Michael comes to Texas A&M after a 20-year career as a Social Sciences Teacher, ten years of which were in Asia teaching AP World History and leading international high schools as a Principal. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in History from the University of North Georgia, as well as a Masters of Education and an Educational Specialist Degree from Cambridge College.

New to formal advising, Michael has spent much of his educational career mentoring and advising graduating seniors in Asia who were on their way to universities in North America. He is looking forward to learning from his colleagues and from participation in the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA), as well as taking opportunities for growth as an Historian and genealogist.

In his day-to-day life, Michael enjoys spending time with his wife at home, watching SciFi marathons, exploring local museums and historical sights, and reading. An amateur genealogist, he corresponds with cousins around the world who are also investigating their family tree. He and his wife are saving to purchase a house in the area, which will hopefully have a garage large enough in which to build an airplane. As an Adult Fan of Lego (AFOL), you can see some of his collection in his office.

**Michael's advice to students:** The university experience is more than just learning course content; it is also about opening doors. There are so many opportunities available to students, but you have to make the effort to check them out. So when you see an open door, stick your head in! You never know where that door may lead.