Hi everyone,

I am pleased to announce that the Games Institute will be joining the University's Green Office program! As my personal project during my time as the Ops Coordinator, I'll be making efforts to reduce the GI's ecological footprint and promote sustainable changes we can all make in our lives. The Green Office program works by following a checklist of sustainability efforts to accomplish. The more we complete, the more points earned!

Keep a lookout in your Outlook mailbox for a Green Office pledge coming soon! For the GI to be able to participate in the program, we need at least 35% of members to pledge their commitment and approval. Also stay tuned for a new WH@GI and GI Website section all about sustainability!

I hope to be able to better the GI space while I'm here, and get all of you pumped for the upcoming changes and efforts!

-Sophie Valleteau, Operations Coordinator 🌍️

[ANNOUNCEMENTS](https://www.example.com):

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2. The F21 Instant Replay is out! Read it here:

   ![F21 Instant Replay](https://example.com/f21-instant-replay)

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3. For Faculty: Complete the Intellectual Property and Commercialization Activity Disclosure form by March 31st. More information can be found on the UW Policy 73 web page.
Meet the 8th Wonder of the World at the GI: The Leaning Tower of Styrofoam! (a.k.a the leftover packaging from the air filters). Come admire the Tower one last time before it gets dismantled by Plant Ops.

March 3rd marks World Wildlife Day (WWD), with this year’s theme being Recovering key species for ecosystem restoration. WWD seeks to draw attention to the conservation status of critically endangered species, and to drive discussions towards imagining and implementing solutions to conserve them.

Events:
- World Wildlife Day Film Showcase: Nature’s Fear Factor, March 2 @8:30am
- World Wildlife Day 2022 Virtual Global Event, March 3 @8:00am
- Virtual Dialogue: EU Action Plan Against Wildlife Trafficking, March 3 @8:00am
- National Webinar on Women Welfare and Sustainable Development, March 6 @10:50am

Games-Related Resources:
- Minecraft Interactive Science Curriculum on Biodiversity
- WWF Educational Apps
Day:
- March 2nd: Ash Wednesday
- March 3rd: World Wildlife Day
- March 8th: International Women's Day
- March 14th: Commonwealth Day
- March 17th: Saint Patrick's Day
- March 18th: Shab e-Barat
- March 21st: International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- March 24: International Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims
- March 31st: International Transgender Day of Visibility

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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3. John Muñoz will be having a rehearsal GDC presentation next Thursday, March 10 at 12:00pm. More information under Events. Email games.institute@uwaterloo for the Teams invite.
4. For Faculty: Complete the Intellectual Property and Commercialization Activity Disclosure form by March 31st. More information can be found on the UW Policy 73 web page.
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 15th, 2022 via email (icgan.submissions@uwaterloo.ca).

[EVENTS]:

**GI Events**
How NASA Has Translated Aerospace Research Into Biofeedback Game Experiences
*Thursday, March 10 @12:00pm*
- Join John Muñoz and Alan Pope in their GDC Rehearsal Presentation exploring how NASA scientists use body signals to investigate pilots' performance and how this can be applied to gaming and VR, with applications towards entertainment, healthcare, and training
- Email games.institute@uwaterloo for the Teams invite

Digital Activism in Practice
*Monday, March 14 @2:00pm*
- The third and final Feminist ThinkTank speaker series event! Join Leandra H. Hernandez, Radhika Gajjala, Sujatha Subramanian, and Angela Smith in conversation.
- Registration link to come!

**UW Events**
Embedding EDI Into Your Grant Writing
*Tuesday, March 1 @1:00pm*
- Learn how to embed EDI into grant applications, with Trevor Charles discussing EDI principles in research groups and in a NSERC grant application, Imogen Coe sharing her experience as an advocate for organizational change in research, and with Leslie Cove moderating the panel.
- Register here!

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
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

Black Writers & Thinkers Series
The School of English and Theatre Studies from the University of Guelph have brought together a series of speaker events focusing on Black voices and ideas.
• Join here: Zoom link (same for all events)
• More information here

Wednesday, March 2 @2:30pm
• Canisia Lubrin will be discussing her forthcoming book Code Noir

Tuesday, March 15 @2:30pm
• Kaie Kellough will be discussing their book Dominoes at the Crossroad

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!

Book Launch: Big Data - A New Medium?
Thursday, March 3 @8:00am
• Join editor Natasha Lushetich and authors Bhihaj Ajana, Franco Beradi, Abelardo Gil-Fournier, and Warren Neidich as they discuss their book Big Data: A New Medium? and their view of the big data phenomenon
• Register here!

**Updated: March 1st, 2022**

1. Proof of vaccination will remain in place until at least the end of the Winter term

2. Masking remains mandatory in all indoor spaces, and outdoors when you cannot maintain 2 meters of physical distancing
   a. You are able to remove your mask if your workspace is not accessible to the public and allows you to maintain two meters physical distance from others

3. Campus Check-in is no longer in effect

4. Capacity limits in indoor dining spaces, study and lounge areas, and athletics facilities are lifted

5. All research, including human-participant research, has resumed. More details here.
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:**

6. 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)

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. 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.*

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