

TEACHING ASSISTANT ACADEMY 2019

Wednesday, August 14, 2019

Choose one session to attend for each time slot.

9:00-9:10

WELCOME

J. Andy Goodman, Associate Provost for Professional Development; Director, Center for Teaching & Learning (CTL)

Get an overview of the TAA, best practices for conference attendance, and a description of the Certificate in University Teaching (CUT) program.

ABH
01

9:15-10:00

PROMOTING STUDENT SUCCESS

*Tara Cramer, Senior Program Coordinator, Disability Access Services
Christopher Miller, Director Student Enrichment & Achievement*

Explore best practices for connecting students to campus resources with interactive, discussion-based activities on key UMSL policies and procedures. This session will also illustrate the complexity and importance of GA's and their role in supporting student success.

ABH
02

LIBRARY RESOURCES

Chris Niemeyer, Library Instruction Coordinator/Reference Librarian, Thomas Jefferson Library

There are so many library resources available to UMSL students! This session will give an overview of how to find, store, organize and use the resources.

ABH
03

GIVING EFFECTIVE FEEDBACK TO PROMOTE LEARNING

Natalie Bolton, Associate Professor, College of Education

A majority of feedback we give to students does not support learning. Learn about effective feedback strategies that support student learning.

ABH
04

10:05-10:50

INTERSECTIONALITY PANEL

*Harry Hawkins, LGBTQ+ Coordinator (moderator)
Derrick Freeman, Assistant Director Multicultural Student Services
Luimil Negron, Graduate Assistant for Latino Recruitment and Retention
Ashlee Roberts, Associate Director Office of Student Involvement
Lynn Staley, Teaching Professor of English*

Students may face multiple and intersecting forms of structural discrimination. This panel will discuss how to honor the many layers of identity students bring to the classroom.

ABH
02

BEHIND THE SCENES IN CANVAS

Michael Porterfield, Instructional Designer, CTL

Learn how to find collaboration tools, view your course grades, and more.

ABH
03

WHAT TO DO (AND AVOID) THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS

J. Andy Goodman, Associate Provost for Professional Development; Director, CTL

Get a start on the semester, craft a syllabus that informs and inspires, and learn multiple ways to increase student engagement.

ABH
04

10:55-11:40

WRITING IN GRADUATE SCHOOL

Sally Barr-Ebest, Professor Emerita of English

Control, schedule, organize and professionalize your writing (*session counts toward CUT*).

ABH
01

OVERCOMING ISOLATION IN ONLINE LEARNING

Gretchen Haskell, Instructional Designer, CTL

Discuss strategies and best practices to combat the nemesis of online learning: student isolation.

ABH
02

ACTIVE LEARNING IN THE FACE-TO-FACE CLASSROOM

Erin Whitteck, Learning Innovation Specialist, CTL; Assistant Teaching Professor in Chemistry

An overview of when, how, and why to employ active learning in the face-to-face classroom.

ABH
04

11:40-12:30

LUNCH

Use the lunch voucher in your name tag for the Nosh or Einstein Bro's in the Millennium Student Center. Lunch sponsored by Sodexo.

MSC

12:30-1:20

PROMOTING RESPECT, SAFETY, AND INTEGRITY

ABH
03

D'Andre Braddix, Associate Vice Provost, Division of Student Affairs

Dana Daniels, Title IX Coordinator and Chief Equity Officer, Title IX and Equity Office

Kasey Fraser-Smith, Assistant Director of Student Conduct & Community Standards, Division of Student Affairs

Tanisha Stevens, Director of the Office of Academic Integrity, Office of Academic Affairs

David Woods, Deputy Commander, Bureau of Special Operations, UMSL Police Department

An overview of the various university policies, procedures and resources which help promote a positive learning and working environment. Case studies of authentic campus situations will guide this discussion led by representatives from key campus offices who introduce policies and procedures that will support every campus employee.

*Required session for all TAA attendees. There will be a video feed available in ABH 01 if ABH 03 reaches capacity.

1:25-2:10

TUTORING LIGHTNING ROUND

ABH
02

Jenna Alexander, Assistant Teaching Professor of English; Supplemental Instruction Coordinator, CTL

Becca Mulloy, Janeece Woodson, University Tutoring Center Tutoring Coordinators

Maya Scruggs-Hicks, Assistant Director Student Enrichment and Achievement

Rotate through short (15-minute) presentations on different aspects of tutoring best practices.

GRADING IN CANVAS

ABH
03

Jennifer McKanry, Instructional Designer, CTL

Now that you're in charge of the class, attend this session to learn how to manage the grade book.

WHEN STUDENTS PUSH BACK: MANAGING STICKY SITUATIONS

ABH
04

Peggy Cohen, Associate Provost Emerita; Founding Director, CTL

This interactive session will focus on what you can do from the start of the semester to establish your authority and, thereby, avoid sticky situations.

2:15-3:00

TA PANEL: TALES FROM THE TRENCHES

ABH
01

Timothy Bartkoski, Industrial/Organizational Psychology (moderator)

Matthew Austin, Biology

Melissa Garcia, Political Science

Jack Mazzoccoli, Social Work

Damon Walker, Information Systems

Experienced graduate students will discuss their TA experiences at UMSL.

RESEARCH LIGHTNING ROUND

ABH
02

Members of Loss and Resilience Research Team: Mary Martha Abernathy, Ericka Cables, Claire Martin

Keeta Holmes, Director of Learning Innovation and Design, CTL

Adriano Udani, Assistant Professor of Political Science

Rotate through short (15-minute) presentations on different aspects of academic research, including involvement in research teams and organizing research sources.

RUNNING A LAB PANEL DISCUSSION

ABH
03

Jack Harms, Chemistry (moderator)

Eva Colberg, Biology

Kapur Dhami, Chemistry

Miranda Janey, Psychology

Chathuri Silva, Physics

Experienced graduate students will discuss working in classroom and research labs at UMSL.



THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING TAA 2019!

You will receive an evaluation via email. Please take a few minutes to tell us about your experience today. We want to hear your thoughts!

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