



E-NEWSLETTER

SGPS Student Advisors

The Student Advisors provide information, advice and advocacy for all graduate and professional students on any issue they may face while studying at Queen's. Student Advisors have office hours Monday 2:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. in JDUC room 203. You may also contact them via e-mail: studentadvisors@sgps.ca (checked weekdays only).

GRADUATE STUDENT FUNDING REVIEW

The School of Graduate Studies is pursuing a policy review of graduate funding. They aim to eliminate all QGA funding from students in pseudo-professional Masters programs. This includes anyone not in a PhD, MA, or MSc program. Furthermore, non-thesis (898) streams of Masters programs would also be cut off from access to QGA funding. Thesis stream (899) Masters students would still be eligible. However, decreasing Masters funding as a percentage of QGA funding is also being discussed.

For more information, please contact SGPS President Jeff Welsh at president@sgps.ca

If you have questions or comments, please submit them to:

Janice Deakin, AVP/Dean of Graduate Studies at janice.deakin@queensu.ca

Patrick Deane, VP (Academic) at patrick.deane@queensu.ca

Tom Williams, Principal at principal@queensu.ca

Andrew Simpson, VP (Operations and Finance) at asimpson@queensu.ca

Leora Jackson, Rector at rector@queensu.ca

GRADUATE STUDENT TUITION FEE INCREASES

Despite a pledge last term that graduate student fees would remain steady next year after 8% and 4% increases this year, the University has notified the SGPS that they have changed their minds and will now be seeking the maximum allowable increases for next year (8% for new students, 4% for returning students). The University has also stated that there will be no increases to QGA funding to offset the increases. There was no previous consultation about this proposal.

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INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE STUDENTS

The SGPS International Student Standing Committee is cooperating with Career Services and International Center for a series of workshops targeted to Queen's International Graduate Students. The workshops are planned to be held in December. So far we're at the stage of preparation and we need your ideas on:

- your major concerns related to job searching in Canada (or in general)
- the job types that you're looking into (academic, industry, NGO, etc.)
- other issues which you would like the workshops to cover.

If you have any ideas, questions or concerns about the workshops, please let us know by sending email to international@sgps.ca. Your contribution is highly appreciated.

POSITIVE SPACE

Interested in becoming a Positive Space Program participant? To learn more and sign up for a Positive Space Info Session, go to:

<http://www.queensu.ca/positivespace/involved.htm>

THE GRADUATE JUNCTION

Would you like to:

- Connect with graduate students from across the globe who share your research interests,
- Join or create research discussion groups,
- Set up a personal research page and record details of your growing research network
- Find international conference and job opportunities,
- Find and share research advice,
- Advertise graduate conferences or journals?

Then, join The Graduate Junction and become part of the growing online global community of graduate students.

The Graduate Junction, launched in May 2008 by graduate students at Durham and Oxford Universities, is the first website to bring together Masters, Doctoral and Postdoctoral researchers and scholars from all disciplines across the globe, already including members from +70 countries. The Graduate Junction provides the opportunity to find, communicate with and form networks with peers who share common research interests in a global multi-disciplinary environment. Through our devotion to the site, we aim to create a central informational resource for graduate students by continuing to expand our offerings, which include academic conferences, job opportunities, postgraduate journals and advice forums.

The Graduate Junction (www.graduatejunction.com)

GOODLIFE CORPORATE MEMBERSHIPS

10 month corporate memberships with GoodLife and the SGPS are now available for \$315.

Payment deadline: Friday, November 21st, 2008 (for memberships starting Dec 15, 2008)

To sign up, you must send an e-mail to the Athletics Coordinator (sgps.goodlife@gmail.com) with your name and student number. Cheques MUST be delivered to the SGPS office by 4:30pm on November 21st. Please bring current student card to confirm your SGPS member status. Proof of same residence is also required for those signing up their significant other. Membership cards will be ready for pick up one week prior to the start date. For additional information contact the Athletics Coordinator at sgps.goodlife@gmail.com.

ATTENTION JEWISH GRAD, MED, LAW & PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS!

Queen's Hillel has a new Grad Students Division! We will be throwing social and educational events for Jewish grad students as well as keeping you informed about other events that may be of interest to you.

To stay on top of the latest news for Jewish grad students, join our mailing list at:

<http://groups.google.com/group/queens-hillel-gradmedlaw>

Also, come out to our first event, a pub night, co-hosted by the Kingston Jewish Council, Thursday Nov. 20 at 9pm at the Brew Pub. We have the private party room booked off, FREE FOOD, and this is a great chance to shmooze with other Jewish grad students and young professionals. Bring your friends!

THE EROICA TRIO

Queen's Performing Arts Office presents: THE EROICA TRIO

One of the world's most popular chamber music groups is coming to Kingston!

Described by Musical America as 'the most sought after piano trio in the world', the Grammy-nominated Eroica Trio will combine their flawless technical virtuosity, irresistible enthusiasm and sensual elegance in Grant Hall (43 University Avenue) on Saturday, November 22 at 8:00 p.m.

The program for this concert is:

Edouard Lalo (1823-1892)	Piano Trio No. 1 in C minor, Op. 7
Bohuslav Martinu (1890-1959)	Piano Trio No. 1 ("Cinq pièces brèves")
Franz Schubert (1797-1828)	Piano Trio No. 2 in E flat major, Op. 100

Admission for this concert is \$ 25 (adults), \$ 23 (seniors) and \$ 10 (students). Tickets are available at: Queen's Performing Arts Office (613 533 2558) and The Grand Theatre Box Office (613 530 2050). For details, please visit www.queensu.ca/pao

SGPS COMMITTEES

It's never too late to make a difference

SGPS Bylaw and Policy Revision Committee—members needed!

The SGPS Bylaw and Policy Revision Committee is looking for members! The school and graduate studies and research, and other professional programs at Queen's have undergone extensive program expansion over the past few years. As a result, the SGPS general membership has also grown with diverging needs that are unique to each individual program. We need your inputs to revise our current SGPS Bylaw and Policy in order to help us better represent the student body. The committee will start to meet in January, 2009, in a predictable manner and persist until March, 2009. Interested SGPS members please contact Speaker, Seth Irwin, at speaker@sgps.ca

School of Graduate Studies - Division Representatives Needed

Part of the School of Graduate Studies and Research Council consists of a graduate student representative from each of the five divisions within the school. The Council meets monthly for one to two hours discussing/voting on issues and policies concerning the school. Some examples include approval of requirement changes leading to a graduate degree in a certain department, approval of thesis requirements, approval of new courses and programs etc. The SGSR Council is now seeking a graduate student representative from each of the Division II to V. Interested individual please apply to VP Internal (Graduate), Joellen Lin, at committee@sgps.ca, with a few sentences commenting on why you are interested in the position. The SGPS Appointing Committee will start reviewing the applications on Wednesday, November 19th, 2008.

Divisions of the School of Graduate Studies and Research

Division I: Life Sciences

Division II: Humanities

Division III: Engineering and Applied Sciences

Division IV: Mathematics and Physical Sciences

Division V: Social Sciences and Professional Schools

More info here: <http://www.queensu.ca/calendars/sgrs/pg33.html>

SGPS Social Standing Committee—Movie Night!...well almost

The SGPS Social Committee is planning a movie night for our members in December and would love to hear from you! Please e-mail Social Commissioner, Diala Habib at social@sgps.ca, any suggestions for potential movie title or preferred time for the event.

IDEAS - THE STUDENT EDITION

A call for grad students who want to take part in a CBC Radio series...

The Gist of it

Ideas Students creates a space on the radio for up-and-coming scholars currently pursuing their graduate degrees. We're looking for people whose studies are brilliantly interesting, so we can feature them in a 5-part series for CBC Radio's Ideas.

Every episode is a journey motivated by a student's PhD topic. It draws from the human story of the student, giving a personal glimpse into the academic world. Our audience is national and, like the Ideas Students staff, they aren't already engaged in the scholarly scene. Therefore, we're looking for students with wit and charm who can engage us and our listeners!

The Framework

At the beginning of the show we meet the PhD student. She speaks about her project and describes her personal situation. Is she thrilled about her big idea but can't convince others of its value? Where is her curiosity leading her?

The show's host, Tom, takes hold of the more dramatic elements of the thesis and crafts a tale using traditional experts, bar-room philosophers, kids, scenes, real-world experiments, and so on. Through the episode, the student has the opportunity to respond with approval or criticism to our radio-world attempts to get to grips with the topic. In fact, the student gets the last word – did our radio explanations work, or did we completely miss the mark?

Who we are

We're the team that created *And Sometimes Y*, a weekly CBC Radio show about words, much loved by listeners for its heft and humour. The host of Ideas: The Student Edition is Tom Howell, the in-house word nerd from *And Sometimes Y*. Nicola Luksic is the behind-the-scenes producer brain.

When this happens

We're auditioning students right now. But not the sort of auditions that stress out actors. We just want to hear about what you're studying, and why the topic might prompt a great hour of radio. So send us an e-mail, tell us about yourself, and include a phone number so we can call for a chat about your work.

***Ideas Students* will be broadcast as part of CBC Radio's *Ideas* in the 2009/10 season. We need guests who are available to participate in interviews during spring/summer 2009.**

How to Contact Us:

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RESEARCH ASSISTANT POSITION @ CTL

The Centre for Teaching and Learning at Queen's is seeking a graduate student to work as a Research Assistant for the remainder of the fall term and the winter term.

Job Description:

The student will work with an Educational Developer on projects related to furthering the mission of Centre for Teaching and Learning. These projects will be carried out independently and in consultation with an Educational Developer.

The student will benefit from regular meetings with the Educational Developer in order to discuss his or her progress and performance as well as to determine what additional support, if any, he or she needs in order to carry out effectively his or her duties.

See <http://www.queensu.ca/ctl/about/index.html> for more information about the Centre.

Required Qualifications:

Excellent interpersonal skills, including the ability to work effectively in a team and to work independently. Experience and interest in educational development would be an asset.

Hours:

The student will be hired for 10 hours per week for remainder of the fall term and for the entire winter term. The rate of pay is \$20.00/ hour.

To Apply:

Send your letter of interest and a recent C.V. or resume to:

Dr. Denise Stockley

Educational Developer: Centre for Teaching and Learning

Faculty and Staff Learning Facilities, Room B176, Mackintosh Corry Hall

Or by email to: ctl@queensu.ca

Closing date: Friday, November 21st, 2008

ARE YOU A STUDENT PARENT?

We want your input!

We are conducting research into the experiences of undergraduate students living with dependent children (under 18) and want you to complete a short on-line survey.

This research has been approved by the University of Guelph Research Ethics Board and is being conducted as part of a Master's Thesis project in the Department of Family Relations & Applied Nutrition, faculty advisor Dr. Donna Lero.

The survey will take approximately 30 minutes to complete and you will be given the opportunity to enter a draw for a \$100 Visa gift certificate that will take place in December.

Please contact Tricia at 519-820-0782 or tvanrhij@uoguelph.ca for further information.



CALL FOR PAPERS
A MULTI-DISCIPLINARY STUDENT CONFERENCE
IN CELEBRATION OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S WEEK 2009
WOMEN MAKING CHANGE

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2009
BRESCIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, LONDON, ONTARIO
WITH A SPECIAL IWD LECTURE BY

Dr. Monia Mazigh, author of *Hope and Despair: My Struggle to Free My Husband*, Maher Arar, will speak about her leadership journey in the political and judicial realms

THURSDAY, 5 MARCH 2009, 7:30 PM, BRESCIA AUDITORIUM

Undergraduate and graduate students and community activists are invited to submit proposals (up to 200 words) for paper, poster or artistic presentations related to the theme "women making change." We encourage proposals from students of all disciplines to share papers or presentations originally prepared as class assignments or new work based on continuing or completed projects. We also welcome short presentations from community activists about their work.

A proposal should provide

- name and contact information
- a title and a brief summary or abstract of the presentation in no more than 200 words
- an indication of any technological or other needs

Proposals must be received no later than **Friday, January 16, 2009** and should be sent by e-mail to iwil@uwo.ca or to Women Making Change Conference, c/o Institute for Women In Leadership, Brescia University College, 1285 Western Road, London, Ontario, N6G 1H2.

Notice of acceptance will be sent to you by **Monday, February 9, 2009**. This is a refereed conference. To learn more about the conference, please visit www.iwil.ca or call (519) 432-8353 ext. 28061.

Questions? Contact Jill Payne, jpayne43@uwo.ca, Rebecca Coulter, coulter@uwo.ca or Kim Young Milani, kimyong@uwo.ca



Tuesday, December 2, 2008

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

This Symposium offers a wide variety of teaching and learning development opportunities all in one day. It's structure will allow you to attend for part of the day or for the entire day.

To complement this program, we encourage you to attend Tom Russell's (2007 Queen's University Chair in Teaching and Learning) public lecture on December 1, 2008 from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm at the Donald Gordon Centre (see over).

Concurrent Sessions

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| 9:00 - 10:30 | A.1 Ask Your Liaison Librarian: Your Support in Teaching, Learning, and Research
<i>Laurie Scott, Bracken Health Science Library</i> |
| | A.2 A Beginner's Guide to Team-Based Learning
<i>Lindsay Davidson, Orthopaedic Surgery; and 2008 Queen's University Chair in Teaching and Learning</i> |
| | A.3 Academic Integrity @ Queen's
<i>Jim Lee, Academic Integrity Advisor to the Vice-Principal (Academic); and Charles Sumbler, Assistant Academic Integrity & Special Projects, Office of the Vice-Principal (Academic)</i> |
| | A.4 Teaching and Learning with Technology
<i>Andy Leger, Centre for Teaching and Learning; and Luc Wauters, Emerging Technology Centre</i> |
| 10:45 - 12:15 | B.1 Unpacking Assessment: What Do Your Grades Mean?
<i>Lynn Shulha, Faculty of Education</i> |
| | B.2 Writing and/as Learning
<i>Marta Straznicki, English</i> |
| | B.3 Engaging Students: Integrating Inquiry into Undergraduate Teaching and Learning
<i>Joy Mighty, Centre for Teaching and Learning</i> |
| | B.4 Learning the Ropes: Graduate Supervision for New Supervisors
<i>David Rappaport, School of Graduate Studies and Research; and Denise Stockley, Centre for Teaching and Learning</i> |
| 1:30 - 3:00 | C.1 Working the Voice
<i>Judith Fisher, Drama</i> |
| | C.2 Introduction to Community-Service Learning
<i>Matthew Ascah, Community-Service Learning Coordinator</i> |
| | C.3 Preparing a Teaching Dossier
<i>Andy Leger, Centre for Teaching and Learning</i> |
| | C.4 Understanding and Incorporating the 'UDLEs' into your Courses
<i>Denise Stockley and Joy Mighty, Centre for Teaching and Learning</i> |

For detailed session descriptions and to register, go to:

<http://www.queensu.ca/ctl/programs/conferences/TandLSymposium/>