

SOGS

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Society of Graduate Students

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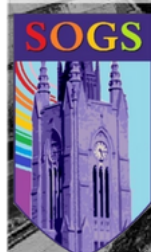
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Western Pride Flag Raising

@ Concrete Beach: July 20



Western

THE GRAD CLUB
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London Pride Parade: Sunday July 30

Western Pride Flag

Concrete Beach, July 20, 10am

Come join Western's LGBTQIA+ Community on July 20th as we raise the Pride Flag on campus for the "Out in the Sun" ceremony on the Concrete Beach on July 20 at 10:00 **10:30** a.m. There will be a brief ceremony and refreshments. Everyone welcome!

London Pride Parade

Western Fair off Rectory St., July 30, 11:30am

Get your purple on and join Western community members in the 23rd London Pride Parade! Meet in the Western Fair District Parking Lot (Off Rectory Street) on Sunday, July 30, 2017 (parade formation from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m). Parade starts at 12:30 p.m.

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GRAD CLUB NEWS

Register for the 2017
Grad Club Golf
Tournament

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HANDBOOK COVER CONTEST

Now accepting design
entries until July 25!

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KEEP UP WITH SOGS!

 [@Western.SOGS](https://www.facebook.com/Western.SOGS)

 [@WesternSOGS](https://twitter.com/WesternSOGS)



GET INVOLVED

Find out how you
can be a part of
SOGS!



BURSARIES

A total of \$108,000
of Summer
Bursaries have been
awarded!



EVENTS

We don't stop in the
summer! Check out
the SOGS event
schedule!

GET INVOLVED!

The following committees are seeking active, dedicated graduate students to participate in the 2017-2018 academic years:

CALLS FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Academic Committee - Advocates for academic issues on campus; organizes and oversees the Western Research Forum.

[contact: academic@sogs.ca]

Graduate Student Teaching Assistant Award Committee (GSTA) - Oversees the implementation and adjudication of the nomination process for the GSTA awards.

[contact: academic@sogs.ca]

International Graduate Students' Issues Committee (IGSIC) - Deals with concerns particular to international graduate students and organize several advocacy and social events through out the year. For more information and recent activities, visit the IGSIC Facebook page.

[contact: Nafiz Zaman Shuva nshuva@uwo.ca]

Equity Committee - Deals with issues of human rights, discrimination and accessibility; dedicated to assuring that all graduate students at Western have an equal opportunity to successfully complete their graduate education while having an excellent student experience.

[contact: Taniya Nagpal tnagpal@uwo.ca]



AD-HOC COMMITTEE FOR ONTARIO-WIDE RESEARCH CONFERENCE

SGPS and SOGS are currently recruiting graduate students to help organize an Ontario-wide graduate research conference that is tentatively scheduled for April 2018.

Terms of reference:

- The committee shall investigate the costs and benefits of participating in an Ontario-wide graduate research conference;
- The committee shall explore the ways in which SOGS could be involved in this event;
- The committee shall report its findings to SGPS via the VP Academic;

If you are interested in joining, please contact the VP Academic at academic@sogs.ca.

Calling Students 50+

The Society of Graduate Students is launching a new initiative in the fall titled **Not All the Same**. The purpose of Not All the Same is to highlight the various experiences, backgrounds, profiles and characteristics graduate students have to break stereotypes associated with being a Master's or PhD student. Every term, two specific experiences/backgrounds will be highlighted by including interviews, resource lists and information.

The first profile to be highlighted is older adults (50+) breaking the stereotype 'All Graduate Students are young and right out of undergrad'. We know many students come back to school with a backpack full of experience and many different decisions have brought them to pursue graduate studies. *We want to hear from you.* If you are a graduate student, 50+, and are willing to be interviewed about your experience please email advocacy@sogs.ca. Thank you!



DO YOU STUDY LGBTQ+ COMMUNITIES AND WANT TO TALK ABOUT YOUR RESEARCH AT PRIDE?

Do you want to talk up your research to the people it impacts?

Or celebrate the communities and people that have supported your graduate work through agreeing to be research subjects?

Or maybe you're looking to recruit people for an upcoming project?

Or maybe you're a member of the LGBTQ+ communities, and want to share your experiences of grad school?

SOGS has a booth at the Pride London Outdoor Festival, and we invite members who study LGBTQ+ communities to come out and share their research. The fair hours are:

- Friday, July 28: 6pm - 11pm
- Saturday, July 29: 11am - 11pm
- Sunday, July 30: 11am - 6pm

If you're interested in sharing your research, please [complete this online form](#) at your earliest convenience.

SOGS is proud to be a bronze sponsor of Pride London 2017, and to have this distinct opportunity to celebrate graduate student research and our LGBTQ+ / ally members.

Ready the boards and beers for

BOARD GAME NIGHT!



GRAD CLUB
7PM- WHENEVER



Join us every 3rd Wednesday of the month.
Featured drink specials available!

JULY EVENTS

Grad Club
Board Game Night
July 19 7pm

FEATURED SPECIALS:

Bud light
Goose Island IPA
Shop Top
\$3.50 / bottle

Every 3rd Wednesday of
the month!

BURSARIES



A total of \$108,000 of Summer Bursaries have been awarded!

Congratulations to all the winners!

Summer Child Care, Travel & Professional Placement subsidy applications must be submitted to the SOGS office by the **August 31**.

Visit the [financial support section](http://sogs.ca/index.php/member-services/financial-support/) on the SOGS website for information on requirements and how to apply:

<http://sogs.ca/index.php/member-services/financial-support/>

SOGS TRIVIA CONTEST WINNERS

SOGS **JUNE** trivia question:

In the June newsletter, we published the names of the GSTA award winners. Who are five graduate students who won?

CONGRATULATIONS TO JUNE TRIVIA WINNERS:

Ayesha Johnson
Gargi Jaju

SOGS **JULY** trivia question:

What is the new extended deadline for the SOGS Orientation Handbook Cover Photo contest?

UPCOMING EVENTS



JOIN US FOR THE

2017 GRAD CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT

AT
MAPLE RIDGE GOLF CLUB

- 11:30AM Shotgun start
- Includes 18 holes with cart & boxed lunch
- Dinner at the Grad Club
- Prizes awarded!

\$90 PER PERSON / \$80 FOR STUDENTS

Register at the in person at the Grad Club, email gradclub@uwo.ca, or call 519-661-2111 ext. 86386.

Registrations after JULY 31ST will be charged an additional \$10.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

FALL GRADUATE ORIENTATION

SEPT 12 - 15

<http://sogs.ca/index.php/orientation/>

Fall 2017 GRADUATE ORIENTATION @ The Grad Club

OVER
\$1500 IN
PRIZES
September 12 - 15

Tuesday, September 12

INT'L Graduate Student Meet and Greet
3:00 - 6:00 PM

Wednesday, September 13

Welcome to YOUR Grad Club
2:00 - 5:00 PM
Orientation Board Game Night
7:00 PM

Thursday, September 14

Amazing Race: SOGS Edition
1:30 - 3:30 PM
New Student Party
7:30 PM

Friday, September 15

Bonfire Night
8:00 PM



More details here:
sogs.ca/index.php/orientation



Athabasca University Press presents

"From Dissertation to Academic Book"

on Facebook Live July 18 at 12:30 pm MST

The event will feature tips from our senior acquisitions editor for revising a dissertation and is directed at graduate students or those who have recently completed their PhD.

Find out more on FB: <http://bit.ly/2ue2O3G>

SOGS Orientation Handbook Cover Photo CONTEST

**WIN \$100
Grad Club certificate!**



COVER DESIGN CONTEST

Design the 2017-18 SOGS ORIENTATION HANDBOOK COVER for your chance to win a \$100 Grad Club certificate.

Theme: Graduate Student Experience @ Western

Send your entry by **July 25** to services@sogs.ca. Submissions should include: SOGS name, logo & publication title.

Hosted by IGSIC & OSC

Saturday, August 5

9am-6pm

BRING a GUEST!

pick up /

drop off @

Middlesex

College

SOGS

GRAND BEND

TRIP

\$10 TICKETS @ THE SOGS OFFICE (UCC ROOM 260)



Canada's Wonderland

Presented by



Western International

August 26, 2017

\$75

*International & Exchange
Students*

Bring up to 4 guests

Includes:

*all-you-can-eat
lunch*

8AM-8PM | Pick up/Drop off @ Middlesex College | Buy tickets in UCC 260

NOTES FROM SOGS ADVOCACY: PETITIONS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Mounting evidence and support for a \$15 minimum wage

The following information is an edited version of information distributed by the Canadian Federation of Students.

CEOs who earn millions in bonuses have the audacity to argue that a fair minimum wage of \$15 that put workers above the poverty line would lead to inflation and job cuts. A [recent Globe & Mail op-ed](#) written by Canadian economists debunk such myths. Citing evidence from multiple jurisdictions where the minimum wage has already been increased, the economists conclude that a \$15 minimum wage would NOT hurt job creation. Instead: "careful studies find that recent minimum wage

increases are boosting spending power for low-income workers and reducing inequality."

The op-ed writers are not alone, they are joined by nearly 50 other Canadian economists who have just issued an [open letter](#) in support of a \$15 minimum wage.

More information and a list of upcoming events throughout Ontario is [available online](#).

Higher wages mean more spending. That's GOOD for business.

What employers need most are customers. A \$15 minimum wage will improve the earnings of **1.7 million people**.

Stand with us:
15andfairness.org



Calling on the federal government to #SupportTheReport



The state of funding for basic research in Canada is failing. As the future of research in this country, we need to take action. Not just for our interests, but for those who will follow in our path, and for all those who will benefit from our discoveries. The Naylor Report makes a number of recommendations to address this, such as increasing tri-council funding, and you can do your part to #SupportTheReport.

You can get involved by [signing the open letter](#), [writing a letter to your MP](#), or [tweeting your support](#).

More information is [available on our site](#).

PETITION TO PRIORITIZE THE PROTECTION OF DIGITAL RIGHTS IN THE RENEGOTIATION OF NAFTA



A renegotiated NAFTA could mean extended copyright terms, a mandatory notice-and-takedown system, rigid rules on digital locks, and a tribunal dispute process that would allow Big Media companies to sue our government for making policies they don't like.

By taking part in the government's consultation we'll show them we're watching closely and won't allow them to sign us up for a trade agreement that does not protect Canada's digital future.

[Click here](#) for more information on OpenMedia's petition to protect digital rights in Canada.