



E-NEWSLETTER

SGPS Office: Summer Hours of Operation

The SGPS Office is open **Tuesday through Thursday**
9:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. (closed noon until 1 for lunch)
We are located in room 021 of the John Deutsch University Centre (JDUC)

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' COORDINATOR

The SGPS seeks to hire an International Students' Coordinator. Yearly salary is \$1833.28. Deadline to apply is Monday July 19th, 2010. For complete details, please see:

<http://www.sgps.ca/jobs/jobs.html>

STUDENT ADVISORS

The SGPS seeks to hire 3 Student Advisors. Yearly salary is \$12,000. Deadline to apply is Monday July 26th, 2010. For complete details, please see:

<http://www.sgps.ca/jobs/jobs.html>

WHITewater RAFTING

The SGPS is going WhiteWater Rafting on Saturday July 17th, 2010. Complete details will be posted on our website by July 7th, 2010. To stay up-to-date on Whitewater rafting details, follow us on Facebook or Twitter. Details will be on our website here:

<http://www.sgps.ca/events/social.html>

SGPS 2010 WORLD CUP CAMPAIGN

Come out and join your fellow SGPS members for the 2010 World Cup campaign. Subsidized meals and appetizers will be available. You're guaranteed to have a great time, whether you're a passionate soccer fan or simply looking to go out and meet new people. Complete details can be found here: <http://www.sgps.ca/events/social.html>

FOLLOW US ON TWITTER AND FACEBOOK

The SGPS is now using Twitter and Facebook to keep you updated. We will be posting things like upcoming social events, deadlines (registration, optional fee opt-outs, health and dental) and lots of other important information for our members.

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2310661892>

<http://twitter.com/QueensSGPS>

A message from Queen's University International Centre:

CHANGES TO THE FEDERAL SKILLED WORKER APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT RESIDENCY

On Saturday, June 26 Citizenship and Immigration Canada announced changes to the Federal Skilled Worker class of Permanent Residency application. Where applications used to be accepted as long as you met at least 1 of 3 criteria, that has changed. Now, to be able to submit an application you must meet 1 of 2 criteria:

- have "arranged employment" OR
- have work experience in one of 29 identified occupations

The Queen's University International Centre (QUIC) does not focus on Permanent Residency but has shared this information because we are aware of the impact on international students at Queen's (particularly graduate students or those who have previous full-time work experience). More information is available directly from Citizenship and Immigration Canada: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/departement/media/releases/2010/2010-06-26.asp>

Though our focus is on temporary residency (study permits, work permits, temporary resident visas, etc.), please note that International Student Advising is offered throughout the summer from Monday to Friday between 1:00pm and 4:30pm.

ENGLISH FYI

A bi-weekly tidbit of information (grammatical, historical, or just plain weird) about the English language.

"Your" versus "You're"

"Your" is a possessive pronoun.

For example: "Your mother sent you a care package. I opened it and ate your cookies."

"You're" is a contraction of "you are."

For example: "You're the one who ate my cookies? You're the worst roommate ever!"

TIP: The easiest way to determine whether to use "you're" or "your" is to read or say the sentence in question using the full "you are" instead of the contracted "you're." If it sounds funny, than you should be using "your." Below is an example of incorrect usage:

For example: "You are mother sent you a care package. I opened it and ate you are cookies."

Adapted from Perdue Online Writing Lab, <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/660/01/> and the Oxford English Dictionary.

GRAD CLUB: UPCOMING EVENTS

The Grad Club will be OPEN Saturday July 10th 1:30pm for the World Cup Series Playoffs and Sunday July 11th 1:30pm for the World Cup Series FINAL game. Come cheer on your favourite team!!

SGPS AWARDS

The nomination period for the annual SGPS awards is now open. The SGPS gives out 4 awards worth \$500 each. Nominations are due to the SGPS Office no later than Thursday July 8th, 2010. If you are unable to deliver the nomination form in person, you may e-mail it to SGPS Executive Director, Sean (info@sgps.ca). For a list of the awards and more details, please see: <http://www.sgps.ca/events/awards.html>

OPT-OUT PERIOD 2010-2011

The optional fee opt-out period for the 2010-2011 academic year will be from September 13th until September 24th, 2010. During this time you can opt-out of optional fees. If you have comparable health and dental insurance, you can also opt-out of the SGPS health and dental plan. More details about the opt-out period will be in future editions of the newsletter.

A message from QGSA:

AFTERNOON BEACH ADVENTURE WITH THE QGSA

Summer is here: lets go to the beach!!

Date: Saturday, July 10, 2010

Time: 12:30pm - 6:30pm

Location: Big Sandy Bay, Wolf Island

Meet at the Ferry Docks (departs at 12:30pm)

Admission to the beach is \$6 on a bicycle or \$8 in a car. If you are driving or looking for a ride, please use the facebook event wall to arrange things.

<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=129527220413157>

We will meet at the Wolf Island Ferry (leaves at 12:30pm), head over to the island and go from there. The beach closes at 6pm and return ferries leave every hour on the 1/2 hour until 9:30pm.

Don't forget your hat, sunscreen, bather, towel, snacks, water and/or booze. Please drink responsibly and do not leave any bottles or garbage on the beach.

A message from TAFA and PSAC:

TA/TF UNION MEMBERSHIP CARDS

As of March, 2010, graduate-student teaching assistants and teaching fellows voted to form a union and became a directly chartered local with the Public Service Alliance of Canada. In order to become a full member of the union, allowing you to vote at all union meetings and run for committee and executive positions, graduate TAs and TFs need to sign a membership card. Please contact queens.TAFA@gmail.com to do so.

A message from Natalie Vogt: MIR Candidate (2010):

RELIGIOUS SERVICES SURVEY

Do you attend religious services? If so, please consider completing my survey on Servant Leadership. It will take you no more than 15 minutes to complete. Your participation is completely voluntary, and nothing will link you to your responses. The survey is available at: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/servant_leadership_study

CSLSR 5TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Dear Life Science Students (undergraduate, graduate and professional),

The Canadian Society for Life Science Research (CSLSR) is currently accepting abstract submissions for its 5th annual conference taking place at **McGill University in Montreal, Quebec on August 13-14th, 2010.**

Join over 200 of Canada's life science students, clinicians, industry experts and top researchers for Canada's premier student-led life science conference. Online registration for students, faculty, mini-symposia presenters, club/corporate representatives and abstract submission is now available online at www.cslsr.ca.

Deadline for Abstract Submission: July 2nd, 2010. Those chosen to give an oral presentation will be notified by email by July 9th, 2010.

*Prizes will be awarded to the top three oral and top three poster presenters.

*There will also be an award for the *best research photo* submission, which will appear on the cover of our annual publication.

A message from Queen's University International Centre:

SUBLET OPPORTUNITIES

Going on exchange? Doing some research abroad? If you are looking to sublet your home for a period of 8 months or less, the Queen's University International Centre (QUIC) can help by advertising your sublet opportunity to international graduate and professional students looking to rent over the short term. To list your property for rent, visit the International Housing Office website at:

<http://quic.queensu.ca/resource/rentalpropertysubmissions.asp>

This is a free listing service.

A message from Queen's University International Centre:

STUDENT/COMMUNITY HOSTS

The Queen's University International Centre (QUIC) is looking for volunteer students and community members to offer free temporary accommodation (for up to 3 nights, free of charge) to newly arriving international students. For more information visit the QUIC website: <http://quic.queensu.ca/resource/studentandcommunityhosts.asp> or contact the International Housing Coordinator at IHC@queensu.ca.



A message from EGSS:

SCHOLARSHARE

The Education Graduate Student Society (EGSS) would like to invite graduate students at Queen's to attend the first ScholarShare for the 2010-2011 academic year. ScholarShare is a series of two short student-led presentations with the objective of providing additional opportunities for graduate students in education to share their work with their colleagues in a supportive environment, while attendees can learn more about some of the research that is happening at the Faculty of Education. Refreshments will be served.

Monday, July 12 at noon

The Studio at the Faculty of Education (B144 Duncan McArthur Hall)

Presentations:

Christopher DeLuca, PhD

"CONSTRUCTING A FRAMEWORK FOR THE VALIDATION OF COMPLEX PROGRAM AIMS"

Educational programs are typically guided by complex overarching aims that demark broad expectations for program graduates. However, in practice, these aims tend to become operationalized into specific, measurable learning objectives, which form the basis for assessment of student learning. Research suggests that this practice limits the accuracy and validity of overarching program aims and may result in misrepresentation of student competency. This limitation is in part due to the use of traditional assumptions of measurement that operate on a validity of correspondence that is linear, singular, and value-free. Accordingly, through this research, I construct a framework for understanding the validity of complex program aims by drawing on contemporary validity theory.

Christopher DeLuca successfully defended his dissertation proposal this past June. This presentation is a summary of his research. He has accepted a position as Assistant Professor in Classroom Assessment and Research Methodology in the Department of Educational Measurement and Research at the College of Education, University of South Florida, beginning in August 2010.

Sherrilee Bell, MEd candidate

"PROFESSIONALISM THROUGH THE EYES OF FEMALE ELEMENTARY TEACHERS IN ONTARIO"

The purpose of this study is to examine elementary teachers' perceptions of their roles as teachers in Ontario in regards to professionalism, using the case of one school board. This study will describe how teachers view professionalism, the aspects of their jobs they believe enhance or detract from professionalism, and how these aspects affect their job satisfaction. This will be a qualitative study using four interviews of female elementary teachers in Ontario with varying lengths of experience.

Sherrilee Bell has been teaching Grade 7, 8 and Music in the public education system in Ontario for seven years. She has been completing her MEd through part-time studies while teaching full-time for the past three years. While it is an organizational challenge, she enjoys the chance to be involved in education from these different angles simultaneously. Sherrilee's interest in teachers' perspectives on professionalism stems from her own experiences and those of her colleagues.

If you are interested in attending, please RSVP by July 8 to egss@queensu.ca. If you have any questions about ScholarShare, please contact King Luu, EGSS Academic Events Coordinator, king.luu@queensu.ca. The next ScholarShare session is tentatively scheduled for October.