Welcome back everyone! We hope you have had a wonderful holiday season with your friends and loved ones. We wish you the best for this new year.

We want to thank Bernard Chan for his wonderful contributions as a GAA. Working with you has been a joy and you will be missed. The GAA's now welcome a new member of the team, Neila Miled who starts now as Academic Research & Publication Support.

This year will have amazing events and challenges, remember that we are here for you.

NOTICE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save the Date! EDST Research Day
Friday, April 12, 2019

Our annual EDST Research day is going to be on Friday, April 12, 2019. Call for proposals will be out soon.

Please email us edst.gaa@ubc.ca if you are interested in volunteering.
EDST students Feedback Form

One of our tasks as GAAs and students reps is to raise students issues on their behalf. Depending on the nature of the issue we could discuss it with the Grad student advisor, Head's advisory committee, GPACC (EDST department program coordinators meeting), program committees, as well as in the EDST department meeting. Please take advantage of this anonymous space to share your feedback with us and we will do our best to share it on your behalf. Find the form [HERE](#).

MONTHLY EVENTS

For more information and to RSVP for the events listed below, please click on the respective links in each listing.

Create a New Year Vision board

**January 11, 2019 | Friday**

Location: PCOH1302  
Time: 4:00pm - 6:00pm  
Hosted by: EDST GAAs

Have you already set your goals and plans for the 2019 year? How about creating a personal visual board? Join us for a fun social to reflect on the previous year plans and achievements, set the goals for the new year and to build a collage of words and pictures that represent your goals and dreams. We'll provide paper, colour pencils, watercolours, brushes, beads, yarn and glue. Please feel free to bring old magazines for collage.
EDST Friday Seminar Series
January 18, 2019 | Friday

Location: PCOH2012 (EDST Multipurpose Room)
Time: 2:00pm - 4:00pm
Hosted by: EDST

- A Phenomenology of Utterance, the Threshold of Teaching
  Adi Burton and Dr Sam Rocha
- Northrop Frye’s writing on geography and space in the Canadian imagination: Universities and Colleges as scholastic ‘garrisons’
  Jed Anderson

MORE INFO - RSVP

Demystifying Comps
January 22, 2019 | Tuesday

Location: Ponderosa Commons 1306A
Time: 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Hosted by: Dr. Amy Metcalfe

Comps. Yes, it’s an exam, but its also much more than that, and one that you shouldn't fear! Dr. Amy Metcalfe will "demystify" this "event" in Ph.C. students' lives at this event. You'll learn why students write them, at what stage of their programs, how to prepare, and of course how to successfully complete and defend them. This workshop is for anyone who has no idea what "comps" are, and those preparing to write them.

RSVP
Editing Workshop | Tuesday
January 28, 2019

Location: PCOH1306A
Time: 10:00am - 1:00pm
Hosted by: Dr. Sam Rocha

Writing is hard. Everyone seems to know this. Oftentimes, the difficulty of writing can cloud the more technical details which only makes writing even harder. This workshop will discuss and perform some exercises specifically focused on how to edit. This will include content editing, copy editing, and what the editorial process is across academic writing and publishing. All questions surrounding the craft of editing, no matter how big or how small, are welcome.

RSVP

GAA'S PICK OF THE MONTH

Hexsa'am: To Be Here Always. Opening reception
January 10, 2019 | Thursday
Location: Morris and Helen Belkin Art Gallery, UBC
Time: 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

MORE INFORMATION
Dance Allsorts: Iskwēwak Osihtâwak | The Women are Making It
January 13, 2019 | Sunday
Location: Roundahouse Community Arts & Recreation Centre
Time: 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm

 MORE INFORMATION

Die Zauberflöte (The Magic Flute)
UBC Opera
Location: Chan Centre - Chan Shun Concert Hall
Various dates and times (see website for more information)

 MORE INFORMATION

PuSH International Performing Art Festival in Vancouver
January 17 to February 3, 2019
Various times and locations (see website for more information)

 MORE INFORMATION

DATES TO NOTE

Friday, January 18, 2019
Aboriginal Graduate Fellowships
Application and nomination details

Internal application deadline: 4pm, Friday, 18 January 2019*

Thursday January 31, 5:15 pm - 7:00 pm, 2019
UBC Sustainability Scholars Program Information Session
Register Here