As winter moves slowly into spring, it brings a feeling of joy and connectedness with the world around us. Let’s strengthen the existing connections and forge new ones this season; the EDST Virtual Research Day 2021 happening in April offers an excellent opportunity to do so! You will be happy to note that we have extended the deadline for proposal submissions to Saturday, March 14th. This implies that you have two more weeks to develop your proposal, and plenty of time to consult with us if you’re unsure about details. You can read the full call for proposals in this newsletter.

In this newsletter, you will also find an invitation to participate in the plenary session organised on Research Day to mark the academic legacy of late Dr. Michael Marker.

**Monthly Events**

‘Qualitative Interviewing Analysis: An Introduction’, with Dr. Deirdre Kelly

**Date and time:** Tuesday, March 16, 12:00-1:00pm PT  
**Location:** Virtual (Zoom)
Description: Analysis takes place throughout any qualitative inquiry, and it unfolds differently, depending on your research paradigm and approach to inquiry. This workshop will address the middle steps in the process, focusing on studies where interviewing is the main method. Once you have finished conducting your interviews, what happens next? In answering this question, Dr. Kelly will emphasize reflexive thematic analysis because its tools and practices are compatible with a variety of interpretive frameworks.

Please RSVP here: https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0Gl2gVWpJnb2fdA

EDST Student Café

Date and time: Thursday, March 25th, 10:00am PT
Location: Virtual (Zoom)

Description: It can be difficult to catch up when we’re not running into each other in the halls between class, and being a virtual grad student can feel a bit isolating sometimes. If you can fit one more Zoom meeting in your schedule, we hope you’ll join us for a student café this month. Bring your own warm drink and join us for a virtual, non-academic chat.

Please RSVP here: https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0Gl2gVWpJnb2fdA

Virtual Co-working Sessions

Our regular online co-working sessions began during the pandemic as a way to meet with other EDST students, have some company while you work on academic or other tasks, and add a bit of accountability if you’re struggling with focus while we’re all more distanced. Sessions include a group check-in, focused working blocks, and short
breaks. We encourage you to join in for the whole session or drop-in anytime during if this sounds helpful, or if you're just looking to connect with someone!

You can join the sessions on Zoom using the same link each time: https://ubc.zoom.us/s/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 March:

- March 3: 4pm-8pm, Yotam
- March 10: 4pm-8pm, Yotam
- March 12: 12pm-4pm, Vanessa
- March 17: 4pm-8pm, Yotam
- March 24: 4pm-8pm, Yotam
- March 26: 12pm-4pm, Vanessa
- March 31: 4pm-8pm, Yotam

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**Annual Event**

**EDST Virtual Research Day 2021**
**Dedicated to the Academic Legacy of Dr Michael Marker**

**Theme:** Building Resilient Communities: Reimagining the Roles of Education  
**Date and time:** Saturday, April 17, 2021  
**Location:** Virtual (Zoom)  
**Submission deadline (extended):** March 14, 2021

**Description:** The program committee for EDST Virtual Research Day 2021 invites proposals for synchronous and asynchronous individual presentations, poster sessions, roundtable and panel sessions from students and faculty members. *All students are welcome: Ph.D., Ed.D., M.A., and M.Ed. EDST!*

EDST Research Day showcases the rich educational research, practice, and theory developed by the department’s students and faculty. *We welcome work in diverse*
subjects, and in all phases of development, including projects that come out of coursework, research conducted as Research Assistants or Principal Investigators, thesis sections, or papers in progress.

We invite proposals on the selected conference theme, which is reflective of the focus of some key conferences this year. Suggested topics can include (but are not limited to):

- Indigenous approaches to education
- Foundations of education
- Teacher education
- Leadership & Policy

Each session should include at least one EDST student, but we encourage collaborations with EDST faculty members and/or students from other departments. Faculty members are invited to take an active role throughout Research Day as discussants, moderators, facilitators, and mentors.

Types of Presentations

Individual Presentations
Traditional presentations are welcome, but alternative presentations are also welcome!

Suggestions include:
- Paper Presentation (up to 20-minute talk and 10-minute Q&A)
- Short Presentation (up to 7-minute talk and 5-minute Q&A)
- Ignite (20 slides in 5 minutes, each slide advancing automatically after 15 seconds and 5-minute Q&A)
- Art/Performance
- Film Presentation (up to 20 minutes)
- Poster Presentations

Students who plan to present posters at other conferences in the near future are encouraged to use this space to practice their presentations.

Roundtable and Panel Sessions
Roundtable and panel sessions will run 75 minutes each. Formats available are:
- Panel Discussion: 2-4 panelists discussing a topic in front of the audience; includes a Q&A and discussion section
Roundtable Discussion: A discussion on a topic in a roundtable format with equal participation from all participants

- Book Session: A presentation of a new book, followed by a Q&A session
- Scholars’ Café: Informal session that showcases the most exciting and unique research done at EDST

**How to Apply**

**Proposal Requirements**

Individual presentation proposals should include:
- Presenter’s name, department and program
- Full title of the proposal
- 150-200 word abstract
- Type of presentation

Panel/ Roundtable discussions proposals should include:
- Facilitator’s name, department, and program
- Full title of the proposal
- Type of session
- Brief summary of activities planned for your session and key participants’ names, with a 150-200 word abstract for each speaker

*Want to present but not sure how to prepare?* Your GAAs are here and would love to sit with you for a session discussing your proposal ideas and helping you prepare! **Contact us** at: edst.gaa@ubc.ca for any questions, comments or help.

Please submit your proposals to: [http://tiny.cc/EDSTRD2021](http://tiny.cc/EDSTRD2021)

**Announcements**

**EDST GAA Event**

**Plenary Session dedicated to Michael Marker’s Academic Legacy - An Invitation**
This year at Research Day, we are dedicating the event to the memory and legacy of the late Dr. Michael Marker. With that in mind, we hoped to organise a special plenary session during Research Day, where students, faculty, and staff would have space to share how Michael Marker’s work inspired, influenced, and guided their own work. If you wish to participate in this plenary session, to share your work and to illustrate how Dr. Marker’s work and teaching helped you, please feel free to contact us at edst.gaa@ubc.ca, or contact Yotam Ronen directly at yronen@mail.ubc.ca.

Other Events

The Philosophy of Education Society is holding a conference this year, with a student-focused pre-conference. We are sharing this information on behalf of the organisers particularly, Jessica Lussier, an EDST PhD student.

Graduate Student Conference on Philosophy of Education (GSCOPE)

The GSCOPE 2021 Program Committee invites graduate student proposals for philosophical papers related to education for presentation at GSCOPE’s Annual Meeting held May 13-14, 2021. Because of the online format, registration for this year’s GSCOPE will be free.

For the full call for papers, please see: https://tinyurl.com/yek8uets.

Requirements:

- Proposals of 500 words will be considered
- Send as word.doc or PDF with subject line “GSCOPE 2021 Submission” to GSCOPE2021@gmail.com
- Please provide name, affiliation, and email address in the body of your e-mail
- Deadline for submission is March 15th 2021

Please direct all questions to Jessica Lussier at GSCOPE2021@gmail.com.
If you have any issues you would like brought forward, feel free to speak to a student representative (see https://blogs.ubc.ca/edstgaa/student-representatives/), or to contact the GAAs via:

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