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2022 GPDN Annual Conference

Evolving pathways: growth, change, and sustainability

Agenda

November 4, 2022

Time (ET)	Session	Details
9:45 – 9:50 am	Welcome Remarks	Presented by Angela Rooke, University of Waterloo and President, GPDN
9:50 – 10:45 am	Roundtable Panel *Presenters in-person and online*	**Planning in Unpredictable Times** Graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and the professionals who serve them are grappling once again with job market volatility and unpredictability. Rising inflation is impacting students and setting up recent graduates to job hunt in a recession. Rather than look ahead to what the future might bring, this panel looks backwards to the 2008 Great Recession for wisdom about navigating turbulent economic times. What did we learn as a community from the volatility of the late 2000s? What strategies proved helpful in the long term? What assumptions proved unfounded or unhelpful, looking back at how things actually played out? What does it mean to plan in the face of ongoing volatility? Moderator: Chantelle Thauvette, McGill University Opening Remarks: Jonathan Turner, University of Toronto and Co-founder, GPDN Panelists ● Carolyn Steele, York University ● Catherine Maybrey, McMaster University ● Lorna MacEachern, McGill University ● Tara Christie, University of Calgary
10:45 - 11:00 am	Break	

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11:00 - 12:00 pm	Lightning Talks *Presenters in-person*	• Graduate & Postdoctoral Development: Towards a National Strategy (Jonathan Turner, University of Toronto) • How Do You Do Career When No One Wants to Help? (Danielle Barkley, University of British Columbia) • Savoir Affaires (Université du Québec) : A Regional Development Initiative that Stimulates Innovation in the Regions and the Development of Entrepreneurial Skills of Student Researchers (Réna Deschesnes, Université du Québec) • Empowering Doctoral Students to Own Their Future Careers (Nafisa Gillani, Western University)
12:00 - 1:00 pm	Lunch	
1:00 - 2:15 pm	Lightning Talks *Presenters online*	• LSCDS Speaks: A Podcast Series for Graduate Student Professional Development (Sofia Melliou and Alaa Alsaafin, University of Toronto) • Supporting Essential Skills: Critical Thinking and Debiasing for Graduate Students (Felicia Glatz, University of Calgary) • Self-led Learning Together: Enhancing the Graduate Internship Experience with Virtual Communities and Metacognition (Natalie Wilkinson-Houghton and Felicia Glatz, University of Calgary) • Disrupting Constricting Beliefs Through Agency and Community Building (Mabel Ho, Dalhousie University and Katherine Kearns, Indiana University Bloomington) • Supporting Graduate Student Personal Development through the "Talking to New People" Workshop (Jennifer Pinker, University of Toronto)
2:15 - 2:30 pm	Break	
2:30 - 3:45 pm	Lightning Talks *Presenters in-person*	• Graduate Student Community Building Through GradLife McGill (Mithura Sanmugalingam, McGill University) • Teaching Skills, Providing Hope? A Look at How Graduate Professional Development May Positively Impact One's Wellbeing (Helen Miliotis, University of Toronto) • Creating and Maintaining Inclusive and Accessible Workshops (Carrie Hanson, McGill University) • McGill's Stay on Track: Developing Graduate Students Through Peer Support Leadership (Nick MacKenzie, McGill University) • The Evolution of GradStart Programming at UBC (Conny Scheffler and Jacqui Brinkman, University of British Columbia)

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3:45 - 4:00 pm	Break	
4:00 - 5:00 pm	Lightning Talks *Presenters online*	• How Trainees Can Develop Customer Engagement Skills (Derrick Rancourt, University of Calgary) • Orientation: A Play in Four Parts (Monica Munaretto, Western University) • Developing Your Teaching Dossier: Exploring Evolving Teaching Pathways Through Diverse Collaborations (Michal Kasprzak and Samantha Chang, University of Toronto) • Stop, Start, Continue: A Graduate Student Programming Assessment (Sarah Howard and Liza Boyar, University of Waterloo)
5:00 - 5:10 pm	Break	
5:10 - 6:00 pm	AGM & Closing Remarks	Presented by Angela Rooke, University of Waterloo and President, GPDN