FOREWORD

As a new Graduate Assistant, you will be contributing significantly to the mission of The University of Alabama. We recognize the valuable contributions you will make to the overall academic environment of the University. We have high expectations of our teachers and students, and I am confident you will live up to our high standards.

In appreciation of the vital role you play in the University, we are committed to helping you fulfill your duties in teaching and research. Thus, we are pleased to offer you the Graduate Assistant Guide. The Guide contains information needed for most areas of concern to Graduate Assistants.

As a Graduate Assistant, you have a major impact on the life of the University. I hope this publication helps you as you assume your new position with us.

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