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Follow us on Social Media!
Facebook GSAGuelph
GuelphGradLounge
Twitter UoGGSA
Instagram the_fifth_gsa
Welcome New General Directors!

The GSA Executive, Staff and Board of Directors are excited to welcome 13 new General Directors to the Board who were elected in the January by-election from the following departments:

**Animal Bioscience**: Zhenzhen Liu & Zeyu Yang  
**Clinical Studies**: Alexandra Camara  
**Computer Science**: Akshay Chadha  
**English & Theatre Studies**: Margo Beckmann  
**Environmental Science**: Matt Muzzatti  
**Human Health & Nutritional Sciences**: Kati Doma  
**Physics**: Eamonn Corigan & Andrew Harris  
**Plant Agriculture**: Erika DeBrouwer  
**Population Medicine**: Gillian Hachborn  
**International Students**: Abu Raihan Mohammad Siddique & Alessia Ursella

We are pleased to report that 24 of the 32 departments on campus are now represented on the GSA Board - a record high! We are also excited to welcome two General Directors for International Students to our Board for the first time after such motion was passed at our December Board Meeting.

Please click here for our full list of General Directors. If you have any questions about the GSA, please feel free to contact your department General Director(s) or the GSA at gsa@uoguelph.ca

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Call for 2018-2019 GSA Executive Committee Nominations!

Join the GSA executive Committee! The GSA is the sole official representative of graduate students at the University of Guelph. The GSA Executive act as a liaison between graduate students and University Administration, with four (4) Executive positions:

**President & CEO**  
**Vice-President Internal**  
**Vice-President Finance**  
**Vice-President External**

For more information on Executive Position Duties, please visit our website and for more information on the election process, click here.

**Nomination deadline**: February 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm

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Bus Pass Distribution

You can still get your Winter 2018 Bus Pass Sticker until April 30<sup>th</sup> from the GSA Office Manager, Erin Angus, in her office (UC 530, North Tower) from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm OR 2:00 -5:00 pm as long as her door is open. No appointment needed!

*Please note the GSA Office is closed from 1:00 - 2:00 pm for lunch.

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**Fall Study Break Extension Update**

The GSA Executive has participated in many discussions with University Administration and other student groups on campus about extending the Fall Study Break following the Thanksgiving long weekend. The latest proposal included extending the break by one day (the Wednesday following the Thanksgiving long weekend), and therefore starting the semester 1 day earlier: the Wednesday after Labour Day. However, the proposal was voted against at a recent joint meeting between the Board of Undergraduate Studies and Board of Graduate Studies, and therefore, the Fall Study Break was not voted on at the February 5<sup>th</sup> Senate Meeting. Thank you to all Graduate Students for your most valuable input on these discussions.

Please send all newsletter submissions to the GSA email at gsa@uoguelph.ca by the 1<sup>st</sup>
A call for Nominations!
2018-2019 GSA Executive Committee

About:
The GSA is the sole official representative body of graduate students at the University of Guelph. The GSA acts as a liaison between graduate students and University Administration, with GSA representatives sitting on most University Committees, presidential task forces & boards. For more information please visit our website.

The GSA is operated by a Board of Directors, which consists of an elected Executive Committee and up to two (2) elected General Directors from each department.

Duties of GSA Executive Officers
The four Executive positions (GSA President and Vice-Presidents Internal, Finance and External), described here, are open for nomination. Candidates must be current members of the GSA, and intend to register for Graduate Studies during the Spring/Summer and Fall 2018 terms, as well as the Winter 2019 Semester; and have at least six (6) months service as a General Director and/or Executive at the commencement of their term (May 1, 2018) to be eligible. The six (6) month service eligibility clause is waived, if none of the nominees meet the requirement. Job descriptions may vary slightly due to editorial changes currently being recommended to the By-Laws and Constitution Committee for presentation at the AGM, March 28th, 2018.

Eligibility:
Full and part-time graduate students who have at least six (6) months service as a General Director and/or Executive, at the commencement of their term (May 1, 2018). This requirement is waived if none of the candidates nominated for a position meet the service term requirement. All interested students are encouraged to apply!

How to apply:
Please submit the following information by email to the GSA Chief Returning Officer (CRO)
1. Position nominated for
2. Name
3. Student ID
4. Name of department
5. UofG email address
6. Brief autobiography (~500 words)

Dates & Deadlines
Nomination Deadline:
February 26th, 2018 at 4:30 pm

Campaign Period:
February 27th - March 13th, 2018

Voting Period:
March 14th - 16th, 2018

Election Rules:
• All campaign materials must be approved by the CRO, and must be removed by 4:30 pm on the last day of the campaign period.
• No campaigning is permitted during the voting period.
• In the event of a single nomination for any office, there shall be a yes/no vote to ensure that the candidate is satisfactory to the membership.

Questions?
Please contact the GSA Chief Returning Officer: gsacro@uoguelph.ca with any questions you may have.
Counselling Services at the GSA!

The GSA is pleased to have Kathy Waltner-Toews, a Counselor/Therapist from Counselling Services on Campus, at the GSA every Tuesday afternoon! Click here for more information.

Special Grants & Speakers’ Fund

The Office of Student Affairs would like to inform you that due to an unanticipated surplus in the Student Life Enhancement Fund (SLEF), funds have been transferred to Special Grants to support NEW non-academic initiatives that enhance and support the well-being and mental health of students and the University of Guelph. These initiatives should take place in the Winter 2018 term. So, put your thinking caps on and submit a proposal!

Applications are accepted as received. Please visit the Student Affairs website for the application.

Senate: A Call for Nominations!

Nominations to the University of Guelph Senate and Board of Governors are now closed but the voting period will take place from February 12th - 15th!

Please do not hesitate to contact the University Secretariat at elections@uoguelph.ca if you have any questions.

Travel Grants

Students who have presented at conferences, workshops, or seminars in their previous semester may be eligible to receive a travel grant up to $500.00! The student must have been registered as a graduate student in the term that s/he has presented. To apply, please download and submit a hard copy of your completed application to the GSA Office Manager, Erin Angus (U.C. 530).

Applications for September – December are due by December 31st.

Child Care Bursaries

The GSA can provide the opportunity for accessible child care! A child care bursary is available for graduate students who are supporting a child or children and demonstrate financial need. Download and submit a hard copy of the application to the GSA Office Manager, Erin Angus (U.C. 530).

Applications for September – December are due by December 31st.

GSA Activities Grants

Are you planning an academic or social event on Campus? Apply for a PDR Activities Grant!

Download and complete an application to submit to the GSA (gsa@uoguelph.ca and cc: Erin Angus, eangus@uoguelph.ca) by the 1st of each month for consideration. ***Please note that we CANNOT support off-campus events.

Have something you would like in the GSA monthly newsletter?

Submit your items (events, research, etc.) to gsa@uoguelph.ca (cc: eangus@uoguelph.ca) by the 1st of each month.

GSA Board Meeting Schedule:

Wednesdays at 5:30 pm (food served at 5:15 pm)
January 17th, February 7th, March 28th (AGM), April 11th

Please send all newsletter submissions to the GSA email at gsa@uoguelph.ca by the 1st
TRIVIA!

Come to the Fifth EVERY Thursday Night for two rounds of Trivia from 7:00 - 9:00 pm!

Upcoming GSA Events:

Mitacs Workshop

Mitacs is hosting Professional Development Skills of Communication Workshops in UC Room 442 on Tuesday, February 13th and lunch will be hosted at The Fifth. Please click here for more workshop details and how to register.

FREE Skating & Hot Chocolate

Join us for a FREE skating event on Tuesday, March 6th at the University of Guelph Arena (Red Rink) from 3:00 - 5:00 pm followed by FREE hot chocolate at The Fifth!

St Patrick’s Day Celebration!

Get a head start celebrating St Patrick’s Day with the GSA Friday, March 16th! Come to The Fifth for a pancake breakfast starting at 11:00 am.

To stay up to date on all upcoming events, follow us on social media!

Promotions:

Tall Boy Tuesdays: $4.50 (tax included)

Fridays: all draught is $5.50 & pitchers are $16.50 (tax included)

20% off Coupons

Did you receive a 20% off coupon for The Fifth when you picked-up your Bus Pass this semester? Make sure to use it to get 20% off your entire food order from February 1st - April 30th!

NEW: The Fifth Lager:

Stop by The Fifth to try our NEW, very own refreshing Lager brewed by Sleeman!

Menu:

Not sure what we serve at The Fifth? Check out our menu online!

Hours

Mon-Wed & Fri: 11:30 am - 7:00 pm
Thurs: 11:30 am - 9:00 pm

OPEN READING WEEK!

Wed February 21st - Fri February 23rd:
12:00 - 6:00 pm
The GSA would like to congratulate the organizers, Krista Miller and Curtis Holmes (pictured above), and their team of volunteers, on the success of the first annual Guelph Graduate Student Mental Health Conference! Krista and Curtis are both Masters students in the Family Relations and Applied Nutrition (FRAN) department and also represent their department on the GSA Board of Directors.

The day started off with keynote speakers, Danyelle Liddle (GSA President), Edith Wilson (CUPE 3913 President), Mike Bortolussi (Gallivan Student Health and Wellness) and Alison Burnett (Director of Student Wellness Services), followed by concurrent morning and afternoon workshops focused on giving graduate students the tools to improve their mental health.

We look forward to another great Graduate Student Mental Health Conference next year!
**FREE Yoga Every Tuesday!**

Mark your Calendars! Starting Tuesday, January 9th, 2018, there will be FREE Yoga from 12:00 - 1:00 pm in UC 533 (Near The Fifth). Please remember to bring a towel/small blanket/block and water.

**Mitacs Professional Development Workshops: Skills of Communication**

You have the research skills to succeed - get the career skills to get hired!

Attend the next Mitacs workshop on Skills of Communication on Tuesday, February 13th, 2018 in the UC, Room 442 starting at 8:30 am.

Mitacs offers career skills workshops covering topics from teamwork to project management to networking. You can attend in person workshops right on campus, take online training on a flexible schedule, or create your own curriculum with a mix of both options.

Did we mention each workshop is FREE of charge? Augment your career skills in navigating difficult conversations and implementing communication tools for team success and join the more than 19,000 graduate students across Canada who have benefitted from Mitacs training.

Click [here](#) to register.

**Relay For Life**

Join us, Sunday, March 10th for a 12 hour, overnight fundraiser for the Canadian Cancer Society! To register as an individual or as a team, click [here](#). Registration is only $15.00, which covers the cost of a participant T-shirt and food/drinks for the whole night! Relay for Life is an annual fundraiser held in the UoG field house. From 7:00 pm to 7:00 am, we will have entertainment and activities. Join the fight against cancer and register for Relay for Life!

**GSLI Focus Groups**

Help the Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies improve graduate professional skill development at the University of Guelph!

The Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies wants to hear from CURRENT graduate students and post-doctoral scholars about their experiences with and knowledge of the Graduate Student Learning Initiative (the GSLI) and other graduate professional skill development opportunities on campus.

We are going to facilitate four (4) focus groups to elicit feedback on how to improve graduate professional skill development on campus. The focus groups will be approximately one (1) hour and a FREE pizza lunch will be provided. If you are interested, please sign-up for a focus group [here](#).

If you have any questions about the study, please contact Sarah Cahill ([cahills@uoguelph.ca](mailto:cahills@uoguelph.ca)) Graduate Research Assistant in the Department of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies.

**ENGAGE 2018 Conference: Call for Abstracts**

The 2018 ENGAGE conference, hosted by the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, will be taking place Saturday, March 24th, 2018. This conference is aimed at nurturing the diversity and vitality of student research by encouraging students from various social science backgrounds to come together and ENGAGE with peers over critical issues.

**Abstract submission deadline:** February 28th, 2018

**Email submissions to:** soanconf@uoguelph.ca

Please click [here](#) for more details.
Graduate Student Support Circle

The GSSC invites you to take part in a peer support circle for graduate students for the Winter 2018 semester! GSSC provides peer support to graduate students in both providing and receiving emotional support in a group setting. For more information, please click here.

Canada-China Scholars Exchange Program

Global Affairs Canada and the Chinese Ministry of Education are offering short-term scholarships to Canadians wishing to study abroad in China. Scholarships are awarded for studies, research, language studies or a combination of studies and language studies at participating Chinese institutions.

Number of Scholarships: Over 20
Duration: 4-12 months for students; 8 weeks - 12 months for faculty members and mid-career professionals
Inclusions: Airfare, tuition fees, monthly living stipend, on-campus accommodation and medical insurance.
Deadline: March 6th, 2018

For full program details and to submit an online application, visit Canada-China Scholars’ Exchange Program. Please contact admin-scholarships-bourses@cbie.ca/ with any questions you may have.

Let’s Talk Science!

A volunteer opportunity: Let’s Talk Science focuses on STEM outreach activities for K-12, and students can volunteer as little or as often as they would like. This is a fun way to share your passion for science, while enriching the education of students in the community and building your résumé. We run interactive lessons in all STEM fields throughout southern Ontario and we welcome all volunteers. If you would like to get involved, please fill out this short form and we will reach out to you!

For more information please contact uguelph@letstalkscience.ca

A job opportunity: Let’s Talk Science also has a coordinator position available as a part time, 1 year renewable contract at the University of Guelph. Please click here to find out more on this opportunity, requirements and qualifications.

All interested candidates should submit their resume and a cover letter to projects.ltsguelph@gmail.com.

Application deadline: Until filled.

U-File

Tax season will soon be upon us! Did you know that as a member of the Canadian Federation of Students, you can file your taxes for free using Ufile?

To file for free, members must:
• Sign in to a new or existing Ufile account for the current Tax year
• Enter tuition fees and months at school (must file T2202a)
• Local the “Special Offer” form in Ufile’s left hand navigation
• Enter the special offer code: CFS1981

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Graduate Student Learning Initiative

Each month the Graduate Student Learning Initiative (GSLI) committee sends out a newsletter with lots of information and opportunities for graduate students. Please see below for this month’s newsletter items and click here to see the newsletter!

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Opportunities & Resources

OUTline

Do you have questions surrounding sexuality, gender, identity, or coming out?

Have you been having confusing thoughts and no one to talk to?

Do you need information about resources available on campus?

Our staff of trained volunteers are ready to listen to you.

OUTline ONline is a confidential and anonymous support service for the LGTBQ2IA+ community that will connect you with volunteers in a discreet, confidential and private online environment.

Spread the word that our online chat is somewhere anyone (regardless of identity) can come with questions about sexuality, gender, & the LGBTQ+ community.

Please visit our website for more details!

Mon - Sun | 5:00pm - 10:00pm
(excluding Holidays and exam periods)

Guelph Resource Centre for Gender Empowerment

GRCGED is a pro-choice, sex-positive environment that operates within an anti-oppressive feminist framework and provides access to information on issues relating to our Vision. The Centre provides a space to meet, discuss and organize with people on campus and the surrounding community who have made a commitment to the Centre’s Vision. First and foremost, the Centre works to create a safer space for students, faculty, staff and community members of all or no gender(s), diverse abilities and from a wide variety of ethnic, religious, cultural and linguistic backgrounds. The Guelph Resource Centre for Gender Empowerment and Diversity functions within a framework of empathy and compassion.

For more information go to the GRCGED website!

Contact information:
Location: University Centre Room 107
Email: grcgged@gmail.com
Phone Number: 519-824-4120 x 58559

Feeling Better Now (FBN)

-FBN is a trusted, anonymous, online service that is medically approved to support mental health and wellness, and is now offering online counselling, which is available to all GSA members!
-This service is equipped with a military grade encryption system to ensure the privacy of the meeting.
-Your first 30-minute session is FREE and each subsequent 30-minute session will be $37.50, which can be reimbursed through the UoG Health and Dental Plan.

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Opportunities & Resources

Co-operative Education & Career Services

Your Number One Job Search and Career Planning Resource!

Services we offer:

• Online job postings (for full-time, part-time, co-op & summer positions)
• Drop-in sessions available daily
• Résumé & cover letter writing assistance
• Interview skills & preparation
• Job & career fairs
• Further education planning
• Over 35 co-op majors
• Interest & personality assessment

Visit us in Building #54 (north of Rozanski) or online!
Drop-in hours to meet with a Career Advisor:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Tuesday & Thursday: 1:00 – 4:00 pm
www.recruitguelph.ca

On- & Off-Campus Resources:

• Check out the various on- and off-camps resources that were discussed at the New Graduate Student Orientation Day in September here!
• We promise, you will learn something new and helpful to help you during your time at the University of Guelph and afterwards!

Review the Graduate Student Calendar!

• Make sure you understand the General Expectations of you as a graduate student, and of your advisor, as well as the process for resolving academic disputes as explained in the dispute Resolution Mechanism, within the Graduate Calendar.
• The GSA executive team is working to provide a tool for graduate students to use to navigate this conversation with their advisor in hopes of preventing an academic dispute later on... Stay tuned for more on that!

Transit Committee

Students who reside 200 km or greater away from the University of Guelph can apply using the Full-time/Distance Fee Status form to opt out of certain ancillary fees. Click here for more details.

As of January 7th, there are some rout changes for Guelph Transit. Click here for more information. If you have comments or concerns about these changes or require help planning your transit use, please contact transit@uoguelph.ca or call 519-822-1810.

Looking to Volunteer?

• Student Volunteer Connections (located in Raithby House room 104) has services available to graduate students, including volunteer opportunities and a $100.00 subsidy to help cover volunteer-related costs.
• You can find more details here.

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Opportunities & Resources

Guelph Gryphons: Fitness & Recreation

Daily Access Pass:

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*** NRG PASS = GGAC Fitness Centre + NRG Classes

Drop-In Rec Includes:

- Badminton
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Beach volleyball
- Boxing (heavy bag)
- Disc golf
- Hockey (Sept. – Apr.)
- Hot tub
- Skating (Sept. – Apr.)
- Steam room
- Soccer
- Squash
- Swimming – Lane (Gold Pool)
- Swimming – Recreational (Red Pool)
- Table tennis
- Ultimate frisbee
- Volleyball

Important Dates:

Intramural Registration:
Winter Late-Registration: January 8th – 9th, 2018; 12 – 9pm

Lockers:
Winter: January 4th, 2018; Renewals begin @ 5:30pm

Closures:
December 25th, 26th, 31st, 2017 & January 1st, 2018

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Scholarships & Awards

Brock Doctoral Scholarship
The Brock Doctoral Scholarship is one of the most prestigious doctoral awards available at the University. We seek to attract scholars with potential to attain a high level of academic achievement and to make significant teaching and research contributions. The scholarship is available to domestic and international students entering or transferring to a doctoral program in S18, F18 or W19 and is valued at $30,000 per year for up to four years (12 semesters).

Application deadline: February 15th, 2018

Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP)
Apply for OSAP! The deadline to receive Fall 2017 funding (October 16th) has passed, but students can still apply for funding for next semester and even next year (2018-2019)! Click here for all dates and deadlines.

All students who apply for OSAP are automatically considered for the Ontario Student Grant, which you do not need repay! If you are offered both a loan and a grant, you can indicate that you ONLY want to receive the grant! #freemoney

Students are encouraged to check the Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies webpage on scholarships and the Student Financial Services Award Search Engine to identify all scholarships for which they may be eligible.
Department News

Departmental Seminar Series:

**Geography Winter 2018 Brown Bag Speaker Series:**

The Geography department is hosting a Brown Bag Speaker Series during the month of March from 12:00 - 1:00 pm in Hutt Room 234. Please click here for a list of dates, speakers and topics.

**Human Health & Nutritional Sciences Winter 2018:**

Join the HHNS department for the bi-weekly seminar series Mondays from 1:00 - 2:00 pm in HNRU Room 146 (HHNS Annex). Click here for the schedule, speakers and topics!

**Physics Graduate Seminar Series:**

Join the Physics department every Thursday at 10:45 am to discuss hot topics in physics research, brought to you by Guelph graduate students in SSC 1511. All are welcome! For more information, please click here.

Participant Recruitment:

**The Apple Study: Human Health & Nutritional Sciences Department**

The Human Health and Nutritional Sciences department is now recruiting study participants to start in January/February 2018!

The Apple Study research team at the University of Guelph is recruiting overweight or obese, but generally healthy volunteers to participate in a health, food and nutrition research study investigating the effects of eating Ontario-grown Gala apples for 6 weeks on risk factors for obesity-related diseases, such as type 2 diabetes and cardiovascular disease.

Please click here for more information.

**Student Debt Study: Department of Psychology**

A student in the Department of Psychology is seeking study participants who are interested in speaking about their own experiences with student debt.

If you are currently an undergraduate student enrolled in 3rd or 4th year OR a graduate student at any stage in your program with student debt and are open to describing your experiences in depth in a 60-90 minute interview, please contact the research team at sfeige@uoguelph.ca.

For more information, please click here.

Hosting an event in your department that is open to all graduate students? Submit a summary and/or poster to the Newsletter! Submissions are due to the GSA email at gsa@uoguelph.ca by the 1st of each month.

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Please send all newsletter submissions to the GSA email at gsa@uoguelph.ca by the 1st
NEW since Fall 2017: Counselling Services is coming to the GSA!

The GSA is pleased to have Kathy Waltner-Toews, a Counselor/Therapist from Counselling Services on Campus, at the GSA.

WHAT?
• Individual counselling

WHERE?
• GSA Board Room: UC, Level 5, Room 529 (North Tower)

WHEN?
• Tuesday afternoons, starting January 16th

*NOTE: Counselling Services are FREE to all full- and part-time graduate students! Contact Counselling Services for more information, and to book an appointment:

U.C. South Tower, Level 3  519-824-4120 x53244  counsell@uoguelph.ca
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY

ENGAGE 2018
PUSHING BOUNDARIES, BRIDGING SPACES: ENGAGING FOR SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION
SATURDAY MARCH 24TH 2018

A conference aimed at nurturing the diversity and vitality of student research by encouraging students from various social science backgrounds to come together and ENGAGE with peers over critical issues

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS
DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 28
/ENGAGE2018  SOANCONF@UOGUELPH.CA
EMAIL SUBMISSIONS TO:
soranconf@uoguelph.ca
Interested in meeting other graduate students?! 

The Graduate Student Support Circle (GSSC) provides peer support to graduate students in both providing and receiving emotional support in a group setting. You are invited to join our circle this Winter'2018!

What: Confidential peer support circle for graduate students. 
When: 60 minutes weekly – every Tuesday, 12 to 1pm, from January 23 to April 3, 2018.
Who: 7-10 graduate student participants and 1 graduate student facilitator.
How: Participants are expected to attend weekly over the entire semester.
Why: Meet an unfulfilled need for peer support among graduate students.

Registration is REQUIRED to participate. Deadline is January 14, 2018.

For more information or to register, please contact us at:

quelpgradcircle@gmail.com

“Like” our page on Facebook: www.facebook.com/UOG.GSSC
Position Title: Coordinator

Position Status: Part time, 1 year renewable contract

Application deadline: Until Filled

Position location: University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario.

The Opportunity

Let’s Talk Science (LTS) is a national award-winning, not-for-profit organization focused on scientific education and outreach. Through the creation and delivery of unique learning programs and services that engage children, youth, and educators in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). LTS staff and volunteers support scientific learning and skill development for students (K-12) and the occasional adult group. Committed to inspiring and empowering Canadian youth to develop the skills they need to participate and thrive in an ever-changing world. LTS offers programs, resources, and services that motivate all ages to fulfill their potential and prepare them for future careers and roles as citizens. LTS has excited, inspired and engaged more than 4 million children, youth, educators and volunteers in STEM since its inception. The University of Guelph branch reaches engages up to 10,000 youth every year.

Position Responsibilities:

- Communicate with educators and community leaders, and LTS stakeholders
- Management and preparation of educational activities for volunteers
- Manage the training, engagement, and recruitment of LTS volunteers
- Ensure, along with the coordinator team, the preparation of an annual budget
- Guide the continued success of Let’s Talk Science at Guelph
- Report directly to the Vice President of Research biannually

Requirements and Qualification

- University of Guelph Student
- Experience with event organization
- Experience working with youth and adults, preferably in an educational setting
- Computer access
- Working knowledge of Microsoft Office and experience with the Google Applications (Drive, Forms etc.)

Skills and Abilities

- Ability to work both independently and cooperatively in a team environment
- Flexible schedule
- Demonstrate leadership character
- Full drivers licence
- Creative, resourceful, and full of initiative
- Digital organization
- Strong interpersonal communication skills
Introducing the Winter 2018

February 2\textsuperscript{nd} – Dr. Susan Elliott (Health Geographies)

March 9\textsuperscript{th} – Dr. Thembela Kepe (Development Geography)

March 16\textsuperscript{th} – Dr. Andrew Millward (Urban Forestry)

March 23\textsuperscript{rd} – Jennifer Clapp (Food and Sustainability)

Lunch and Learn – All are welcome to attend!
## HHNS Winter Departmental Seminar Series

**Place:** HNRU Rm. 146 – HHNS Annex  
**Time:** Mondays at 1:00-2:00pm

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Graduate Seminar Series

Hot topics in physics research, brought to you by Guelph graduate students. Informal, accessible talks geared towards senior undergraduate students. All are welcome.

Thursdays @ 10:45 am
SSC 1511

Snacks @ 10:30 am
Starts Jan 18
Participants are needed to study the effects of eating whole apples on risk factors for obesity-related chronic diseases

Participants must be:
- 18 - 75 years old
- Overweight or obese (BMI ≥ 25.0 kg/m²), or waist circumference of ≥ 40” for males or ≥ 30” for females
- In generally good health
- Able to tolerate acetaminophen-containing products (e.g. Tylenol)

Study participation involves:
- Eat 3 apples per day for 6 weeks, or no apples per day for 6 weeks if randomized to the “control” group
- Attend 2, 7-hour study visits: drink a high-fat dairy product and provide intravenous blood samples
  * NOTE: ~6 of the 7 hours is “free time” for you to relax or to work away from work
- Attend 2, 15-minute study visits: answer questions about your health and lifestyle
- Collect 6 fecal samples: 3 before, and 3 after the 6-week study
- Record a 3-day food diary on 3 separate occasions: twice before and once during the 6-week study

*Participants will be asked to limit consumption of polyphenol-rich foods (e.g. berries, coffee, chocolate, etc.)

Total time commitment = 18 hours over 6 weeks

*Financial Compensation Provided!
Up to $300

To find out more about the study and your eligibility as a participant, please contact:
apples@uoguelph.ca
or
519-824-4120 x56967
Would you like to share your experiences of student debt?

A student researcher in the Department of Psychology is seeking study participants who are interested in speaking about their own experiences with student debt.

If you are a currently enrolled 3rd or 4th year undergraduate student, or graduate student of any level, with more than one year of experience with student debt, and you are open to describing your experiences in depth in a 60-90 minute interview, please contact the research team at:

sfeige@uoguelph.ca

This project has been reviewed by the Research Ethics Board for compliance with federal guidelines for research involving human participants.

REB #17-12-011
Pushing Boundaries, Bridging Spaces: Engaging for social transformation

ENGAGE 2018
18th Annual Graduate Student Conference
Department of Sociology and Anthropology
Saturday, March 24th, 2018

Call for Abstracts:

We invite all graduate and upper year undergraduate students from fields of the social and applied human sciences to participate in ENGAGE, the 18th Annual Graduate Student Conference at the University of Guelph. This event celebrates the diversity and vitality of student research by encouraging students from various social science backgrounds to come together and ENGAGE with peers over critical issues and cultural debates.

Our theme for this year’s conference is Pushing Boundaries, Bridging Spaces: Engaging for Social Transformation. If you are working to understand the ways in which we engage in the social world and how we enact change through doing so, send us your abstracts!

DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS: Wednesday, February 28th, 2018.

The goals for ENGAGE 2018 include:

- Provide students with a collegial environment in which to present and receive feedback on both completed works and/or projects in progress;
- Foster communication and engagement between scholars with diverse research interests and perspectives;
- Challenge and critically examine our understanding of the social and cultural worlds, as well as the impact our research has on the individuals and/or communities we partner with and/or study.

Abstract Submissions:

In fulfilling our mission to develop a supportive and inclusive environment for students to conduct and present their research, the ENGAGE conference accepts an array of topics within the social and applied human sciences. Moreover, both paper and poster proposals are welcome!

Topics of research may include, but are certainly not limited to:

- Community engaged scholarship
- Social justice and transformation
- Rural, community and development studies
Work, gender and change in a global context
- Criminology and/or criminal justice
- Gender, diversity and social (in)equality
- Race, ethnicity and identity politics
- Family development, ageing and the life course

Abstracts for submission must be between 150-250 words in length. Abstract Submissions will not be accepted after Wednesday, February 28, 2018.

Please submit your abstract to soanconf@uoguelph.ca

Awards:

Three monetary awards will be presented at the ENGAGE conference this year:

- ENGAGE Department of Sociology and Anthropology Outstanding Original Research Award ($100)
- ENGAGE Department of Sociology and Anthropology Best Community Engaged Research Award ($100)
- ENGAGE Department of Sociology and Anthropology Best Poster Presentation Award ($50)

Conference Format:

Paper and poster presentations will be presented throughout the day. Information regarding the theme and time of each session, as well as the length of each presentation will be provided closer to the date of the conference. Lunch and breakfast will be provided.

Cost and Accommodation:

There is no fee to participate in this conference. Participants are responsible for all of their travel and accommodation expenses. Unfortunately, we are not able to offer funding for participants’ costs. However, monetary awards will be presented for best paper and poster presentation. Limited billeting is available and can be arranged on an individual basis. We are also happy to provide information about local accommodation options. Inquiries can be sent to soanconf@uoguelph.ca.

Registration:

Follow the link to register. Also, find us on Facebook.

We look forward to seeing you at ENGAGE 2018!