



PALIMPEST : Belonging Through Innovative Scholarship and Collaboration



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Who are we?

Palimpsest is a scholarly journal and professional community for academic advisors at CU Boulder.

Our inspiration is the palimpsest, a manuscript or surface on which original writing has been effaced to make room for later writing but of which traces remain. We argue that building new or updated narratives from remaining traces subconsciously influences and shapes how we co-create academic advising on this campus.



The Journal: *Palimpsest: Innovative Works, Transformative Experiences, and Evolving Practices in Student Success and Academic Advising*

Academic — Peer-reviewed — Open Access

Our inaugural issue features two powerful articles:

- Words of Wisdom from an Experienced (now retired!) Advisor: **“What’s Math got to do with it”**
- Spirit, history, and challenges for development of the advising profession: **“Evolving and Elevating Advisor Ethos”**

Mission

Elevate the profession of academic advising

Share research, experiences and practices of student affairs and support professionals

Present rigorous quantitative and qualitative research

Document the lived experience of advising through advocacy, authenticity, creativity, innovation, and integrity

Values

Advising is an academic profession whose effectiveness is enhanced as we strive to become **scholar-practitioners**

Connection and **dialogue** across units and roles allow us to co-create advising narratives and advance our profession together

The Community: In Fall 2025, we hosted two workshops that brought advisors together to make cross-campus connections on professionalizing academic advising.

- **Our Identity and Purpose**
 - How does advising contribute to, support, or align with your purpose (your "why")?
- **Growing in our Profession**
 - How to conference & disseminate learning

Getting Involved

Palimpsest@colorado.edu

We currently host workshops twice per term and publish articles on a rolling basis.

If you have an idea for an article to write, workshop to attend, or would like to join our team, reach out via email or fill out our form:



Spring 2026 Events

Lunch provided! RSVP required. Participation is capped at 15 advisors per workshop.

Advising Book Club
Tuesday, March 10th
11:45 AM to 1:15 PM



We'll discuss “Academic Advising Scholarship: Historical and Structural Influences”, a short primer on advising as a scholarly practice.

Conference Round Up
Thursday, April 30th
11:45 AM to 1:15 PM



Attend a conference this year? Join us to discuss your experience, lessons, and tips!