



# 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.*

Welcome to the September issue of the GPS Newsletter!

Dear Advising Community on Graduate & Professional Students members and friends,

What a journey the last two years have been! When I assumed the role of Advising Community on Graduate & Professional Students chair in October 2019, I recall my excitement in contributing to the landscape of advising graduate and professional students. That excitement and eagerness has never waned. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as chair for this advising community. I continue to be inspired by the passion and dedication of our members. It has reinforced my commitment to supporting graduate students in the future.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our advising community steering committee members. Shabeer Amirali, Courtney Lewellen, Dawn Loyola, Jordan Wienke, Colleen Rose, Katelyn Talbott, and Ian Schonberg have all played an integral role in the success of this advising community during the last two years. They have worked to increase engagement, communication, and support within our community. I truly appreciate the time and effort they have each placed toward the initiatives of this advising community. I am grateful for the friendships created through our shared desire to positively impact the experience of graduate students and those who support them.

Dawn Loyola will be assuming the role of advising community chair in October 2021 at NACADA's 2021 Annual Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio. She is the Director of Graduate Student Advising at the University of California, Riverside. Along with Courtney Lewellen, Dawn has also served as newsletter co-editor for our advising community. I cannot wait to see what this advising community will achieve under Dawn's competent leadership.

This is by no means a farewell. I hope to continue to contribute to supporting graduate and professional students both at the institutional as well as national level. For those of you attending the annual conference, I look forward to connecting with you.

Jamie Heck, Outgoing Advising Community on Graduate & Professional Students Chair

## MEMBER HIGHLIGHT



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Aloha and Kumusta (hello in Hawaiian and Filipino)! My name is Cherry Lacsina. I have worked in various departments in the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa for the last 11 years but I currently serve as a Graduate Advisor and Assistant to the Chair in the Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures here at UH Mānoa. Our graduate program offers MA and PhD degrees in three languages (Chinese, Japanese, and Korean) and in three different tracks (Language/Linguistics, Literatures, and the MA in Korean for Professionals). The majority of our graduate students are international students who also serve as graduate assistants, lecturers, and sometimes instructors in our undergraduate language classes.

The interesting thing about my position is that 50% of my position belongs to the graduate program and the other 50% involves class scheduling, tenure and promotion, event planning, and other duties. I also share advising with our graduate faculty. Our graduate faculty serve on graduate student committees, teach graduate courses, and make decisions on our graduate program. I help our graduate students complete administrative paperwork, course registration, monitor their progress from admission to graduation and am a resource for them

when issues arise. I also help our graduate faculty understand the administrative side and provide input on graduate policies and procedures. The other interesting thing is that I graduated with my BA in Philippine Language and Literature at UH Manoa not in any of these 3 languages so it's been fun learning about these East Asian languages and cultures while working here.

I am a new member of NACADA and the Advising Community on Graduate & Professional Students. I've heard about it before but I couldn't join before I never pushed for professional development for myself until now. I also decided to join the steering committee to open myself to best practices, new data, and this community so I can learn how to better serve my students and other graduate advisors like myself. Feel free to contact me at [clacsina@hawaii.edu](mailto:clacsina@hawaii.edu) or on LinkedIn. I hope we can connect to share ideas and experiences in this graduate community. Mahalo and Salamat (Thank you in Hawaiian and Filipino)!

### NACADA's 2021 Annual Conference

There is still time to register for the 2021 Annual Conference on October 6-9 in Cincinnati, Ohio. We are excited to come together to reenergize and engage in professional development again this year! Our theme, *Together, All Things are Possible*, is a testament to the year we have had and what is to come!

Both in-person and virtual registration options are available; visit the [annual conference website](#) to register. [Preconference workshops](#) are also available offering in-depth learning opportunities. Be certain to book your room early in the NACADA block for the best rates and availability; [hotel reservation](#) information is available online. Check the conference [website](#) often for specific event information, conference highlights, and the latest updates.

## ADVISING COMMUNITY MEETING DURING NACADA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Advising Community on Graduate & Professional Students meeting during NACADA's 2021 Annual Conference will be held on Thursday, October 7, 2021 from 1:00-2:00 p.m. ET. Please be sure to add this session to your interactive annual conference personal schedule planner.

## **ADVISING COMMUNITY SOCIAL OUTING DURING NACADA ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

The Advising Community on Graduate & Professional Students invites you to our annual social on Thursday, October 7, 2021 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. ET at Kitty's Sports Grill, 218 W 3rd St, Cincinnati, OH 45202. Mingle with advising colleagues who advocate for, advise, and support graduate and professional students. Learn more about the advising community and network! We hope to see you there!

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ADVISING COMMUNITY ON GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS SPONSORED SESSIONS**

The below presentations were selected as the Advising Community on Graduate & Professional Students sponsored sessions:

### **Transitional Experiences of Foster Care Alumni from Undergraduate to Graduate Degree Pursuits**

Presenter: Jennifer Farinella

Higher education increases opportunities in workforce and lifetime earnings; as level of degree attainment is higher, availability of benefits often increases. Frequently, these opportunities remain elusive for members identifying as vulnerable, such as foster care alumni or individuals with dependency system experiences resulting from abuse, neglect, or trauma. Previous research indicates foster care alumni often espouse desires to attain higher education proportionally to nonfoster care peers; however, the reality is few gain access and fewer attain a degree. To develop an understanding of foster care alumni transitions from undergraduate to graduate degrees, I conducted individual interviews and analyzed for common themes capturing the phenomenon of graduate education pursuits by individuals with experiences connected to foster care. This presentation will share findings, recommendations, and stimulate conversation on how we can better serve students of this population.

### **Moving Forward Together: Graduate Advising Team Resiliency**

Presenter: Kathy Redd

The year 2020 was one of immense change and we keenly felt the seismic shift in our work and family life. However, amid all the challenges, there were new discoveries and practices that added value to our work as Graduate Advisors. Together we found ways to adjust our work to our new environment and we will bring many new perspectives and tools in the return to our brick-and-mortar offices. This presentation is interactive and collaborative with audience participants. We will utilize break-outs/roundtables and with multiple opportunities to share and work together with attendees from different institutions.

Please share in congratulating the presenters on this tremendous recognition.

## **NACADA LEADERSHIP ELECTION NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN**

Please nominate yourself – or a superstar colleague – to run for a leadership position by completing the [2022 NACADA Leadership Elections online nomination form](#).

The [list of positions open for nominations](#) is available on our website. Nominations will be accepted from **September 7, 2021 – October 31, 2021, 11:59 p.m. Central Time**, and eligibility criteria will be reviewed before nominees are asked to confirm their nominations.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Advising Community on Graduate & Professional Students offers the **GPS (Graduate and Professional Students) Talks Series!** This online meeting series is offered three times per year: March, June, and September.

The Advising Community (AC) on Graduate & Professional Students offers the **GPS (Graduate and Professional Students) Talks Series!**

**Mark Your Calendar!** Our next GPS Talk will serve as the virtual business meeting for the Advising Community on Graduate & Professional Students. To best align with NACADA's 2021 Annual Conference, we will conduct our next GPS Talk in October 2021 (rather than September 2021). This online meeting will be held on **Thursday, October 28, 2021 from 3:00-4:00 p.m. ET**. There is no fee associated with this online meeting.

Register in advance for this meeting:

[https://ksu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0tdOivqT4qGNKFeCawS\\_T23LD8QaU-wmg1](https://ksu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0tdOivqT4qGNKFeCawS_T23LD8QaU-wmg1)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

We hope you will be able to attend!

## WRITING FOR PUBLICATION

### **NACADA Journal**

Have you published that great research project that you are working on in academic advising? The *NACADA Journal* is currently seeking submissions for upcoming issues! For more information and submission guidelines/instructions, visit the [NACADA Journal website](#).

### **NACADA Review**

**Call for Contributors to Special Edition:** The co-editors and editorial board of the *NACADA Review* are pleased to announce the prospect of a special issue of the *NACADA Review* to highlight scholarship on advising racially and ethnically diverse college students. We invite submissions that explore the interplay between theoretical frameworks and effective practices for advising, teaching, and supporting the learning/success of non-white students. Deadline for submissions to this special issue is **October 15, 2021**.

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**Call for Submissions:** Interested in writing about how theory engages with advising practice? The *NACADA Review* is currently seeking submissions! Visit the *NACADA Review* [website](#) for more information and submission guidelines/instructions.

### **Academic Advising Today**

The September 2021 edition of NACADA's quarterly ePublication, [Academic Advising Today: Voices of the Global Community](#), is now available online. Authors discuss building primary role-faculty advising relationships, equity-based parallel planning, cultivating leadership, intergenerational dialogue, emotional labor and professional burnout, and much more!

Visit the Publication Guidelines [webpage](#) to learn more about the submission process.



## CALL FOR REGION AWARDS

The 2022 Call for Region Awards portal is open. Nominations close at 11:59 p.m. central Monday, November 1, 2021. Apply for this great opportunity to receive support and possible funding to future NACADA events. For information and how to apply, click [here](#).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**October 6-9, 2021:** NACADA's 2021 Annual Conference will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio October 6-9, 2021. The theme of the conference is "Together, All Things Are Possible." [Learn more](#) about the NACADA Annual Conference.

## Contact Us

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