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1. Lots of EDI workshops!
2. Coffee N' Chill ☕️ this Wednesday, March 24th @ 11AM!
3. Gaming Night 🎮 this Friday, March 26th @ 4PM!
The GI welcomed Spring 🌸 with some 🌟 Spring Cleaning 🌟 – here are some photos from our cleaning session 🛠️ 🗑️

RESOURCES TO STOP ANTI-ASIAN RACISM
The RepresentAsian Project has put together the following resources with statistics on anti-Asian racism in Canada, along with some steps on how to combat it.
ANTI-ASIAN RACISM IN CANADA

Since the start of the COVID-19 Pandemic:

More than 800 incidents of anti-Asian racism reported to covidracism.ca

A study by Statistics Canada found that Canadians with Asian backgrounds were more likely to report noticing an increase in harassment.

Additionally, Asian-owned businesses are seeing a prolonged drop in business.

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ANTI-ASIAN RACISM IN CANADA

The most common type of discrimination reported is:

Verbal Harassment 65% name-calling, racial slurs, threats, swearing

Assault 30% targeted coughing, spitting, physical violence

(source: project 1907)

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How Canadian Governments Have Responded (So Far)

**FEDERAL GOVT**
Prime Minister Justin Trudeau condemned the violence against Asian Canadians during a daily press conference in May 2020, but has not yet taken concrete action.

As of publishing time, the federal government’s anti-racism strategy not only doesn’t mention anti-Asian racism, but there also is no mention of Asians in the entire document.

**QUÉBEC**
In June 2020, Québec premier Francois Legault declared that systemic racism doesn’t exist in the province.

In Feb. 2021, Legault appointed Benoît Charrette to lead the fight against racism. Charrette also maintained that systemic racism doesn’t exist in Québec.

**BRITISH COLUMBIA**
The B.C. government plans on bringing anti-racism legislation forward this year and is working with law enforcement across the province to ensure the proper prosecution of hate crimes.

**ONTARIO**
In Ontario, the city of Toronto has launched an educational campaign to raise awareness about anti-Asian racism. The Toronto District School Board and the Elementary Teachers’ Federation created a resource document to help educators address the anti-Asian racism in the classroom.

**ANTI-ASIAN RACISM IN CANADA**

HOW CAN YOU TAKE ACTION?

**EDUCATE YOURSELF** on the history of Anti-Asian racism in Canada, the model minority myth and internalized racism.

**RAISE AWARENESS** around anti-Asian racism. On social media, use #StopAsianHate or the Chinese Canadian National Council for Social Justice’s hashtag, #FaceRace.

**REPORT** anti-Asian hate incidents. *(Reporting websites posted on next slides)*

**SPEAK UP** if you see racism happening in the street or online and call it out if it’s safe to do so. *(Safe intervention, active bystander and conflict de-escalation skills training posted on next slides)*
ANTI-ASIAN RACISM IN CANADA

HOW CAN YOU TAKE ACTION?

SUPPORT Asian-owned businesses in your community.

AMPLIFY Asian artists, authors, activists and voices.

DONATE money and time to grassroots and community organizations doing racial justice work.

TAKE CARE of yourselves and those in the community and take the time to process and heal, rather than minimize or invalidate your experiences, or the experiences of others.

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ANTI-ASIAN RACISM IN CANADA

SUPPORTS & RESOURCES

To report anti-Asian hate crimes in Canada:
Project1907.org
CovidRacism.ca
Elimin8Hate.org
Act2EndRacism.ca

Bystander Intervention Training:
ihollaback.org/bystanderintervention/

Alternatives to Calling Police:
bit.ly/asians-dont-call-cops

Support for the Asian community in Québec:
Groupe d’Entraide contre le racisme envers les asiatiques au Québec
facebook.com/groups/2537319439854894

Chinese Canadian National Council for Social Justice (CCNC-SJ)
#FaceRace Campaign:
ccncsj.ca/campaigns-facerace/

See more at Project 1907 (Vancouver-based grassroots organization helmed by Asian women and dedicated to elevating marginalized voices):
project1907.org/resources

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Anti-Asian Racism in Canada

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“A Year Into COVID, Anti-Asian Racism In Canada Continues To Spread”
— Katherine Singh, Refinery29 Canada:

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Research Updates

Watch "Games in Human Robot Interaction" Interview with Dr. Kerstin Dautenhahn by Dr. John Munoz

Watch the latest episode of the Games Institute Podcast: Child Computer Interaction and Games for Health with Alessandra Luz

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3. March 21 is International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. If you are Black, Indigenous or a Person of Colour on campus with expertise in confronting racism and systemic oppression, the University of Waterloo is still welcoming members to join the Community Collaborative (CC). The CC is a forum of approximately 60 Black, Indigenous and People of Colour that discuss and provide feedback on thinking and approaches to this anti-racism work. If you would like to participate or have other feedback, please submit it [here](#).

4. The Rhetoricon Research Group is looking for participants to take a short survey (~5 min) to explore ways of classifying rhetorical figures. The survey is completely anonymous (i.e. no identifying piece of information will be collected) and anyone can participate. Please see the top of the survey for more information. If you have further questions or concerns feel free to contact h445chen@uwaterloo.ca or j4thacke@uwaterloo.ca. Access the survey [here](#)!

5. **Interactive Symposium 2021 – The Gam(bl)ing: Commodification of Leisure in the Digital Era**
   **Monday, May 10th – Thursday, May 13th**

   The objective of this symposium is to provide a space for researchers, students, clinicians and others in the field to share knowledge and discuss issues surrounding digital gam(bl)ing and the commodification of leisure in the digital age.

   The symposium invites researchers and students to submit their abstracts in line with the three core themes of the symposium:
   - Commodification of Games in the Digital Era
   - Marketing, Promotion and Regulatory Issues
   - Technology and Intervention: A Tenable Association?

   Submit by Friday, March 26th: [Call for proposals available here](#).
6. **2021 Research in Equity and Sustained Participation in Engineering, Computing, and Technology (RESPECT) Conference**

   Sunday, May 23rd - Thursday, May 27th

   The premier venue for research on equity, inclusion and justice in computing and computing education. Now in its sixth edition, the organization of RESPECT 2021 is guided by our conference theme, "*From Broadening Participation to Justice-Centered CS Education*".

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**GI SavePoint Socials**

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- **Gaming Night 🎮 | FRIDAY, March 26th @4pm | Discord**

**GI Events**

**Grad Talk Symposium**

*Thursday, April 15th @1PM*

- Save the date! We are hosting two back-to-back research talks with Karina Arrambide and John Muñoz.
- John Muñoz will be presenting about the Robo Ludens Taxonomy, a game design taxonomy for Human Robot Interaction ([http://roboludens.ca/](http://roboludens.ca/)).
- Karina Arrambide will discuss how decision making in interactive narrative games affect player experiences, and the game mechanics behind these choices.
- More details about both talks to come... see you there!

**UW Events**

**England My England; George Orwell and National Identity**

*Thursday, March 25th @ 3:30PM - free*

- Chris Cameron will be giving a lecture for the Project and Research by English Students Lecture Series.
- The lecture will take place on WebEx. Sign in using the following event number and password:
  - Event number: 160 284 7360
  - Password: preslecture

**University of Waterloo Virtual Conference on Aging, COVID-19 and the Adoption of Health Technology**

*Day 1: Wednesday, March 24th @1:00PM–5:00PM*
*Day 2: Thursday, March 25th @1:00PM–5:30PM*

- This free virtual event will examine the promise and limits of technology to promote successful longevity by featuring a diverse
group of leaders. The speakers are aging and technology researchers, clinicians and frontline workers, members of advocacy groups, policymakers, technology officers from industry and visionaries that have implemented innovative models for supporting older adults.

- Register [here](#).

**Global Engagement 2021 Summit: Pandemic**  
*Wednesday, April 7th @ 10AM - free*

- The Global Engagement Seminar (GES) is a senior undergraduate course that brings together students from across the University with experts and mentors to develop solutions for contemporary global problems.
- Leading the GES students in exploring the theme of pandemic from multiple perspectives are course instructors Dr. Shana MacDonald (Department of Communication Arts) and Dr. Shannon Majowicz (School of Public Health and Health Systems).
- This Summit that will consist of a panel discussion from Global Engagement's Jarislowsky Fellows as well as an exhibition of student projects focused on the Pandemic.
- Register via [Eventbrite](#).

**Other Virtual Events**

**Mapping for Social Change: Decolonial and Anti-Oppression Mapping**  
*Thursday, March 25th @ 4PM - free*

- This presentation will explore ideas, methodologies, and practices of mapping for social change. Specifically, the presentation will discuss how map-making can be utilized in decolonial/anticolonial and anti-oppression movement organizing, why maps are powerful tools in such organizing, and how maps can mobilize us towards positive social change.
- Register [here](#).

**Rina R. Wehbe PhD Defence**  
*Wednesday, March 31st @ 1:30PM - free*

- Research Area: Human-Computer Interaction (HCI)
- Thesis Title: Designing Persuasively using Playful Elements
- Overall, Rina's thesis provides insight on designing games to engage players, learn new information, skills, and lead to reflective self-improvement. By exploring games as a means for positive healthy behaviour, the work in her thesis demonstrates the potential for games to go beyond entertainment and move towards games as an environment which persuades players to consider new information, ideas, and opportunities.
Empowering Farmers with Affordable Digital Agriculture Solutions  
*Wednesday, March 31st @ 1PM - free*

- This talk will describe innovations that leverage the Internet of Things and Artificial Intelligence to help make affordable digital agriculture solutions. Ranveer Chandra will also present his product, Azure FarmBeats, which is in preview, and can be used by partners to build their digital agriculture solutions.
- Ranveer Chandra is the CTO of Agri-Food and also leads the Networking Research Group at Microsoft Research, and a new Microsoft initiative called Research for Industry.
- Register via [Zoom](#).

I Learn Humanities by Making Art with AI  
*Wednesday, April 7th @ 9PM – free*

- Eunsu Kang is an artist, a researcher, and an educator who explores the intersection of art and machine learning as well as the possibility of creative AI. She started her artist career with video installations and single channel videos. After more than 100 art exhibitions around the world including Korea, Japan, China, Switzerland, Sweden, France, Germany, and the US, her works have transformed into interactive and interdisciplinary art projects, which currently focuses on the nascent area of AI art.
- Register via [Eventbrite](#).

Design Justice: Practices for Reshaping the Future  
*Friday, April 9th @ 3PM*

- This discussion will focus on scholars and practitioners at the forefront of design justice, a set of practices and initiatives committed to community-led design for social justice. Marginalized and oppressed communities are disproportionately impacted by inequities in the design of digital environments. These inequities include predictive policing algorithms that target racialized groups, and automated systems in social services that make access to benefits for the poor more difficult.
- Register via [Zoom](#).

Mapping Justice: Mishuana Goeman in Conversation with Jonathan Gomez  
*Friday, April 23rd @ 6PM - free*

- This discussion will focus on Dr. Mishuana Goeman’s “Mapping Indigenous LA” project, aims to unearth, highlight, and recognize
the layers of indigenous Los Angeles through digital story mapping and storytelling with members of the indigenous communities.

- Register via Zoom.

**Weingart: A Look Backwards Through the Index of DH Conferences**

*Tuesday, April 27th @12PM – free*

- This event is organized by UCL Centre for Digital Humanities, which is part of the UCL Institute of Advanced Studies and by the Center for Spatial and Textual Analysis at Stanford University.
- Register via Eventbrite.