Ali Rizvi, Systems Design Engineering PhD student, takes us on a tour of his new, temporary crib this week, featuring his gorgeous dog, Ruffle. Ali is staying in a trailer not just for fun, but to gain inspiration for his research about technology in small spaces. Stemming from his interest in van life, Ali’s PhD research will investigate technological interventions for improving the way people live, and play games, in small spaces.
The GI Jam is looking for mentors, if you have some experience in games (playing, making, studying), have a time between June 25-June 28, and a good internet connection, please get in touch with Marvin Pafla. We are looking for people who can cheer on beginners, can seek out resources (veterans at googling stack overflows and wikis), and are willing to lend a hand when needed. Mentorship training will be provided, you do not need to be an expert to apply.

2. CtA (Call to Amplify): For this edition of Aesthetic.Resistance, we would like to amplify the work and voices of black content creators, educators, activists, and entertainers on our platform as part of our mission to decentralize whiteness on Instagram.

"As the Black Lives Matter movement continues on and media attention wanes in favour of another topic, we aim to continue the amplification of black voices. We welcome black content creators submitting their works to us or if you know of a black person’s work you'd like to raise awareness of, send us a message to the @aesthetic.resistance @aesthetic.resistance #instagram thread. We aim to publish this content weekly to our Instagram account Feminists Do Media (@aesthetic.resistance). Any questions can be directed to the #instagram slack thread."

Events:

_UW Human_  Summer Solstice Indigenous Festival - Virtual Edition_
### Rights, Equity, and Inclusion

**Pro tip: for a full list of events and workshops, please visit their website.**

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| - The Summer Solstice Indigenous Festival is a family-oriented multi-disciplinary arts festival that attracts over 40,000 visitors a year during National Indigenous History Month. This year it is offering many of the activities, including musical performances, online.  
  - Please note there are some costs associated with this event. | - A panel exclusively packed with GI faculty members that the GI executive director, Neil Randall, is moderating including: Ashley Mehlenbacher, Jennifer Boger, Michael Barnett-Cowan, and Jim Wallace  
  - This third research-focused webinar considers what our virtual future may look like. We will need to improve productivity with better design and automation, make telecommuting more effective and apply to more job roles, learn new ways of managing a dispersed workforce, all while ensuring we remain connected to and engaged with colleagues, employers, families, and friends. |
| **GI "Save Point" Socials** | **"Wellness Wednesdays: Coffee N' Chill" | TOMORROW, Wednesday June 17th @9am | Discord |
| **UW Virtual Campus Events** | **Waterloo Wellness Collaborative** |
| **Pro tip: check out the Community Relations and Events website for more events!** | **Tuesday, June 23 @ 10am** |
| - From the Kitchener-Waterloo Community | As we embark on our first ever fully virtual academic term, the Wellness Collaborative sees value in bringing our University community together despite our physical distance.  
  At this event you will:  
  - Hear about the identified wellness priorities for UWWaterloo,  
  - Learn about Dr. Christine Logel’s research on sense of belonging among post-secondary students,  
  - Have the opportunity to connect with other colleagues about belonging,  
  - Hear from students, staff and faculty about their stories of belonging at UWWaterloo  
  - Leave with tangible ways you can positively impact sense of belonging. | |
| **National Indigenous Peoples Day Virtual Event** | **Sunday, June 21 @12PM EST** |
| - "Indigenous Initiatives at Wilfrid Laurier University (WLU), the Centre for Indigegogy, the Centre for Student Equity, Diversity and Inclusion and the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI) invite you to come (virtually) sit by the fire with Minogizhigokwe / Kathy Absolon, Anishinaabe kwe storyteller and knowledge carrier." |
Ontario Health has made a [COVID-19 Self Assessment](#). If you ever think you have COVID-19 symptoms, or been in a place with someone who has, you can use this self-assessment tool to figure out what the next best steps for further care are.

Other Helpful Links:
1. [COVID-19 Testing Clinic at Grand River Hospital](#)

Agata's random recommendations; this week, reading/audiobook apps (no, she's not on commission):
1. [Scribd](#) - like Netflix for books  
2. [Libby](#) - requires public library card

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Pam awarded the English Graduate Co-op Report: Read "the Pam Report" Part 1 now!

Pamela Maria Schmidt, currently Research Projects Facilitator at the Games Institute, received the English Co-op Report Award in recognition of her significant contribution to our community during her co-op terms as Operations Assistant and Assistant Project Manager.

*Let’s all congratulate Pam for her success!*

And that’s not all... over the next few weeks, we’ll be sharing excerpts from her co-op report in a series of installments. **Read the first instalment now:** [The Pam Report part 1: Team Bonding through “One Night Ultimate Werewolf”](#)

Stay tuned; Not only does the report showcase the brilliance of one of our researchers and staff members, it offers spectacular insight into the Games Institute culture. Pam discusses how and why we use games to facilitate interdisciplinary crossovers, which springboards into a fantastic discussion on how we articulate interdisciplinarity in the fibres of what we do.

**From last week (but we're still not over it!)**

Seven GI faculty members are among recipients of Outstanding Performance Awards for 2019, awarded to them by the University of Waterloo.

Executive Director.

The Outstanding Performance Award was established in 2015 to reward faculty members for outstanding contributions in teaching and scholarship. Read more about the award on The Daily Bulletin (June 2).

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If you were hanging out on the server over the weekend (and let’s face it, of course you were), you’d notice that we have a shiny in-app banner at the top left of the channel list. Do you know what that means? **We’re officially level two 🕳️🪪!!** Last week we boosted the server to level two in order to net you all the fun perks that that has, like:

- The server banner (as mentioned)
- 256kbps audio quality
- 50MB upload limit for all members (upload all those image-laden PDFs you’ve been holding onto)
- 1080p 60fps “GO LIVE Streams”
- And perhaps, most interesting (for Cayley at least) is 100 more emoji slots!

Got emoji you want to see? Let us know so we can get them uploaded for all your virtual emoting-glory.

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This week we saw an uptick in the amount of books being suggested in #_supply-run this week. If you’re looking for some good reads to tuck away with you under the summer sun in the shade, head over and jot down the ones that most interest you. We’re particularly interested in AJBeach’s suggestion of The Long Earth by Stephen Baxter and Terry Pratchett, and a different take on a Sliders-like multi-Earth motif. Maybe one of these earths is the one that SEGA won out over Nintendo in the console wars? Jenn will continue to push this dream (just ask her).

If you miss out on the lists of books as they appear in the chat channels, be sure to visit the “GI Collections Museum 🌋” and head on over to the #books wing to see the stripped-down catalogue.

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Normally we don’t talk too much about the #cfp-rfp-calls-jobs channel, but we wanted to point you to it this week! One of our industry friends dropped some useful links and has been keeping us apprised of jobs lately so be sure to check out her listings if you’ve been looking! She’s also open to conversation (and super chill) about her work, so reach out in #general-chat or #wine-hour-academic-chats anytime.
This affects you: Changes are coming. Each group on the GI Slack will soon have a public-facing #lobby-[group] channel that acts as their gathering space/stoop/storefront/foyer. These will become part of the default channels you’re added to as a member of a group.

You will also soon find yourself added to an announcements channel which is where official GI and University communications will no longer get buried.

✨ Highlights: #topic-intersections 🎉🎉🎉🎉
A highlight for this week was convening a large group across many labs and even universities (hi Guelph friends!) for #shutdownacademia and #shutdownSTEM on Wednesday, where 2.5 hours were spent discussing racism in the academy and practical steps we could all take right now to push back. Notes and continuing discussion is in #topic-intersections. Join us to continue the movement forward and share your own resources, thoughts, and experiences.

Another highlight of a different kind...(hint, it’s a gif)
https://media.giphy.com/media/dW6gjAyOkGKEhv1Ot2/giphy.gif
Credit to Tanay for this art.

.Slfack tip of the week: Categorize your channels! 📚
DID YOU KNOW: you can use custom sections to sort your channels?

Some ideas for sections you could make: General Chatter (#general, #random, #social-events, #social-celebration), Events & Automated (#event-reminders-..., #gi-social-media), School/GI (#gi-admin-office-hours, #topic-online-teaching, #help-scholarships, #event-game-jam, #help-cfp-rfp), Interests (#social-music, #topic-design, #topic-reading ...), Life (#topic-deals, #social-workouts, #help-jobs...)

Here’s an article on how to make your own sections to suit you: https://slack.com/intl/en-ca/help/articles/360043207674-Organize-conversations-with-custom-sections

Roadmap 🌟
Next in the roadmap after #lobby will be the #announcements channel, and iterating on an onboarding process to welcome our incoming members. This could include a #welcome-party type channel where we get to introduce ourselves and celebrate new members! All ideas are welcome, and we talk about improvements/suggestions in #proj-slackers.

The “TL” part of of “TLDR” (how/why the Lobby was born):
Currently, different groups on the GI Slack have their private spaces to talk to each other, which only include members of that group. But... there are so many cool groups and the best part is when they overlap. If you need to ask a question to a different group, soon you can! If you want to post a cool article related to your discipline and
feel sad that it would previously have been hidden in your group’s private general chat when it actually is awesome for everyone to find out about, worry no more! THE LOBBY IS BORN. Hopefully this makes it easier to keep more general chat and focussed chat in their respective homes and, primarily, create awareness about who’s who/where and how to find them. Over the next week we’ll see #lobby being rolled out to the user groups (which are currently HCI, SWaGUR, Feminist Thinktank, and Game Studies - if your group/lab is not represented here please contact @Cayley to get that set up). The first lobby is now live, as we welcome the Feminist Thinktank over to the GI Slack (#lobby-feministthinktank). Welcome! 🌱