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Hi all!

This month we have a jam packed newsletter which includes information on:

- The Comps to Candidacy Panel
- EDST Research Day
- Publishing on the EDST Blog
- EDST Townhalls
- Visiting Chinese scholar looking to connect
- Co-working sessions
- EDST Faculty and Staff Award Nominations

## Events

### From Comps to Candidacy

**EDST GAA Event**  
**PhD Journey-  
From Comps To Candidacy**

• How do I make a comps question?  
• Who should I add to my committee?  
• What does a proposal entail?  
• How long should a comps paper be?  
• Where might I get stuck in the process?

**February 15, 2024  
11:30am-1:00pm  
PCN 1001**

**Yu (Jade) Guo**  
PhD Student

**Sahib Singh Tulsi**  
PhD Candidate

**Eva Crowson**  
PhD Student

**Amy S. Metcalfe**  
Professor

This panel discussion aims to be a source of collective wisdom for facing, organizing, and completing comprehensive exams and for creating and defending your proposal in the EDST PhD program.

Come with your questions.

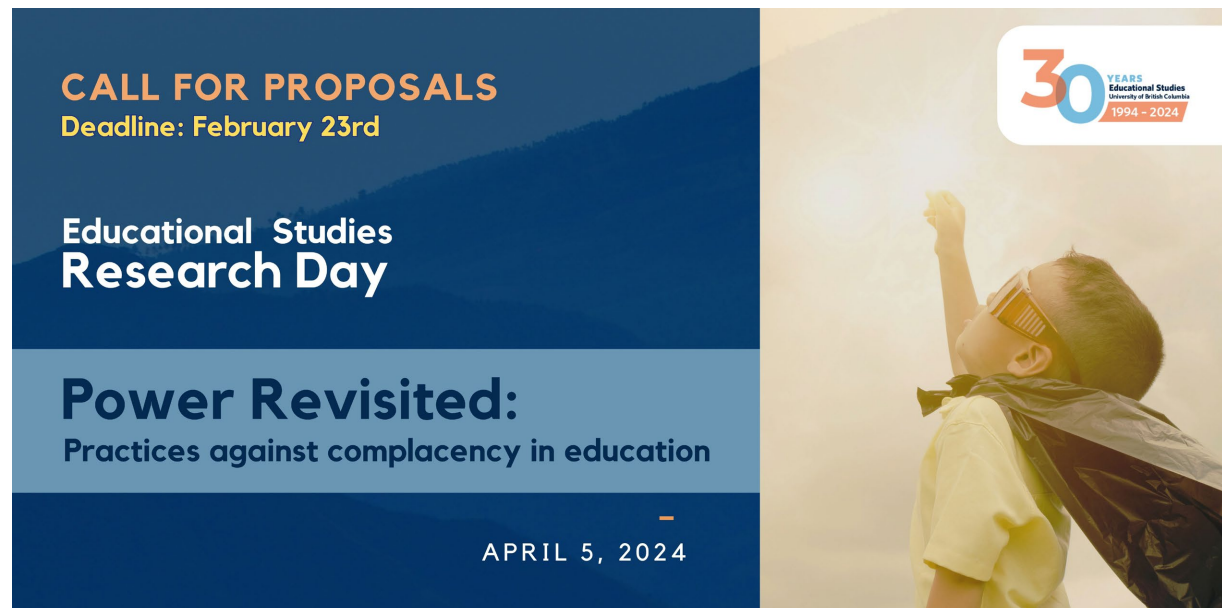
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## Research Day Call for Proposals



**CALL FOR PROPOSALS**  
Deadline: February 23rd

**Educational Studies  
Research Day**

**Power Revisited:**  
Practices against complacency in education

APRIL 5, 2024

30 YEARS  
Educational Studies  
University of British Columbia  
1994 - 2024

We are pleased to share that the **EDST Research Day** will be held **in-person** this year on *Friday, April 5th*.

The program committee for EDST Research Day 2023 invites proposals for individual presentations, poster sessions, roundtable, and panel sessions, and more from students and faculty members. All students are welcome - Ph.D., Ed.D., M.A., and M.Ed. The [submission deadline is February 23, 2024](#).

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. Presenters are encouraged to try out ideas to be developed for a forthcoming conference.

### **Power Revisited: Practices against complacency in Education**

In honour of the department's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary we are returning to the topic of power. Power has long been discussed in educational discourses and scholarship. Indeed, what one means by power is often a topic of scholarly debate and requires careful consideration. Power can be used to dominate or lift up. Power can be sequestered or diffused. Power can achieve significant outcomes, but can do so at significant costs. This year we invite proposals for EDST Research Day to consider and explore how dynamics and contested arrangements of power are at play in the research and scholarship presented. As we come together to think critically and deeply about the work in the department, we want to foreground again the specter that is power. We choose to do so as a way of naming, challenging, and attending to it, so that our practices of equitable, liberatory, and anti-oppressive education do not fall prey to complacent virtue signaling that fails to address pernicious forms of

power. We encourage proposals to clarify what they mean by power, and how it relates to the proposed research to be presented.

While the theme raises important questions, applicants should not feel limited to address the theme only. We, thus, also invite proposals on other education-related topics.

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 and alternative presentations are 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

### 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 session
- 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:

1. Presenter's name, department, and program
2. Full title of the proposal
3. 150–200-word abstract
4. Type of presentation

Panel/Roundtable discussions proposals should include:

1. Facilitator's name, department, and program
2. Full title of the proposal
3. Type of session
4. 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 to discuss your proposal ideas and helping you prepare! Contact us at: [edst.gaa@ubc.ca](mailto:edst.gaa@ubc.ca) for any questions, comments, or assistance.

We will continue updating details on the conference website: <https://edst.educ.ubc.ca/researchday/>. Stay tuned.

Please **submit** your completed proposals (**by February 23**) here: [https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3xbHBDyiYWl8FIW](https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3xbHBDyiYWl8FIW)

We look forward to your contributions towards making the Research Day one of the most significant events of the department.

### ***Planning on presenting a paper, poster, performance, or other presentation at Research Day?***

Consider making your presentation into a blog post for [the EDST blog!](#) Posts are typically 500-1,000 words and may include links, images, audio, video, and other multimedia. Check out the blog's "[Research Day Series](#)" for example posts.

Questions? Email our [edstblog.editor@ubc.ca](mailto:edstblog.editor@ubc.ca)



# Town Hall Meetings

Tuesday Feb 13 @ 4:00-5:00PM  
AND  
Friday Feb 16 @ 12:00-1:00PM

Townhall Meetings are held so that we, as the student representatives, can get a sense of where students are, and what they might want us to communicate on their behalf to the

groups/associations/committees/etc that we represent them on. Participating in EDST student townhalls is one way you can ensure your voice is heard and your concerns are represented in the department's decision making

Join for one or both townhall meetings. Register here:

[https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_2bLUNKzTX3txl46](https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2bLUNKzTX3txl46)

Zoom link for Tuesday Feb 13 meeting at 4PM: <https://ubc.zoom.us/j/67551394433?pwd=cXZ5Y3ZDbEFJcndRWmhuZTlvZmxldz09>

- Meeting ID: 675 5139 4433
- Passcode: 738224

Zoom link for Friday Feb 16 meeting at Noon: <https://ubc.zoom.us/j/66333414869?pwd=U3hSWjNiWmNLclYxWXBMNW55bkt4QT09>

- Meeting ID: 663 3341 4869
- Passcode: 70432

We look forward to hearing from you then.

## Chinese Visiting Scholar

A Chinese visiting scholar to UBC faculty of education would like to connect with a Chinese student in the department. If you would be willing to connect with this scholar please email the GAAs and we'd be happy to put you in touch.



Co-working from 1pm-4pm.

February:

Online February 6th with Eva

In-person February 14th with Silas

In-person February 23rd with Keenan  
Online February 29th with Aida

And mark your calendars for March:  
In-person March 8th with Keenan  
In-person March 13th with Silas  
Online March 19th with Eva  
Online March 28th with Aida

In person co-working is in the EDST multipurpose room PCN 2012

Online co-working Zoom meetings: Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://ubc.zoom.us/j/65344445367?pwd=RUSzTU1tdUlsY2ZBakNpTEg1TnJyQT09>

- Meeting ID: 653 4444 5367
- Passcode: 667088

Let us know you are coming: [https://ubc.ca/1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_6ydp5xooAbqt1Jk](https://ubc.ca/1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6ydp5xooAbqt1Jk)

## EDST Faculty and Staff Award Nominations Now Open

In 2022 the team of GAAs at the time with the help of the Head of Department, Professor André Mazawi, established the “**GAA Recognition & Appreciation Award to EDST Faculty for Exemplary Service to Students**”. The award was born from a necessity to recognize and celebrate the support faculty give students beyond the setting of the classroom and of graduate supervision. It’s a way to celebrate faculty members who show up for students in different ways, offer their time, and become positive guides and mentors. In last year’s version, the GAA team selected the faculty who would be granted this award based on the support this person had provided to the GAA team and their active participation in student-led events and initiatives. As such, in Research Day 2022 we commemorated Professor Amy Metcalfe as the awardee. On Research Day 2023 Jude Walker received the award as the nominated by students.

It is our hope that this award continues on and in this third year we will move forward with **open nominations of candidates by students**. Nominations can be submitted by any current EDST student, either independently or in collaboration with current students and EDST alumni.

If you want to be a part of this process and nominate a faculty for this award, please review the terms of reference attached to this email, including the nomination requirements and candidate criteria. The period for accepting nominations is until **March 1, 2024**. The announcement of the award will take place in the opening session at EDST’s annual Research Day 2023.

In addition, in 2023 the GAA team introduced a new version of this award focused on celebrating the work of EDST staff members. In a unique and central way, staff members contribute immensely to the operations and functioning of our department, and support students in a variety of ways. Therefore, this year we will be commemorating the first “**GAA Recognition & Appreciation Award to EDST Staff for Exemplary Service to Students**”. The nomination process is detailed in the terms of reference attached. We urge you to consider possible candidates (listed on EDST Staff page: <https://edst.educ.ubc.ca/people/staff/>) and pursue nominations. The announcement of the award will take place in the opening session at EDST’s annual Research Day 2024.

Nominations for the awards (Faculty and Staff) should be sent to the GAA email [edst.gaa@ubc.ca](mailto:edst.gaa@ubc.ca).

Please include:

- Award name (as subject line of your email)
- Name of nominee
- Names of student(s) endorsing the nomination
- Attachment of the required documents

If you have any questions about this award, please reach out to us at [edst.gaa@ubc.ca](mailto:edst.gaa@ubc.ca)

We look forward to your nominations to acknowledge the contributions made by EDST faculty and staff members.

Have a great February,

**EDST Graduate Academic Assistants 2024**

Eva Crowson, Silas Krabbe, Aida Mohajeri, & Keenan Manning

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