7th Annual UBCO Interdisciplinary Graduate Students' Conference

“Bumping Zones: Bridging the Gaps between Disciplinary Research”

Call for Papers / Submissions

When: May 5-7, 2016
Where: University of British Columbia Okanagan, Kelowna, BC, Canada

The 2016 Interdisciplinary Graduate Students’ Conference now welcomes submissions from scholars, students, researchers, artists, and activists engaging in interdisciplinary and multimedia work. This conference brings together a diverse community of researchers, artists and experimenters from across North America. In its seventh year, the conference focuses on “bumping zones,” liminal spaces of intersection where differentiated regions of thought and discipline meet and thrive. We invite researchers to present their work in any field through the framework of interdisciplinary engagement by asking the following questions: How can we collapse borders between seemingly disparate ideas and acknowledge the unique perspectives that thrive where boundaries of thought collide? What threads weave a commonality through the fabric of arts, sciences, and cultures? Where do outlying and mainstream research meet to transform the way we learn about and understand the world, the land, and the communities that we are part of? In the spirit of interdisciplinary inquiry, we invite proposals across all disciplines.

Keynote Presenters:
Dr. Rita Wong, Emily Carr University of Art and Design
Dr. Christine Schreyer, University of British Columbia Okanagan

We welcome submissions for papers, panels, individual or collaborative presentations, workshops, performances, visual art, walk and talks, discussion and public debates. We seek work that crosses disciplines, poses intersections, offers up strange relationships, plays out discordant and dissonant notes, and finds new ways to articulate what it means to come up ‘against’ the grain.

Please submit a 250 word proposal abstract and 50-100 word bio. Proposal may include links to portfolios of images or video for further illustration.

Deadline: EXTENDED DEADLINE to Feb 26th by 11.59pm. Send submissions to: igsconferenceubco@gmail.com

The venue will be the UBC Okanagan campus, located on unceded Syilx territory. This venue includes diverse opportunities to present and/or perform in lecture halls or outdoors including hiking trails and amphitheatres. In addition, artists can present their visual work and research in the FINA Gallery, a dedicated exhibition space on campus. Visual documentation of exhibition and conference highlights will be made available through our website.

This conference is open to diverse participants from all communities, and includes academic and non-academic fields.