two years and we are very excited to get it running again.

**Tour date: Thursday, August 25**
**Bus leaves at 8:30 a.m. from the UVM Dudley H. 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, discussions about small town economic development, and visits to local diversified farms. Conversation will revolve around how these efforts are supported by faculty and programs of the University of Vermont. We will also stop for a complementary lunch after touring Philo Ridge Farm.

This quote from a prior 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 Marc Hartigan (Marc.Hartigan@uvm.edu) or by calling (802) 656-3831.**

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 a recent new faculty tour on Extension’s *Across the Fence* show, visit: [https://youtu.be/9tROnE761rc](https://youtu.be/9tROnE761rc).

Sincerely,

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Associate Dean and Director