



MSU Faculty Excellence is pleased to announce the following upcoming faculty workshops:

- **Welcome to Your New Writing Center: What the Center Offers MSU Faculty and Students**

Wednesday, Sept. 26, 11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m., SUB 235

MSU's newly renovated Writing Center will be developing a wider range and reach of services across the campus community over the next year. In this session, panelists from the Writing Center will offer their perspectives on what the Center contributes to the MSU community, both students and faculty. In a moderated Q&A format, the panelists will discuss what makes writing tutoring most effective, how faculty can help students make the most of their tutoring sessions, the value of both being tutored and tutoring writing, and the future of the Writing Center. Panelists will also take questions from the audience.

Panelists (from the MSU Writing Center): **Kirk Branch**, Director; **Portia Hall**, Program Assistant; and **WC Tutors**

Registration is required by 5:00 p.m., Monday, Sept. 24. [Click here to register.](#)

- **Assisting Students in Distress**

Monday, Oct. 1, 11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Plant BioScience 108

Learn the basics about recognizing students in crisis and how to refer them to the Counseling and Psychological Services. During this practical session, you will have the opportunity to ask lots of questions and to discuss and practice in small groups, handling some of these difficult situations.

Presenter: **Brian Kassar**, MSU Counseling and Psychological Services

Registration is required by 5:00 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 27. [Click here to register.](#)

- **Faculty Advising at MSU**

Tuesday, Oct. 9, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Plant BioScience 108

This two-hour session is designed for new faculty, or for any faculty who want to learn more about academic advising and resources that MSU offers students. The session will cover basic information on the following:

- DegreeWorks—The new online advising tool that will “go live” for advisors’ use this fall
- Tips for faculty to make the most effective use of limited time to connect with their advisees
- Review of commonly used Registrar forms and policies
- Core 2.0 curriculum
- Credits students transfer in from other institutions, or through Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate or Dual-Enrollment
- Math Placement/Science prerequisite requirements
- Information on resources from across campus to help students

Presenters: **Phil Gaines**, Professor and Dept. Head, English; **Tony Campeau**, Assistant Registrar; **Diane Donnelly**, Interim Director, University Studies and Academic Advising Center

Registration is required by 5:00 p.m., Friday, Oct. 5. [Click here to register.](#)