

## 2010-2011 COTA-AC NOMINATIONS

### **Jennifer Siciliani, University of Missouri-St. Louis, Associate Professor of Psychology**

I am presently very involved in these issues through a number of committee appointments and curricular re-design at the department, university, and national levels.

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### **Kathleen Burns, University of Missouri-St. Louis, Academic Director, Continuing Education & Outreach**

I am currently the director of the Advanced Credit Program in the Division of Continuing Education at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. In this position I manage all aspects of UMMSL's Dual Credit Program for over 60 area high schools. I earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin, a Master's in Educational Administration and a PhD in Teaching and Learning.



Prior to this I held the position of assistant professor of Education at the University of Illinois-Springfield and I was the chair of the Education Department at MacMurray College. In both positions, reviewing credits for transfer students was a frequent occurrence.

I would very much like to join the COTA Advisory Council. It is very important for students to get the full benefit of any higher education credits that they take, but at the same time those credit hours need to be measured by consistent standards to assure all parties, students and institutions, that the required level of rigor is being met. I believe that my previous experiences, as well those in my current position, would be beneficial to that discussion.

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### **MaryBeth Creason, University of Missouri-St. Louis, DARS Credit Transfer Evaluation Specialist**

My experience with transfer and articulation begins in 1993 as a Transfer Credit Evaluator/Advisor in A&S and continues to the present. I wish to serve on COTA-AC to expand/share my knowledge/skills and continue to develop professionally.

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**Burdette Miller, St. Louis Community College-Forest Park, Manager of Academic Advising**

Manager of Academic Advising at St. Louis Community College-Forest Park for 16 years and has worked in advising for 35 years; knows every aspect of advising, articulation and transfer inside and out.

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**Denise Harrold, St. Louis Community College-Forest Park, Academic Advisor**

15 years advising and transfer experience.

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**Cheryl Carpenter-Davis, MCC-Blue River, Dean of Instruction**

No additional information provided

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**Jerry Patton, Columbia College, Assistant Director of Administration, Online Campus**

I have worked in higher education for about eight years and currently serve as the Assistant Director of Administration for Columbia College's Online Campus. In that time I have worked in a wide range of functional duties and been exposed to a broad range of student types and situations. While I do work for one particular institution, I truly believe in helping and serving those with the goal of earning a college education, regardless of which institution a particular student has chosen.



With a strong background in academic advising I am very familiar with the challenges and trepidations a student encounters while making the transition from one college or university to another, and have in the past made that transition during my pursuit of a college degree. The reality of our current economic challenges has increased the importance of focusing on transfer students as more are choosing to spend the first half of their degree-seeking efforts at community colleges or a similar institution. Properly encouraging these students to continue with a Missouri institution is vital and will help ensure those students receive a solid education and are more inclined to spend their professional lives working within Missouri's borders, contributing to its economy and local communities.

Serving on COTA AC would provide me an opportunity to share the experiences and background I have obtained in a way that benefits Missouri students; experiences and

background I have obtained from having attended both public and private institutions and having worked in higher education.

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**Cynthia Pemberton, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, University of Missouri - Kansas City**

No additional information provided