

# Consortium of Canadian Graduate Student Professional Development Administrators (CCGSPDA)

CCGSPDA sessions at CAGS 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference (<http://cags.ca/conference.php>)

Toronto, ON | November 2-4, 2016

November 2, 3:15 pm – 5:00 pm

## **Workshop & Hot Topics for Graduate Student Professional Development Administrators**

The Consortium of Canadian Graduate Student Professional Development Administrators (CCGSPDA) is a newly formed group whose purpose is to communicate and develop resources and best practices in regards to professional development training for graduate students across Canada. The group functions to encourage a national voice on current and future topics related to graduate student professional development, to share resources and best practices for graduate student professional development within and beyond the Consortium, to collaborate to provide cross-institutional programming, and to collaborate in the development of resource program funding for national opportunities. This session is open to all CAGS AGM attendees.

Attend this session to learn more and network with graduate student professional development (PD) administrators.

November 3, 6:00 pm

## **Professional Development Administrators dinner**

*Please join us for a special GPD Consortium dinner sponsored by Reinhart Reithmeier, Special Advisor to the Dean, Graduate Skills Development and Engagement at the School of Graduate Studies, University of Toronto. The dinner will take place at Cluny Bistro in the historic Distillery District in Toronto on Thursday, November 3rd, 2016 at 6:00pm. Enjoy a 3-course dinner and meet Consortium members from around the country! Seating is limited. Alcohol extra.*

Kindly send in your R.S.V.P. to Karen Williamson at [ka.williamson@utoronto.ca](mailto:ka.williamson@utoronto.ca) by Friday, September 30th.

*Cluny Bistro – East Private Dining Room. 35 Tank House Lane, Distillery District  
Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:00 to 9:00pm. <http://clunybistro.com/>*

November 4, 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

## **Meeting of the CCGSPDA**

In this session, the new CCGSPDA executive will be announced, and discussion of plans for 2016/2017 will begin. Information will be presented on a 2016 national survey of the state of graduate student PD in Canada, following up from the [CAGS 2012 report](#). There will also be request for input on phase 2 of the project (e.g. Are there any best practices or resources that could be developed in collaboration with CAGS for sharing amongst university administrators - a “creative/collective commons” of sorts? How would we go about this?). Ideas will be brought back to CAGS. This session is open to all CAGS AGM attendees.

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### Hot Topics

Each presenter will have 15 minutes to deliver a presentation that would be of interest to PD administrators. This time slot includes time for questions and discussion. This will be a full session, but will provide for some good points for discussion through the rest of the conference. This session is open to all CAGS AGM attendees.

Time	Presenter	University	Topic
3:15 pm	<b>Tara Christie, PhD.</b> My GradSkills Manager.	University of Calgary	Discovering career options outside the academy through skills-based internships.
3:30 pm	<b>Emily Bell, PhD.</b> Manager, Desjardins Centre for Advanced Training of the Research Institute of the McGill University Health Centre. <b>Melissa Dagleis, PhD, OCT.</b> Program Coordinator, Research Training Centre.	McGill University & SickKids Research Institute	Developing partnerships and working with partners.
3:45 pm	<b>Kristy Clarke, MBA.</b> Coordinator, Graduate and Professional Skills Program, School of Graduate Studies.	Concordia University	Structuring and Engaging your Professional Development Advisory Committee.
4:00 pm	<b>David Syncox, MA.</b> Graduate Education Officer, Teaching and Learning Services. <b>Alison Crump, PhD.</b> Academic Projects Manager, Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies.	McGill University	Orientation ReVamp.
4:15 pm	<b>Jonathan Turner, PhD.</b> Career Educator, Career Centre.	University of Toronto	Hiring and Training graduate students to facilitate and train other graduate students.
4:30 pm	<b>Julie Bowering.</b> Senior Career Development Coordinator, Graduate Studies.	Memorial	Ideas and best practices for maximizing attendance at PD sessions/programs for grad students. Discussion & brainstorm.
4:45 pm	<b>Rebecca Dirnfeld, MA, CWC.</b> Career Education Specialist - Faculty of Science.	Ryerson University	Ideas on career development for female graduate students in the Sciences at Ryerson.