



It may still be snowing in some places, but the sun has come to Vancouver! As some of us move into summer courses, I'm celebrating the small changes and sunny days.

We're looking forward to staying connected over the summer, a reminder that the GAA team can be reached at [edst.gaa@ubc.ca](mailto:edst.gaa@ubc.ca) throughout the whole year.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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THANK YOU Maria Angélica Guerrero! Our team extends our sincerest gratitude to GAA Maria Angélica Guerrero, who has now graduated from her MA. Maria brought such light and joy to the GAA team.

We are excited to announce that Neil Bassan is joining us as a new GAA for Summer 2020. Neil Bassan is an instructional assistant (adult education, humanities) at the Vancouver School Board. His areas of interest include the intersections of film, communication-studies, literature and the philosophy of education. He has previously worked on the editorial board for Film Matters, and as an intern at *Mise-en-scène: The Journal of*

Welcome Neil!



## Student Support

COVID-19  
RESOURCES FOR  
EDST

The GAA team will be working to support the EDST community on an ongoing basis, as COVID-19 continues to impact our lives. We recognize that this has been a difficult time and that many of us are in need of support.

Thank you to everyone that attended our most recent **Town Hall**. We were happy to discuss questions related to tuition, library resources and funding. Currently a variety of funding opportunities are open for students from various sources including the department, UBC and the government. Keep an eye on your inbox for an email from Enrolment Services on funding for graduate students, and remember that tuition is not due until **June 15th**. The library is working to get students access to the resources they need. If you have any questions, you may reach out to the library, or to us. The GAA team is also working on advocating for increased financial support for students, if you have questions or ideas you'd like heard, please reach out to us at [edst.gaa@ubc.ca](mailto:edst.gaa@ubc.ca).

To discuss these questions and more, the GAA team will be hosting weekly **Office Hours**. For details, see below.

We have also compiled a list of [resources on our blog](#), which will be updated on an ongoing basis. In particular, consider:

Joining the [EDST UBC Student Community Facebook](#) group. We are hoping this group will be a place where we can share resources, ask questions and request or offer help. For example, finding someone in the EDST community to help pick up your groceries, or asking how others are handling online courses. If you are not on Facebook or would like to post asking for help anonymously, please email the GAA team at [edst.gaa@ubc.ca](mailto:edst.gaa@ubc.ca) and we would be happy to post on your behalf.

Visiting this site compiled by the Faculty of Education including faculty, unit and school updates, ways to help and other resources: [COVID-19 Faculty of Education Updates](#)

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MONTHLY EVENTS



### Virtual Co-Working Sessions

We are continuing with weekly virtual co-working sessions. These are online co-working sessions which will likely include a group check-in, focused working blocks, short breaks and a closing activity. Each session will have a different host so will look a little bit different. We encourage you to join in for the whole session or drop-in anytime during!

Location: Zoom (<https://ubc.zoom.us/j/608580548> meeting ID 608 580 548)

The scheduled sessions for this month are:

May 11th, 10am - 12:30pm PST (hosted by Alison)

May 14th, 9:30am - 12:30pm PST (hosted by Emily)

May 19th, 1pm - 4pm PST (hosted by Vanessa)

May 21st, 9:30am - 12:30pm (hosted by Emily)

May 25th, 4pm - 8pm (hosted by Yotam)

May 28th, 11am - 2pm (hosted by Vanessa)

**The schedule will be updated on an ongoing basis, all future sessions can be found [here](#).**

If you are new to Zoom you can test your connection, mic and webcam [here](#). Future sessions will be scheduled soon, so keep an eye out for more emails about virtual co-working!



### Office Hours

The GAA team is hosting weekly virtual office hours where you can drop in and ask any questions you may have (COVID-19 related or not). If you can't make the scheduled time, feel free to email the GAA team at [edst.gaa@ubc.ca](mailto:edst.gaa@ubc.ca) to set up another time. We are always available to meet and chat!

Location: Zoom (<https://ubc.zoom.us/j/91244391492> meeting ID 912 4439 1492)

The scheduled sessions for this month are:

May 15, 12pm-1pm (hosted by Vanessa)

May 20th, 12pm-pm (hosted by Alison)

May 26th, TBA

If you are new to Zoom you can test your connection, mic and webcam [here](#). Future sessions will be scheduled soon, so keep an eye out for more emails about virtual co-working!



## TRIVIA!

Thursday, May 21st, 5pm PST

Save the date! Join us on May 21st from 5pm - 7pm for a game of virtual trivia. Dress up, grab a drink of choice and log in to play a rousing game!

All you have to do is join the Zoom meeting and we will take care of the rest (i.e. no need to have a team).

Location: Zoom (<https://ubc.zoom.us/j/98232328243> meeting ID 982-3232-8243)

If you are new to Zoom you can test your connection, mic and webcam [here](#). Future sessions will be scheduled soon, so keep an eye out for more emails about virtual co-working!



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