# THRIVING AS AN ACADEMIC SPECIALIST

## **Wednesday, February 9, 2022 -WORKSHOP AGENDA**

8:30 a.m.-8:45 a. m **Welcome**

**Marilyn Amey**, Interim Associate Provost for Faculty and Academic Staff Development

**Teresa K. Woodruff,** Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

8:45 a.m. - 9:20 a.m. **Academic Specialist: History, Roles, Appointment Types and Advancing as a Specialist**

**Suzanne Lang**, Associate Provost and Associate Vice President for Faculty and Academic Staff Affairs. This section will focus on the system for Academic Specialists at Michigan State University. It will include the history of the system, purpose, process, and how the system has evolved. An overview of the promotional process from Academic Specialist to Senior Academic Specialist will be included.

9:20 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. **Academic Specialist Advisory Committee (ASAC)**

**Danielle Flores Lopez**, **Director of Academic Advising & Student Success Initiatives, College of Natural Science**

9:30 a. m. - 9:35 a.m. **Introduction to next session**

**Marilyn Amey**, Interim Associate Provost for Faculty and Academic Staff Development

9:35 a.m. - 10:05 a.m. **Approaching the Process**   
**Sonja Fritzsche**, Associate Dean of Academic Personnel and Administration, College of Arts and Letters~~-~~This section will focus on approaching the promotional process, which will include how to utilize your annual evaluation and discussing performance expectations with your supervisor, methodology for the reflective essay, and how to track and document your accomplishments. We will also discuss basic types of evidence and documentation that should be gathered over time, including letters of support, in preparation for transitioning into the next phase of your career.

10:05 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. **Break**

10:15 a.m. – 10:55 a.m. **Strategies for Professional Growth as an Academic Specialist**

## **Renee Brown,** Director, Center for Community Engaged Learning

**Jonelle Golding,** Senior Academic Specialist, Interim Director of University Advising **Dwight Handspike**, Associate Director, Undergraduate Academic Services  
**Kari Kammel,** Senior Outreach Specialist, College of Law

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10:55 a.m. – 11:10 a.m. **Wrap-up, Evaluation Reminder, and Breakout Session Description**

**Marilyn Amey**, Interim Associate Provost for Faculty and Academic Staff Development

11:10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. **Appointment Type Breakout Sessions-**Informal breakout sessions for facilitated conversations about the Academic Specialist system, promotion, questions, and networking based on appointment type.

**11:10 a.m.-11:45 a.m. Session 1**

**11:50 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Session 2**

\*\*All sessions will repeat with the addition of the AHR session in the second round.

***Outreach*- Bryan Beverly**, Director, Office of K-12 Outreach, College of Education

***Advising-*** **Kanchan Pavangadkar**, Neuroscience undergraduate advisor, Department of Physiology

***Teaching (including Designation B)- Sonja Fritzsche****,* Associate Dean of Academic Personnel and Administration, College of Arts and Letters

***Curriculum Development- Scott Schopieray****,* Assistant Dean for Academic and Research Technolog*y and* ***Stephen Thomas****,* Interim Assistant Dean-Managers, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education

***Research- Steven J. Pierce****,* Senior Specialist - Research-Continuing, Ctr for Statistical Training Consulting

***From Theory to Practice: Strategies for Inclusive Excellence in the Specialist Community***

**Danielle Flores Lopez**, **Director of Academic Advising & Student Success Initiatives, College of Natural Science**

**Ashley Maloff**, Ability Access Specialist, Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities

**Grace Pregent**, Associate Director of the Writing Center

**Debra Thornton-Fitzpatrick**, Advising Director, North Neighborhood Engagement Center

***\*\*FASA - Fixed-Term Specialist-Suzanne Lang****,* Associate Provost and Associate Vice President for Faculty and Academic Staff Affairs *and* ***Kathy Lewless****, Director, Faculty and Academic Staff Affairs*

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