

UPAC Personal Statement

Hello! My name is Allison Ewing-Cooper and I love everything U of A and academic advising. I was born and raised in the suburbs of San Diego and moved to Tucson in 2004 to attend graduate school in Family Studies and Human Development (FSHD). I started advising as a graduate assistant in 2006 and was fortunate enough to be hired as program coordinator and advisor for FSHD when I graduated with my PhD in 2009. I am now the Academic Advising Coordinator for the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences and am getting ready to celebrate my ten year advising anniversary.

In my career, I have worked for three colleges, so I have had wonderful opportunities to learn from and work with many advisors. Building collaborations and sharing best practices across colleges is one of my goals for UPAC. Another goal would be to use UPAC meetings to brainstorm innovative ways of making advising more effective. UPAC meetings should include the dissemination of information as well as interactive learning experiences. As advisors, we work hard to create an inviting, welcoming environment for our students, and we should do the same for ourselves. I would love to be a co-chair of UPAC and work more closely with the amazing community of advisors we have at the U of A. Bear down!

