

DATA WONKS COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

CAREER PANEL BIO

Name: Sarah Stilp

Job Title: Assistant Dean, Admissions and Student Services

Department/School: Adult Career & Special Student Services, Division of Continuing Studies

Major Job Responsibilities:

- Oversight of admissions processes for the University's special/non-degree students.
- Supervise the team of advisors who act as admissions coordinators, advisors and dean's office representatives for our population of students.
- Participate in division initiatives that involve student systems, across all populations served by DCS (precollege, non-traditional degree programs, special students, non-credit).

Short Biography (Two Paragraphs Max.):

Sarah's current role at the Division of Continuing Studies enables her to pursue two of her passions simultaneously: Serving as a champion for adult and nontraditional learners at the University, as well as improving processes and student experiences through technology. She proudly identifies as a "nerd" and is happiest when she can use these skills to help others, with both staff and student audiences. She has been with the Division of Continuing Studies for 11 years, in a variety of roles around student services, systems and processes.

Prior to DCS, Sarah spent 5 years as a transfer admissions counselor within the Office of Advising & Recruitment (OAR). She is a proud Badger alumna and currently lives in Middleton with her husband, Andy, and her children, Aaron (9) and Darcy (7). Sarah loves to read, bike, spend time with friends and family, and snuggle with her kids—she feels very fortunate that she gets to do all of these things often.

What do you love most about data?

I love the ability to be able to answer questions and solve problems by pulling and analyzing data. Some people love traditional puzzles in boxes--data is my version of that puzzle-solving feeling.