

*Education Graduate Students Association @ Western University*

# MARCH NEWSLETTER

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## Robert Macmillan Symposium in Education (RMSE)

March 25-27, 2021



### ***Resiliency in Education: Embracing Changes in Uncertain Times***

The Robert Macmillan Symposium in Education (RMSE) is an annual event that is organized by graduate students at the Faculty of Education. The theme for 2021 is “Resiliency in Education: Embracing Changes in Uncertain Times”. This year’s RMSE will be entirely online, taking place on March 25th to 27th, 2021.

Click [here](#) to learn more about the Symposium happening this month!

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## Monthly Alumni Chats!

EGSA has recently launched monthly Alumni Chats! Our aim is to build an ongoing platform for connecting regularly with our alumni and listen to the stories of hope and challenge as embedded in their professional trajectories. Every month we will invite a panel of 2-3 alumni from different arcs of our faculty to have candid, informal conversations about their professional lives. The discussions will be guided by a combination of overarching career-related inquiries, and the questions that emerge organically from our student audience. Our hope is to learn from the journeys of our alums and get better prepared for the increasingly uncertain but equally exciting future!

Have an alumni in mind? Send suggestions to [egsa@uwo.ca](mailto:egsa@uwo.ca)



**Next Alumni Chat: March 19, from 3:00pm-4:00pm (EST)**

## PSAC is seeking the votes of its members (all TAs)

PSAC is seeking the votes of its members (all TAs) to ratify the tentative agreement between PSAC and University of Western Ontario. The voting period will open on Tuesday March 2nd at 5:00 PM and close on Thursday March 04th at 5:00 PM.



## Indigenous Events Happening Online in March!

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| <b>3-4</b><br>Mar   | <p><b><a href="#">AFN Virtual Symposium: Reclaiming and Reimagining First Nations Education</a></b><br/>Presented by the Assembly of First Nations (AFN), the AFN advocates for First Nations Control of First Nations Education to ensure that students actualize their inherent and Treaty right to a high quality, linguistically and culturally appropriate education.</p> |
| <b>9</b><br>Mar   | <p><b><a href="#">The 60's Scoop with Tracey Whiteye</a></b><br/>Tracey Whiteye will describe the systemic discrimination at the heart of this government policy as well as how Survivors are regaining their cultures, languages, and identity as Indigenous peoples.</p>   |
| <b>11</b><br>Mar  | <p><b><a href="#">Indigenous Book Club</a></b><br/>A co-production of Whitehorse Public Library and the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre, this free program invites Indigenous and non-Indigenous participants to read works by Indigenous authors and then come together to discuss themes and ideas.</p>  |
| <b>24</b><br>Mar  | <p><b><a href="#">Indigenous Educators Talk Indigenous Education: Session 3</a></b><br/>Dr. Pamela Rose Toulouse will present on incorporating Indigenous ways of knowing and being in education.</p>  |
| <p><i>These events are not sponsored by or offered by Western University; see links for external sources*</i></p> |  |

## Past Events

***Reflective Talk Program on Black Experience*** (February 26, 2021): The event invited three amazing panelists, Anika, Tabitha Oni and Bronwyn, to share their journey with the Faculty of Education and to showcase Black Excellence!

# Reflective *Talk* Program – *Black Experience.*

*February 26th @ 12pm EST*



My name is **Anika** and I am a first year Masters student in the Safe Sport lab at the University of Toronto! My research interests include advancing safe sport, sport media and popular culture, sport and social movements, race and gender based violence, intersectionality and athlete centered coaching. Looking forward to connecting with everyone at this great event and spotlighting black excellence and our experiences in higher education.





**Tabitha Oni** is a passionate storyteller, advocate, and aspiring humanitarian from Toronto. She is a first-year Master of Global Affairs candidate at the University of Toronto. Prior to her master's degree, she received an Honours Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Toronto, specializing in Anthropology, Sociology and Buddhism, Psychology & Mental Health (BPM). Having lived and worked across four continents (Africa, Asia, Europe & North America), she considers herself a dynamic global citizen passionate about global change and engagement in our increasingly multipolar world. Currently, she is working as a Youth Researcher for the Black COVID Resilience Health Promotion Project where she is developing culturally relevant messaging and creating hygiene kits for African, Caribbean, and Black communities who do not have access to PPE during the pandemic.



Hi my name is **Bronwyn** I'm 23 years old and I was born in Toronto. I grew up in Mississauga which I'm very grateful for as it has enhanced my compassion and awareness towards all marginalized races and cultures. I wouldn't be who I am without my friends and family who are of all different shades, races, religions and cultures. My black identity is shaped by my relationships to others. Just like so many, I have reflected on my identity throughout 2020 and what it means to me to be a black woman in the 21st century. To me, a strong black woman is someone who loves themselves, honors their ancestry, doesn't take "no" for an answer and uplifts the younger generations. By embracing my blackness I'm able heal my own community. I believe unconditional self-love allows us to love each other better and bring about real change that serves others over lifetimes.

**EGSA's First Alumni Chat!** (February 19, 2021): The EGSA welcomed Dr. Kaitlyn Watson and Dr. Jenna Lorusso as guests for the first Alumni Chats event. Dr. Watson and Dr. Lorusso are recent PhD graduates from the Faculty of Education, and shared their experiences transitioning into professional and academic roles following the completion of their PhD studies. The next Alumni Chat event will be held on March 19th, 03:00-04:00 PM.

# ALUMNI CHATS #1



February 19th @ 3pm EST

**Dr. Kaitlyn Watson** is a 2020 graduate of the critical policy, equity, and leadership stream of the PhD program at Western's Faculty of Education. Kaitlyn was supervised by Dr. Brent Debassige in the areas of reconciliation and Indigenous education. She is currently a Faculty Development Officer at Ontario Tech University and regularly teaches in Bachelor of Education programs in Ontario

**Dr. Jenna R. Lorusso** is a 2020 graduate of the critical policy, equity, and leadership stream of the PhD program at Western's Faculty of Education. Jenna was supervised by Dr. Pamela Bishop in the area of organizational change within higher education and academic disciplines. She is currently a SSHRC postdoctoral fellow in the Department of Physical Education and Sport Sciences at the University of Limerick and the Department of Educational Policy and Leadership at the University of Albany, SUNY.

**Netflix Watch Party: The White Tiger** (January 29, 2021): The EGSA Social Team invited Education graduate students to relax, have some snacks, and enjoy a Netflix Party while streaming the newly released movie, The White Tiger!



# Resources

## Writing Wednesdays! Weekly from 2:00-4:00pm (EST)

Join fellow Education graduate students for a group writing session every Wednesday from 2-4pm. Note that this is not a writing workshop or editing group (see Writing Commons for that!). During each session we share writing goals for the day and complete two 45 minute writing blocks together.

Join meeting using the same link every week: <https://westernuniversity.zoom.us/j/99710891801>



## Student Updates!

Have something you would like to share with your fellow graduate students at the Faculty of Education? Submissions may include:



- **Events**
- **Blog posts**
- **Resources**
- **Others!**

Email [egsa@uwo.ca](mailto:egsa@uwo.ca) to provide content for the next newsletter!