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## **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY—INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES (ISS) MENTOR**

**Application Closing Date: July 20, 2017**

### **REPRESENTATIVE DUTIES**

- **'Matched' with 2-8 first year students (either Domestic, International, Adult Learner, Rural, New Canadian or Immigrant students) to assist in their transition to university life and to the City of Winnipeg during the 2017-2018 school year.**
- **Provide new students to Winnipeg with a smoother transition to life in Winnipeg: i.e. includes helping student with setting up banking, communication methods, transportation modes and appointments with health professionals, etc.**
- **Provide new students with information about The University and university life including, but not limited to: purchasing textbooks, locating classrooms, accessing information from the library, using the Centre for Academic Writing, Counselling Services and Career Services, etc.**
- **Provide social supports and assistance with cultural transition for new students by organizing activities which engage them in the wider student body, community, and city.**
- **Respect the privacy and confidentiality of the mentee(s)**
- **Assisting with ISS office duties and programming as required.**
- **Other duties as assigned.**
- **Time commitment varies depending on the time of year. However, mentors are expected to contact their mentees a minimum of once per week during the first two months of classes and twice per month thereafter. Mentors are required to meet in-person with their mentee no less than once per month.**

**In addition to contacting with mentees, mentors are required to attend:**

- **A Mandatory Training Session on August 11th 2017**
- **Mentor group meetings usually 1 hour in length**
- **Two International Student Services events per term.**
- **Orientation sessions at the start of the academic term (i.e. September 01, 2017)**

### **QUALIFICATIONS**

- **A student at the University of Winnipeg with at least one year of studies completed**
- **Experience with 'transitional issues' (leaving home, urban experience, separation from family supports, post-secondary expectations) considered an asset**
- **Ability to listen and recognize opportunities as well as challenges**
- **Accept different points of view and be respectful of others**
- **Be a positive role model**
- **Person who assists students to focus on goals and provides encouragement**
- **Knowledge of global cultures and traditions is considered an asset**
- **Valid International or Manitoba Driver's License is considered an asset**
- **Ability to work for the International Student Orientation Day (September 01, 2017)**
- **Ability to work September 2017 to August 2018.**

**Hours of Work: Variable (1-3 hours per week)**

**Click here to apply: <https://myavanti.ca/UWinnipegCareers/Account/Login?returnUrl=%2FUWinnipegCareers%2FJob%2FApply%2FEX000001&redirectFromApply=True>**



**Congrats to Noor Bhangu, Cultural Studies Queen Elizabeth Scholar, for being awarded The Arts in Society Emerging Scholar Award. Noor is exploring Islamic art and artifacts at the National Museum of Scotland as part of a case study to analyze European histories of collecting and exhibiting Islamic Art.**

*Photo Credit: Noor Bhangu*

**What's happening in Graduate Studies...**

**[Master in Management program launches next month](#)**

**[QE Scholars are working around the globe!](#)**

**[UW Indigenous Affairs and the Faculty of Graduate Studies launch the Indigenous Summer Scholars Program](#)**

**If you know about great work happening in your program, let us know about it at [gradstudies@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:gradstudies@uwinnipeg.ca). We would love to feature you on the Grad Studies website and newsletter.**



GRADUATE STUDIES

# ORIENTATION

2017

[UWINNIPEG.CA/GRAD-STUDIES](http://UWINNIPEG.CA/GRAD-STUDIES)



All new and incoming graduate students are encouraged to participate in this mandatory orientation session. This event will allow you the opportunity to learn about life as a graduate student, familiarize yourself with the campus, and hear about the many support services available at The University of Winnipeg. We'll provide you with helpful tips to ensure you have everything you need as you begin your new academic journey.

— International students entering Graduate Studies are encouraged to participate in the International Students Orientation as well.

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Room 3L08  
(3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Lockhart Hall)

### REGISTER NOW—

[gradstudies@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:gradstudies@uwinnipeg.ca)

### ORIENTATION WILL INCLUDE:

- Welcome from the Dean of Graduate Studies
- Information about funding, services, and opportunities for grad students
- Upcoming events and deadlines
- Meeting other graduate students and program chairs
- Prizes
- Refreshments

Email [gradstudies@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:gradstudies@uwinnipeg.ca) to register

# CALL TO CONVERSATION

TWO SPIRIT | QUEER PEOPLE OF COLOUR | LGBT | ALLIES

OCTOBER 20–22, 2017

## CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

This is a call to conversation. We are gathering scholars, community members, activists, artists, students, youth, and traditional knowledge holders to dialogue on the work being done in two-spirit (2S) and queer people of colour (QPOC) communities. We call on our communities and institutions to act in a spirit of reconciliation.

### We are gathering for three days in October to discuss:

- Where our communities intersect
- What individual, institutional, and community efforts are needed to reconcile our relationships
- Relationship-building and coalition work occurring across our communities
- How we can celebrate our gifts and achievements
- How we can more deeply understand and enact the politics and practices of love in community

Winnipeg is located on Treaty 1 land and in the heartland of the Métis Nation. Winnipeg was the location of the 1990 “Third Annual Inter-tribal Native American, First Nations, Gay and Lesbian American Conference” where the term “two-spirit” was affirmed. Given the current political landscape, both nationally and in the US (for example, the Canadian federal government’s identification of 2S issues as a priority area and their announcement that they will make an apology to the queer community for state oppression by the end of 2017; Black Lives Matter’s challenge to the whitewashing of LGBT Pride marches; the regressive social policy reforms underway in the US), we are at an important historical moment that presents both dangers and opportunities for our communities. This conference therefore calls for critical dialogue between 2S and QPOC communities and with LGBT and cisgender heterosexual allies about how best to move forward.

Dialogue led by 2S/QPOC will seek to address damage of the past, and how to achieve stronger, more loving coalitionary community relations in future, through a set of sessions on five themes:

- Origins, History, and Resurgence of 2S and QPOC
- Reconciliation and Families (e.g., families of origin, children in care, chosen families)
- Reconciliation and Education (e.g., Indigenizing the K-12 and post-secondary curriculum, challenging racism in museums, queer erasure)
- Reconciliation and Institutions (e.g., religion, immigration, criminal justice, child welfare, health care)
- Reconciliation and Art (e.g., art as community, art as activism)

The conference will end with participants framing calls for action, including coalition building across various 2S, QPOC, and ally communities; research recommendations; and actions to help chart a course forward for communities and institutions.

We invite 100-word proposals for 20-minute papers and artist talks, and poster presentations on the above themes. Papers, artist talks, and poster presentations on other 2S, QPOC, and ally topics, and one-hour panel proposals are also welcome. All submissions should be accompanied by a 50-word autobiography. Presenters will be invited to submit their revised papers for inclusion in an edited collection following the conference.

### Submissions are requested by July 31, 2017

Inquiries and submissions may be directed to Conference Co-chairs Dr. Chantal Fiola and Dr. Sharanpal Ruprai (c2c@uwinnipeg.ca)

For more information, visit:

[uwinnipeg.ca/c2c](http://uwinnipeg.ca/c2c)



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Topics in Religion/Themes in Theology

# Animals

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Animal Studies is the interdisciplinary and intersectional study of animals, often with a view to the ethics of human relations with other species. This course examines whether religions have resources to help develop better human relations with other species. It is a seminar style course organized around attendance at two conferences September 16<sup>th</sup> and October 13-14<sup>th</sup>. Among the many speakers at the conferences are Carol Adams on animal rights, Susan McHugh on animal studies, Celia Deanne-Drummond on Christian multispecies ethics, and Gabe Desrosiers on Anishinaabe lifeways.

CLASSES

Sep 06  
Sep 20  
Oct 18  
Nov 29

6:00-9:00

“VegFest” (Sep 16) **CONFERENCES**

“Polar Bears, Ponies and Pets: Human-Animal Ethics in Religious Discourses” (Oct 13-14)

Contact Dr. Arthur Walker-Jones for further information or to request permission to register ([a.walker-jones@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:a.walker-jones@uwinnipeg.ca)).

Department of Religion & Culture

## **SPEAKING OPPORTUNITY**

The Skywalk Lecture Series is looking for speakers to present in the lovely Carol Shields Auditorium at the Millennium Library. This is a great opportunity for the University community to present its research and scholarship to the public at large including graduate students and PostDocs.

We are in need of ten (10) presenters for the October 4/17-December 6/17 Fall session, and ten (10) presenters for the January 10/18-March 14/18 Winter session. The presentations are on Wednesdays, noon to 1 pm. Standard PowerPoint capabilities are provided.

For each of these dates we will need the following information:

- Name of Presenter (could be co-presented)
- Department/Program affiliation
- Contact information (phone/email)
- Short, punchy title of the presentation
- We may also request a 'headshot' photo
- Preferred dates

The most immediate concern is to find speakers for the Fall series, so that the Millennium Library can create posters, brochures and web announcements.

We are especially interested in hearing from people who have never presented in the Skywalk Series.

Volunteers may email the following contact with your preferred date(s):

(Oct 4, Oct 11, Oct 18, Oct 25, Nov 1, Nov 8, Nov 15, Nov 22, Nov 29, Dec 6, Jan 10, Jan 17, Jan 24, Jan 31, Feb 7, Feb 14, Feb 21, Feb 28, Mar 7, Mar 14)

Tessa Manning, Faculty of Science Office  
[t.manning@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:t.manning@uwinnipeg.ca)

## **AFFORDABLE RENTAL INNOVATION FUND**

To promote the Affordable Rental Innovation Fund, which has been designed to encourage new funding models and innovative building techniques in Canada's affordable rental sector, CMHC will be hosting an ideas challenge for post-secondary students in September 2017.

By participating in the challenge, students will have the chance to make a real difference in the lives of Canadians. Innovative ideas have the potential to revolutionize the affordable rental housing sector in Canada. The Student Challenge for Affordable Rental Housing offers an opportunity for students to play an active role in generating "outside the box" ideas and provides students with hands-on experience in the work necessary to create affordable housing.

The winning submissions will receive an award of \$10,000. Additionally, the work completed by the students when they participate in the challenge could form the basis of an application for funding under the Affordable Rental Innovation Fund to transform the innovative concept into a rental housing project.

[Click here for more information.](#)

## **NATIONAL PAPER COMPETITION**

Canada's first 150 years have been marked by innovation and inspiration, which continue to be key determinants in defining our future. The Canada School of Public Service is inviting Master's and PhD students to participate in the National Student Paper Competition—an exciting high-level exposure opportunity that allows students to share their unique perspectives on the federal public service and the Government of Canada.

Through a 1,500-word essay or briefing note, students may respond to one or both of the following questions:

1. What are your ideas to help ensure that the public service will be ready to meet the needs of the future?
2. What are your ideas to advance the government's forward objectives?

The Grand Prize Winner, who is selected by a panel of senior public servants, will receive:

- an offer for a four-month paid placement within the federal public service;
- a VIP invitation to attend the 2018 Manion Lecture in the National Capital Region, with travel expenses reimbursed, if applicable; and
- an opportunity to present their paper on a national platform.

The majority of last year's finalists have found employment within the federal public service.

Visit the Institute of Public Administration of Canada [website](#) for more information on the [competition guidelines](#) and past winners.

Students wishing to participate should contact Deanna England at [d.England@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:d.England@uwinnipeg.ca).

## **PRACTICUM OPPORTUNITY WITH SENATOR MCPHEDRAN**

Postsecondary students are invited to apply for minimum six months remote practicum placements with Senator Marilou McPhedran's office. Marilou McPhedran is a human rights lawyer, professor and activist recently appointed as an independent senator in the Parliament of Canada by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. She co-founded several internationally recognized non-profit Canadian organizations and is the founding Principal of the University of Winnipeg Global College. She has given extensive voluntary support to civil organizations that focus on peacebuilding and women's rights. Students will have the opportunity to work online on various issues relevant to human rights, youth, and their areas of interest as well as directly with the Senator when she is traveling to Manitoba.

For more information and to apply, please see [bit.ly/2u61Mqv](http://bit.ly/2u61Mqv).

Questions may be addressed to Katrina Leclerc at [katrina.leclerc@sen.parl.gc.ca](mailto:katrina.leclerc@sen.parl.gc.ca).



# Important Dates:

**August 15 — DEADLINE to apply for October Graduation**

**August 15 — DEADLINE to submit an application to the Senator Thomas Crerar Scholarship**

**September 1 — Orientation in Room 3L08 from 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.**

**September 1—DEADLINE to apply for the Linda Brown and Vana Kirby Graduate Scholarship**

**September 4 — Labour Day: University Closed**

**September 5 — First Day of Classes**

## **STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITY**

Would you like to spend an academic term in Queensland, Australia?

The Centre for Interfaith & Cultural Dialogue (ICD), at Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia, in partnership with the Faculty of Graduate Studies of The University of Winnipeg, is providing opportunities for internships, research and scholarship in politics, development practice, economics, religion & culture, theology, and business.

These opportunities will be available from the Spring-Summer term of 2017 through to the Spring-Summer term in 2018 and will be developed with students according to their program.

Students interested in taking part in the partnership should also apply for a [Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholarship](#). The Canadian Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholarships (QES) is managed through a unique partnership of Universities Canada, the Rideau Hall Foundation (RHF), Community Foundations of Canada (CFC) and Canadian Universities. This program is made possible with the financial support from the Government of Canada, provincial governments and the private sector. The deadlines for applications are February 15th (Spring); June 1st (Fall); October 15th (Winter).

For more information on these opportunities, please contact Dr. James Christie, [j.christie@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:j.christie@uwinnipeg.ca) or Sandy Peterson, [s.peterson@winnipeg.ca](mailto:s.peterson@winnipeg.ca).



PEACE & CONFLICT STUDIES  
STUDENT ASSOCIATION

International Peace and Conflict Studies Graduate Student Conference  
October 27-28, 2017 - Winnipeg, Canada

**Call for Proposals - Submission Deadline July 30, 2017**

The Conference Organizing Committee now welcomes applications for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Peace and Conflict Studies (PACS) International Graduate Student Conference in Winnipeg, Canada. This year's conference will be held under the overarching theme "Peace Without Borders", which seeks to highlight the trans-national and trans-disciplinary character of Peace and Conflict Studies. Various forms of presentations are acceptable (including artistic and creative presentations). The Committee invites all students from PACS as well as from other disciplines to submit a 150-200 word long abstract on a subject related to the following categories:

- Social Movements
- Peace Education, the Arts, and Storytelling Approaches
- Critical Emancipatory Peacebuilding
- Religion and Spirituality
- Culture and Identity
- Gender and Sexuality
- Children and Youth
- Migration and Border Policies
- The Role of the Environment
- Sports and Peacebuilding
- Arts and Peacebuilding
- Disabilities and Peacebuilding
- Indigenous Peacebuilding
- The Media and Information Technology

The conference seeks to promote innovative, creative, and cutting-edge graduate student research and praxis in PACS and related disciplines, further grounding this work within our PACS community. Central to this idea is fostering meaningful connections between the academic and practitioner communities, and the integration of various disciplinary perspectives. The Conference will take place from October 27-28, 2017 at the Arthur V. Mauro Centre for Peace and Justice, St. Paul's College at the University of Manitoba, and the University of Winnipeg, Winnipeg. Complete applications will include an abstract of 150-200 words as well as the name, contact information, and the applicant's institutional/organizational affiliation. Please email your abstract to the PACS Student Association ([pacssaexecutive@gmail.com](mailto:pacssaexecutive@gmail.com)) **by July 30, 2017**.



Deanna's pets. Photo Credit: Deanna England

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- you can find the Faculty of Graduate Studies Guidelines and Policies online at <http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/graduate-studies/policies-guidelines/index.html>?
- that you can speak up for research funding? Print out a [poster](#), add your name, and Tweet or Instagram a picture to @JustinTrudeau and @Bill\_Morneau to show your support for the [Naylor Report](#). Include hashtags #NextGenCanScience #SupportTheReport.