[ANNOUNCEMENTS]: THIS FRIDAY IS THE LAST DAY FOR GI SUMMER CONTENT SUBMISSIONS

[EVENTS]: Phase 2 Re-opening update with Pam and Agata; lots of EDI related events - please check them out!

Oliver Schneider, HCI professor and Director of the Haptic Computing Lab, shares what it’s been like taking care of new puppy, Jazz, while working from home. According to Oliver and his partner, Alex, Jazz is a pure joy, except for one thing...

Note: this side-quest is so funny, that Marisa and Oliver both independently drew comics about it. Enjoy them both.
Thank you to Oliver (Top) and Marisa (Bottom) for this lovely double feature.

**Announcements:**

1. "Virtually There" - A summer contest by the GI

   Jenn Rickert has organized an exciting contest to help the community remember and re-envision the GI physical space while we are quarantining at home. Contest entries will seek to recapture feelings, visuals, or stories about the memories or longings for our little corner of EC1. These can serious, funny, contemplative, research-amped, meme-y, etc.

   **SUBMISSIONS CLOSE THIS FRIDAY, JULY 17.** Submit your entries here.

2. **CtA (Call to Amplify):** For this edition of Aesthetic.Resistance, we would like to amplify the work and voices of black content creators, educators, activists, and entertainers on our platform as part of our mission to decentralize whiteness on Instagram.

   "As the Black Lives Matter movement continues on and media attention wanes in favour of another topic, we aim to continue the amplification of black voices. We welcome black content creators submitting their works to us or if you know of a black person’s work you’d like to raise awareness of, send us a message to the @aesthetic.resistance @aesthetic.resistance #instagram thread. We aim to publish this content weekly to our Instagram account Feminists Do Media (@aesthetic.resistance). Any questions can be directed to the #instagram slack thread."

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3. **The Bike Centre** – Now open by appointment for your bicycle repair and rental needs in the Student Life Centre. For more information or to schedule an appointment, [click here](#).

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"**Wellness Wednesdays: Coffee n Chill**" | TOMORROW, Wednesday July 15th @9am | Discord

**Storytelling: Dan & Mary Lou Smoke**

• Wednesday, July 15 @ 6:00 PM EST
  ○ Hosted by the Indigenous Healing & Wellness Program (IHWP) Wellington-Waterloo. First Nations, Inuit and Métis from Guelph-Wellington & Kitchener-Cambridge-Waterloo Regions please join the IHWP for our first online Storytelling, with Dan & Mary Lou Smoke!
  ○ The virtual space will open at 5:30 PM to say hello and chat before the event at 6:00 PM

**Indigenous Perspectives in STEM with Dr. Veselin Jungic**

• Thursday, July 16 @ 2:00 PM EST
  ○ At this event, Dr. Veselin Jungic will share his perspectives over many years of working and partnering with First Nations communities in math and science outreach. This will be followed by a moderated Q&A with Dr. Jungic, to springboard a fruitful conversation about Indigenization in STEM.

**ONLINE: EQ204 Anti-Blackness at the Intersections Workshop**

• Wednesday, July 22 @ 1:00 PM EST
  ○ Through an intersectional lens, participants will cultivate an understanding of the internal, interpersonal and institutional ramifications of anti-Black racism as it overlaps with other identities and experiences. Unpacking the “meanwhile in Canada” narrative, participants will develop anti-racism strategies to confront the unique challenges of addressing anti-Blackness within a Canadian context.
  ○ This workshop will be facilitated by Rania El Mugammar. Rania is a Sudanese Canadian Artist, Arts Educator, Equity, Anti-oppression, Liberation and Meaningful Inclusion Educator and Consultant, performer, speaker and published writer.

**Around (Virtual) Campus Events**

**SiH Presents: Effective Scientific Communication**

• Wednesday, July 15 @10 AM EST
  ○ Betty take the time to chat with us about the importance of effective public-facing scientific communications and some essential tips on how we can all achieve that.
  ○ Manager of Research Communications Betty Zou emerged from her Ph.D at the University of Toronto as an expert in molecular and microbiology with a Vanier Canada scholarship to her name and exemplary communications skills. She decided to put those communications skills to good use by helping to open the world of science to the general public.

**From Waterloo**

**Cultural Dramaturgy**
This class is a proposal for a collaboration between Sadie Berlin and those interested in cultural dramaturgy. The goal is to lay a foundation for the practice of cultural dramaturgy, a way of holding space for artists working through material that tackles trauma, homophobia, racism, ableism, transphobia, et cetera.

Mohawk Institute Residential School Virtual Tour
- Wednesday, July 22 @7:00PM EST
  - The virtual tour video was created with local production company Thru the Reddoor, and it follows the guide, Lorrie Gallant, as she gives a tour of the former Mohawk Institute Indian Residential School. During the video Lorrie provides the history of the institution over its 140 year history. Viewers will get to see the different rooms in the school, from the girls’ and boys’ dormitories, the cafeteria, laundry room, and other rooms throughout the building, as well as hear interviews from five Survivors of the Mohawk Institute.

An Evening with Desmond Cole
- Tuesday, July 28 @7:00PM EST
  - In his 2015 cover story for Toronto Life magazine, Desmond Cole exposed the racist actions of the Toronto police force, detailing the dozens of times he had been stopped and interrogated under the controversial practice of carding. The story quickly came to national prominence, shaking the country to its core and catapulting its author into the public sphere. Cole used his newfound profile to draw insistent, unyielding attention to the injustices faced by Black Canadians on a daily basis.

1. International Non-Binary People’s Day
2. MATES – Providing general online Peer Support via Skype to undergraduate students. To set up an appointment, please go to: https://wusa.ca/peersupport
3. Empower Me is a confidential mental health and wellness service that connects students with qualified counsellors 24/7. They can be reached at 1-844-741-6389.
The Games Institute welcomes 4 new faculty members
We are very pleased to welcome four new faculty members (in alphabetical order): Robert Burns from Kinesiology, Dr. Daniel Harley from the Stratford School of Interaction Design and Business, Dr. Luke Potwarka from Recreation and Leisure Studies, and Dr. Muhammad Umair Shah from Management Sciences. In lieu of walking them around the Institute for face-to-face introductions, we asked them a few questions so our community can get to know them better. Read their responses here.

“Games as learning sandbox” Approach: The story behind the Ideas Clinic and Games Institute crossover
We asked Dr. John Harris, GI alum from Computer Science and founder of the Playful Pixel, to tell us the story of his collaboration with the Ideas Clinic, a Software Engineering initiative that offers creative crash-courses for first-year students. Dr. Harris stepped in to support the clinic in designing and delivering a game experience. Read the Research Spotlights article to discover the results of this unique interdisciplinary collaboration and find out what “Games as learning sandbox” means.

Connecting Through Games: Recapping the first ever Virtual GI Jam
Waterloo Stories featured a spotlight article about our first ever virtual GI Jam. How did the organizers translate the in-person experience to the online world? Read the article and also discover the unexpected and exciting outcomes, including participants tuning in from across the world, high-school age attendees, and a father/daughter game design duo.

Now combined in “Slacking at the Disco(rd), Jenn (JennRickert |angel1573; jrickert@uwaterloo.ca) & Cayley (@Cayley MacArthur; cayleymacarthur@uwaterloo.ca) will select some of the top thoughts, posts, or stories from our virtual GI community via the Discord and Slack servers, sharing the best TL;DR recap here. Got suggestions for highlights, troubleshooting needs, or want something set up on Discord? Talk to the bots in the #suggestions channel, or DM/email Jenn! Got something you need on Slack? Send a message to Cayley!

We’re enjoying some respite from the heatwave and might even be getting tanlines. But we’re still here! In the meantime, there are some important ("important") items that deserve your attention...

🔍 Are you a crunchy, smooth, both or neither peanut butter person? Look, we aren’t here to judge, just be careful about bringing this debate up with people you’re stuck with in your social bubble for the foreseeable future: Cast your votes!

🐶 Also: #topic-dogs. It is a channel that exists. It is on Slack. That is all. Please send all the dogs. (Soon, type "all the dogs" for a special surprise 🐶.) More of a cat person? This Slack is your slack, this Slack is all of our slacks! Create #topic-cats: cat people unite 🐱