

Melissa Laussmann

Academic Counselor/Adjunct Faculty

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Education

Midwestern State University
Master of Arts, English 4.0 GPA
Certification: Professional &
Technical Communications

Awards

"You Make a Difference." Staff
Senate Award, MSU. Nov. 2024.
First Place for Adult Category in
Poetry: North Central Texas College,
April 2023.
Outstanding Graduate Woman,
MSU, 2018.
Best Podium Presentation-Graduate
Level, Celebration of Scholarship,
MSU, April 2017.

Teaching Responsibilities at MSU

Undergraduate Courses

ENGL 1143: Introduction to Critical Reading & Academic Writing, Fall 2024
ENGL 1143: Academic Research & Writing, Spring 2019 (Two Sections)
ENGL 1143: Academic Research & Writing, Fall 2018 (Two Sections)

Experience

July 2023 to Present

Academic Counselor • McCoy College of Science, Mathematics & Engineering •
Midwestern State University

Advise freshmen and sophomore levels, as well as transfer students in Geosciences,
Computer Science, Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, & Pre-Professional

Publications

Creative Writing (Most Recent)

"Stillness" and "Sea Mist." *Humana Obscura Anthology*. 2025.
"Mother's Hands." *Under the Basho*. 28 March 2025.
"Teacup." *Humana Obscura*, Sept. 2024.
"Rising Early." *Humana Obscura*, Sept. 2024.
"Twilight Sky." *Cold Moon Journal*, Aug. 2024
"Ebb & Flow." *Shadow Pond Journal*, Issue 3, Summer 2024.
"Ewigkeit." *Amethyst Review Magazine*. April 2024.

Academic Article

"Landscape of Change: An Ecocritical View of Willa Cather's *My Antonia*," *Agora* Vol.
24, 2015.

Presentations

"The Art of Seeing: Tracing the Paths of Mindfulness in Works by Muir, Dillard, and
Snyder." 62nd ASAT Conference, Sam Houston State University, Nov. 8, 2018.
"Willa Cather's Landscape of Change." ASAT Conference, Sam Houston State
University, Nov. 2017.
"How Deans of Women Changed Academia." Celebration of Scholarship, Midwestern
State University, May 2017.