



October is upon us! And with it, the changing of seasons we are fortunate to experience in this part of the world. Fall comes with new colors and perspectives. We invite you to embrace how nature is revealing itself to us and get outside, explore!

We have a lot to share this month, including some important announcements, exciting events, and a new section of the GAA Newsletter. This new section is called “All Things Career” and it’s a result of an incredible collaboration with Mary Kostandy (EDST PhD candidate). Mary is the co-investigator and initiative leader of [The Diverse Career Paths of Educational Studies Alumni](#) study, and in this section we will be bringing you events, resources, and news on all things career.

We are also sending our community a survey! Be sure to check it out, we want to hear from you.



Also, for those unaware of the trends here in North America, brace yourselves for pumpkin everything this month, such as pies, lattes, decorations, and all you can think of. We find it all delicious! And if you attempt to bake anything with pumpkin, come by EDST and share it with us, we would love to try your culinary creations. Lastly, don’t let the uncertain weather spoil the fun, put on your rain boots and splash your way to a great month!

Announcements

The GAAs want to hear from you!

This newsletter marks the first month with our new GAA team, you can read our bios in the [GAA Blogsite](#). We are really excited for the new academic year, and we want to make our work meaningful to our community. That's why we are eager to hear from all students. Please give us a few minutes of your time and put on your creative thinking caps, because **we want to know what you want to see from us and how you want to see it happen.**

The changing nature of our lives right now can be an opportunity to think about how we want to meet, to share what we have learned from our experiences, and to ask ourselves how we can be together better.

Link to survey: https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0kajNTLeQwHDYb4

GAA student representatives

There are still vacancies for student representatives in various committees! Here are the available positions:

Department Meetings – 5 positions (reserved for EdD, MA, MEd HIED, MEd SCPE, and MEd EDAL students)

Graduate Student Society Council – 2 positions

Scholarship Committee – 1 position

SCPE Program Meeting – 1 position from the SCPE program

To sign up for one of these student representative positions, or for questions regarding this opportunity, please reach out to the GAA team at edst.gaa@ubc.ca

Events

Smart Self-Care and Personal Growth for Graduate Students Workshop with Dr Natalie Lancer

This workshop is an invitation to all students where we can learn skills and join in conversation about our wellbeing and self-care with the guidance of researcher and coach Dr Natalie Lancer. During the summer term, students in EDST 572 and Professor Rob VanWynsberghe had Dr Natalie Lancer lead a workshop on Scoping Ideas and Writing Strategies. The experience was very well received by students, and we are excited to have many others in our community engage with Dr Lancer's work.

Date and time: Tuesday, October 12, 2021, from 10:00 – 11:00 am PDT

Location: Virtual (Zoom)

RSVP here: https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3IcNrD1PpFUh55Q

Description: Academics traditionally don't speak openly about skills you need to manage yourself in order to manage your studies. You are the greatest asset of your work. You owe it to yourself to make sure you are in the best possible form when undertaking academic pursuits.

The flyer features a colorful background with a circular graphic on the right containing the date and time: 'Tuesday, October 12, 10-11 am PT on zoom'. The main title is 'SMART SELF-CARE AND PERSONAL GROWTH FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS WITH DR NATALIE LANCER'. Below the title is a portrait of Dr. Natalie Lancer. The text describes the workshop's focus on self-care, personal development, and academic study, and lists three bullet points: 'You want to bring your whole self to your work but you are feeling a bit depleted and out of control', 'You want to approach your academic work in the best frame of mind', and 'You value taking a pre-emptive approach to burn out and regularly checking in with yourself and others on your well-being'. At the bottom, it includes the University of British Columbia logo and an RSVP link.

Self-care is a phrase that is commonly discussed but advice rarely extends beyond meditating, taking a bath or going for a walk. And yet, exercising these tips didn't scratch the surface when Dr Natalie Lancer did her graduate studies. Meditation, hot baths and other well-being rituals can be powerful. But there are additional tools for self-care that need sharing - as different things work for different people. Dr Natalie Lancer researched personal growth and self-care during academic study for her doctorate and will offer practical advice on how to manage yourself, your time, your knowledge acquisition, your planning and processes, your work, your relationships, your motivation and your flow, all within an existential psychological framework.

In this workshop, we explore the relationships and tensions between self-care, personal development and academic study. This is for you if:

- You want to bring your whole self to your work but you are feeling a bit depleted and out of control
- You want to approach your academic work in the best frame of mind
- You value taking a pre-emptive approach to burn out and regularly checking in with yourself and others on your well-being

Dr Natalie Lancer is a Chartered Psychologist, academic consultant and coach and supports students on their postgraduate journeys. She was awarded her PhD (no corrections) in Psychology at Birkbeck,

University of London. She researches the personal growth of university students who had professional coaching and she now puts her findings into practice. To know more about her, please visit: <https://www.unicoach.org>

Let's Meet, Over Pizza!

Let's hang out together over lunch, get to know other students in the department, and have a great time! The GAAs invite everyone for pizza!



Date and time: Wednesday, October 13th, 2021, at 12:30 PM

Location: If weather permits, we'll meet outside Ponderosa Commons – Oak House. If not, we'll let you know about an alternative location. Please RSVP in the form below as soon as you can, so we can gauge the number of attendees.

RSVP here:

https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_7WhXSAO7qLRYLbw

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Faculty of Education – The Orange Shirt Project:

Join Dr. Lorrie Miller, Dr. Kerry Renwick, Dr. Shannon Leddy and Heather Clark for knitting or crochet workshops to create orange shirts to commemorate each of the Indigenous children who lost their lives at Indian Residential Schools. The collected contributions will be installed in the Scarfe Building as an ongoing act of remembrance and reconciling.

Place: Scarfe 1107

Dates: October 5, and October 12

Time: 12:00 – 3:00 pm.

Who: New and seasoned knitters and crochet enthusiasts are all welcome. Patterns, directions and materials will be available. Yet, we welcome additional donations (below).

Donations of materials or completed shirts can be dropped off at:

Teacher Education Office: Room 103, Neville Scarfe Building

To find a full list of October events surrounding the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, as well as resources and information, please visit: <https://irshdc.ubc.ca/orangeshirtday/>

“Writing for Publishing – an Editor’s Perspective” Series

Understanding the process of writing for publishing our work is a critical aspect of our growth as academics. This series has been initiated to help build capacity for publications through conversations around what it is that journal editors are looking for in a quality paper, with specific reference to the journals that they have (guest)edited or have had the editorial/review responsibilities for. Thus, it offers more specific advice from an Editor’s perspective i.e. the “other” side of the publication story.

This month brings to you the **second session** of the above series, details for which are offered below.

Session Title: “Publish or Perish? An Editor’s Notes on the How and When to As well as the Dos and Don’ts of Academic Journal Publication”

With Dr Handel Kashope Wright

Date and time: Monday, October 25, 2:00-3:00 pm PDT

Location: Virtual (Zoom)

Facilitator: Professor Handel Kashope Wright

RSVP here: https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eHbfYuli33rxUa

EDST CAA EVENT
WRITING FOR PUBLISHING - AN EDITOR'S PERSPECTIVE SERIES
SECOND SESSION

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2021
2:00-3:00PM PDT
Virtual Session

PUBLISH OR PERISH?
AN EDITOR'S NOTES ON THE HOW AND WHEN TO AS WELL AS THE DOS AND DON'TS OF ACADEMIC JOURNAL PUBLICATION

By
Professor Handel Kashope Wright

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Description: In this virtual session, Prof. Handel Kashope Wright will draw on his extensive experience as editor and editorial board member of several book series and refereed journals to indicate what it takes to (not) get published in academic outlets in general and journals in particular. He will provide an outline of types of publications (from book reviews, through review essays to journal articles to book chapters and books) and the politics of whether and when to undertake them and will make a case for graduate students working regularly toward publication. He will focus particularly on refereed journals and the criteria for acceptance and reasons for non-acceptance of essays for publication.

Examples and details about what makes for an essay likely or unlikely to be published in specific journals (and hence the dos and don’ts of writing for publication) will be used to concretize the discussion.

Handel Wright is currently serving as Co-Editor of book series (African and Diasporic Cultural Studies, University of Toronto Press); International Editorial Board Member of book series (the University of East London’s Radical Cultural Studies, Rowan & Littlefield; Cardiff University’s Critical Perspectives on Theory, Culture and Politics, Rowan and Littlefield; Critical Childhood and Youth Studies, Lexington Books; Critical Media Literacies and Youth, Sense Publications); Associate Editor of journal Critical Arts; and International journal editorial board member (Cultural Studies; The International Journal of Cultural Studies; The European Journal of Cultural Studies, Postcolonial Directions in Education; Diaspora, Indigenous and Minority Education; Canadian Journal of Education).

All Things Career

This is a new section of the GAA Newsletter developed through a collaboration with [The Diverse Career Paths of Educational Studies Alumni](#) study and initiative. We will be sharing events, resources, and news with you on career related topics that can interest students pursuing any career path. Suggestions and comments are welcome, so please contact us at the GAA email if you want to contribute to this section. You can also email edst.diversecareers@ubc.ca if you have any comments or suggestions for the initiative or join us on October 18th at noon to learn more about the initiative, share your career questions and “Have your say!” Event details below.

This month there are many events to look forward to! You will find an opportunity to connect to employers, alumni, and EDST students in various ways. Wherever you find yourself, there are things happening for everyone.

EVENTS

West Coast Virtual Fair

Don't miss this three-day Career Fair organized between the University of British Columbia (UBC), Simon Fraser University (SFU), and the University of Victoria (UVic). The fair will offer students and alumni a chance to connect with employers and graduate schools. This a very informative event, even if you are not close to graduation! Take a look at the career preparation workshops prior to the fair and browse through the list of exhibitors, there might be some that interest you! We highly recommend checking out the public sector employers such as the BC Public Service Agency and the Public Service Commission of Canada to learn about how to search and apply for jobs in the public sector.

Date and time: The fair takes place from Tuesday October 5 through Thursday October 7, 2021. You can book sessions between 11:00 am and 4:00 pm PDT.

Location: Virtually (on Zoom)

Link to event and registration: <https://students.ubc.ca/career/events-workshops/west-coast-virtual-fairs>

Have your say... Input on future planning and initiative updates: Diverse Career Paths of Educational Studies Alumni


Do you want to learn more about the Diverse Career Paths of Educational Studies Alumni? Do you have questions about your career? You are invited to have your say on the initiative and share your career questions and thoughts on your professional futures. This event gives us an opportunity to talk openly about worries, excitements, prospects, doubts about our future careers. Your questions will inform future parts of the initiative as we plan to pose/direct some of them to Educational Studies Alumni.

Date and time: Monday, October 18, 2021, from 12:00 – 1:00 pm PDT.

Location: Virtually (on Zoom)

Host: Mary Kostandy, Initiative Lead, The Diverse Career Paths of Educational Studies Alumni

HAVE YOUR SAY!
INPUT ON FUTURE PLANNING & INITIATIVE UPDATES
THE DIVERSE CAREER PATHS OF EDUCATIONAL STUDIES ALUMNI



REGISTER

Do you want to learn more about the Diverse Career Paths of Educational Studies Alumni? Join this event to learn about this student-lead initiative. We'll begin with a brief overview of the program thus far and what we have planned for the future. You will be invited to have your say on the initiative and help to guide our future programming. There will be an opportunity to share questions you may wish to pose to alumni.


*Monday, October 18, 2021
12-1 pm*

Host: Mary Kostandy, Initiative Lead

RSVP here: <https://ubc.zoom.us/meeting/register/u5code6hqj8jH9Fw6u98AaXPfz65u1cTVcPS>

Spotlight on Alumni Careers: Educational Studies Alumni in the Public Sector

The Diverse Career Paths of Educational Studies Alumni study and initiative invites you to their second discussion panel on EDST Alumni's career paths. Whether in the municipal or tribal government, the Police department or the Department of Labour, Skills and Immigration, Educational Studies (EDST) alumni have gone on to seemingly every area of public service. In this panel, we will hear from four EDST alumni who serve the public in various ways.



Discussion panel:
Spotlight on Alumni Careers: Educational Studies Alumni in the Public Sector
Wednesday, October 27, 2021
5:00 PM – 6:30 PM PST

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
Faculty of Education
Department of Educational Studies

Date and time: Wednesday October 27, 2021, at 5:00 pm through 6:30 pm PDT.

Location: Virtual (on Zoom)

RSPV here: <https://ubc.zoom.us/meeting/register/u50qde-spzMrHdAXnxCs-1I39e3BmchI3dx6>

Introductory remarks:

Dr. Susan Porter

Dean and Vice-Provost, Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, UBC

The panelist:

Andrea Thoms, MEd'13

Adult Education Curriculum Consultant, Literacy, Humanities & Social Sciences, Province of Nova Scotia, the Department of Labour, Skills and Immigration

Claudine Montes, PhD'06

Rincon Education Department Manager, Rincon Band of Luiseno Indians

John Taylor, BEd'98, PhD'01

Mayor, Town of Newmarket, Ontario

Keith Dormond, PhD'21

Detective, Vancouver Police Department – Recruiting Unit

Moderator:

Logan Lorenz, MA'21

Business Career Centre, Sauder School of Business, UBC

Link to event: <https://educ.ubc.ca/spotlight-on-alumni-careers-educational-studies-alumni-in-the-public-sector/>

RESOURCES

Educational Studies Alumni Profiles

The Diverse Career Paths of Educational Studies Alumni initiative is launching the *EDST alumni profiles* to inspire graduate students in broadening their horizons around career possibilities. View the profiles of people who have graduated from EDST and explore where their careers have taken them. You can access the profiles via [this link](#) on the EDST website where you can filter your search by work sector, degree, concentration, and decade! Do you have feedback on the EDST Alumni Profiles? Please share your thoughts [here](#).



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