

August 2022

EDST GAA

Newsletter

We are deep into the Vancouver summer! We urge you to take good care of yourself with growing temperatures and keep enjoying summer activities.

This month we will continue with co-working sessions to support our peers in getting through some work goals. We also planned a social gathering that will give us a chance for good conversation. These events provide dedicated space for productive work and community support.

We are also asking our students through a survey about the types of events they want to see in the coming term. Don't miss out on sharing your thoughts and interests.

Lastly, we will soon open a call for student representatives for the coming academic year. Taking up this responsibility can be an incredible way to get involved in the department and be a leading voice for your peers. We urge you to take time and think about joining!

We look forward to seeing you at this month's events!



- Announcements -

Student survey

The GAA team is beginning to plan for the upcoming 2022/23 academic year, and [we want to hear from you!](#) Please help us by sharing information about where you'll be, what types of events you prefer, what is important to you when attending an event, and what topics you want us to explore this year.

Link to survey: https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2bfXZpFmolt1Rlk

Your feedback is incredibly valuable to us! It can help the GAA team design the events and workshops that our students are interested in and seek faculty engagement when best suited.

Please share with us. We want to build a [responsive, attentive, and supportive community](#)

We thank everyone for their time!

Upcoming: Call for student representatives!

The GAA team will be issuing a call for [self-nomination for student representatives](#). Stepping in as a student representative in one of EDST's committees is a wonderful experience that allows one to participate in departmental processes, represent the voices and interests of students, and gain relevant experience and knowledge of different discussions and departmental matters.

The list of committees you could apply for is the following:

1. EDST Department Meetings
2. Graduate Programs Advisory and Curriculum Committee (GPACC)
3. Graduate Student Society Council (GSS)
4. Scholarships Committee
5. MA committee
6. PhD committee
7. Adult Learning Education (ALE) Program Committee
8. Adult Learning and Global Change (ALGC) Program Committee
9. Educational Administration and Leadership (EDAL) Program Committee
10. Higher Education (HIED) Program Committee
11. Society, Culture and Politics in Education (SCPE) Program Committee

In the upcoming weeks we will share a description of the committees, the number of student representatives for each, and a link for self-nomination. In the meantime, we invite you to contemplate whether this is something you would like to take on. It's not a time consuming endeavour and our peers overall find it a rewarding experience.

"I am humbled to have been a Student Rep for the GAA. Attending meetings and thinking about policies and process from our unique perspective as students has been an opportunity to view

this place differently. Universities are complex and despite being centuries old they are fluid. This changeability relies on the multiple voices at the table...and no one voice is too soft or muted to affect change. I am honoured to have had this opportunity to give voice to student perspectives and to learn from the leaders in our department."

- Shirley Swelchalot Hardman (PhD student)

Look out for orientation dates!

Coming up in late August the GAA team will host **two virtual orientations** for incoming EDST students. We will offer different dates and times for folks in various time zones. It will be a great opportunity to bring your questions about the program and transitioning to life in Vancouver.

In addition to the virtual session, we will be joining the September in-person orientation at EDST. Fun things to come soon!

- Events -

In-person co-working sessions



EDUCATIONAL STUDIES

AUGUST CO-WORKING SESSIONS

Join us for dedicated time to work as a group and get through some of our work goals.

Friday, August 5
Tuesday, August 9 **2:00 - 6:00 pm**
Wednesday, August 17

Multipurpose room 2012
Ponderosa Commons

Sign up here:



The poster features a stylized illustration of a landscape with a large, golden-brown tree in the center, surrounded by green grass and smaller trees in shades of teal and green. The background is a solid light yellow color.

Dates:

Friday, August 5
Tuesday, August 9
Wednesday, August 17

Time:

2 pm – 6 pm PDT

Modality: In-person

Location: Multipurpose room 2012 at Ponderosa Commons – Oak House

Description: Join fellow EDST students for in-person co-working sessions. 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.

Please sign up here:

<https://tinyurl.com/EDST-coworking>

EDST GAA Student & Staff Beach Picnic



August is officially here, and we can't wait to soak up as much summer as we can. Join us for our August social event at Spanish Banks Beach with students and staff, hosted by the GAAs!

When: Friday, August 12 from 5-8pm (PST)

Where: Spanish Banks Beach Picnic Tables (near Spanish Banks West Parking Lot B)

What: EDST student & staff beach picnic! There will be food, lawn games, and nourishing social time to refresh and refuel ourselves in community!

Please RSVP to this survey by Wednesday, August 10.

Social Event RSVP Survey: https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_7OrPYzazMJ6HliO

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