



The fall leaves are changing and the air is growing cooler here in Vancouver. This is bringing up a lot of cozy feelings, but also reminders that some members of our department might be experiencing different seasonal changes, as we're more distant than usual. In Vancouver at least, this is great weather to grab a warm drink and connect with one another virtually, so we hope you'll join us for some coffee socials this month!

## Announcements

### EDST Student Representatives

There have been a few changes to our EDST Student Representatives team since our previous newsletter in September. Remember that you can always check for representative names on the GAA blog site: <https://blogs.ubc.ca/edstgaa/student-representatives/>

If you have any issues you'd like brought forward, feel free to speak to a student rep, or to contact the GAAs at [edst.gaa@ubc.ca](mailto:edst.gaa@ubc.ca)

## Monthly Events

### EDST Student Cafés

Date and time: Friday October 9th at 6:30 pm PT, and Wednesday October 21st at 10:00 am PT  
Location: Virtual (Zoom)



Description: It can be difficult to get to know one another and catch up when we're not running into each other in the halls between class, so this month the GAA team will be holding two social coffee hours. Bring your own warm drink and join us for a virtual, non-academic chat. The purpose is to meet on Zoom and hang out together, get to know people from the department who are not necessarily in your courses, and have some social time with other members of the department.

Please RSVP here:

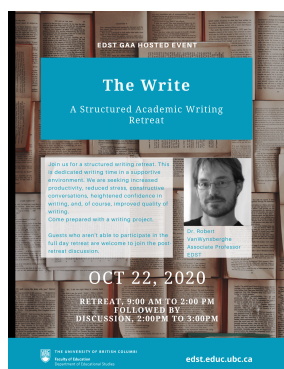
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## The Write: A Structured Academic Writing Retreat, with Dr. Rob VanWynsberghe

Date and time: Thursday October 22nd, 9:00am-2:00pm PT

Post-retreat discussion: Thursday October 22nd, 2:00pm-3:00pm PT

Location: Virtual (Zoom)



Description: Join us for a structured writing retreat where Dr. Rob VanWynsberghe will lead a virtual collaborative writing experience. This is dedicated writing time in a supportive environment. We are seeking outcomes that include increased productivity, reduced stress, constructive conversations, heightened confidence in writing, and, of course, improved quality of writing.

You can work on a range of writing projects: theses, chapters, books, reports, conference abstracts, grants, articles, research proposals, and all manner of social media.

Following the retreat we will discuss the experience, determine what worked and what didn't, and hopefully plan to establish good writing habits moving forward. *Guests who aren't able to participate in the writing retreat are welcome to join the discussion.*

Please RSVP here: [https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_a2WohRfeM4LYokJ](https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_a2WohRfeM4LYokJ)

## Virtual Co-Working Sessions



Online co-working sessions include a group check-in, focused working blocks, and short breaks. Sessions might vary depending on the host, but they'll always provide some company and accountability to help you

be productive. We encourage you to join in for the whole session or drop-in anytime during!

You can join the sessions on Zoom using the same link each time:

<https://ubc.zoom.us/j/608580548>

The schedule of sessions may be subject to change, and we recommend checking the most up-to-date [schedule on Google docs](#) throughout the month. At this time, the following sessions are scheduled for September:

October 6, 4pm-8pm, hosted by Yotam  
October 8, 2pm-6pm, hosted by Vanessa  
October 13, 4pm-8pm, hosted by Yotam  
October 15, 2pm-6pm, hosted by Vanessa  
October 20, 4pm-8pm, hosted by Yotam  
October 23, 2pm-6pm, hosted by Vanessa  
October 27, 4pm-8pm, hosted by Yotam  
October 29, 2pm-6pm, hosted by Vanessa

## Departmental Events

### SCPE (MA and MEd) Q&A Sessions, with Dr. Sam Rocha

Date and Time: Tuesday October 6th, and Tuesday October 20th, 2:00pm-3:00pm PT

Location: Virtual (Zoom)

**Oct 6:** <https://ubc.zoom.us/j/64252364235?pwd=cm0yZXRFdFd5NEs3aU9LRkhWSnBldz09>

Meeting ID: 642 5236 4235

Passcode: 590735

**Oct 20:** <https://ubc.zoom.us/j/66290407738?pwd=aFRVMUFmeVNsVlFZU1ZpaGZzckluZz09>

Meeting ID: 662 9040 7738

Passcode: 009097



Description: Dr. Sam Rocha, Society, Culture, and Politics in Education program Coordinator, is hosting two SCPE Question and Answer sessions on the first and third Tuesdays of October, the 6th & 20th, from 2 to 3 PM.

The MA degree in Educational Studies (with a concentration in SCPE) and MEd degree in SCPE offer students opportunities to develop critical or empirical understandings of education from the multi and interdisciplinary fields of cultural studies, disability studies, history, philosophy, sociology, political science, geography, indigenous

knowledge systems, and policy studies, including the areas of globalization, internationalization, and micropolitics

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### **EDST Department Meeting**

Date and Time: Thursday October 15th, 12:00pm PT

Location: Virtual (Zoom). Contact Alliance Babunga, [alliance.babunga@ubc.ca](mailto:alliance.babunga@ubc.ca), for the link if you would like to observe.

Description: The Department of Educational Studies department meeting provides opportunities for sharing of information, making of announcements, and engagement with departmental decision-making between faculty, students, and staff. Student representatives take part as voting members, but all students may attend.

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