

Teaching Assistant Academy

Wednesday, August 18, 2021

MORNING SCHEDULE



All sessions are presented virtually via Zoom. Click the Zoom icon next to each session to open the room for that session. Be sure to [set up your UM-System Zoom account](#) prior to this event.

9:00-
9:10 AM

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Terry Theil, Senior Director of the Graduate School



9:10-10:00
AM

LEARNING STARTS NOW: FOR YOU AND YOUR STUDENTS

Peggy Cohen, Associate Provost Emerita; Founding Director, CTL



Learning how to learn & how to teach students to learn. This interactive session will focus on what you can do from the start of the semester to help support students' learning and metacognition.

10:00-
10:05 AM

BREAK

10:05-
10:55 AM

INTERSECTIONALITY PANEL

Lynn Staley, Teaching Professor of English (moderator)
Ariana Smith, LGBTQ+ Coordinator
Derrick Freeman, Director Multicultural Student Services
Erin Whitteck, Assistant Director, CTL; Assistant Teaching Professor in Chemistry & Biochemistry
Christopher Worth, student



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.

10:55-
11:00 AM

BREAK

11:00-
11:50 AM

PROMOTING RESPECT, SAFETY, AND INTEGRITY

D'Andre Braddix, Associate Vice Provost, Division of Student Affairs
Dana Beteet Daniels, Title IX Coordinator and Chief Equity Officer, Title IX and Equity Office
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.

11:50-
12:20 PM

LUNCH - on your own

12:20-
12:50 PM

Meet the CUT Community: An orientation to the Certificate in University Teaching (CUT) program

Jen McKanry, Assistant Director, CTL; CUT Coordinator
Andreia Figueiredo, Biology graduate student
Kristin Bales, Chemistry graduate student
Anna Taft, History graduate student



OPTIONAL: This session is for those starting/interested in joining the CUT program. Join this panel of experienced CUT participants to get to know each other and learn more about the CUT experience.

If you have any technical problems or questions please email ctl@umsl.edu.

AFTERNOON SCHEDULE

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

1:00-
1:50 PM

RUNNING A LAB PANEL DISCUSSION

Meghann Humphries, Assistant Teaching Professor Biology (moderator)

Andreia Figueiredo, Biology

Lisa Snoderly-Foster, Biology

Kristin Bales, Chemistry

Chathuri Silva, Physics and Astronomy

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One
Session



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

TRAUMA-INFORMED TEACHING

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



BEHIND THE SCENES IN CANVAS

Angela Knoerr, Instructional Designer, Missouri Online | Office of eLearning

Paul Wilmarth, Missouri Online | Academic Technologies support

Tom Roedel, Missouri Online | Academic Technologies support



Now that you are in charge of the class, attend this session to learn the tricks to managing a successful course using the Canvas learning management system.

1:50-
1:55 PM

BREAK

1:55-
2:45 PM

TUTORING BEST PRACTICES

Jenna Alexander, 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

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One
Session



15-minute presentations on different aspects of tutoring best practices and campus resources.

LIBRARY RESOURCES

Chris Niemeyer, Library Instruction Coordinator/Reference Librarian



There are so many library resources available to UMSL students! Join this session to hear an overview of how to find, store, organize and use these resources.

GRADING IN CANVAS

Jingrong Pearl Xie, Instructional Designer, Missouri Online | Office of eLearning

Paul Wilmarth, Missouri Online | Academic Technologies support

Dave Gellman, Missouri Online | Academic Technologies support



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

EXPECTATIONS AND PERSPECTIVES IN UNIVERSITY CLASSROOMS IN THE U.S.

Denise Mussman, Teaching Professor in Language & Cultural Studies; Coordinator of ESL Programs



This session is for international students serving as graduate teaching assistants. Come learn about standards of practice and required certification programs to maintain your visa status while teaching.

2:45-
2:50 PM

BREAK

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING TAA 2021! 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!

2:50-
3:40 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

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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.

TA PANEL: TALES FROM THE TRENCHES

Mary Painter, Political Science, Learning Analytics Coordinator, CTL (moderator)
Damon Walker, Information Systems
Zanyar Ahmadi, Philosophy
Anna Taft, History
Mrinal Rawool, Computer Science



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.

3:40-
4:00 PM

CLOSING REMARKS AND WRAP-UP

Jennifer McKanry, Assistant Director, CTL; CUT Coordinator



Join us as we wrap up the day, share lessons learned and join in a raffle to win one of our door prizes! (must be present to win)