



Advising Community on Graduate & Professional Students

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WHO WE ARE

The community comprises professionals who advise post-baccalaureate students. We welcome all who work with traditional graduate students, professional degree seekers, adults returning for advanced degrees or certificates, and alternatively delivered and structured graduate and professional programs. Small in size but great in commitment, our community provides a mutually supportive context for discussion of issues particular to serving these student populations. Ongoing projects include encouraging discussion of pertinent topics on our listserv, providing resources to help advisors help students, and increasing our presence at national and regional meetings.



Jamie Heck, University of Cincinnati

Welcome to our Inaugural Newsletter! We are excited to share resources and information with you, and also welcome ideas on content to include in future issues. This is your newsletter and we want it to be helpful and informative.

PUBLICATION SPOTLIGHT

This month's spotlight was published in *Academic Advising Today* by Cross (2016) entitled "Professional Staff as Graduate Student Academic Advisors." The article points to the need for greater research on the impact of graduate and professional advisors, but Cross (2016) also notes important graduate and professional advisor characteristics of how the advisor "...cares for students and their successes and is accessible...[and] maintain[s] regular contact with graduate advisees." Cross (2016) also indicates that with such gaps in information on graduate and professional advising, the community needs more in the way of research and resources to continue to move this advising area forward.

It is the hope that the Graduate and Professional Students Advising Community will continue to expand on resources and assistance that professional advisors in this arena can utilize in their practice. To that end, we invite members to share any articles, resources or best practices with the community to highlight in our newsletters and resources page.

Access the full article [here](#).

MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

My name is Dr. Jamie (Reynolds) Heck. I am the Advising Graduate and Professional Student Community chair and a member of the steering committee. I have worked in the College of Nursing at the University of Cincinnati for the past 10.5 years. During this time, my primary responsibility was to support our graduate students from the time of application through graduation. In August 2018, I transitioned to the role of Director of Academic Affairs. In this role, I partner with faculty and staff members on areas such as course scheduling,

faculty assignments, clinical coordination, and administrative reporting. Although I have experienced a reduction in direct student contact since assuming this position, many of my responsibilities have an impact on the student experience.

I have been a member of NACADA since 2004. I have written book reviews for the NACADA Journal, contributed to a published article within the NACADA Journal, served as a mentor in the Region 5 Mentoring program, and presented at both regional and national NACADA conferences. I am in my final year of serving as the Region 5 Liaison for Ohio. My involvement in NACADA has assisted in my continued growth as a higher education professional.

The Advising Graduate and Professional Student Community has provided an avenue to connect with NACADA members who share a similar passion of supporting the graduate student experience. Personal areas of interest for me include the exploration of the needs and experiences of graduate and professional students to better assist in their academic, professional, and personal success and creation of a sense of community for graduate and professional students (and those who support them during their educational endeavors). I am motivated by my fellow community members. I would love to hear from you and how this community can assist in your continued learning and growth. Please feel free to contact me at reynoji@uc.edu. I am eager to see what we can accomplish together!

GPS TALKS SERIES

NACADA is excited to launch the **GPS (Graduate and Professional Students) Talks Series!** This online meeting series will be offered three times per year: March, June, and September.

Mark Your Calendar! Our inaugural GPS Talk online meeting is entitled “Nuances of Advising Graduate International Students.” This online meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 18, 2020 from 1:00- 2:00 p.m. ET**. Jordan Wienke, Ian Schonberg, and Shabeer Hussain Amirali, Advising Graduate and Professional Students Community steering committee members, will be presenters for the March GPS Talk. We hope you will be able to attend! Please share this information with colleagues and encourage their virtual attendance.

Join via Zoom here: <https://ksu.zoom.us/j/428160351>

PROFESSIONAL RESOURCE HIGHLIGHT

To help our members connect with the broader community and get more acquainted with the different organizations out there, we will be sharing information about other groups that have helpful resources. This month, we are highlighting Administrators in Graduate and Professional Student Services (AGAPSS), which is a knowledge community (KC) in the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA). This KC is designed to support student affairs professionals working with graduate and professional students in a variety of settings.

Bookmark the AGAPSS website: <https://www.naspa.org/division/administrators-in-graduate-and-professional-student-services>

Connect with AGAPSS:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/agapss/>

Twitter: https://twitter.com/AGAPSS_KC

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/4379312/>



UPCOMING EVENTS

February 20, 2020: Deadline to submit a conference proposal for NACADA's 2020 Annual Conference that will be held October 4-7 in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Learn more about the conference proposal submission process via the following link:

<https://nacada.ksu.edu/Events/Annual-Conference/Call-for-Proposals/recipientid/contact-c540e1108f38e2118a2400505683000d-41ef771803894f2bbac94709fea6924f/esid/60c5a075-2b48-ea11-80df-000d3a0ee4ed.aspx?cldee=cmV5bm9qaUB1Yy5lZHU%3d>

February 27, 2020: Deadline to vote in the NACADA Elections, which are now open. NACADA members should check their email as your voting login and instructions were sent out on February 14. Your vote counts!

February 2020 to May 2020: 2020 Region Conferences will be held during this timeframe. Information related to these events can be accessed on NACADA's Region Conferences webpage (<https://nacada.ksu.edu/Community/Regions.aspx>).

March 15, 2020: Deadline to submit your application for the NACADA Emerging Leaders program. Are YOU interested in being part of the NACADA Emerging Leaders program? Learn more about the program and application process via the following link: <https://nacada.ksu.edu/Programs/Emerging-Leaders-Program/Emerging-Leader-Information.aspx>.

May 28-30, 2020: The NACADA Research Institute will be held in Rosemont, Illinois. Learn more at <https://nacada.ksu.edu/Events/Research-Institute.aspx>.

June 22-25, 2020: The NACADA International Conference will be held in Athens, Greece. Learn more at <https://nacada.ksu.edu/Events/International-Conferences/Athens.aspx>.

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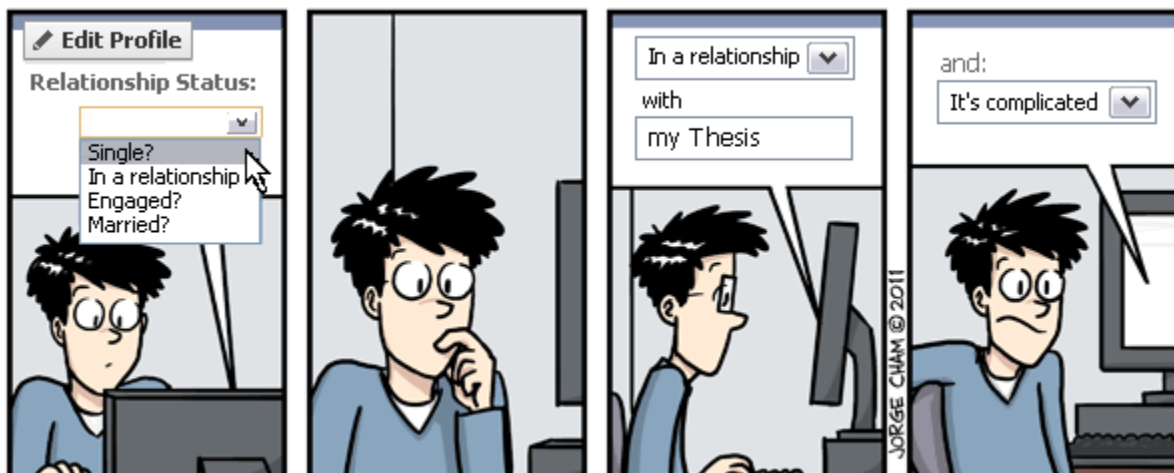
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