

## **Spring 2021 Academic Advisor Forum Series**

Please make plans to attend Academic Advisor Forums this semester. All sessions count toward the three hours needed for annual renewal of the Master Advisor designation. All interested advisors are welcome, so please encourage colleagues to participate. All sessions are through Zoom. Registration strongly encouraged at [www.missouristate.edu/advising/42540.htm](http://www.missouristate.edu/advising/42540.htm).

### **Academic Advising and Transfer Center Town Hall Meeting**

Presenters: Academic Advising and Transfer Center staff

What's with the name change? You may have noticed some big changes to our office, including our new name, the Academic Advising and Transfer Center. This forum will introduce you to our staff, our new structure, the work we do, and our ongoing initiatives. While our commitment to supporting excellence in advising remains the same, we are excited to reintroduce ourselves to the campus community.

**Tuesday, February 2, 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.**

**ZOOM link,**

<https://missouristate.zoom.us/j/91004954419?pwd=cDBiYThKOUF2b2VLSjZNd3dxbm5xdz09>

**Registration is strongly encouraged**

### **A Snapshot of Bachelor of General Studies (BGS)**

Presenters: Dr. Brandon Aigner, Assistant Professor, Reading, Foundations and Technology

Amy Marie Aufdembrink, Assistant Director, Academic Advising and Transfer Center

Dr. Michelle Bowe, Senior Instructor, Biology

Caitie Dyer, Transfer Advisor, Academic Advising & Transfer Center

Dr. Carrisa Hoelscher, Assistant Professor, Communication

Dr. Cathy Van Landuyt, Senior Instructor, Information, Technology and Cybersecurity

Kimmy Walker, Academic Advisor, Academic Advising and Transfer Center

Join the Bachelor of General Studies (BGS) faculty committee and BGS advisors to celebrate five years of helping students succeed! In this forum, we will provide an overview of students served by the program in the past five years, provide student success stories, discuss when BGS is the right recommendation for students, and share details of the BGS admission process.

**Friday, February 19, 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.**

**ZOOM link,**

<https://missouristate.zoom.us/j/91773143221?pwd=K05zRTVFSVMvcVQ5ajQreDc4dlVSUT09>

**Registration is strongly encouraged**

### **Facilitating a Smooth Transfer Experience: A Conversation with our Community College Colleagues**

Facilitator: Caitie Dyer, Transfer Advisor, Academic Advising and Transfer Center

Panelists: Mysha Clincy, St. Louis Community College

Cindy Bridges, Missouri State University-West Plains

Kimberly Madden, Metropolitan Community College Kansas City-Longview campus

Jamie Stanley, Crowder College

Ginger Luke, Ozarks Technical Community College

Co-sponsored by the Transfer Advising Committee

Have you ever wondered what our colleagues at community colleges and feeder institutions experience when they work to help their students transition to MSU? Do you have questions about the transfer process from an external perspective, or how you can better connect with prospective transfer students before they apply to MSU? If so, attend this forum to have a candid discussion with a panel of colleagues

from St. Louis Community College, MSU-West Plains, Metropolitan Community College, Crowder College and Ozarks Technical Community College. The panelists will speak about how they work to prepare their students to transition, and the resources they find to be most and least helpful when referring students.

**Monday, March 1, 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.**

**ZOOM link,**

**<https://missouristate.zoom.us/j/93291182553?pwd=d09tcnnpnSU9FNGY0ZUpIV0F5M2xEZz09>**

**Registration is strongly encouraged**

### **Master Advisor Reception**

Coordinated by the Academic Advising and Transfer Center

Come celebrate the 2020 and 2021 Curtis P. Lawrence Excellence in Advising Award Winners. President Clif Smart and Provost Dr. Frank Einhellig will give opening remarks on academic advising and the Master Advisor Program at Missouri State University. This celebration is open to all advisors.

**Wednesday, March 24, 4:00-5:00 p.m.**

**ZOOM link,**

**<https://missouristate.zoom.us/j/98794590321?pwd=T2VSTCtDcC9tOEpsazJWZlWYvV05pZz09>**

**Registration is strongly encouraged**

### **Listening Like an Anthropologist: Why deep listening matters for trans\* allies**

Presenter: Matt Scott, Academic Advisor, Professional Education Advisement Center

In part one of this forum series, we will spend an hour focused on the unique experiences of our local trans\* community. This session is for faculty and staff who desire to increase their understanding of what it is like for a student who identifies as trans\* and the unique challenges faced in academic environments. If you have limited experience working with students who are trans\*, this session is specifically designed for you!

**Thursday, March 25, 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.**

**ZOOM link,**

**<https://missouristate.zoom.us/j/96628847568?pwd=QXJWRDdoVmFIMlpBcjdic2NqME1qdz09>**

**Registration is strongly encouraged**

### **Mission Diploma**

Coordinated by Amy Marie Aufdembrink, Assistant Director, Academic Advising and Transfer Center  
Join faculty, staff and administrators from across campus for the spring 2021 Mission Diploma event! The goal of Mission Diploma is to identify students who are very close to graduation to recruit back to MSU. For some students, with some adjustments/substitutions, they may be eligible to graduate now.

Mission Diploma focuses on students with 100 or more credit hours completed who have stopped attending MSU. The work we do at this event asks for creativity and thinking outside the box for ways to advance these students toward their graduation goals.

Many who have participated in this event in the past have found the work very rewarding! We have even identified many students who were able to graduate without additional courses!

**If you would like to be part of this important event, email [bgs@missouristate.edu](mailto:bgs@missouristate.edu).**

**Registration is required as lunch is provided.** Those who would like to use Mission Diploma toward two hours of master advisor credit should note this in their email so further instructions can be provided.

**Thursday, April 1, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**

**Plaster Student Union Ballroom**

## **Advising International Students from Latin America**

Presenters: Dr. Kelly Cabrera-Hurtado, Coordinator, International Leadership and Training Center  
Dr. Judith Martinez, Assistant Professor, Modern and Classical Languages

Juan Cabrera, Special Program Outreach Coordinator, English Language Institute

This forum will focus on two main aspects. First, on educational backgrounds in Latin American countries, mainly the three venues/experiences students might have prior to attending MSU. Then, potential cultural challenges and strategies to overcome those in order to better advise international students from Latin America and help our students success on our MSU campus and global community.

There will be time for Q & A's and discussion towards the end.

**Wednesday, April 28, 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.**

**ZOOM link,**

<https://missouristate.zoom.us/j/92099271164?pwd=M0lKYUZRMFJoS2Ywdk9MR2VyaDYydz09>

**Registration is strongly encouraged**

## **Improving retention and student success for first-generation students: The important role of academic advisors in a large scale grant.**

Lead Presenter: Dr. Kelly Wood, Associate Provost for Student Success

Missouri State has received a competitively selected Title III grant that is designed to improve retention and student success outcomes (career counseling, financial aid literacy, and completion) for first-generation college students at both Springfield and West Plains' campuses. The grant spans five years and so the opportunity for collaboration among units and campuses, especially advising, is important to meeting the goals. This session will briefly review the Title III grant, its goals, the students, and the activities that will be undertaken. Advisors will play a key role in supporting the students in the grant, so

I'll seek input from the audience about ways to engage advisors in a student case management process and how to coordinate the services of the GEP faculty member, the assigned success coach, and academic advisor. Attending this session will help you be prepared for the first cohort in fall 2021, identify ways to get involved, and appreciate the ways this project will support our first-generation students now and into the future.

**Monday, May 3, 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.**

**ZOOM link,**

<https://missouristate.zoom.us/j/95935021520?pwd=cSsySzBHV0tkYjQ4QmcvQmFhK1E2QT09>

**Registration is strongly encouraged**

## **Speaking Up, Not Over: Using nonviolent communication to advocate for trans\* students**

Presenter: Matt Scott, Academic Advisor, Professional Education Advisement Center

In part two of this forum series, we will specifically focus on using nonviolent communication as an advocacy tool to create a more inclusive campus community. If you are wanting to educate others about effectively supporting our students who are trans\*, this session is specifically designed for you! (*NOTE:*

*session one is not a required prerequisite for attending session two)*

**Wednesday, May 5, 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.**

**ZOOM link,**

<https://missouristate.zoom.us/j/94500722700?pwd=bHpQaG5kbU5Dc2pWYkt3QzEybWc0UT09>

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