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2017 Theology Graduates and UofW Faculty Back row: Joanna Hiebert Bergen, Margaret Pratt, Kristin Wood Burke, Joshua Ward and Arthur Walker-Jones Front row: Glenn Moulaison, Jane Barter, Barbara Findlay, Colleen Mathews and Samuel Goodridge. Photo Credit: Sandy Peterson

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GEMDER SUMMIT 11 NORTH AMERICA

The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) and the Fonds de recherche du Québec (FRQ) are proud to partner with Portia Ltd. to host Gender Summit 11, North America.

Gender Summit 11 will be held from November 6 to 8, 2017, at Le Centre Sheraton Montreal Hotel in Montreal, Quebec. This event will bring together more than 600 international delegates active in research, innovation, and policy development related to gender equity, diversity and inclusion.

We encourage you and representatives from your institution to register for the Gender Summit. This will help to increase knowledge on this topic within your institution and to demonstrate your institution's commitment to the goals of diversity and gender equity. <u>Register</u> now to benefit from the early bird price (\$450 for regular participant and \$150 for students) until September 5.

Questions can be addressed to gendersummit@nserc-crsng.gc.ca

What's happening in Graduate Studies...

University of Winnipeg students study bat population in Kenora area

Spotlight on Economics

If you know about great work happening in your program, let us know about it at <u>gradstudies@uwinnipeg.ca.</u> We would love to feature you on the Grad Studies website and newsletter.

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 **<u>bit.ly/2u61Mqv</u>**.

Questions may be addressed to Katrina Leclerc at katrina.leclerc@sen.parl.gc.ca.



GRADUATE STUDIES

ORIENTATION

2017



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.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Room 3L08 (3rd Floor, Lockhart Hall)

REGISTER NOW-

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

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

CALL TO CONVERSATION

TWO SPIRIT I QUEER PEOPLE OF COLOUR I LGBT I 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



Deadline Extended to August 21, 2017 For more information, visit: uwinnipeg.ca/c2c

Topics in Religion/Themes in Theology Animal Studies is the REL-3/4940-002 GTHEO-7262-001



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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 16th and October 13-14th. 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.

"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 (<u>a.walker-jones@uwinnipeg.ca</u>).

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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 <u>t.manning@uwinnipeg.ca</u>

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.

RHET-3329 WRITING FOR Scholarly Audiences

T/TH 10:00-11:15

PROFESSOR Jennifer Clary-Lemon

FALL 2017

NAVIGATE GRADUATE SCHOOL GENRES EARLY: LITERATURE REVIEWS, CONFERENCE PROPOSALS, AND ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS.

NEED A WRITING MENTOR? GAIN PRACTICE AT BEING IN A WRITING GROUP AND GAIN SKILLS IN SCHOLARLY WRITING THAT WILL STICK WITH YOU THROUGHOUT YOUR ACADEMIC CAREER.

THIS COURSE ADDRESSES VARIETIES OF SCHOLARLY DISCOURSE AND IS OPEN TO STUDENTS IN ALL DISCIPLINES. THE GOALS OF THIS COURSE ARE THREEFOLD: (1) TO INCREASE STUDENTS' AWARENESS OF NORMS AND DISCIPLINARY CONVENTIONS; (2) TO HELP PREPARE STUDENTS FOR ADVANCED SCHOLARSHIP; AND (3) TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PRAGMATIC COMPONENTS INVOLVED IN WRITING, THINKING, AND SPEAKING AT AN ACADEMIC LEVEL.

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 <u>website</u> for more information on the <u>competition guidelines</u> and past winners.

Students wishing to participate should contact Deanna England at d.england@uwinnipeg.ca.

Important Dates:

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

Topics in Local, National & Global Cultures: Queer Studies in the Global Postmodern

A seminar with Dr. Angela Failler

This course will focus on queer issues in the contemporary Canadian context – situated as they are within the broader context of global postmodernity and settler colonialism (or, as Rinaldo Walcott calls it, "global colonialism").

We will pay particular attention to: the relationship between queer subjectivity and constructions of the nation; critical interventions into queer theory by Two-Spirit and Indigenous queer writers, artists, and activists; interrogations of queer inclusion and belonging by queer and trans people of colour; and the potential for "living a decolonizing queer politics".

The course also explores local sites of 2S+LGBTTQ representation, including the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, which will serve as a catalyst for course assignments and the production of "Queering the Museum" audio guides.



Master of Arts in Cultural Studies Program Fall/Winter 2017-18

GENG-7741.6-052 Wednesdays 6:00PM—9:00 PM Rm 3M52

For further information, please contact **Dr. Failler - a.failler@uwinnipeg.ca**

Email: a.failler@uwinnipeg.ca

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 <u>Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholarship</u>. 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 or Sandy Peterson, <u>s.peterson@winnipeg.ca</u>.



Get Moving! Photo Credit: Jessica Fontaine

Did you know...

- that Office Assistant Jessica Fontaine is leaving the Grad Studies Office? Jessica is heading to Montreal to pursue her PhD at McGill University. After August 18th you can forward questions you would usually ask Jessica to Deanna England (d.england@uwinnipeg.ca).
- that the Grad Studies Office is moving too?
 Starting in the last week of August the Grad
 Studies Office will be located on the first floor of
 the Richardson College for the Environment and
 Science Complex (1RC023).

We hope you are enjoying the latest news and information from The Faculty of Graduate Studies. You may unsubscribe from further emails by replying to this email with 'unsubscribe' in the subject line. If you have any questions, please contact us at 515 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R3B 2E9 or 204.786.9797.