

**GRADUATE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS  
WINTER 2019**

<b>Wednesday, January 23 2:30-4:30pm</b>	<b>CAREERS OUTSIDE ACADEMIA</b>  This event features Jessica Schagerl (Alumni and Development Officer, Western University) and Jennifer Hale (author, under the pen name Nikki Stafford, of companion guides to <i>Buffy the Vampire Slayer</i> , <i>Lost</i> , <i>Sherlock</i> , and more). In this workshop and interactive discussion, we will provide guidance on how to prepare for careers outside academia (“alt-ac” careers). We will also discuss how to compose a non-academic CV and how to craft skills and network outside academia.	<b>UC 3415</b>
<b>Tuesday, January 29 10:30am-12:30pm</b>	<b>JUST WRITE!</b>  A drop-in setting where participants are welcome to write in a supportive, focused setting.	<b>UC 3415</b>
<b>Wednesday, February 7 1:30-3:30pm</b>	<b>ACADEMIC CAREERS</b>  Join us for a special panel of recent PhD graduates who have gone on to pursue careers in academia as professors. Our featured speakers, Dr. Stephanie Oliver (Assistant Professor, University of Alberta, Augustana) and Dr. Jeffrey Weingarten (Professor, Fanshawe College) will discuss what they knew early in their training that helped them prepare for their jobs and what they wished they knew earlier in their grad career that may have enhanced their job search.  All graduate students are encouraged to attend this special event.	<b>UC 3415</b>
<b>Tuesday, February 26 10:30am-12:30pm</b>	<b>JUST WRITE!</b>  A monthly drop-in session where participants are welcome to write in a focused, supportive setting.	<b>UC 3415</b>
<b>Thursday, March 14 2:30-4:30pm</b>	<b>ACADEMIC PUBLICATION</b>  In this session, we will examine the steps that go into developing an essay into an article, from exploring which peer-reviewed journals might be a good fit, to communicating with editors, to responding to readers’ feedback.	<b>UC 3415</b>
<b>Tuesday, March 26 10:30-12:30pm</b>	<b>JUST WRITE!</b>  A monthly drop-in session where participants are welcome to write in a focused, supportive setting.	<b>UC 3415</b>
<b>Tuesday, March 26 1:30pm-3:30pm</b>	<b>WRITING THE DISSERTATION</b>  How does one develop and complete a dissertation? This workshop will provide guidance on research and writing methods, goal-setting, time-management, task management, and more.  Though this workshop is geared to PhD 3 students, all graduate students are strongly encouraged to participate.	<b>UC 3415</b>
<b>Thursday, April 4 2:30-4:30pm</b>	<b>PREPARING FOR THE ORAL EXAMINATION</b>  This workshop is for PhD students who are preparing for their qualifying exams in May. We will discuss the structure of oral exams and strategies for effective preparation.	<b>UC 3415</b>
<b>Thursday, April 25 2:30-4:30pm</b>	<b>CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS</b>  Timed in preparation for the ACCUTE conference in May 2019, this event is designed to provide a positive space for rehearsing the performance of conference papers and for modelling professional public comportment as audience members. What are the elements of an effective presentation? How might one improve the delivery of a paper? In what ways can audience members respond to and engage in discussion generously and generatively?  Graduate students who wish to volunteer as presenters and practice delivery are asked to contact the GDPC ( <a href="mailto:tphu@uwo.ca">tphu@uwo.ca</a> ) by March 30 <sup>th</sup> . All graduate students at all stages of the MA or PhD program are encouraged to attend.	<b>UC 1405</b>

Students or graduates of the program who have been invited to MLA, skype, or on-campus interviews for academic positions are encouraged to contact the GDPC to schedule a mock interview. If you have any questions or comments about the Graduate Workshop and Seminar Series, please contact Thy Phu at [tphu@uwo.ca](mailto:tphu@uwo.ca)