



Greetings, EDST! We hope you have had an enjoyable summer, and are looking forward to the academic year ahead. To those of you joining our department this month, a very warm welcome from the GAAs! We are excited to have you join our community of scholars, and we look forward to supporting your upcoming journey through graduate school.

September has always been a busy month, check out the activities we have prepared for the benefit of our new and current students. We also have a series of exciting workshops in the coming months, so lookout for our updates!

The GAA team would also like to extend our sincere thanks to Dr. Alison Taylor, our former Graduate Advisor, and welcome Andre Mazawi who took on the Graduate Advisor role in the beginning of the summer.

Thank you, also, to Neila Miled for her dedication and service to the EDST community as a GAA. Neila will be succeeded by Alison St Pierre this academic year. Welcome to the team, Alison!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GAA Appointments for
2019/20 Academic Year**

Academic Peer Advisors
Mary Kostandy (to December 2019)

[Click here](#) to see our profiles!

Maria Angelica Guerrero

Academic Research and Publication Support

Alison St. Pierre

Lena Ignatovich (to December 2019)

**Nominate yourself to be a
student rep!**

Deadline:

Monday, Sept 9th

AVAILABLE STUDENT REP SPACES

- **In EDST department meetings:** 6 spaces are currently available for student representatives (PhD, EdD, MA, and MEd). These representatives may be self-nominated on behalf of their programmes.
- **In the Graduate Student Society Council (GSS).** 1 voting space is currently available for a PhD student. The GSS Council meets on the third Thursday of each month at 5:00 pm.
- **In the Graduate Programs Advisory and Curriculum Committee (GPACC) meeting** chaired by Dr. Andre Mazawi, programme coordinators and committee chairs. One space is available for a PhD student.
- In the **Scholarships Committee** chaired by Dr. Jennifer Chan: One space is available for an EDST student.
- In the **MA committee chaired by Dr. Michelle Stack:** One space is available for an MA student.
- In the **Adult Learning Education program meeting chaired by Dr. Hongxia Shan:** One space is available for an ALE student. They meet on the third Thursday of every month (before the department meeting) from 10:30 and 12:00 in the multi-purpose room.

If you are interested in any of these spaces, please share your name and program area by **Monday, 9th of September** to this email edst.gaa@ubc.ca

Send Us Your Feedback!

Send us your comments, feedback, and opinions [here](#) at any time, so that we can continue to develop and improve our initiatives for you.

MONTHLY EVENTS

In the interest of fairness to event host(s) or presenter(s), please RSVP at least **3 days** prior to the event date. There is a minimum attendance of 5 participants for our events, unless otherwise specified. If there are not enough participants, we may cancel or postpone the event to a later date.



EDST ORIENTATION EVENT

Incoming Student Orientation

September 13, 2019 | Friday

Location: PCOH2012

Time: 5:30pm

Hosted by: EDST



EDST GAA ORIENTATION EVENT

International student gathering

September 13, 2019 | Friday

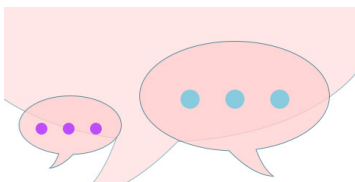
Location: PCOH1008

Time: 3:00pm – 4:00pm

Hosted by: Dr. Michael Marker

EDST is a diverse community, and we are delighted to welcome graduate students from all over the world each year! If you are a new international student who have just arrived in Vancouver and/or Canada, join us for this casual gathering specially organised for you! In the first part of our meeting, get to know your peers, and have your questions answered as you settle down to your new journey at UBC. Then, we are delighted to have Dr. Michael Marker (Associate Professor in EDST and coordinator of the Ts'kel Program) join us and share his insights into our place as residents and scholars on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the hə́nqəmíñəm-speaking Musqueam (xʷməθkʷəy̓əm) people.

[Please RSVP](#)



EDST GAA PEER ORIENTATION & PIZZA

September 16, 2019 | Monday

This event is open to all EDST students. Connect and network with your peers over pizza!

Doctoral students gathering

Location: PCOH Kitchen

Time: 12:30pm – 1:30pm

[RSVP](#)

Master students gathering

Location: PCOH Kitchen

Time: 2:45pm – 3:45pm

[RSVP](#)



EDST GAA ORIENTATION EVENT

Back-to-school Potluck!

September 26, 2019 | Thursday

Location: PCOH 2012

Time: 5:00pm – 7:00pm

Hosted by: Dr. Mona Gleason, EDST Head & EDST GAAs


Everyone in EDST is invited to our back-to-school potluck! Catch up with old friends and colleagues and get to know new ones. Feel free to bring your family and friends along!

Please [RSVP](#)

LEARNING TOGETHER SERIES

Department of Educational Studies

Ways of reading



Dr. Sam Rocha, Associate Professor, EDST

Sep 24, 2019 (Tue) | 10 am - 12 pm | PCOH 2012

In past EDST workshops, I have focused on how to write and, most recently, how to edit. In both cases, I have made the assertion that writing and editing require reading. My analogy has been that trying to write without reading would be like trying to run a marathon after only eating a cracker. But how does one read? Is there a way to read that is especially conducive to writing? In this workshop, I will explore this question with concrete tips on ways of reading that should benefit anyone who would like to see their reading as fuel for writing. In a sense, this is a workshop on how to read for the sake of writing, but I will take it a bit further as a time to contemplate what reading is and what value it might have in its own right.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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September 24, 2019 | Monday

Location: PCOH2012 (EDST Multipurpose Room)


Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm

Hosted by: Dr. Sam Rocha

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We Should Be Writing



September 30 (Mon) from 12:30 to 4:00 pm, PCOH 2012
Starts with a mini-lecture + Q&A *Mapping Entry Points into the Maze of Scholarly Conversations* from Dr. Sharon Stein, EDST

October 15 (Tue) from 10:00 am to 1:30 pm, PCOH 2012
Starts with a mini-lecture + Q&A from Dr. Allison Taylor, EDST

November 13 (Wed) from 10:00 am to 1:30 pm, PCOH 2012
Starts with a mini-lecture + Q&A from Dr. Mona Gleason, EDST

Everyone is welcome! Please RSVP

EDST WRITING GROUP

We should be writing

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