

UVic's Excellence in Graduate Research Symposium (EGRS)

*Sponsored by UVic **FGS, Libraries, and VPRI**. Presented by the **GSS***

Thank you for taking part in the first Excellence in Graduate Research Symposium! We are so excited to showcase your work, and we look forward to a fantastic day.

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Our Building: Aside from the Virtual Presentations, all presentations & poster sessions will be taking place in the Graduate Students' Centre (Halpern Centre), within either the Side Project space, or Grad House space. Side Project is located to the right of the Grad House, and both rooms will be clearly marked.

For all folks we are welcoming into our space, please keep in mind that the GSS and Grad House are unequivocally committed to providing a safe space for all, and operate on values of community, harm reduction, and inclusion. Our building and washrooms are wheelchair accessible, and our washrooms are gender neutral, marked with what facilities are available (e.g. stalls, urinals), and stock free menstrual products.

If you see a need that we could fill during your time in our space, or if you have feedback on ways we could make our space and services more accessible and inclusive, please let us know.

The GSS respectfully acknowledges and thanks the many generations of stewards of the unceded land on which we are situated, the water that gives us life, and the air we breathe from the Ləkʷəŋən (Songhees and Esquimalt) and WSÁNEĆ nations. We commit ourselves to truth, reconciliation, and decolonization. We are grateful to be able to share the work of others and lift their voices in this beautiful place.

ITINERARY:

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23rd

8:30 Registration Opens (Session 1)

- Check in in the GSS Lobby. Participants will confirm their presentation time (as relevant), and receive a drink ticket for use in the Grad House Restaurant.
- Physical abstract booklets will be available, as well as QR codes to digital versions.
- A QR code with an itinerary and speaking list will be available.
- Poster set-up time for **Session 1** (9:30-11:40am)
- Enjoy free coffee & tea (8:45-10:00am)

8:30 A/V Check

- Session 1 presenters may test audio and projection equipment in Side Project.

9:00 Opening Remarks

- Dr. Robin Hicks (FGS), Kyla Turner (GSS), Jonathan Bengtson (UVic Libraries)

9:30-11:30/40 **Session 1**

- Virtual session – meet on Zoom. Link will be provided in advance. Hosted in-person in Room 108.
- Poster Session – Grad House
- Presentations – Side Project

11:40-1:30 Lunch Break & **Poster Take-Down / Set-Up for Session 2**

12:30-1:30 **Registration Opens (Session 2)**

- Check in in the GSS Lobby. Participants will confirm their presentation time (as relevant), and receive an abstract booklet (as desired), and a drink ticket for use in the Grad House Restaurant.
- Poster set-up time for **Session 2** (1:30-3:40pm)

1:00-1:30 Coffee & Tea Refresh

1:30-3:40 **Session 2**

- Poster Session – Grad House
- Presentations – Side Project
- Virtual Presentations (Afternoon session TBC) – meet on Zoom. Link will be provided in advance. Hosted in-person in room 108

2:00-6pm **Extended Happy Hour**

- Happy Hour prices go into effect (\$17 nachos, \$18 beer jugs)

4pm Research Wrap-up

- All judges' scoring submitted
- **Poster Take-Down**

4:00-5pm **Panel on Effective Mentorship** ('Getting the Most out of your Supervisory Relationship')

- Held in Side Project

5pm **Closing Remarks & Awards**

- Dr. Robin Hicks (FGS); Kyla Turner (GSS)

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DEADLINES & NOTES:

- Participants who are having their poster printed by the GSS should submit them in PDF format to gss3@uvic.ca **by end of day on Wednesday, October 9th**. Any posters submitted after this deadline cannot be printed in time.
- All posters submitted for printing **must comply with the size & format requirements indicated** on our website and on the application form. Please see gss.uvic.ca/gsaw-egrs/ for details.

- The speaking order will be sent to presenters in advance.
- Posters submitted for printing will be ready and available for set-up in the GSS Office.
- The Zoom link for the Virtual Session will be sent directly to presenters in advance.

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All participants in EGRS shall receive a digital certificate (and a printed copy on request), a drink ticket for the Grad House (valid until December 20, 2024), and an abstract booklet.

Cash prizes, courtesy of UVic Libraries, will be awarded to the best presentations in each category, based on how effectively you communicated your research. The judges will be members of FGS and UVic Libraries.

We also encourage participants to take part in the activities and events the GSS is hosting throughout Grad Student Appreciation Week:

- Morning Coffee – Monday, October 21st 9-10:30am
- Cider & Citations with UVic Libraries – Monday, October 21st
- GSS Annual General Meeting (open to all registered grad students) – Tuesday, October 22nd 5pm-7pm
- Meet Your Grad Rep Social – Tuesday, October 22nd, 7-8pm
- Free Naloxone Training – Thursday, October 24th 10-11am
- Self-Care Workshop – Thursday, October 24th 2:30-3:30pm
- Hot Chocolate & Board Games – Thursday, October 24th 5:30pm-8pm in Side Project
- GSAW Wrap Party – Friday, October 25th 6pm – 9pm (tickets are first-come first-serve)

Please note that the event list above is subject to change. Please keep an eye on our website and Instagram (@uvic_gss) to keep up to date.