

## On the "To-Do" List

- Join us on the SAGE discord channel! Get updates easily, talk to others in the program, and speak with the executive team directly: [discord.gg/mUdPxJ64SG](https://discord.gg/mUdPxJ64SG)
- SAGE supports the drive to organize a union at UW and is in the process of organizing a Town Hall, where organizers will explain the details of unionization and answer questions. Please, read the official information on unionization at UW [here](#) and submit outstanding questions for the Town Hall via [this form](#) by Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Sign-up for the Projects and Research by English Students (PRES) lecture series! See the call for volunteers attached. The deadline to express interest for the lectures running in Winter 2021 is Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>.

## Announcements

- Have you experienced racial trauma? Understand your [options for academic accommodations](#) related to traumatic experiences based on race. Check out these [Anti-Racism resources](#) made available by the Human Rights, Equity and Inclusion team has compiled, and/or information about the [University's anti-racism initiatives](#).
- The Academic Readiness Bursary (ARB) is available for the winter 2021 term. Expenses related to studying remotely in the winter term will be considered, up to a maximum of \$500. The deadline to apply is January 30, 2021. Visit the [Graduate Student](#) web pages for further details on eligibility and the application process.

Check out Co-op and Experiential Education(CEE)'s Strategic Plan for 2020 -2025 [here](#).

The Center for Career Action/(CCA's) virtual drop-in advising hours for December are as follows:

- Résumé, cover letter, and interview drop-ins for master's students are offered 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. and, again, at 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. EST, Monday to Friday.
- Career Consult and work search drop-ins for master's students are offered from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. EST, Monday to Friday.
- Further Education drop-ins are offered 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. EST, Monday to Friday.
- PhD and Postdoc drop-ins are offered from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. EST, Monday to Friday.

Students can book all virtual drop-ins through [WaterlooWorks](#). Online [registration](#) begins daily at 8:00 a.m.

Looking for COVID-19 related updates on library services and operations? Visit: <https://uwaterloo.ca/library/covid-19-updates-library-services-and-operations>.

## Scholarships & Professionalization - Upcoming Events, Opportunities, and Deadlines!

The Studies in Canadian Literature/ Études en littérature canadienne (SCL/ÉLC) invites interdisciplinary contributions to a special issue on Black Lives Matter. The deadline for submissions is 6 January 2021. For full details about submissions, visit the journal's [website](#).

The Canadian Game Studies Association (CGSA/ACÉV) has published [a call for papers](#) for their virtual conference at Congress 2021. Any papers submitted for the cancelled CGSA 2020 conference will be automatically accepted this year. The deadline for submissions is Monday January 11<sup>th</sup>.

The Canadian Association for Commonwealth Literature And Language Studies (CACLALS) invites proposals for their virtual conference at Congress 2021. The deadline for submission is January 15, 2021. Refer to [CACLALS CFP 2021 Final.pdf](#) for full details.

The revised deadline to [submit a proposal](#) for the 2020 University of Waterloo Teaching and Learning Conference - which was postponed until 2021 due to COVID-19 - is Wednesday, January 20, 2021. Proposals aligning with the original theme, as well as those that now meet the revised focus of this call, are welcome. If you have questions about a proposal you submitted to the previous Call for Proposals, please email [uwtl@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:uwtl@uwaterloo.ca).

Remember to submit your best work from 2020 to the [English Graduate Awards](#)! You can submit work from the Winter, Spring or Fall term. The deadline for submissions is Friday, January 22, 2021.

## Healthy Body, Healthy Mind

New mental health widget available on LEARN! This widget will be embedded into all LEARN courses with a link to a mental health resources page on the [Campus Wellness website](#). The widget provides another touch point to clearly communicate the resources available to students and help them seek support and care when faced with any challenges. See <https://uwaterloo.ca/daily-bulletin/2020-11-16#new-mental-health-widget-available-in-learn> for details.

Missed the inaugural University of Waterloo Virtual Conference on Student Mental Health Research, back in November? You can watch the [morning session here](#), and the [afternoon session here](#).

Feeling overwhelmed, anxious or like you need to talk to somebody? Contact the University's [Campus Wellness services](#). There are also various community supports available: [K-W Counselling, Here 24/7](#) - 1-844-437-3247, [Good2Talk](#) - 1-866-925-5454, [Crisis Services Canada](#) - 1-833-456-4566 or by text 45645.

Check out the "[Healthy Warriors at Home](#)" page of the Department of Athletics and Recreation's website for information regarding Virtual Personal Training sessions, nutritional tips, and more.

The SAGE executive.

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## PRES Lecture Series

Hello Everyone,

Hope the semester is going well thus far!

SAGE is pleased to introduce a new student-run lecture series starting in January of 2021: Projects and Research by English Students (PRES).

PRES lectures offer masters and doctoral students here at UW the opportunity to showcase their research for the other members of the program and department. Not only are these lectures a great way for people working on theses, MRPs, or dissertations to get feedback, but they're also an occasion to share what you're passionate about with your peers and colleagues as well as to build your CV. Think of it as a conference presentation, without the formality or stress of a conference presentation. In light of the isolation we've all faced in recent months, this lecture series will also help reconnect upper years graduate students with first year doctoral and master's students, and hopefully offer some inspiration in the process!

PRES lectures will take place during the fourth week of each month, starting January 2021. They will be held online, in an hour-long synchronous session that all members of the program are welcome to attend. Sessions will consist of a brief introduction, a 20-minute lecture by the presenter, and an open questions period of about 20-25 minutes. The lecture should discuss some aspect of the presenter's current research, such as a thesis/dissertation/MRP chapter or section (with the expectation that it is near to completion or supervisory approval, as opposed to in early planning stages). If you don't have anything to present at this time or are just starting out on your degree, fear not – there will be more opportunities to participate in future terms.

If you are interested in sharing your research in a PRES lecture during the Winter 2021 term, please email PRES Chair, Shannon Lodoen, at [smlodoen@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:smlodoen@uwaterloo.ca) by December 14<sup>th</sup>. Please provide your name, program year and stream (if applicable), source and title of your presentation, and availability. For example: "Sam Jones / RCD / MA thesis chapter ("Title") / January or March presentation date." If there are multiple volunteers for a given month, the presenter will be selected at random.

Detailed information on logistics will be provided for presenters as it becomes available; for now, Shannon will be happy to field any questions you might have about this series.

Looking forward to learning more about the diverse research interests and projects taking place in Waterloo's English department!

All the best,

SAGE's PRES team