



OCTOBER 2022  
EDST GAA  
*NEWSLETTER*

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 colours and perspectives. Have you noticed the golden and the red leaves on trees around us? We invite you to embrace how nature is revealing itself to us and get outside, and explore!

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. Enjoy the rain-has-yet-to-come weather and soak in the sunshine while it lasts, but don't let the uncertain weather spoil the fun - put on your rain boots and splash your way to a great month!

# - Announcements -

## Meet EDST Blog Editor - Jessica!

In an effort to streamline, enrich, and optimize departmental information and resources for readers, EDST recently hired an experienced Blog Editor from our graduate students. Meet Jessica Lussier!

Jessica Lussier is a PhD student in EDST and the first ever blog editor for EDST. Her research interests include: philosophy of education, more than human ethics, environmental education and pedagogical relations. Formerly, she was an elementary school teacher in The Pacific Northwest. When not in schools, Jessica can be found backpacking on the Pacific Crest Trail, perusing thrift stores, and tending to her garden.

*The blog is currently under construction but keep an eye out for a call to join the student Editorial Board, blog posts from the GAA team, and other content coming soon!*

## Ongoing: Call for student representatives!

A range of EDST committees is inviting self-nominations of student representatives, including departmental committees of particular nature and program-specific committees. 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.

There are still some **vacancies** on the following committees: Graduate Programs Advisory and Curriculum Committee (GPACC), ALE & ADHE programs, Scholarship & Awards, PhD & EdD programs, as well as on EDST department meetings.

Interested students are encouraged to get in touch with [program coordinator and committee chairs](#) directly.

New to EDST? No problem! Many student representatives started out in their first year, and it was always a great opportunity to get to know the department, the faculty, and other students!

## Opportunities for student (I)earning!

An important aim of the EDST Innovation Budget Framework for 2022-2023 is to enhance the quality of EDST student experiences. More information will be forthcoming regarding various opportunities identified in the budget for student learning and earning. Stay tuned!

## - Events -

### In-person and online co-working sessions



EDUCATIONAL STUDIES

## October co-working sessions

*Join fellow EDST students for in-person co-working where we work side-by-side, take coffee breaks, and support each other through our different goals.*

WEDNESDAY OCT 5 | 2:00 TO 6:00 PM  
TUESDAY OCT 11 | 2:00 TO 6:00 PM  
FRIDAY OCT 21 | 2:30 TO 6:00 PM  
MONDAY OCT 31 | 2:00 TO 6:00 PM  
**MULTIPURPOSE ROOM 2012**

FRIDAY OCT 28 | 2:00 TO 6:00 PM  
**ONLINE**

RSVP: 

#### Dates:

##### In-person

Wednesday, October 5 | 2:00 to 6:00 PM

Tuesday, October 11 | 2:00 to 6:00 PM

Friday, October 21 | 2:30 to 6:00 PM

Monday, October 31 | 2:00 to 6:00 PM

Location: Multipurpose room 2012 in Ponderosa Commons - Oak House

##### Online

Friday, October 28 | 2:00 to 6:00 PM

On Zoom (link will be shared prior to the session)

**Description:** Join fellow EDST students for in-person or online 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 or on Zoom. Feel free to come and go at your convenience.

Sign up here: [https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_d4Hddz0cQBeWGcS](https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_d4Hddz0cQBeWGcS)

## Doctoral comps and candidacy talks

**Comps and candidacy talks**

Wednesday, October 19, 11am - 12pm  
Multipurpose Room (PCN 2012)

Are you a doctoral student at EDST, and have questions about what the comprehensive exams (comps) are all about; what the process or journey from comps to candidacy looks like; and how to prepare for these two important milestones in your PhD journey? Then, this session is for you.

**Session facilitators**      **Panel speakers**

 

**Prof. Amy Metcalfe**      **Itamar Manoff**

PhD candidates & students

Sign up here:



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

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**Date & Time:** Wednesday, October 19, 11:00a.m. – 12:00p.m. PT

**Where:** Multipurpose Room (PCN 2012); in person

**Session facilitators:** Professor Amy Metcalfe & GAA Itamar Manoff

**Student panelists:** PhD candidates/ students (names to be announced soon)

**Description:**

Are you a doctoral student at EDST, and have questions about what the comprehensive exams (comps) are all about; what the process or journey from comps to candidacy looks like; and how to prepare for these two important milestones in your PhD journey? Then, this session is certainly for you.

Bring all your questions about comps and candidacy to this session. Prof. Metcalfe and the invited panel of doctoral students/ candidates, based on their experiences and insights, will help you in addressing these questions and, perhaps, in raising some more questions for you which may not be on your radar at this point. We, thus, hope that the discussions help in demystifying the process for you.

The session will begin with important policy and procedural insights offered by Prof. Metcalfe, and lead into a panel discussion based on your questions and comments.

Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/yp6b8a5c>

# - Reminders -

## Unionize ALL academic assistant workers

As graduate students, we are mostly employed by UBC as TAs, RAs, GAAs, student workers..... Currently, only TAs are unionized, but the rest are not – and we want to be for collective bargaining and better work conditions!

The Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) 2278, the union local that represents teaching assistants (TAs) at UBC, has launched their campaign to unionize all academic student workers, including graduate research and academic assistants and those with work learn positions. For the movement to automatically certify, 55% of student workers must sign union cards.

[Sign a Card](#) or [Learn More](#) about the movement from the website "[Organize UBC!](#)":  
**Student workers at UBC are organizing.**

## Get vaccinated! Bivalent boosters

Fall COVID-19 booster invitations are going for everyone 18 and older to **get a [bivalent vaccine](#) that protects you against the Omicron variant**. This year, you can [get a free flu shot at the same appointment](#) where you get your fall COVID-19 booster. Do you know we a vaccine location right on UBC campus? The Life Sciences Centre hosts a pop-up vaccine clinic on October 3-5 and 11-12. Click on the links for more information.

[Call: 1-833-838-2323](#) Seven days a week, 7 am to 7 pm if you need help booking an appointment.

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