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1. **New Covid-19 regulations in effect; consult Health and Safety section.**

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**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

Common questions asked during the Town Hall include:

**Q:** In regard to equity, diversity, inclusion, are you then paying all student members on all committees, doing extra work, an honorarium as well?

**A:** The ADE Committee is the only formal committee the GI currently has in place and student members thereof receive a modest honourarium for their engagement; faculty members on the ADE Committee do not receive honouraria. If the GI forms another committee, the decision to compensate its members will be made in the Terms of Reference as appropriate. Elsewhere, if a GI student member is providing administrative assistance to the GI support staff, they are compensated for their work on an hourly basis. This is distinct from community volunteer activities at the GI by members which are highly encouraged!

**Q:** Can non-HCI or SWaGUR student help run (or be Captain) of the GI Game Jams?

**A:** Yes! Join the #event-game-jam channel on slack.
Q: Can I be on campus after hours?
A: Yes, however additional approvals need to be secured. Please email Pam (pmschmid@uwaterloo.ca) and if you are a student, please be sure to first discuss with your supervisors, and please cc them.

Q: Is there a masking mandate at the GI?
A: The GI must adhere and uphold UW’s policy regarding masking.

The Christmas decorations have (finally) been taken down and replaced by Chinese New Year ones! 🧧 🍀

Chinese New Year is celebrated across East and Southeast Asia as the beginning of the new year according to the solar Chinese calendar. Based off the twelve Chinese zodiac animals, we welcome you into the Year of the Tiger!
As a Chinese person, I thought I’d share the most popular games my family loves playing during Lunar New Year celebrations! -Sophie

- Mahjong
- Blackjack
- Chinese Poker

Educational Resources:
- The Chinese Zodiac Story
- The Nian Legend

**Ujima Black History Month** is a time to celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Black Canadians and their communities who, throughout history, have done so much to make Canada a culturally diverse, compassionate, and prosperous country. We encourage you all to go through the resources listed below, as well as take time to experience art, literature, movies, and other forms of media by Black creators. Education is an ongoing process.

**Events:**
- Ujima Black History Month: Opening and Celebration, February 3rd @12:00pm
- Ujima Black History Month: Research and Learning, February 10th @12:00pm
- Department of History Speaker Series Presents Dr. Barrington Walker, February 11th @11:00am
- Black History is World History: From Moment to Global Movement, February 17th @3pm
- Anansi and Di Snowstorm: Caribbean storytelling and performance, February 26th @10:00am
- Waterloo Public Library
- Apollo Cinema: Black History Month
  - Tales from the Hood, February 5th @9:30pm & February 8th @9:30pm
  - Deep Cover, February 12th @9:30pm & February 17th @7:00pm

**Resources:**
- Black History in Canada: UWaterloo Library Selections 2022
- Confronting Anti-Black Racism e-Learning Course Registration
- UWaterloo Anti-Racism Resources
- Ontario Black History Society

**Games Related Resources:**
- Twitch: Celebrate Black Brilliance
- Xbox: Ambassadors Share Their Stories
- Minecraft: Lessons in Good Trouble
- Age of Empires: Inspiring Black Figures from American History
- Boards Games from Black Creators (spotlights a board game for every day of Black History Month!)
Day:
- February 1st: Lunar New Year
- February 2nd: Groundhog Day
- February 14th: Valentine's Day
- February 21st: Family Day
- February 22nd: UW Thank You Day (no staff on site)

Week:
- February 21st-25th: Reading Week

Month:
- Ujima Black History Month

List of GI Resources:
- [GI Equipment/Room Booking Form](#)
- [Events at the GI Form](#)
- [GI Entry Schedule Form](#)
- GI Wi-Fi
  - Network Name: GI-Research
  - Password: GIUwaterloo2021!
- Prayer mat in Agata's office for those who need it

You can check the availability of the GI Labs, Collaboration Space and the Presentation Room via shared Outlook calendars. See list below.

a. Games Institute EC1-1237 – Presentation Room
b. Games Institute EC1-1249 – Living Room Lab
c. Games Institute EC1-1303 – Haptic Experience Lab
d. Games Institute EC1-1307 – VR Story Lab
e. Games Institute EC1-1318 – Immersion Room Lab
f. Games Institute EC1-1323 – Collaboration Space

**To add these calendars to your Outlook app:**

1. Open your calendar in the Outlook Desktop App.
2. Right-click beside "My Calendar".
3. Hover over "Add Calendar" and select "From Room List" to view availability.

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1. W22 Town Hall recording is now available, and will be deleted one month from now on March 1st, 2022.
3. Most in-person teaching and learning resuming on February 7th.
4. Proposals for the Water Innovation Challenge are due on February 4th.
5. Initial abstract submissions for the special issue of the Journal of Electronic Gaming and Esports about Diversity and Sustainability in Electronic Gaming and Esports are due on March 1st, 2022. Send your abstracts via email to jege.si.das@gmail.com. Email Emma Vossen (evossen@uwaterloo.ca) if you have any questions.
6. Proposal submissions for the International Conference on Games and Narrative are due on March 1st, 2022 via email (icgan.submissions@uwaterloo.ca). See the document attached.
7. It Comes In Waves game prototype has been launched, about how class intersects with the COVID-19 pandemic. Developed by the TAG lab at Concordia.
9. Volunteers wanted for Critical Tech Talk Series, looking for a facilitator to guide a small group of undergraduate students through discussion/analysis of Wendy Chun's book, and make memes that reflect the conversation. If interested, email Shana MacDonald (shana.macdonald@uwaterloo.ca)
10. Participant players needed for a Gaming Session Study. Sign up using this link, and get a $10 Amazon Gift card after study completion!

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<td>• Wendy Chun is the Canada 150 Research Chair in New Median in the School of Communication at Simon Fraser University. • Wendy will be discussing the issues of big data and machine learning, and how these elements encode discrimination to create agitated clusters of comforting rage. The talk will be moderated by Marcel O’Gorman, with Bri Wiens and Queenie Wu. • Register here!</td>
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### uXperience: Design for Good Micro-Conference

*Friday, February 11 @12:00pm - Saturday, February 12 @6:00pm*

- Virtual conference on technologies and user interfaces that are potential contributors of harm to users, and focusing on designing for good and avoiding unethical design practices/patterns
- Day 1: Moderated by Leah Zhang-Kennedy, with panelists Jennifer Whitson, Matt Borland, and Shana MacDonald
- Day 2: Keynote speaker Jonathan Shariat, with talks and workshops being held by Xiapu Fung, Tiho Tadic, and Rebecca Sherlock.

**Register here!**

#### Recurring Events

**Feminist Think Tank**

- Happens every first Wednesday of the month! If you would like to join please join the slack channel #lobby-feministthinktank or reach out to Sid Heeg. (syheeg@uwaterloo.ca).

#### Other Virtual Events

**Life in Pixels**

- *Wednesday, February 9 @4:00pm & Monday, February 28 @4:00pm*
  - Series of transdisciplinary conversations about making sense of, and living with, our computational social condition today.
  - **February 9: Register here!**
  - **February 28: Register here!**

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**Updated: February 03, 2020**

For questions about lab access, return to research, study spaces, how members without pods can use the space, and other general health and safety at the GI reach out to Pam (pmschmid@uwaterloo.ca or DM)

For questions about equipment and room bookings reach out to Sophie (games.institute@uwaterloo.ca or DM)

**General:**

1. To enter the GI, you must sign the Operational Safety Plan. If you have not done so already or are unsure, please reach out to Sophie (games.institute@uwaterloo.ca)

2. All UW facilities, which include the GI, are open from 8AM to 6PM from Monday-Friday. Staff are only on site from 8:30AM to 5PM.
   
   a. After hours or weekend access requires additional GI approvals. Please contact Pam (pmschmid@uwaterloo.ca or DM) with a cc to your supervisor if you would like to request after hours access.

3. Screen yourself for Covid-19 symptoms before arriving to campus. If you have any cold and flu symptoms, regardless of how mild, please stay at home.
4. Every time you come to campus, you must sign in with the Campus Check-in screening feature (once connected to eduroam, you will automatically receive an email). If you do not receive the email, you can check-in here.

   a. For those bringing guests, please ensure the guests also complete Campus Check-in manually.

   b. They must all manually sign-in at the Operations Coordinator desk for Contact Tracing.

5. According to guidance from the Government of Ontario, face coverings are required in workplaces (such as the GI), even those that are not open to the public however, you do NOT need to wear a face covering when you are working in an area that is NOT accessible to the public and allows you to maintain a distance of at least 2 metres from anyone else while you are indoors.

   The GI must follow UW Policies on health and safety; for more information please note UW’s Safety Office resources.

   Masking

   Vaccination Requirements

   Return to Campus

   Return to Research

   Sign Up Safety Office’s E-Newsletter

   WHAT TO DO IF YOU THINK YOU HAVE COVID: https://uwaterloo.ca/coronavirus/assessment-and-vaccination

   COVID-19 Resources:
   - A 5-minute game to protect you against COVID-19 misinformation
   - Q and A with the experts: COVID variants
   - Check out the University's health and safety guide's flow chart to see if you might have been exposed, and let the University know if you have been.

   Vaccine appointments available at Health Services
   Three doses of a COVID-19 vaccine provide more protection from getting/transmitting Omicron than two doses. All Ontarians over 18 are eligible for a booster dose 84 days after their second dose.

   Book your booster at Health Services, or through online resources such as Vaccine Ontario and Vaccine Hunters.

   If you are an international student with questions about vaccines, please email ise@uwaterloo.ca.

   If you have any accessibility concerns or accommodations, please reach out to GI Staff immediately.