[ANNOUNCEMENTS]:
1. Check out the Town Hall FAQ attached as a PDF to this email.
2. Deadline for proposal submissions has been extended to February 15th for the Inaugural Games and Narrative Conference!
3. W4: W3+ Workshop and Create Campus #ConsentCulture CfP.
4. List of GI IT Services!

[EVENTS]:
1. Lots of EDI workshops! Coffee N’ Chill this Wednesday, February 10th @11AM!

[BLACK HISTORY MONTH]:
1. February 1st marks the start of Black History Month! Check out the resources for this month!

[LUNAR NEW YEAR]:
1. February 12th marks the start of Lunar New Year and welcomes the year of the Ox!
Check out some photos of the new Haptic Computing Lab funded by Dr. Oliver Schneider's CFI!
[BLACK HISTORY MONTH]:

Reading List
- Xbox Ambassadors Share Their Stories
- Adult Reading List
- Black Lives Matter: A Booklist
- Black Canadian Authors

Podcasts
- List of Black History Narrative Podcasts

Games
- Full games collection
  - Protagonists
  - Featured Black Creators
  - Playable Characters
  - Character Creation

Movies and TV Shows
- Full collection
  - Featured Black Creators
  - Black Leads
  - Education, History and Culture
  - Family Entertainment

Twitch Streams
- Xbox
  - Week of February 1 – Black Heroes Week
  - Week of February 8 – Black Creators/Developers and their Games Week
  - Week of February 15 – Black Streamers Takeover Week
o Week of February 22 – Black Streamers Takeover Week
  • Celebrate Black Brilliance on Twitch
    o Weekly Schedule of Black Creators
    o The Weekly // Icons – Thursdays @ 11AM PT on /twitchgaming
    o Black Indie Developer Showcase - Thursday, Feb 25 @ TIME TBD on /twitchgaming

Interactive Learning Opportunities 📝
  • Celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Black History Month with New Lessons and a Free Demo World
  • The Ally Track

[LUNAR NEW YEAR 🎉]

Happy Lunar New Year! May the Year of the Ox 🐮 bring you all 🌟 prosperity and wellness 🎇!
Do you want to learn more about Lunar New Year? Here are some links to get you started 😊

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[ANNOUNCEMENTS]:

1. **The Inaugural Games and Narrative Conference, 2021**

   Deadline for submissions to the International Conference on Games and Narrative extended!

   The inaugural *International Conference on Games and Narrative* will be a fully virtual conference hosted by the Games Institute at the University of Waterloo. It will provide an opportunity to examine the intersection between videogames and narrative through a variety of online formats: live lectures, speaker panels, video essays, workshops, and live streaming gameplay with commentary and discussion.

   **Keynote speakers will include Clara Fernández-Vara, Kishonna Gray, Elizabeth La Pensée, Souvik Mukherjee, Jan-Noël Thon, and Astrid Ensselin.**

   Submit by February 15th! [Call for papers is available here](#).

2. **W4: W3+ Workshops – Wednesday, June 9th**

   W4: W3+ Workshops enable womxn and nonbinary people to share and learn from other womxn and nonbinary people.

   Some examples of proposals include, but are not limited to:
   - How to do feminist accounting (or insert any field of study or profession)
   - How to practice feminist and/or non-Western praxis or pedagogy
   - How to cook an inexpensive vegan/vegetarian meal

   Submit by March 8th! [Call for proposals available here](#).

3. **Create Campus #ConsentCulture**

   The Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Office is inviting all campus community members to create an engaging consent or sexual violence awareness raising initiative for Waterloo.
   - Do you have an idea of an initiative you’d like to see?
   - Do you need financial support for the initiative?
   - Do you believe that we can initiate change?

   Submit by February 21st @4:30PM EST! [Call for proposals available here](#).

4. **Have you ever wondered about the services offered by GI IT?**

   Here’s a list of basic and extended services for GI Members 😊 If you ever have any questions or need access to services, please contact gi-it@artsservices.uwaterloo.ca.

[EVENTS]:

*Gi SavePoint Socials Coffee N' Chill 🍴* | WEDNESDAY, February 10th @11am | Discord
Gaming Night 🎮 | FRIDAY, February 26th @4pm | Discord

**GI Events**

**Guest Talk: Gaming Monetization and Liveops with Vikrant Agarwal**
*Friday, February 26th @ 1PM – free*
- Save the date! Vikrant Agarwal, Lead Product Manager at Zynga, will talk about gaming monetization and liveops!

**Panel Talk: What do we mean when we say "Interdisciplinary Collaboration"?**
*Tuesday, March 9th @ 2PM – free*
- Stay tuned for more details on this talk about the GI's approach to interdisciplinary collaboration!

**Grad Talk Symposium**
*TBD in April 2021*
- Do you need to present a seminar to fulfill your graduate studies requirement? Email games.institute@uwaterloo.ca to sign up and get more information.

**UW Events**

**Research Equity Training**

- **Equity Foundations**
  - *Wednesday, February 17th @ 1PM – free*
  - This training will include key equity terms and definitions, insight into the role equity plays in the research ecosystem at the University of Waterloo, and an overview of equity impacts that COVID-19 has on the research enterprise.
  - Join the session using Microsoft Teams.

**Equity Training**

- **EQ202 Understanding Racism & Racial Microaggressions with the University**
  - *Wednesday, February 10th – 1PM*
  - This workshop focuses on topics of culture, intersectionality, social determinants of health, racism, and White privilege in Canada and Canadian institutions of learning.

- **EQ101 Equity 101**
  - *Tuesday, February 16th – 1PM*
  - This workshop focuses on understanding equity and how our interactions with one another are shaped by systems of oppression, power, and privilege.

- **EQ201 Taking Responsibility in the Anti-Racist Movement**
  - *Friday, February 19th - 1PM*
This workshop, we will acknowledge our personal position in relation to colonialism and racism. We will evaluate where anti-racist work is most urgent in our lives.

- Join the sessions through the [Equity Training Calendar](#).

**Speak Like a Scholar**  
*Monday, February 22nd – Tuesday, March 2nd*  
- A free online program only for doctoral students.  
- The program aims to help doctoral students develop their voices as independent scholars and give effective academic presentations with confidence.  
- Register for the program [here](#) by Friday, February 5th @ 5PM

**Virtual Wen-Do Self-Defence Workshop**  
*Thursday, February 18th @ 3PM - free*  
- This event invites all women and non-binary students, staff and faculty members of all abilities to a 2-hour virtual Wen-Do Self-Defence class.  
- Register [here](#).

**Black History Month Events**

**Celebrations & Revelations 2021**  
*Monday, February 1st @ 8PM – Sunday, February 28th @ 11:59PM – free*  
- This concert features four extraordinary young Black Canadian classical artists, performing the music of Black Composers from 17th to 21st century.  
- Register [here](#).

**How the One-Armed Sister Sweeps her House – Cherie Jones**  
*Friday, February 12th @ 12PM – free – registration required*  
- This webinar is a part of the Toronto Public Library's Black History Series.  
- Register [here](#).

**7th Annual Black History Month Lecture - (Re)Making History: Memory, Mythmaking, and the Civil Rights Movement**  
*Friday, February 12th @ 5:30PM – free – registration required*  
- This lecture by Dr. Hasan Jeffries will explore how popular misconceptions about the civil rights movement alters everything from the African American freedom struggle’s leadership, goals, tactics, and guiding philosophies, to the depth and breadth of the white opposition, including the form and function of racial terror.  
- Register [here](#).
Heritage Matters Live with Esi Edugyan

Thursday, February 25th @ 5PM – free – registration required

- The screenings will be available for a limited time only on:
  o Thursday, February 25, 2021 from 5:00-9:30PM
  o Thursday, March 11, 2021 from 5:00-9:30PM
  o Tuesday, March 16, 2021 from 5:00-9:30PM
- Award-winning author Esi Edugyan will provide insight on her novel, Washington Black, her writing process, researching history and bringing Black stories to life.
- The broadcast will also include a virtual visit to Uncle Tom’s Cabin Historic Site and a Q&A period that features questions from youth and leaders from Ontario’s Black heritage community.
- Register [here](#).

Other Virtual Events

Douglass Day Transcribe-a-thon

Friday, February 12th @ 12PM – free – registration required

- Choose a letter or diary entry of Mary Church Terrell’s to transcribe. Mary Church Terrell was a Black activist, educator, and writer. She helped create Douglass Day in 1895 and she also helped found the National Association of Colored Women (NACW) and the NAACP.
- Enjoy exploration, music, and camaraderie with others from Cornell and Ithaca.
- Register using [Zoom](#).