

# Spring 2022 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. The forums are available to the advising community, so please encourage colleagues to participate. Registration is available at [www.missouristate.edu/advising/42540.htm](http://www.missouristate.edu/advising/42540.htm).

## Sessions Coordinated by the Academic Advising and Transfer Center

### COTA Conference

#### Transfer League: Ensuring Equity in Transfer

**Hosted by the Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development**

The Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development (MDHEWD) is excited to host the annual Committee on Transfer and Articulation (COTA) Conference on Thursday, February 17th from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The conference will be virtual and there is no cost to attend. [Registration for the COTA Conference is open now.](#)

The 2022 COTA Conference, "Transfer League: Ensuring Equity in Transfer" will feature keynote speaker Dr. Toyia Younger, Senior Vice President for Student Affairs at Iowa State University. Dr. Younger will share information about barriers that exist in transfer, specifically regarding black and brown students. There will be concurrent sessions offered after the keynote.

**Thursday, February 17, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

Registration is required.

Credit will be given for time of attendance based on tracking from MDHEWD

### Advisors as Social Justice Advocates: A Primer

**Presenter: Dr. Kyler Sherman-Wilkins**

**Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology & Anthropology**

For many of our students, and for students from historically excluded groups, it has become increasingly difficult for them to "just be a student." Whether struggling to nourish their bodies with food, balancing work and school, withstanding racial microaggressions, or worrying about basic rights being stripped away, students at Missouri State have a lot on their plate as they attempt to navigate the curriculum. To advise today's students, we must reimagine academic advising as more than merely helping students select courses and identify particular career paths. Indeed, advisors today must be advocates who are willing and able to identify and eradicate oppressive, structural barriers that keep far too many our students from succeeding. In this forum, Dr. Kyler Sherman-Wilkins will provide an overview on how to adopt an advocacy approach, rooted in social justice, to better serve our students both while at the university, and beyond.

**Monday, February 28, 12:00-1:00 p.m.**

**ZOOM, <https://missouristate.zoom.us/j/91524626085>**

Registration is encouraged.

### How Advisors Can Support Student Engagement

**Presenters: Tara Benson, Associate Director of the Plaster Student Union/Director of Student Engagement**

**Carlye Genisio, Assistant Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life**

**Paige Jenkins, Coordinator- Programs**

**Neil Bourgeois, Coordinator-Fraternity and Sorority Life**

### **Briar Douglas, Coordinator-Co-Curricular Involvement**

While students focus and attend classes during college, most of their time is spent outside the classroom.

The Office of Student Engagement strives to connect students to co-curricular communities through a variety of different avenues. Join us as we talk about the importance and value of getting involved outside the classroom and what opportunities exist at Missouri State.

**Tuesday, March 8, 12:00-1:00 p.m.**

**ZOOM, <https://missouristate.zoom.us/j/98014167036>**

Registration is encouraged.

## **Understanding Military Educational Benefits**

**Coordinated by the Oldham Family Veteran Student Center**

**Presenter: Raeleen Ziegler**

**Director, Veteran Student Center**

This forum will discuss The Forever GI Bill - Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act 2018, Isakson and Roe Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020, and Tuition Assistance (TA) for military connected students. Advisors will learn best practices when advising military connected students to ensure the student receives their full military educational benefit. The forum will conclude with a student panel sharing their experiences using benefits and how advising plays an important role in maximizing military benefits.

**Monday, March 21, 12:00-1:00 p.m.**

**ZOOM, <https://missouristate.zoom.us/j/97457910623>**

Registration is encouraged.

## **Master Advisor Reception**

**Coordinated by the Academic Advising and Transfer Center**

Come celebrate the 2022 Curtis P. Lawrence Excellence in Advising Award Winners. President Clif Smart, Dr. Kelly Wood, Associate Provost for Student Success, and Ross Hawkins, Director of the Academic Advising and Transfer Center, will give opening remarks on academic advising and the Master Advisor Program at Missouri State University. This celebration is open to all advisors.

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

**Davis Harrington Welcome Center**

Registration is required at [Advise@MissouriState.edu](mailto:Advise@MissouriState.edu)

## **Better Understanding the Transfer Process: A Transfer Advising Workshop**

**Coordinated by the Transfer Advising Committee**

This two-hour workshop will allow participants to develop a better understanding of the transfer process, from the perspectives of Admissions staff, a transfer advisor, and a transfer student. Emphasis will be placed on transfer advising FAQs and resources for transfer advisors. Participants will also be able to learn more about the application process, transfer scholarships, and transfer student orientation. Lastly, participants will have the opportunity to hear from current transfer students on their transfer experience.

An optional networking lunch will follow.

**Tuesday, May 3, 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.**

**Optional networking lunch to follow from 12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m.**

**Alumni Center 118**

Registration is encouraged.

## **Technology in Advising II: Updates**

**Facilitator: Brian Edmond, Coordinator of Management Info Systems (MIS)**

**Presented by Computer Services Staff**

Come learn from the Computer Services Staff about changes in technology and Banner upgrades. This forum is important to understand upgrades that will affect how we advise students. Topics include EASI (Title III Coaching Web Application) and the new Banner Self-Service Registration System.

**Wednesday, May 4, 12:00-1:00 p.m.**

**ZOOM, <https://missouristate.zoom.us/j/99974696784>**

Registration is encouraged.

