

Teaching Assistant Academy 2020

Wednesday, August 19, 2020

MORNING SCHEDULE



All sessions are presented virtually via Zoom. Click the Zoom icon next to each session to open the room for that session. All sessions will require you to enter the **PassCode TAA2020**.

It is strongly recommended you [install the Zoom client on your computer and set up your Zoom account](#) prior to participating in this event.

9:00-
9:10 AM

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Marie Mora, Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs



9:10-
10:00 AM

PROMOTING RESPECT, SAFETY, AND INTEGRITY

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

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

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

Tanisha Stevens, Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Christopher Sullivan, Director of Health, Counseling, & Disability Access Services

Lt. 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.



10:10-
11:00 AM

INTERSECTIONALITY PANEL

Harry Hawkins, LGBTQ+ Coordinator (moderator)

Derrick Freeman, Director Multicultural Student Services

Colette Dixon, Assistant Dean of Student and Alumni Affairs, College of Nursing

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.



11:10-
11:30 AM

TEACHING AND LEARNING IN THE TIMES COVID-19

Keeta Holmes, Assistant Vice Provost and Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) Director

Jen McKanry, Assistant Director, CTL

Hear about resources available to help support students and instructors in the classroom and online this fall.




11:30-
12:10 PM

LUNCH - on your own

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AFTERNOON SCHEDULE

*These are concurrent sessions. Choose one session to attend for each time slot. Passcode TAA2020

12:10-1:00 PM **PROMOTING STUDENT SUCCESS** 

Tara Cramer, Senior Program Coordinator, Disability Access Services
Christopher Miller, Director, Student Enrichment & Achievement
Natissia Small, Assistant Provost for Access and Academic Support, Academic Affairs
Beth Eckelkamp, Vice Provost for Student Success and Academic Innovation

*Select One Session 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 TA's and their role in supporting student success.

RUNNING A LAB PANEL DISCUSSION


Meghann Humphries, Assistant Teaching Professor Biology (moderator)
Kristin Bales, Chemistry & Biochemistry *Andreia Figueiredo, Biology*
Chathuri Silva, Physics and Astronomy

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

GRADING IN CANVAS

Jingrong Pearl Xie, Instructional Designer, UM-System Office of eLearning

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

1:20-2:10 PM **TUTORING BEST PRACTICES** 

Jenna Alexander, Assistant Teaching Professor of English; Assistant Director for Student Support Programming, CTL (moderator)
Becca Mulloy, Janeece Woodson, Tutoring Coordinators, University Tutoring Center
Maya Scruggs-Hicks, Assistant Director, Student Enrichment and Achievement

*Select One Session 15-minute presentations on different aspects of tutoring best practices and campus resources.

PHYSICAL - NOT SOCIAL - DISTANCING IN THE CLASSROOM

Erin Whitteck, Assistant Director, CTL; Assistant Teaching Professor in Chemistry & Biochemistry

Learn and share strategies to connect with your students in the classroom, even at a distance.

OVERCOMING ISOLATION IN ONLINE LEARNING

Gretchen Haskell, Instructional Designer, UM-System Office of eLearning

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

2:30-3:20 PM **WHEN STUDENTS PUSH BACK: MANAGING STICKY SITUATIONS** 

Peggy Cohen, Associate Provost Emerita; Founding Director, CTL

*Select One Session 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.

TA PANEL: TALES FROM THE TRENCHES


Mary Painter, Political Science PhD and Learning Analytics Coordinator, CTL (moderator)
Kristin Bales, Chemistry & Biochemistry *Mrinal Rawool, Computer Science*
Zanyar Ahmadi, Philosophy *Michelle Seymour, History*
Damon Walker, Information Systems & Technology

Experienced graduate students will discuss their TA experiences at UMSL.

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.

3:20-3:40 PM **CLOSING REMARKS AND WRAP-UP** 

Jennifer McKanry, Assistant Director, CTL

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING TAA 2020! 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!