



Welcome back, everyone! We hope you have had a wonderful holiday season with your friends and loved ones, and you are settled back in the relative warmth of Vancouver (compared to the deep freeze that much of North America is caught in at the moment).

Based on your feedback from last term, we have implemented several changes in relation to the ways we communicate with you. Our newsletter (like this one you are reading) will be sent to you directly, so that you do not have to open a separate PDF attachment. You will also find a full listing of confirmed events for each month as before, but you may now RSVP directly through the newsletter rather than waiting for our weekly event notifications or going to our blog. Our blog is still up-and-running, of course, so do remember to check that out from time to time! We hope these changes will make it easier for you to stay updated with our events in the department, and to get in touch with us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Student Representation on the Advisory Committee to the Provost for the

As you may be aware, Dr. Ali Abdi will be stepping down as EDST Head on 31 August 2018. We are pleased to inform you that Lena Ignatovich will be serving on the Advisory

Appointment of EDST Head

Committee to the Provost for the Appointment of Head for EDST as a student representative. Please contact Lena if you have any comments or suggestions for the committee.

Writing Group every Monday!

Our weekly writing group this term will be held every Monday from 11:00am to 3:00pm at PCOH1306A. Please join us!

Save the Date: EDST Research Day on April 6, 2018 (Friday)

EDST's annual research day will be held on April 6, 2018. This is a great occasion for you to present your research and ideas with your peers. More details will be announced soon!

MONTHLY EVENTS

To RSVP, click on the respective buttons located at the bottom of each event listing. If the RSVP button doesn't work, please contact us via email to RSVP.

In the interest of fairness to event host(s) or presenter(s), please RSVP at least 3 days prior to the event date. There is a minimum attendance of 5 participants for our events, unless otherwise specified. If there not enough participants, we may cancel or postpone the event to a later date.

**EDST Back-to-school Gathering
January 12, 2018 | Friday**

Location: UBC Seedlings Café ([map](#))

Time: 11:30am – 2:00pm

Hosted by: The EDST GAAs

Join your GAAs for a casual lunchtime gathering at one of UBC's best kept secrets: the Seedlings Café. Share your stories and memories, and perhaps a resolution or two for the new year!

Please note that food and drinks are not provided at this

event, but the [menu](#) at Seedlings is very reasonably-priced and you are encouraged to support their non-profit, volunteer-run initiative!

[CLICK HERE TO RSVP](#)



Creating a Professional Blog or Website **January 15, 2018 | Monday**

Location: PCOH 1306A (Video Conference Room)

Time: 3:00pm – 4:30pm

Hosted by: Mary Kostandy (EDST)

Are you interested in creating your own professional blog or website? Wait no further! Bring your laptop, ideas, texts, images, media, links and let's start building! In this hands-on step by step session, you will explore the difference between blogs and websites, publish posts, add media, customize themes and more!

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GAA EVENT UPDATE

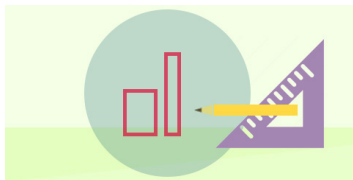
January 2018

Hello EDST! We are pleased to inform you that there are two more GAA events coming up before January comes to a close. Please see below for details!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Demystifying Comps

January 24, 2018 | Wednesday

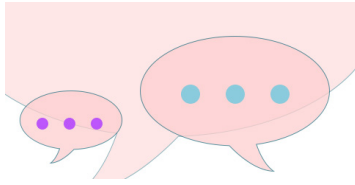
Location: PCOH2012 (Multipurpose Room)

Time: 12:15pm – 1:15pm

Hosted by: Dr. Amy Metcalfe (EDST)

Comprehensive exams are something every Ph.D. student has to face in their programmes. In this workshop, Dr. Amy Metcalfe will "demystify" various aspects of the comprehensive exams, including tips on how (and when) to prepare for them, and what to expect. This workshop is designed for Ph.D students preparing for their comps, but M.A/M.Ed students who are interested in pursuing a Ph.D programme are most welcome too!

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**Activism and Academia: A Heart, Mind, and Body
Ongoing Dialogue
January 29, 2018 | Monday**

Location: PCOH 1306A (Video Conference Room)

Time: 3:00pm – 4:00pm

Hosted by: Sonia Medel (EDST)

Join Sonia Medel, Ph.D student in EDST and activist, for an afternoon of conversations on activism. This session is intended to be a participatory exploration and dialogue of various questions, including how EDST students understand activism and academic activism (or if there is even such a thing), what their experiences of activism are, and more.

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