Attention Students!!

Are you a student attending the 2024 CAG conference? Make sure you don’t miss these exciting student-specific events and sessions:

**Student-focused events**

**Student Snack Break Social/Pause-collation sociale pour les étudiants**

**Location/salle**: SN2000

**Date:** Thursday, August 15/jeudi 15 août

**Time/heure:** 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Description: Looking to connect with other students at the CAG conference? Memorial University’s Geography Graduate Student Association invites you to join us for a morning break with local snacks during the first morning of the conference. Refuel, find a conference buddy, and learn about student-specific activities happening throughout the week.

Vous cherchez à rencontrer d’autres étudiants lors de la conférence de l’ACG ? L’association des étudiants diplômés en géographie de l’Université Memorial vous invite à nous rejoindre pour une pause matinale avec des collations locales lors de la première matinée de la conférence. Reprenez des forces, trouvez un compagnon de conférence et découvrez les activités spécifiques aux étudiants prévues tout au long de la semaine.

**Student Social at the Pedestrian Mall/Activité sociale au centre commercial**

**Location:** Downtown St. John’s/Centre ville

**Date:** Friday, August 16/vendredi 16 août

**Time/ heure:** 7:20 p.m.

**Description:** Join Memorial University's Geography Graduate Student Association for a stroll at the downtown Pedestrian Mall. This historic area is closed to vehicle traffic during the summer months and full of exciting shops, bars, and restaurants. This will be a casual event, and students are welcome to come and go as they please.

Rejoignez l’Association des étudiants diplômés en géographie de l’Université Memorial pour une promenade au centre commercial piétonnier du centre-ville. Cette zone historique est fermée à la circulation des véhicules pendant les mois d'été et pleine de boutiques, de bars, et de restaurants. Ce sera un événement informel, et les étudiants sont invités à aller et venir à leur guise.

**Student-focused special sessions:**

**Geographies of International Students I**

**Room/salle:** A-1043

**Organizer:** Yolande Pottie-Sherman, Memorial University of Newfoundland

**Date:** Thursday August 15 / jeudi le 15 août

**Time/ heure:** 10:30 – 12:00 a.m.

**Presenter/présentateu/r/e**: Rica Agnes Castaneda, Toronto Metropolitan University; Kiley Goyette, University of Toronto; Yolande Pottie-Sherman, Memorial University of Newfoundland; Raymond Garrison, Toronto Metropolitan University; Melissa Kelly, Toronto Metropolitan University

**Geographies of International Students II**

**Room/salle:** A-1043

**Organizer:** Yolande Pottie-Sherman, Memorial University of Newfoundland

**Date:** Thursday August 15 / jeudi le 15 août

**Time/ heure:** 1:15 – 2:30 p.m.

**Presenter/présentateu/r/e:** Nancy Worth, University of Waterloo; Abu Arif and Valeri Pilgrim,

Memorial University of Newfoundland; Sohail Shahidnia, Toronto Metropolitan University; Shenelle Bernier, Toronto Metropolitan University

**Geographic Graduate Training and Knowledge Production: Exploring**

**Opportunities and Challenges for Decolonization, Inclusion, and Career**

**Preparation**

**Room/salle:** SN-2018

**Organizer:** Noella Gray, University of Guelph

**Date:** Thursday August 15 / jeudi le 15 août

**Time/ heure:** 3:00 – 4:15 p.m.

**Description:** While Geography as a discipline is not as committed to a ‘canon’ as some others, it is nonetheless similarly implicated in the historical and ongoing reproduction of systems of oppression. Geographers must grapple with how to train a next generation of scholars while taking seriously our responsibilities to dismantle these systems. In a Canadian context this must include attention to UNDRIP and the TRC Calls to Action as concrete responses to settler colonialism, along with consideration for the ongoing marginalization and sidelining of all ‘othered’ peoples and epistemologies. Put simply: while we may not have a ‘canon’, neither do we have an inclusive discipline. At the same time, our graduate programs face other inter-related challenges: a continuously shrinking academic job market for PhD students in a neoliberalized sector; declining funding and increasing pressures to ‘publish and get out’; and increasing prevalence of mental health challenges, among others. This panel aims to reflect on what we are doing (or not doing) to confront these challenges in our graduate teaching and training, and what we could and should do better or differently. It encourages frank and pragmatic reflections from diverse perspectives on the discipline. How are we – and how should we be – training the next generation of geographic knowledge producers?

**Geographies of International Students**

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**Organizer:** Nancy Worth, University of Waterloo

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**Time/ heure**: 3:00 – 4:15 p.m.

**Description:** This invited panel partners a paper session on the Geographies of International Students. In the panel, we will bring together advocates, activists, university staff and international students to learn from diverse actors working on this issue. The panel aims to take a grounded approach–how do panelists live through/work with/contest the inequalities faced by international students? We will use a collaborative, roundtable format, engaging participants and panelists with an aim of sharing experiences, strategies and ways forward.

**Living and Working across the Edges of Geography: exploring the intersections**

**of geography, alt-ac careers, activism, and academic pursuits**

**Room/salle:** A-1043

**Organizer:** Geography Graduate Student Association, Memorial university of Newfoundland

**Date:** Friday August 16 / vendredi le 16 août

**Time/ heure:** 1-2:30 p.m.

**Description:** What happens after graduation? How does geography inform (or not) what you are doing now? This workshop is geared towards students of geography, recent graduates, and those interested in hearing what others have gotten up to post-graduation. Geographers often navigate the intersections of research, activism, academia, and industry. This workshop aims to serve as a platform for critical reflection and dialogue on the tensions and possibilities that come from working across these edges. We are particularly keen to hear from recent geography graduates.

**Supporting Student Wellness**

**Room/salle:** SN-2025

**Organizer:** Kate Parizeau, University of Guelph

**Date:** Saturday August 17 / samedi le 17 août

**Time/ heure:** 1-2:30 p.m.

**Description:** Mental health is a serious concern on university campuses. The changing nature of higher education can cause mental health stress for instructors, staff, and students. I propose to host an open roundtable workshop for instructors and supervisors to share our concerns and to share our ideas on how to best support our undergraduate and graduate students who are struggling with mental wellness. Mental health is often framed as an individual problem: I hope that this session can help us to see wellness as both a collective

concern and as a structural problem in the academy.