

School of Social Work Student Bulletin

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NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL:

COURSE EVALUATIONS FOR FALL 2015 NOW OPEN



Course evaluations for the **Fall 2015** term are now **OPEN.** They will be available to students from **November 12 to December 24**.

As you may know, end-of-course evaluations serve four main functions: they help instructors improve future offerings of courses, inform students about courses and instructors, help administrators and faculty committees in their decision-making processes,

and are used as a component of the teaching dossier.

We encourage students to participate. For further information, click <u>here</u>.

> CONGRATULATIONS TO MYRIAM DENOV BEING NAMED A MEMBER OF THE COLLEGE OF NEW SCHOLARS



The Royal Society of Canada has announced 48 new members to The College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists today, including six McGill scholars. One of the new members include McGill's Myriam Denov, School of Social Work.

Myriam Denov, a Full Professor and Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Youth, Gender and Armed Conflict at McGill University. Her work investigates the lasting effects of war on children and families. Through her use of participatory and arts-based research

methods, her investigation of child soldiers, and the gendered realities of war, her work has opened up new lines of inquiry and drawn international attention to war-affected children.

For more information, see McGill Reporter.

MYRA GIBEROVITCH - SURVIVING A GENOCIDE TRAUMA - GLOBAL TV



On Monday, November 9, 2015: Genocide Trauma expert, Myra Giberovitch, talked about Holocaust Survivors' contributions to society and the positive lessons they teach about recovery from genocidal trauma.

Watch Surviving a genocide Video Online on GlobalNews.ca.

NOTICE OF EVENTS:

> DE-STRESS DURING EXAMS DECEMBER 2015

The exam period tends to be a time of intense stress and also a time when many resources are no longer offered.

To respond to this period, the **Counselling Service is re-launching an initiative to have de-stress activities** scheduled on every exam day (Wednesday December 9th – Tuesday December 22nd) at 12h30 and 16h30.

DOWNTOWN CAMPUS - EVERY EXAM DAY:

- **❖ THERAPY DOGS** 12h30 to 13h30 Brown Building Lobby
- ❖ YOGA 12h30 to 13h30 Lev Bukhman room SSMU
- ❖ MINDFULNESS MEDITATION 16h30 to 17h Brown Building 4200
- **MAC CAMPUS** TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS DURING EXAMS
- **❖ THERAPY DOGS** 12h30 to 13h30 Centennial Center Lobby

No registration is required.

TRAVEL REGISTRY AND PREDEPARTURE ORIENTATION FOR STUDENTS TRAVELING INTERNATIONALLY



If you are traveling internationally on a university-related activity in the Winter 2016, this is for you...

PRE-DEPARTURE ORIENTATION MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2014 5:00PM-8:00PM LEACOCK BUILDING

Please register online: http://www.mcgill.ca/students/international/predeparture-registration

Attendance at Pre-departure Orientation is a requirement for international university-related activities.

If you have already participated in a previous Pre-departure Orientation session, you do not have to attend again.

Pre-departure Orientation takes place once a semester. If you are traveling internationally in Winter 2016, this is your last opportunity to attend.

PRE-DEPARTURE ORIENTATION SCHEDULE

5:00PM – 5:30PM Sign-In: Have your McGill ID scanned at the Welcome table on the ground floor of the Leacock Building before proceeding to your session.

5:30PM - 6:15PM Interactive sessions grouped by region

6:15PM - 6:45PM Refreshments served

6:45PM - 8:00PM General Presentation (Room 132, Leacock Building)

When you register online, you will be asked to choose one of the regional sessions below. Sessions are led by a professor/administrator at McGill with knowledge of the region.

- · Africa (East, West, South)
- · Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific
- Central & South America
- · The Caribbean
- · East Asia
- · Eastern Europe
- · The Mediterranean
- · North Africa and the Middle East
- Scandinavia
- · Southeast Asia
- South Asia
- Western Europe

**NOTE for Faculty of Medicine M.D.C.M. students only: There will be a special online session for students participating in an international clinical rotation or clinical elective rotation outside of Canada and the U.S.A. This will begin the week of the 23rd of November and will remain open until November 30th. This material as well as the mandatory pre-departure video will be available to you on MyCourses and must be completed in order to receive approval for the international elective or family medicine special rotation.

**NOTE for Graduate Students only: Graduate students traveling outside Canada to attend an international conference or formally organized workshop are invited but not required at Pre-Departure Orientation. Completion of the Travel Registry form on Minerva is required: http://www.mcgill.ca/students/international/goabroad/registry

> GRAPHOS COURSES: 10 WEEKS TO ENHANCE YOUR ACADEMIC COMMUNICATION

This winter, <u>Graphos</u> offers several <u>1-credit</u>, <u>10-week</u>, <u>Pass/Fail courses</u> that teach written and oral academic communication. All doctoral students and many master's students are eligible to take the courses at <u>no extra cost</u> (<u>learn more</u>).

To learn how to strengthen your research papers, write a compelling literature review, or handle a tough Q&A during an oral presentation, consider taking the following CEAP courses:

- Cornerstones of Academic Writing (<u>CEAP 642</u>)
- Literature Reviews and Scholarly Niches (CEAP 643)
- Fundamentals of Academic Presentations (CEAP 652)

If English is *not* your first language, learn key strategies for communicating your research in English with these CESL courses:

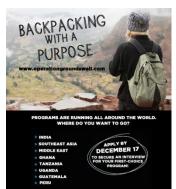
- Strategies for Academic Communication in English (<u>CESL 631</u>)
- Fundamentals of Academic Writing in English (CESL 641)
- Pronunciation for Effective Communication (CESL 651)

Beat the rush, and register now through Minerva!

If you have any questions about these courses or other Graphos offerings, e.g., <u>workshops</u> and <u>peer writing</u> <u>groups</u>, please contact us by email (<u>graphos@mcgill.ca</u>) or phone (514-398-8430)

BACKPACKING WITH A PURPOSE

Operation Groundswell is a non-profit organization that runs international volunteering programs, focusing on



social justice issues and working alongside local activists, organizations, and communities. We are looking for globally conscious and socially active students who want to spend their summer exploring some of the most complex and beautiful countries in the world!

If you're into cultural exchange, meaningful community services, and off-thebeaten path adventure, apply by December 17th to secure an interview for your first-choice program!

*Financial assistance is available for all students on five- and six-week programs.

Check out where we go: <u>www.operationgroundswell.com</u>. Summer programs are open in the following countries *and regions:*

India – Education or Gender Rights Southeast Asia – Conservation or Youth Empowerment Middle East – Human Rights

Ghana – Global Health

Tanzania - Social Innovation

Uganda: Development or Youth Empowerment Guatemala – Fair Trade Justice or Peace & Conflict

Peru – Environment

Can't travel in the summer? Join us for our alternative breaks in the winter and spring!

NOTICES OF FUNDING/RESEARCH:

NEW MITACS FUNDING OPPORTUNITY FOR RESEARCH IN JAPAN

Mitacs has partnered with the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) to support student mobility between Canadian universities and Japanese universities and research institutes.

The Mitacs-JSPS Internship provides opportunities for graduate students in Canada to pursue collaborative research in Japan, allowing them to advance their own research while promoting scientific progress in both Japan and Canada

The <u>Mitacs-JSPS Internship</u> provides funding for graduate students in Canada to undertake 10-week research projects in Japan. This competitive initiative is a partnership between Mitacs and the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science.

- Open to master's and PhD students in the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences
- Projects take place from June 14 to August 24, 2016, including orientation
- JSPS provides airfare, insurance, allowance, and select room and board costs

Apply by January 29, 2016, at 5 p.m. PST.

To learn more, visit the Mitacs-JSPS Internship web page

JOB/VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES:

> ASSOCIATE/ASSISTANT PROFESSOR –SOCIAL WORK KING'S UNIVERSITY COLLEGE AT WESTERN

King's University College at Western University, a Catholic Liberal Arts College, invites applications for a probationary tenure---track Appointment in Social Work at the rank of Associate or Assistant Professor, effective July 1, 2016.

See poster for full details.

> SOCIAL WORK ASSISTANT PROFESSOR (TENURE-TRACK) POSITIONS - SASKATOON

The Faculty of Social Work, University of Regina invites applications for two Assistant Professor (tenure-track) positions that will be located at our Saskatoon Campus. The closing date is **January 8, 2016**.

To view the posting or to apply, please go to: http://www.uregina.ca/hr/careers on the left side bar click on "Career Opportunities" in the center click on "Academic Positions"

Titles of the positions are:

- 1) Assistant Professor (tenure-track) Faculty of Social Work Saskatoon
- 2) Assistant Professor (tenure-track) Field Faculty of Social Work Saskatoon