

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
- 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. 20th.
- The Canadian Association for Graduate Studies is holding a webinar on “Black Graduate Students and the Truth of Oppression” this Friday, Nov. 27th, from 1:00pm to 2:30pm. [Register here](#) to access the event, poster attached.
- 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. 14th.

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

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

In need of funding? The [Graduate Studies Endowment Fund \(GSEF\)](#), has an *on-going commitment to enhance the learning, research, and overall experience of graduate students at the University*, and works to provide financial supports for graduate students through [project funding](#), [COVID-19 relief](#), [travel awards \(including online conferences\)](#), etc. They also contribute to the [Graduate Student Thesis Completion Award](#), and routinely recruit students to sit on their Project Review Committee and Board of Directors, as well as carry out the day-to-day operations of GSEF itself , both excellent [opportunities](#) for students to get involved.

As part of the UWinterloo program, the International Student Experience team is piloting a pen pal program this winter holidays, where international students are matched with staff, faculty, alumni, and domestic students for the month of December. Register if you would like to participate: <https://uwaterloo.ca/student-success/international-student-resources/uwinterloo>

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](#) or contact: Camille Isaacs, OCAD University, cisaacs@faculty.ocadu.ca or Karina Vernon, University of Toronto, karina.vernon@utoronto.ca

Other Announcements

Books by mail and more began November 9th. For pickup details see the [book pickup services](#) page.

Participate in [UW's National Day of Remembrance ceremony](#) scheduled for 10:30AM on Friday, December 04, 2020. This is a day to reflect on gender-based violence and honour the 14 young women murdered on 06 December 1989, at l'École Polytechnique de Montréal.

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

Registration is now open for Renison's Community and Professional Education courses in American Sign Language, Chinese, Japanese, and Korean. These credit-free courses are open to all and begin in January. For details and to register visit uwaterloo.ca/cape

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.

The campus COVID-19 Testing Assessment Centre at Health Services has been extended to family members of all University of Waterloo students, employees, and postdocs. Family members must be living at the same household/residential address as the student, employee or postdoctoral fellow.

Health Services is providing [flu immunizations starting November 09](#) to help make it easy and convenient to get your flu vaccine and help stop the spread of influenza. This service is available by appointment only. To book an appointment please call 519-888-4096.

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 by December 14th. 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



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for Graduate Studies

VIRTUAL SYMPOSIUM

Webinar IV

Black Graduate Students and the Truth of Oppression

Friday, November 27th, 2020

1pm EST - 2.30pm EST

Our Speakers

Luam Araya

University of Alberta

Panelist



Karine Coen-Sanchez

University of Ottawa

Panelist



Evelyn Asiedu

University of Alberta

Panelist



Zeenat Ladak

University of Alberta

Moderator

