[ANNOUNCEMENTS 📣]:
1. [W22 Town Hall recording](#) is now available, and will be deleted two weeks from now on March 1st, 2022.

The GI has received some new equipment items! This includes: 4 HEPA air filters that will be placed around the space (details to come)!
As well as 2 Meeting OWL Pro cameras! Hedwig and Pigwidgeon are awaiting you in our on-site Owleries: the Presentation Room and the Collaboration Space 🦅
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:
- **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**
  - Deep Cover 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 21st: Family Day 🎁 (The GI is closed!)
- 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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2. The University of Toronto geometry processing research group is looking for technical art students to join their internship/artist-residency from June 6, 2022 to August 26, 2022; with a $7,750 stipend. Experience needed in visual design and storytelling. Submissions due on February 28, 2022.
3. 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.
4. Proposal submissions for the International Conference on Games and Narrative are due on March 1st, 2022.
### Events:

#### GI Events
**Networked Digital Identities and Communities**  
*Wednesday, February 16 @5:30pm*
- Feminist Think Tank is hosting a speaker series exploring how feminists employ online platforms, practices, and tools to create spaces of solidarity and articulate a critical politics. This particular session
- Speakers include Ace J. Eckstein, Adan Jerreat-Poole, and Elizabeth Nathanson.
- [Register here!](#)

#### UW Events
**International Women’s Day Event**  
*Tuesday, March 8 @9:00am*
- Keynote and panel discussion hosted by Sandra Banks exploring opportunities to engage women and racialized communities in our post-pandemic economy, examine the values that help us flourish, and investigate how work and health systems respond to our changing environments
- [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**  
*Monday, February 28 @4:00pm*
- Series of transdisciplinary conversations about making sense of, and living with, our computational social condition today.
- [Register here!](#)

**From Data Criminalization to Prison Abolition**  
*Tuesday, March 1 @7:00pm*
- Hosted by Haymarket Books, join abolitionist thinkers and organizers connecting the dots between surveillance capitalism, imperialism, and neoliberal prison reform. Explore how we can organize resistance against the growing number of ways data is used to reinforce and expand criminalization
- [Register here!](#)

**Who Cares? Sustaining Relationships of Health Beyond the Time of Crisis**  
*Opening Dialogue: On care, beauty, and Where Things Touch*  
*Monday, February 28 @10:30pm*
- Join Bahar Orang, author of *Where Things Touch*, on staying attuned to the fragile intimacies of care beyond the stifling demands of institutional environments. The presentation will ask questions about care that move it beyond the carceral logics of hospital settings, particularly in psychiatry
- [Register here!](#)
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**

   **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.