



June 2022

EDST GAA

Newsletter

This month we welcome summer and hopefully some long and bright days. In whichever stage of your degree this summer might find you, count on the GAA team to provide some spaces for productive work and community support. Coming up you will find an afternoon-long co-working session and a writing retreat led by Dr Rob VanWynsberghe.

We will also be sharing some useful information about workshops provided by UBC and the Faculty of Education, which may be allies in navigating different aspects of our academic and personal lives.

Lastly, we encourage you to get outside and find inspiration in the beautiful sceneries of Vancouver. Summer truly is a wonderful time!



- Announcements -

Preparing excellent fellowship applications

Date: Tuesday, 21 June 2022

Time: 10:00 to 11:00

Modality: Online

Check out this really useful event hosted by the Graduate Pathways to Success program and facilitated by Dr Julian Dierkes. The talk will be oriented to graduate students who are thinking about applying for fellowship (tri-agency or others) and need support preparing their applications.

Learning objectives

- Understanding selection processes
- Strategic approaches to funding applications
- How to think about your application as presenting an overall narrative
- Selecting referees to ask to write letters of reference
- Tailoring your application to particular audiences
- Awareness of funding applications as a continuous process and motivation to start drafting applications immediately

To know more and sign up, visit: <https://community.grad.ubc.ca/gps/event/21966>

Calm Summer Series: Workshop Series for all Faculty of Education students

The Faculty of Education and the embedded Counsellor Dayna McCracken are inviting all graduate students to a series of wellness workshops. Consider attending one or all workshops!

“The purpose of this group is to take just ½ hour together to learn & practice some potentially helpful strategies to manage stress. The goal is to build up our personal toolkits with techniques & strategies that can be helpful when feeling overwhelmed.”

Week 1 (June 2, 2022): Mindfulness

Week 2 (June 8, 2022): Self-Compassion

Week 3 (June 15, 2022): Relaxation

Time: 12:10 pm – 12:40 pm

Where: Zoom or In-Person (Scarfe 310)

Register here: https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bloqf9gckXBqhnM

Editing services for EDST students

Are you in need of editing services on a course paper, funding proposal, publication draft, or thesis? We have compiled a list of people who offer editing and copy-editing services for students. Please reach out to the GAAs and we will help connect you. Take a look at the [UBC guidelines for ethical editing](#) of theses for more information about how to approach editing services as a student. You might also check out [the Centre for Writing and Scholarly Communication](#) for a dialogical approach to writing support that is free for UBC students.

Student Representative Appreciation Event

This month we commemorate the outstanding work of EDST student representatives who have served our community by representing students' voices in committees in our department, faculty, and university. Thank you for your generous service in the past year! The GAA team will be hosting an appreciation event that celebrates their commitment and service.

- Events -

In-person co-working session (with lunch!)

EDUCATIONAL STUDIES

CO-WORKING SESSION

Join us for an in-person afternoon of lunch and co-working. We will start with sharing pizza and continue with working side-by-side. We will take walking breaks and have supply of coffee/tea and snacks!

Tuesday, June 14 from 1:00 to 6:00 PM
Multipurpose room 2012
Ponderosa Commons

Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/EDSTcoworking>

Dates & Time:

Tuesday, June 14 from 1 pm – 6 pm PDT

Modality: In-person

Location: Multipurpose room 2012 at Ponderosa Commons – Oak House

Description: Join fellow EDST students for an in-person co-working session that includes a pizza lunch to get us started in the best way! We will work side-by-side, take coffee breaks, and support each other through our different goals. We will gather in the multipurpose room 2012.

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“Weesht’ and Write: A Structured Academic Writing Retreat”

Join us for this in-person session over food & snacks



Dr. Robert
VanWynsberghe

Monday, June 20, 2022
4:30 - 7:30 pm.

**Wheesht
and
Write**

We are calling the structure retreat “Wheesht’ and Write.” Wheesht comes from the Scottish saying Haud yer wheesht’ which means “be quiet.” Combining it with Write is meant to incorporate it with the Shut Up and Write movement, which is an international set of gatherings where strangers get together and write. There is a Vancouver Chapter. You are invited to the retreat on June 20th.

This is dedicated writing time in a supportive environment. Brief scheduled discussions between writing slots generate solutions to writing problems, research conversations and/or feedback on writing-in-progress. 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. We are seeking the achievement of writing goals that include a set of writing habits designed to increase productivity, reduce stress, stimulate conversation, heighten confidence in writing, and, of course, improve the quality of writing.

Sign up at :

For queries: edst.gaa@ubc.ca



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



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The retreat works best when you

- Reflect on your writing-in-progress
- Focus exclusively on writing.
- *Agree not to do "other things" e.g., use internet and other social media.*
- Stay true to the specific goals and sub-goals you have carefully considered, i.e., sections of paper/chapter, number of words.
- Define and discuss content and structure for writing sub-goals.
- Take stock of your achievements of these goals throughout the retreat.

What to bring to writing retreats

relevant readings, laptop, power cable, memory stick, printer, notes, outlines, yoga mat, 'model' paper, data, music, seating, treats, slippers, bike, blanket, favourite stuffy, running shoes, head/wristband

Schedule

These are precise timings, so please plan your life and travel around these timings.

4:30-4:45: Introductions, writing warm up, selecting specific writing goals

4:45-5:30: Writing

5:30-6:00 Break (squibbles)

6:00-6:30 Writing

6:30-6:45 Break (activity)

6:45 - 7:15 Writing

7:15-7:30 Discussion

Please sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/EDSTwritingretreat>

Contact us!

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