

DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY AND PLANNING GRADUATE ORIENTATION SCHEDULE FALL 2020

Check your @mail.utoronto.ca email accounts for updates and changes! There are all kinds of orientation events going on across campus. Keep an eye out for the Gradlife emails and the GSU Digest forwarded by our GSU reps. Orientation events on Wednesday, Sept. 2 and Thursday, Sept. 3 are packed, so consider preparing snacks for yourself in advance.

BACKGROUNDERS

<p>Details to be sent in advance</p>	<p>School of Graduate Studies Graduate Orientation "Making the Most of Your Graduate Experience"</p> <p>This session provides a thorough overview of the wider graduate resources available beyond our Department. Students who have attended in the past highly recommend attending.</p>
<p>Information to be sent in advance</p>	<p>Departmental Space Tour & Computer Lab Orientation, Printing Credits, Web Bios, Keys GGAPSS Orientation Committee and Main Office</p> <p>The space tour and computer lab orientation, along with associated documents, will cover all the key spaces that you have access to during your time at Geography & Planning. This includes offices, meeting spaces, studios, labs, and other key information such as where to print with your free printing credits!</p> <p><i>Important note:</i> Access restrictions to the aforementioned spaces will be in-effect for the 2020-2021 academic year as a result of COVID-19 public health policies; please review Department guidance and follow space restrictions accordingly. Please note that you must also review these resources to ensure that your public web bio is published on the Department website.</p>
<p>TIME</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 - DAY 1</p>
<p>9:30-10:00 AM</p>	<p>The Orientation to the Orientation hosted by GGAPSS Orientation Committee</p> <p>This will be the first time we all meet! We will cover brief rounds of introductions and what to expect from your 2-day orientation, set up the shared technology we will use for questions, how to contact us, and what to expect from each other over the course of your orientation.</p>
<p>10:00-12:00 PM</p>	<p>Power in Geography & Planning Workshop - Locating Ourselves hosted by Camille Dumond & Jorge Salazar from InnerActivist</p> <p>This is an interactive anti-oppression workshop where we will provide a space for incoming students to begin building trust with each other. We will explore the dynamics of structural oppression/racism in general and within Geography and Planning in particular. This workshop will also provide a space for incoming students to discuss your values, and name and share your real fears, hopes, and roles in the field of Geography and Planning.</p>
<p>12:30-1:30 PM</p>	<p>Toronto Talk & Lunch hosted by GGAPSS Orientation Committee</p> <p>This is a Q&A panel of 4-5 current students/recent students across the PhD, MA, MSc and MScPl programs who will share their experiences navigating graduate life at the University of Toronto and how it has structured their work and practice. Other topics the panelists will discuss include graduate studies, research, supervisor relationships, TA/RA-ships, campus resources and living in the city of Toronto more broadly.</p>

4:00-6:00 PM	<p>First Story Toronto Virtual Walking Tour – Indigenous History at the University of Toronto hosted by First Story</p> <p>End your big first day with a fascinating interactive walking tour of our St. George Campus' Indigenous history. For thousands of years, this land has been the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat, the Seneca, and most recently, the Mississaugas of the Credit River. This meeting place is still the home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to work on this land.</p>		
TIME	THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 – DAY 2		
10:00 – 11:30 AM	<p>Faculty Welcome Session for Incoming Graduate Students (Attendance: students, faculty and staff)</p> <p>Scott Prudham, Acting Graduate Chair Sharlene Mollett, Acting Associate Chair, Graduate Geography Katharine Rankin, Associate Chair, Director Program in Planning Thembla Kepe, Chair, Human Geography UTSC (Undergraduate) Yuhong He, Chair, Geography, Geomatics and Environment UTM (Undergraduate) Richard DiFrancesco, Chair, Geography and Planning STG (Undergraduate)</p> <p>Graduate Geography and Planning Student Society (GGAPSS) (Attendance: students, faculty and staff) Keisha St. Louis-McBurnie & Sarah Robertshaw</p> <p>Graduate Student Union (GSU) Introduction (Attendance: students, faculty and staff) GSU Representative</p> <p>Accessibility Services (Attendance: students, faculty and staff) Sandra Hohener</p> <p>Mental Health Services (Attendance: students, faculty, staff) Pratik Nair, Health Education Coordinator</p> <p>SGS Program Coordinator (Attendance: students, faculty, staff) Liam O'Leary</p>		
11:30 – 1:00 PM	<p>Human Geography MA & PhD Program and Faculty Introduction (Attendance: students, faculty)</p> <p>S. Mollett</p>	<p>Physical Geography MSc & PhD Program and Faculty Introduction (Attendance: students, faculty)</p> <p>Y. He</p>	<p>MScPI & PhD Planning Program and Faculty Introduction;</p> <p>K. Rankin, J. Kemp</p> <p>Explaining MScPI concentrations: session with concentration advisors (Attendance: Planning students, faculty)</p>
3:00 – 5:00 PM	<p>Understanding your Funding Package (Attendance: students in funded cohort/not MScPI) Jessica Finlayson</p>		
3:30 – 4:30 PM	<p>Professional Development Information Session-Internships (for MScPI students only) Renee Gomes and Jeff Cantos</p>		

OTHER ACTIVITIES DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2020

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

11:00 – 12:00 PM

Toronto Talk & Lunch
Zahra Ibrahim and Kofi Hope

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

5:00-7:00 PM

Professional Development Workshop on Grants for Graduate Students
(NSERC, SSHRC, etc.)
Professional Development Committee

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

6:00 – 8:00 PM

GGAPSS Virtual Trivia Night
GGAPSS Orientation Team

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

5:30 – 7:30 PM

Planning Mixer
PAC

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

3:00 - 5:00 PM

Graduate Geography and Planning Student Society (GGAPSS) Annual General Meeting & Elections

All new students are encouraged to attend and run for a position!