

# EDUCATION LIBRARY

## MONTHLY REPORT | November 2020

### Spotlight on the New Downtown Eastside Research Access Portal

Community members living in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside (DTES) have been the focal point of countless scholarly research studies and surveys over the years. Up until recently, this research has remained largely out of reach to participants and community organizations, locked away in journals and other databases that require paid subscriptions to access. Community members have said they would benefit from access to that data for evaluating program and service effectiveness, for example, or for grant writing.

The recently launched [Downtown Eastside Research Access Portal \(DTES RAP\)](#), a project led by the UBC Learning Exchange in partnership with UBC Library's Irving K. Barber Learning Centre, is designed to change that.

The DTES RAP provides access to research and research-related materials relevant to Vancouver's Downtown Eastside through an easy-to-use public interface. The portal was developed in consultation with DTES residents and community organizations through focus groups and user experience testing, and in collaboration with a number of university units.

For members of the UBC community, the DTES RAP serves a variety of purposes. As an instructional tool that uses open-access resources, the DTES RAP can be used by librarians in reference work and supporting class assignments. Researchers will find the portal useful in amplifying the reach and impact of their work and, with support from the DTES RAP team, in meeting open access requirements. The portal can also help minimize demands on community time from researchers undertaking new research projects within the DTES by providing a reliable, primary information source. For students interested in learning more about the DTES community, the portal is an excellent first stop to enable proactive learning.

*Read more:*

<https://about.library.ubc.ca/2020/10/22/new-downtown-eastside-research-access-portal-takes-collaborative-approach-to-open-access/>

### Course Reserves

The UBC Education Library supports the Faculty of Education's course reserves by reviewing availability, link verification, cloning course reserves, resolving access issues and responding to status inquiries. Syllabi can be submitted to [syllabus.service@ubc.ca](mailto:syllabus.service@ubc.ca) or uploaded to LOCR.

In preparation for the new term, **please give Copyright and Permissions 3-5 weeks to process your request.**

*Questions about LOCR?* Email: [education.reserve@ubc.ca](mailto:education.reserve@ubc.ca)



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**Head's Report to EDST Department Meeting on November 19, 2020  
10:30 to 12:00pm**

**\*Note: Dept meetings currently held online due to UBC CoVid-19 restrictions  
Mona Gleason (submitted on November 05, 2020)**

**Community News**

1. Thanks to everyone who attended **Dr. Bathseba Opini's and Dr. Adele Perry's** presentations in our **EDST Speaker's Series entitled "Responding to Racism."** Please plan to attend our session on December 9<sup>th</sup> with **Dr. Sharon Stein**, TBA. In January, **Dr. Kogila Adam-Moodley**, Professor Emerita from EDST, will discuss her new book entitled *Race, Culture, and Politics in Education – A Global Journey from South Africa* (Teacher's College Press, Columbia University, 2020).

2. **Workday has now been launched to replace OPT and other management systems, including getting reimbursements, etc. Thanks especially to Shermila Salgadoe, Alliance Babunga, and Sophia Choi** who are spearheading our Departmental efforts to acclimatize to the new system. If you are having problems with the new processes, please reach out to Shermila for assistance. Plenty of online assistance is also available at <https://irp.ubc.ca/training>.

3. Thanks to program coordinators, program chairs, Lesley Andres, and Shermila Salgadoe who continue to work on getting our teaching schedule completed. **Please note that we are building workloads and schedules in keeping with our own EDST policies, programmatic/degree needs, and faculty preferences.**

4. **Please note a new funding opportunity** announced by Patsy Duff, Associate Dean of Research: **Education Incubator grants.** From her email to faculty: "On behalf of the Office of Research in Education, I'm delighted to announce a new (one-time) opportunity for research funding: the 2020-21 Faculty of Education Incubator Grants. **This small grant program (\$3000 max. each) is designed to support faculty research/scholarship by providing graduate research assistant (GRA) funds and relevant experience and training during this Covid-19 period.** Funds need to be committed by March 31, 2021 and can only be used for this purpose." More details, including the application form and deadlines, are available in her email sent to us on Tuesday, October 27.

5. **New book launch for André Mazawi and Michelle Stack** (Eds.) *Course syllabi in faculties of education: Bodies of knowledge and their discontents, international and comparative perspectives* (London, UK: Bloomsbury Academic Publishers, 2020) is **happening on Tuesday, December 1 from 2:00 to 3:00pm via Zoom. Co-sponsored by the Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies and EDST. Link coming soon!** Several EDST colleagues have chapters in the book including **Maren Elfert, Jo-Ann Archibald Q'um Q'um Xiiem, Hartej Gill, Bathseba Opini, Sam Rocha, Stephanie Glick, Esraa Al-Muftah, and Meena Uppal.**

**New and Ongoing Business**

1. I'm delighted to announce that our **two applications for new hires under the Accelerate Phase of the President's Academic Excellence Initiative (PAEI) were successful!** You will recall that the two positions are: 1) Economics of Educational Equity and 2) Equity-focussed Educational Leadership in a Global Context.

Our initial task now is to decide on the timing of these searches. Do we want to push pause temporarily given the CoVid context? We can do so without losing these positions.

**2. Issues at Heads and Director's table.** 1) **Increased Funding for PhD Students:** This is an issue that was brought to our attention by our Grad Advisor, Claudia Ruitenberg and is being discussed in GPACC. While we support increased funding for students, we also have to come to terms with what these increases will mean for our ability to admit students with full funding packages. Tom Sork (Graduate Curriculum Coordinator), Claudia Ruitenberg (Graduate Advisor) and Shermila Salgadoe (Administrative Manager), and myself met with Julian Dierkes, Associate Dean, Funding, at G&PS. We had a productive discussion about how G&PS can support Faculties and Departments that cannot rely on stable funding through Teaching Assistantships. More to come as we learn more. 2) **Support for continuing TAs for TE courses:** I have asked the Dean to consider extending the three-year pilot that has enabled us to hire graduate students to assist in TE courses. These are valuable to students as well as to faculty. No word yet on whether the support will be continued. In relation to item 1) above, this funding is really crucial to our students and our ability to recruit students.

**Departmental Forum:** Open for discussion....suggestions:

1) Hiring timing for PAEI approved positions – scenarios open for discussion.

a) *Equity-focussed Educational Leadership in a Global Context* position: Search committee struck in September 2021 with starting date of July 2022.

b) *Economics of Educational Equity* position: Search committee struck in September 2022 with a starting date of July 2023.

2) Sharing strategies for keeping students feeling connected in our classes and to their research – ideas? What is working in your classes and/or supervision strategies?



## Joint Report of the Graduate Advisor and Graduate Curriculum Coordinator

November 19, 2020

### From the Graduate Advisor—Claudia Ruitenber

- EDST has made available emergency funding (tuition awards) of max. \$1,000 per student, for those students delayed in their programs due to the COVID-19 pandemic. An email was sent to the EDST student email list on November 6. Information has also been posted at <https://edst.educ.ubc.ca/current-students/funding/>
- G+PS has let us know that their thesis team will no longer provide detailed feedback on proofreading and formatting errors that can be identified by comparing theses to the Sample Thesis available on the [G+PS website](#). (For example, a common mistake is “Error! Bookmark not defined” appearing in the table of contents.) Students need to check their own thesis against the [Sample Thesis](#) and other formatting requirements before submitting it to cIRcle or for pre-review.

### From the Graduate Curriculum Coordinator—Tom Sork

At the GPACC meeting on November 5, we:

- Agreed to set up a Canvas shell into which we can deposit for general use the materials and other resources on race and racism that may be useful to us in our teaching and other work.
- Provided feedback to Mona Gleason on a draft of *Guiding Principles and Processes for Faculty Membership in EDST Program Areas*.
- Discussed how well the course scheduling/workload planning process used this Fall worked and what changes, if any, might be considered prior to the start of the next planning cycle in Fall, 2021.
- Discussed two concerns raised by students:
  - How to access more detailed information about course content early enough to inform their decisions about course registration. We agreed to propose a policy requiring faculty to prepare a one-page “outline” of the courses they teach which could be posted on the EDST website.

- How we might provide students with a longer-term schedule—necessarily tentative—of course offerings to assist them with laying out their programs of study to ensure timely completion of program requirements.
- Reported on and discussed a proposal, originating in the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, to increase the minimum funding guarantee for all PhD students who started their program in September, 2018, or later from \$18k to \$22k per year effective September, 2021. This proposal was also discussed in a meeting on October 26 with Dr. Julian Dierkes of G+PS, Mona, Claudia, Shermila and Tom, and on October 27 with members of the FoE's Graduate Curriculum Advisory Committee. Everyone involved in these conversations supports offering more robust funding packages, but the proposal has significant financial implications for EDST and for the number of admission offers we are able to make. A related matter that the PhD Management Committee was asked to consider was whether EDST should offer a part-time PhD option.

No curriculum change proposals were considered but several will be brought forward for the December meeting.

<b>Department of Educational Studies</b>		
<b>Innovation Budget 2020-2021</b>		
<b>REVENUE</b>		
<i>balance carried forward from Innovation p/g 2019-2020</i>		\$ 459,184
Graduate Application Fee		15508.94
DE EDST		1580.27
ALGC 2019/20		42,568
EdD 2019/20		31,200
REA6		30,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>		<b>\$ 580,041</b>
		As of October 31, 2020
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>Projected 2020/21</b>	<b>Actuals 2020/21</b>
<b>Program Development &amp; Support</b>		
Program Enhancement funds (4 program areas; MA & PhD)	\$ 6,000	\$ 287
Honoraria for Guest Speakers, Graduate Programs	\$ 3,000	\$ 200
		0
<b>Key Programmatic Initiative for students</b>		0
Awards (contingency fund)	1,000	0
MA Academic Excellence Award	2,500	0
Community Engagement & Leadership Award - all students	2,500	0
Travel	15,000	1133.72
Graduate Student Research Grant	5,000	
Emergency funding	20,000	750
Events (Orientation, 2 Convocations; Research Day and Seminars)	5,000	250
Visiting Scholar Initiatives	2,000	0
External Examiner visits	2,000	0
		0
<b>Strategic Research projects</b>		0
EDST Research Infrastructure fund (Faculty Seed grants)	6,000	1109.12
Grant Matching Funds	10,000	2500
Journal Editorship contributions	2,000	0
AEGT Conference - T. Sork (loaning funds - will be refunded)		-10822.25
Faculty initiated events for EDST students at (non-UBC) Conferences (for faculty without grants)	5,000	
		0
<b>Professional Development</b>		0
Staff	2,500	1623.42
		0
<b>Indigenous Education fund</b>		0
Commitment to initiatives in Indigenous Education(bridge funding)	8,000	0
		0
<b>Teaching</b>		0
EDAL oncampus research component (EDST 501 & EDST 553A)	7,350	3820.19
		0
<b>Departmental</b>		0
Catering (department meetings & events)	2,000	303.43
Misc. gifts	2,750	135.74
Bank charges/bad debt	200	0
Faculty computer		0
Yearly deficit provision (Operating budget \$49,500)	2,000	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 111,800</b>	<b>\$ (578,750)</b>

<b>Department of Educational Studies</b>		
<b>Operating Budget 2020-2021</b>	<b>\$54,000</b>	
		<i>as of October 31, 202</i>
	<b>Forecast</b>	<b>Actuals</b>
Building Operations	1500	0
Communication (Marketing programs)	3000	2073.53
Courier	750	0
Department Retreat & Self-study	1500	0
Honoraria for Guest Speakers (B.ED)	3500	235.15
IT (Telephone equipment rentals, Long Distance charges & additional mailbox space)	30000	1033
License Fees (IRCC) for Visitors	1000	0
Office Supplies	4000	1799
Postage	250	99
Photocopier rentals	8000	3633
Toner	500	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>54000</b>	<b>-45127.67</b>



November marks the Remembrance Day - *a day to remember and honour*. November also brings us towards the mid-term, with a lot happening in terms of academic engagements and social interactions. Let us make the most of these opportunities to connect with each other, share insights, learn and grow!

## Monthly Events



### Meetup for EDST MA Students

Date and time: Thursday November 19th at 9:00 - 10:00 am PT

Location: Virtual (Zoom)

Description: Though we do not currently share the same physical space - the campus corridors and hallways - we can still share a cup of coffee or warm drink. Grab your drink and join us for a virtual chat. The meetup offers an exciting space for interactions among all MA students for the purpose of getting to know each other, asking questions and exchanging experiences. There will be an

opportunity for new MA students to meet each other as well as interact with other MA students and GAAs.

Please RSVP here: [https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_bPWQd06a3ZjGPhb](https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bPWQd06a3ZjGPhb)

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*Save the date for*

**Workshop by Dr. Amy Metcalfe**

On virtual conference presentations

Date and time: Thursday November 26th,  
11:30am-12:30pm PT

Location: Virtual (Zoom)

Description: Details will be shared soon via email.

Please RSVP here: [https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_bPWQd06a3ZjGPhb](https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bPWQd06a3ZjGPhb)

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**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 will 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 November:

November 3      4pm-8pm      Yotam

November 5	2pm-6pm	Vanessa
November 10	4pm-8pm	Yotam
November 17	4pm-8pm	Yotam
November 19	2pm-6pm	Vanessa
November 24	4pm-8pm	Yotam

<b>Departmental Events</b>
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**EDST Department Meeting**

Date and Time: Thursday November 19th, 10:30am 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.

<b>Contact Us</b>	
If you have any issues you would like brought forward, feel free to speak to a student representative (see <a href="https://blogs.ubc.ca/edstgaa/student-representatives/">https://blogs.ubc.ca/edstgaa/student-representatives/</a> ) , or to contact the GAAs via:	
<b>Email: <a href="mailto:edst.gaa@ubc.ca">edst.gaa@ubc.ca</a></b>	
<b><a href="#">Twitter</a></b>	<b><a href="#">Facebook</a></b>