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GI Holiday Care Packages!

Are you dreaming of the holidays like us!? This year feels longer than most and we know you'd probably love a little pick me up to get you through the rest of the days between now and the end of fall term, so we'd like to help!

While we might not be able to unwind around some digitally projected fireplaces and delicious coffee and snacks this year, we're still going to offer some cheery goodness for the holidays. So, prime your addresses for some serious holiday care package delivery straight from the GI!

Please use the following form below to submit your request for a holiday package! Not in the region, or even in Canada? Don't worry, we'll still ship to you! For those who are local, we will have the option of delivery or local centralized meetups. Please see the form for further details.

Application Form: https://forms.gle/Rdv74jVpoyySMqnB8

Get ready to deck your...desk, with goodies in time for the much needed break we know you all deserve, by signing up for your own GI Holiday Care package by December 2nd! We will not be able to guarantee care packages after this date, so be sure you register early.

We look forward to bringing you some cheer!
[ANNOUNCEMENTS]:

1. **ALL HANDS ON DECK!** If you have not yet submitted your renewal statements PLEASE DO SO ASAP. All your experiences are valuable, and necessary, to the senate renewal document DUE NEXT WEDNESDAY!

2. To support you in your learning related to equity, diversity, inclusion and Indigenous initiatives, the following list offers available online training opportunities from the Equity Office and the Canadian Centre for Diversity and Inclusion (CCDI) for December, 2020.

   • **EQ201 Taking Responsibility in the Anti-Racist Movement:** Tuesday, December 1, 2020 – 1:00pm to 4:00pm
   • **EQ204 Anti-Blackness at the Intersections Workshop:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 – 1:00pm to 3:00pm

You can register for any of the above sessions through the Human Rights, Equity and Inclusion Training Calendar available here: [https://uwaterloo.ca/human-rights-equity-inclusion/events/tag/46](https://uwaterloo.ca/human-rights-equity-inclusion/events/tag/46). For workshops through CCDI please select the option for ‘Employer Partner’. You will then be able to select the University of Waterloo from a dropdown list of employer partners to access a free registration pass.

3. **Work Accountability-Buddies:** Anyone have goals related to communicating your research to the public? The non-profit organization Informed Opinions has a lot of great training resources geared towards amplifying the diverse voices of women as experts in the media landscape.

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• Tuesday, November 24th, between 12:00 p.m. and 12:45 p.m. (Panel Discussion)
  ○ Women Entrepreneurship Panel Featuring:
    ▪ Aileen Agada, Founder & CEO, BeBlended.
    ▪ Iris Redinger, Founder & CEO, Materials Future Inc.
    ▪ Mylene Tu, Co-founder & CEO, Lumaki Labs Inc.
    ▪ Stephanie Mills, Founder & CEO, CodeGem.
    ▪ Athulya Nambari, Founder & CEO, Olnaire.
    ▪ Moderator: Jodi Szimanski, Director, Strategic Communications, Faculty of Mathematics

• Thursday, November 26th, between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.
  ○ Movie Screening – "She Started It!", an award-winning documentary on women tech entrepreneurs by Nora Poggi and Insiyah Saeed.

• Friday, November 27th, between 12:30 p.m. and 1:15 p.m.
  ○ Key Note Speaker Folake Owodunni "Entrepreneurship for those who don’t feel like entrepreneurs"
  ○ Co-Founder of Emergency Response Africa, Folake Owodunni, joins us in a conversation on navigating through stereotypes and imposter syndrome as a woman in entrepreneurship. Emergency Response Africa is on a mission to provide fast, safe and affordable emergency medical care across Africa, beginning in Nigeria.

University of Toronto, Celebration of Excellence and Engagement
Tuesday, November 24, 6PM - 7PM EST - registration required

• This panel provides an overview of the idea of inclusive excellence, its origins and deployment in the post-secondary sector and related agencies, and the policies and strategies that are currently being deployed to advance the goals of equity, diversity and inclusion.
• Moderator:
  ○ Joy Johnson who served as SFU’s vice-president, research and international and oversaw the evolution of cutting-edge research, innovation, and international engagement across eight faculties.
• Panelists:
  ○ Dr. Sheila Cote-Meek, from the Teme-Augama Anishnabai, is the inaugural Vice-President Equity, People and Culture at York University where she leads a team that includes the Centre for Human Rights, Equity and Inclusion, Labour Relations and Human Resources.
  ○ Dr. Wesley Crichlow is a professor of criminology, Chair President’s University Equity Diversity and Inclusion Taskforce, Director for Youth Transitioning From Care to University and the first past Associate Dean of Equity, at Ontario tech University.
  ○ Dr. Danika Goosney joined NSERC in February 2019 as Vice-President, Research Grants and Scholarships Directorate. In 2006, she moved to Ottawa and joined CIHR, where she held key director general positions within the Research, Knowledge Translation and Ethics Portfolio for almost a decade. In 2015, she was named one of Canada’s emerging leaders as a member of the Governor General’s Canadian Leadership Conference. Prior to joining NSERC,
Dr. Goosney was the Associate Vice-President, Tri-agency Institutional Programs Secretariat, at the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council.

- **Dr. Malinda Smith** is the inaugural vice provost (Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion) at the University of Calgary, co-author of The Equity Myth (2017), and co-editor of Nuances of Blackness in the Canadian Academy (forthcoming 2021).

### Cities and Computers: Our Urban-Machinic Imaginaries

**Friday, December 4th @ 9AM PST - registration required**

- This event brings together an interdisciplinary group of scholars interested in interrogating the many shifting registers of the terms 'cities' and 'computers' and how they get historically, mediatically, aesthetically, metaphorically, and conceptually interlocked, or mapped on to each other.
- Talking about their latest work would be Shannon Mattern (New School), Brian House (Lewis & Clark), Yuriko Furuhata (McGill), and Ranjodh Singh Dhaliwal (UC Davis and Universität Siegen). May Ee Wong and Tobias Smith (UC Davis) will co-moderate the round-table.

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**1. Latinx Games Festival** A video game industry event exploring the opportunities, trends and future of Latinx game development. Online from Long Beach, California! Check out [Steam](https://steam.com) for the games included.

**2.** Ekaterina queued the Lucio Bot in Discord's #random-mashup channel to play "Lofi Video Game" music and we fell in love. Check it out on [Spotify](https://open.spotify.com)!

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**Dr. Neil Randall receives a CFI grant to launch the The Storyboard Lab:**

The Storyboard Lab will provide the infrastructure necessary to advance research on designing narratives using large interactive displays. Housed at the Games Institute, the interdisciplinary research from this lab will explore and determine best
practices for developing innovative narratives, simulations, and wayfaring applications using large interactive displays, as well as producing research about user behaviour and the design of user interfaces for this technology.

Read more about the lab at this link: https://uwaterloo.ca/games-institute/news/dr-neil-randall-receives-cfi-grant-launch-storyboard-lab

**Read the Racial Equity Board Games Showcase Submission and Design Guidelines:**

Are you considering preparing a game for the Racial Equity Board Games Showcase? Make sure you read the submission and design guidelines first. GI alum Dr. Steve Wilcox has also contributed design tips. Everything is available at this link: https://uwaterloo.ca/games-institute/racial-equity-board-games/submission-and-design-guidelines