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[INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY]:<br>March 8th marks International Women's Day! Check out the resources for this week!
GI member and Research Associate for the Council for Responsible Innovation and Technology, Dr. Jason Lajoie’s documentary Harm: Alberta's Preventable Overdose Crisis was recently uploaded on YouTube. To learn more about how Lajoie directed the film and the opioid overdose crisis, please read his story for the Globe and Mail here.

[INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY]:

Reading List
• Xbox Ambassadors Share Their Stories
• International Women's Day 2021: Indigenous Leaders
• 365 Books by Women Authors to Celebrate International Women’s Day All Year

Podcasts
• Women of Xbox UK

Games
• Full games collection
  o Games Created by Women
  o Protagonists
  o Playable Characters
  o Character Creation

Movies, TV Shows and Videos
• Full collection
• Women of Xbox UK | International Women's Day 2021
• Dr. Hansa Mehta Memorial Dialogue: "Women's Economic Empowerment and Inclusive Global Economic Growth: COVID-19 and Beyond"
Twitch Streams
- **Support Women Creators Every Day This Month**

Interactive Learning Opportunities
- **Celebrate Women’s History Month and International Women’s Day with New Lessons About Malala and the Suffragettes**

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**Updates from the First Person Scholar Editorial Staff**

It’s March, and that means spring is almost here! Though, for us in Ontario, it also means we’ll be experiencing “second winter” before summer mysteriously appears. And with a new season comes a new FPS update! We’re very excited to announce and highlight our newest and our upcoming projects geared towards expanding the Games Studies community into other spaces and/or conversations.

**Streaming:** When we started our streaming at the beginning of September, we were unsure of what it would evolve into. We’ve now since grown our audiences and are continuing to build a community beyond our written word. We’re continuing with this project, and we can’t wait to see what new areas, perspectives, and avenues we will explore! Our Managing Editor, Patrick, streams on **Mondays from 3pm-5pm EST**, with a focus on the affective experience of retro-style games, and our Editor-in-Chief, Sabrina, streams on **Fridays from 4pm-6pm EST**, analyzing how games express narrative. Check us out on [www.twitch.tv/firstpersonschrler](http://www.twitch.tv/firstpersonschrler).

**YouTube:** We’re happy to announce that our podcasts can now be found on our YouTube channel! This is in addition to our SoundCloud, gives you different options for accessing our podcast (our podcast can also be found on Spotify, Stitcher, and most podcast services). We’ll also be looking into other video content in the future, but for now, please enjoy revisiting your favourite episodes on YouTube!

**RPG Actual Play:** In addition to the regular podcast, the podcast team will be delving into some tabletop RPG goodness on the FPS Twitch channel! We’ll be exploring rules meant to recreate the early days of RPGs, before being formalized into more familiar rules about elves and dwarves and dark places and fire-breathing lizards. This first foray will consist of a 3-4 session mini-campaign in a world we’ll create as we play. We’ll be streaming on Wednesdays starting at
1PM with our first session taking place on Wednesday, March 10th. Sessions will also be uploaded to the FPS YouTube Channel. Stay tuned!

**Publishing Schedule:** We have been receiving a ton of great submissions, and we hope they keep coming. In an effort to give attention to all of our contributors in a good amount of time, we have found that we are in a state where we have many pieces in editing and few ready to publish. This is all to say that there may be holes in the publishing schedule going forward, but we are working diligently (and happily) to get these thoughtful, interesting, and important works out to you.

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3. **Wednesday, June 9th:** 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 Monday, March 15th: [Call for proposals available here](#).

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.

[EVENTS]

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

**Gi Events**
- 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
  - Mino-inaadiziwin “In a good way”: Supporting Indigenous Research at Waterloo
    - Tuesday, March 23rd @ 2PM – free
    - This training will discuss best practices and tips for supporting Indigenous researchers and faculty as well as assisting non-Indigenous researchers and faculty who want to work with Indigenous communities.
    - Pre-requisite reading: TCPS 2 Chapter 9: Research Involving the First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples of Canada
    - Join the session directly using Microsoft Teams.
  - EQ202 Anti-Racism Workshop: Understanding Racism & Racial Microaggressions within the University Context
    - Wednesday, March 10th @ 1PM – free
    - This workshop focuses on topics of culture, intersectionality, social determinants of health, racism, and White privilege in Canada and Canadian institutions of learning.
- **EQ201 Taking Responsibility in the Anti-Racist Movement**  
  o *Tuesday, March 16th @ 1PM – free*  
  o This workshop will acknowledge our personal position in relationship to colonialism and racism. We will evaluate where anti-racist work is most urgent in our lives.

- **EQ101 Equity 101**  
  o *Wednesday, March 17th @ 1PM – free*  
  o This foundational workshop is designed to give you an understanding of equity and how our interactions with one another are shaped by systems of oppression, power, and privilege.

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

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**Virtual Wen-Do Self-Defence Workshop**  
*Thursday, March 11th @ 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](#).

**Public Lecture: Shree Paradkar, "Rise, disrupt, change – and do it all over again"**  
*Wednesday, March 17th @ 7PM - free*  
- As we see rising acts of civil disobedience around us, a quick check on what disruption means. What forms does it take? What are the implications to our bodies and minds? In the course of her Atkinson Fellowship in Public Policy, Shree found breakthroughs in long-standing issues of marginalization. Her findings on educators disrupting the status quo in Baltimore, in India, in New Zealand etc. inform her path as she takes on racism in the media.  
- Register [here](#).

**Antiracism and Parenting**  
*Tuesday, March 9th @ 7PM – free*  
- This event provides an opportunity to:  
  o Understand racism in Canada  
  o Hold antiracism conversations at home  
  o Learn how to become a true Ally  
- Register [here](#).

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**Other Virtual Events**

- **Riva Quiroga: Multilingual Publishing in Digital Humanities**  
  *Wednesday, March 10th @ 8AM - free*  
  - This talk discusses a multilingual approach to developing sustainable lessons and editorial workflows, and in fostering an open, diverse and inclusive community of editors, writers, and readers.  
  - Register using [Eventbrite](#).
Governing Human and Machine Behaviour  
*Wednesday, March 10th @ 1PM - free*

- Nathan Matias is the founder of the Citizens and Technology Lab, a public-interest research group at Cornell that has worked with communities of tens of millions of people on reddit, Wikipedia and Twitter to test ideas for preventing harassment, broadening gender diversity on social media and responding to human/algorithmic misinformation.
- Register using [Zoom](https://zoom.us).

Autonomous Complexity in Life and Machines: Cellular Automata  
*Friday, March 12th @ 3PM - free*

- This workshop will focus on autonomous complexity in life and machines, by exploring and creating Cellular Automata using a web-based Javascript platform.
- Register using [Eventbrite](https://eventbrite.com).