



# School of Social Work Student Bulletin

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### NEWS FROM THE UNIVERSITY:

#### ➤ **GRADUATE STUDENT OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE: SOCIAL STATISTICS LAB**

Ideal for research assistants and students working on their dissertations, the Social Statistics Lab is a workspace for students doing quantitative research on social scientific topics. Our students, past and present, have represented all major disciplines in this area, including economics, sociology, anthropology, political science, epidemiology, and geography. The lab boasts a stimulating and positive research environment, where students from a variety of disciplines, at various stages of graduate training, are invited to collaborate and facilitate each other's research and academic progress.

The lab consists of several workstations, each of which comes with a networked computer

equipped with all major statistical software for the social sciences (including: **Stata 12, SPSS, Mathematica, ArcGIS and R**).

#### **Sponsorship**

Students are sponsored by faculty members or by their department: one semester: \$250; Sept-Aug: \$500.

#### **Contact**

Please contact [nicole.denier@mail.mcgill.ca](mailto:nicole.denier@mail.mcgill.ca) for more information or to reserve a workstation. See [website](#)

#### ➤ **I-WEEK 2015 - JAN. 26-30, 2015**

[i-Week 2015](#), a phenomenal campus-wide celebration of culture with events hosted by over 20 different student associations. It's all happening next week, and you are all cordially invited!

For full details or registration information go to [i-Week website](#) or directly on [MyInvolvement](#).

#### ➤ **SKILLSETS**

**SKILLSETS** is a centrally-managed program that is jointly hosted by [Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies](#) and [Teaching and Learning Services](#). We develop and promote interdisciplinary professional development offerings to all Graduate Students and Post-Doctoral Fellows.

#### **What can SKILLSETS do for you?**

- Enhance your experience at McGill from registration to graduation
- Give you skills that can be applied immediately and are transferable in future endeavours
- Better equip you for the diverse challenges of the workplace

Contact us: [skillsets@mcgill.ca](mailto:skillsets@mcgill.ca) or see [website](#).

#### **NOTICES OF EVENTS:**

#### ➤ **WINTER WRITING COURSES FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS**

[Graphos](#) teaches graduate students how to become effective scholarly communicators (part of the [McGill Writing Centre](#)).

Scholarly communication is one key to academic success. It is essential to grad **students' intellectual and professional futures**. Additionally, in many disciplines, faculty members rely on supervisees as collaborators, so improvements in grad student writing can **boost an entire research group**.

Graphos offers [1-credit courses](#) in written and oral scholarly communication. **Courses begin this week**, and seats remain in some sections. Our courses are available at *no cost to doctoral students and many Master's students* ([learn more](#)). Kindly **share this message with students and colleagues** in your programs, and encourage them to learn about these offerings (registration through [Minerva](#)):

**The Fundamentals of Academic Writing in English (CESL 641)** covers fundamental writing strategies used in academic writing, plus vocabulary-building techniques for ESL students (Tuesdays 8:35-9:55, Wednesdays 1:05-2:25, and Fridays 10:05-11:25).

- **Cornerstones of Academic Writing (CEAP 642)** focuses on key rhetorical maneuvers used in scholarly writing across disciplines (Mondays 10:05-11:25, Wednesdays 2:35-3:55, Thursdays 8:35-9:55)
- **Literature Reviews and Scholarly Niches (CEAP 643)** is designed for students at or approaching the dissertation proposal stage, but can benefit anyone who wants to learn to situate his or her work in a discipline (Mondays 11:35-12:55, Wednesdays 10:05-11:25)
- **Pronunciation for Effective Communication (CESL 651)** teaches second language learners strategies for increasing intelligibility in oral presentations (Mondays 1:05-2:25, Thursdays 1:05-2:25)
- **Fundamentals of Academic Presentations (CEAP 652)** covers essential strategies for communicating research in oral presentations (Fridays 11:35-12:55)

For any questions about these courses or other Graphos and McGill Writing Centre offerings ([workshops](#), [peer writing groups](#), [tutorial service](#)), contact Scott Kushner [scott.kushner@mcgill.ca](mailto:scott.kushner@mcgill.ca) or by calling 514-398-8430.

➤ **WORKSHOP WITH DR. ROBIN M. DEUTSCH – “CAN WE TALK? INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE: WHAT IS IT? WHO DOES IT AFFECT?”**

*The Ottawa High Conflict Forum in conjunction with Family Services à la famille Ottawa presents "Can We Talk? Intimate Partner Violence: What is it? Who does it affect?" featuring Dr. Robin Deutsch of Center of Excellence for Children, Families and the Law at the Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology as well as the Comprehensive Forensic Associates in Boston Massachusetts.*

**Date:** Friday March 27, 2015

**Location:** St. Elias Centre, 750 Ridgewood Ave., Ottawa, ON, K1V 6N1

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Workshop Description**

Service Providers and Family Court are challenged by increased reports of intimate partner violence (IPV). In this workshop we will review the effects of IPV on children, parents, and parenting. The workshop will provide an overview of a process for screening, evaluation, and decision-making around parenting plans, with considerations of treatment and other interventions when working with IPV and high conflict families.

Intimate Partner Violence is a challenging aspect of many high conflict family cases. A strong and dynamic relationship between the family court system and clinical services is essential to effectively servicing these families. This relationship will be explored in the context of a case study and panel discussion. **For full details see [website](#).**

➤ **SOUTH AMERICAN BUSINESS FORUM ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

The South American Business Forum, known as SABF, is an annual conference organized by students from the Instituto Tecnológico de Buenos Aires (ITBA) for university students. The event gathers 100 university students from all around the world – no matter their chosen course of studies – and 40 prominent international leaders from different areas during August 6th, 7th and 8th 2015, in Buenos Aires, Argentina. **Applications may be sent from February 2nd until May 3rd 2015.**

In order to apply to the SABF, students must complete [a series of steps](#) which include writing an essay about the conference's main topic, "The Challenge of Inclusion" or any of the three sub-topics, "Redirecting Innovation", "The Resources Dilemma" or "Empowering South America".

For more information about the SABF Annual Conference visit [sabf](#) or contact [students@sabf.org.ar](mailto:students@sabf.org.ar)

➤ **PEDIATRIC PALLIATIVE CARE RESEARCH ROUNDS - JAN 28/15 PRESENTATION BY JANET FORSYTH, COMMUNITY ORGANIZER**

Our first Pediatric Palliative Care Research Rounds (PPCRR) for 2015 is on **January 28th, 9.30-11am**, E-303, Montreal Children's Hospital. Our presenter is **Janet Forsyth**, Community Organiser, The Lighthouse Children and Families.

**Details of the presentation:** The Lighthouse, Québec's only pediatric hospice, has been mandated by the Ministère de la Santé et des Services Sociaux (MSSS) to produce 36 Internet-based training capsules covering pediatric end-of-life homecare and local-level long-term support of families, to be completed in spring 2016. Any person with relevant expertise may contribute (1 to 10 pages: the shorter, the better) and receive credit as for any published work. Modest funds for writing are available if required. If you have something to say to CLSCs, say it!

The presentation will provide a quick tour of where we are, nine months into development:

- breaking through the "Services à domicile mindset" to adjust dysfunctional CLSC responses to PPC needs,
- dealing with attitudes of dread toward PPC mandates,
- training content for nurses, psychosocial workers, persons at management-levels and collaborators in care who do not work in a CLSC,
- a peek at more advanced regions and well-adjusted local responses, to be proposed as model innovations;
- tool kits for service development, to avoid re-inventing the wheel;
- long-term plans for ongoing transmission of new knowledge, essential to any training in a quickly changing field.

Kindly RSVP, if possible, by **January 26th** to [crystal.noronha@mcgill.ca](mailto:crystal.noronha@mcgill.ca)

➤ **JANUARY'S FREE WEBINAR: RESTORATIVE JUSTICE - GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR COMMUNITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS**

**Restorative Justice - Guiding Principles for Communities and Organizations**

*Each month CTRI offers a complimentary webinar.*

How do we respond meaningfully to harmful or criminal actions? Based on the principles of restorative justice, this webinar offers a framework for answering this question as it relates to your own context. The timeless philosophy of restorative justice focuses on the needs of everyone involved, emphasizing direct accountability, reparation, prevention, dialogue and, in some cases, renewed relationship. If you work in a community, school, government or other organizational setting and make decisions about how to respond to harmful actions, this webinar will provide you with insights for incorporating restorative justice principles into your environment.

**Click Here** to access this month's free webinar.

**NOTICE OF RESEARCH/FUNDING OPORTUNITIES:**

➤ **APPLICATIONS OPEN – SUBMIT YOUR COMPASSION-IN-ACTION PROJECT PROPOSAL**

The [Dalai Lama Fellows \(DLF\) Program](#) is now accepting applications for [McGill's 2015 Fellow recipient](#).

Are you an undergraduate or graduate student with the passion and creativity to design and launch a "compassion-in-action" project, but don't know where to begin? If you're inspired with an idea, the Dalai Lama

Fellows Program can help you realize it thanks to guidance with project visioning, mentorship and funding of up to \$10,000!

Meet McGill's 2014 fellow, [Vivienne Walz](#), to learn more about her and her project's journey.

Submit your application [here](#) by February 15, 2015!

**If you have any questions, please contact [Margaret.colton@mcgill.ca](mailto:Margaret.colton@mcgill.ca).** Check the [site](#) for details about the upcoming info-session for prospective applicants!

➤ **ARTS GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP (\$10,000 CAD [Media@McGill](mailto:Media@McGill) Arts Graduate Research Fellowship)**

**Eligibility:** PhD 4, 5 or 6 students (in 2015-2016), registered in a department within the **Faculty of Arts\*** and conducting media-related research projects

For complete eligibility information and application instructions, see [Graduate Research Fellowship](#)

**Deadline: Thursday, March 26, 2015 at 5 p.m.**

**Questions?** Contact [sophie.toupin@mcgill.ca](mailto:sophie.toupin@mcgill.ca) or by calling (514) 398-8364.

➤ **CROSSROADS CONFERENCE CALL FOR ABSTRACT**

**The School of Health and Human Performance Graduate Student Society of Dalhousie University formally invites you to the 13th annual Crossroads Student Conference.**

**CONFERENCE DESCRIPTION**

Designed as an adjudicated, peer-reviewed academic forum for undergraduate and graduate students (Masters and PhD), Crossroads is a unique opportunity for students to showcase and engage in dialogue about their innovative health research. Emphasizing the importance of interdisciplinary exchange, the conference welcomes submissions from a wide range of health-related disciplines. This year, Crossroads is having a special focus on learning about the Social Determinants of Health and Behaviour through a variety of workshops facilitated by health leaders in the field. Although student presentations will only occur on the 28th, attendees are invited to participate in workshops and networking on the 27th as well.

**CONFERENCE GOALS**

- To showcase student research in a wide range of health-related disciplines
- To provide a forum for networking and collaboration among student health researchers
- To engage with and learn from health leaders throughout Canada

**GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION**

Abstract summary (250 words or less – not including title, authors, and section headings) must be submitted by email to [hahpgss@gmail.com](mailto:hahpgss@gmail.com) in Word Document format (.doc or .docx)

Submission of the abstract constitutes permission for the conference organizers to publish the abstracts in either printed or electronic format. **Submission Deadline: February 15th, 2015. For more information, email at [hahpgss@gmail.com](mailto:hahpgss@gmail.com).**

➤ **CALL-FOR-PAPERS CANADIAN GRADUATE JOURNAL OF SOCIOLOGY AND CRIMINOLOGY FALL 2015**

CGJSC welcomes submissions from graduate students involved in research outside of, but related to, the disciplines of sociology and criminology. All fields within the **social sciences** are encouraged to submit provided that they demonstrate a direct link to a sociological and/or criminological area of study.

Please find attached to this email, our formal call for papers. We encourage all interested parties to view our mission statement and submissions guidelines on our website: [cgjsc.ca](http://cgjsc.ca).

Should anyone have any questions, please feel free to contact the editors of the journal at [cgjsc@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:cgjsc@uwaterloo.ca).

**JOB/VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES:**

➤ **TUTORS NEEDED FOR SWRK 325**

**Immediate Need for a Tutor for SWRK 325—Anti-Oppression Social Work**

- ◆ Preference will be given to students who have obtained an A- or above in the course
- ◆ Previous tutoring experience is an asset but not required
- ◆ Tutors are paid at a rate of \$15 per hour

Please contact the **Administrative Coordinator, Lorraine Bush**, at [tutoring.service@mcgill.ca](mailto:tutoring.service@mcgill.ca)

➤ **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS IN YOUTH PROGRAMS AND SOCIAL WORK**

Camp Outlook is a completely volunteer-run, non-profit charitable organization that gives disadvantaged youth experiencing social, behavioural, economic, or other difficulties an opportunity to experience wilderness camping and canoe tripping in Algonquin Park. Almost all of our campers are referred to us by social agencies or schools in the Kingston area. Our campers do not have to pay anything to attend Camp Outlook, which is made possible by amazing volunteers and donations from the community.

The core purpose of Outlook is to encourage youth to realize their value as individuals, their abilities, and their potential to achieve.

We need a committed group of volunteers for the **2015 summer season**. As Outlookers you will lead the kids on three or four 7-, 9-, or 14-day canoe trips in Algonquin park. This is a great opportunity to make a meaningful contribution in the lives of youth as they experience the challenges of working in a team to explore the Canadian wilderness. We provide you with free room and board from June to September, as well as all the necessary training at no cost. **No previous tripping experience is needed!** Through our training, volunteers will earn certifications in Wilderness First Aid, and Bronze Cross/Medallion, to name a few.

Outlook is as rewarding as it is challenging. You will never forget the summer spent with Outlook, the campers, the staff, or the park.

Summer staff applications are **due before midnight on Feb 27/2015**. Camp Outlook could not exist without the help of committed volunteers every summer. We truly look forward to hearing from you!

For information and application forms visit [campoutlook](#). Please send any questions you have to us at [summer@campoutlook.ca](mailto:summer@campoutlook.ca)

**For more information on Job/Volunteering Opportunities, please visit our website at <http://www.mcgill.ca/socialwork/jobs>.**