



PHGSA/AÉDSP Annual Report

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- Sept 15. New student orientation “meet and greet” at 2pm at Café Nostalgica
- Oct 2. Welcome Lunch at 12pm at Café Nostalgica

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The PHGSA/AÉDSP Annual Report

Continuing with our annual tradition, we have put together this report to highlight a few of the activities that we organized over the previous academic year.

The work outlined in these pages is the result of the collective efforts of your executive members, including Yannick Fortin (president), Tanya Hewitt (treasurer), and the rest of the general executive members. Continuing and

current general executive members serving are Reed Beall and Rosanne Blanchet. Michelle Deveau and David Buetti were new and valuable members of the executive this year. We also have welcomed Ashley Shaw to the executive. She will be serving as the new Treasurer in the coming year.

In particular, we’d like to thank Tanya Hewitt for her unflinching service to the PHG-

SA/AÉDSP as Treasurer over the past four years. Tanya’s devotion to the organization and to student service at uOttawa is unparalleled; in fact, her excellence was recognized by the GSAÉD, who gave her a student volunteer of the year award. Very well deserved! We wish Tanya all the best in the next steps of her bright future.

Help Us Welcome Cohort 2015

We are inviting you to come help us welcome the 2015 cohort. We have 9 brilliant students beginning their PhD experience this fall. Remember all of those things that you wish you knew before starting here? Come and share all of those things with your colleagues over some free food and drinks. It will also be an

opportunity to catch up with all of your pop health comrades at the beginning of a new academic year (with a new home in Health Sciences). It will also be a time to discuss new ideas for the PHGSA/AÉDSP in the coming year as well as leadership opportunities in the association. We hope that you will join us!

Here are the details:

- Post orientation “Meet and Greet” Tuesday, Sept 15 at 2pm at Café Nostalgica (603 Cumberland)
- Welcome Lunch – Friday, Oct 2 at 12pm at Café Nostalgica

Leadership Opportunities at PHGSA/AÉDSP

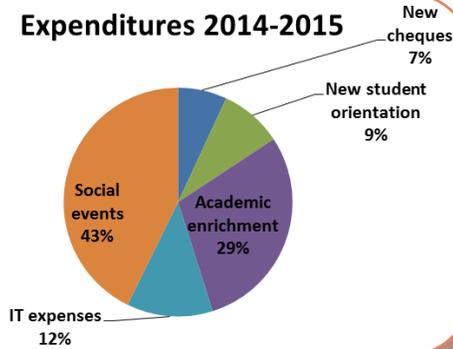
A number of executive members of the PHGSA/AÉDSP have recently graduated and a number of leadership positions are available in the coming 2015-2016 year. Without fresh membership, the association cannot continue in the

future. Existing roles, such as representing the PHGSA/AÉDSP to the GSAED, are open. There is also room for new initiatives, especially with the transfer of the program to a new faculty. Now is a particularly exciting time to join the

executive. If you have ideas for the coming academic year, we would love to welcome you on board. If you’re interested in joining the executive, email us at phgsa.aedsp@uottawa.ca.

PHGSA/AÉDSP Budget and Spending

Expenditures 2014-2015



Tanya Hewitt has been treasurer for the PHGSA/AÉDSP for 3 years, and has seen the budget fluctuate around \$1200 annually. In the 2014-2015 year, we received \$1281 from GSAED. The expenses for 2014-2015 are displayed in the pie chart to the right.

All PHGSA/AÉDSP executives are informed of all monies coming in and out of the PHGSA account. While the PHGSA/AÉDSP administered monies for the 1st Annual Population Health Conference, most of the monies came from subsidies obtained from FGPS, Community Life and GSAÉD. Details are below.

Classification	Details	Amount
Banking fees	Monthly fees, cheques	\$87.28
Orientation	Happy hours, colour copies of annual report	\$111.58
IT Expenses	Go Daddy renewal	\$153.76
Social Events	Holiday party, Nuit Nocturne, Etiquette Dinner	\$540.00
Academic Enrichment	1 st annual Population Health Conference	\$371.44
	Total	\$1264.06

Orientation Session for Cohort 2014

As in previous years, the PHGSA/AÉDSP took the opportunity to meet the incoming cohort of student during the population health pro-

gram orientation session in early September 2014. Several members of the PHGSA/AÉDSP introduced the mandate of the Association and

highlighted the social activities and services offered to our members. We were also successful in recruiting a couple members.

PHGSA/AÉDSP Sponsored Happy Hours

In August-September 2014, the PHGSA/AÉDSP organized a series of 3 Happy Hour networking sessions. Taking place at Café Nostalgica, the Royal Oak and Father and Sons, the events were held to

welcome the 2014 Pop Health cohort and offer opportunities for new and existing students to socialize in a relaxed atmosphere. The final Happy Hour held at Father and Sons was aligned with an event organized

by the uOttawa chapter of the Canadian Obesity Network which allowed for greater exposure to researchers and students outside of the population health program.

Etiquette Dinner

Every year, the Alumni association runs an Etiquette dinner which routinely sells out, whereby the attendees learn about business etiquette from Julie Blais Comeau, Canada's bilingual etiquette expert. The PHGSA offered a \$15 rebate to those students who signed up for this fun and informative event, and 6 Population Health students took advantage of this opportunity. In addition to a full course

meal, the participants learned many points of etiquette, from how to place cutlery during a meal to tips and tricks on being discreet. The event was held in English and French, March 2nd and 9th respectively, and was greatly appreciated. Stay tuned for this event in 2016!

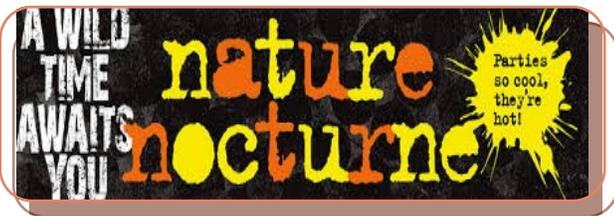


PHGSA/AÉDSP Holiday Party

The 2nd Annual PHGSA Holiday Lunch Party was held Wednesday, December 3rd 2014, at The Clocktower Brew Pub. The party was well attended, with approximately 20 participants—with representatives from most cohorts—and one special guest (Dr. Sanni Yaya). PHGSA subsidized at-

tendees' food and provided many door prizes. The relaxed, off-campus environment contributed to great conversations among new and old friends. Thanks to all who attended. We hope to see everybody at the 3rd annual event later this year!

Halloween party at the Museum of Nature



Last year we decided to join the GSAÉD for the Halloween festivities. We gathered for a drink and free Candies at Café Nostalgica before heading to Nature Nocturne. It was a lot of fun! Costumes were original!!

GSAÉD Volunteer Awards

The GSAÉD Volunteer Awards program was revived in 2015. During the Annual General Assembly in April, the PHGSA/AÉDSP own Tanya Hewitt was presented with one of the awards. Picture to the right are the award recipients (Mary Land, Gabrielle Berubé, Saeideh Kheradmand, Joannie Jean, Kunyu Wang, Tanya Hewitt, Bensun Campbell Fong, Daniel Macdonald & Jessica McNeil (not pictured)). Congratulations, Tanya, on the well-deserved honour!



First Annual Student-led Interdisciplinary Conference on Population Health

Organized by David Buetti, Catherine Pierrepont (of the uOPHSS executive), and others, the biggest PHGSA/AÉDSP event of the year was the first annual Graduate Student Interdisciplinary Conference in Population Health, which was held on May 15, 2015. For the first iteration of a conference, it was a great success! In the morning, about 50 people attended the various presentations in person or over teleconference. New scientific collaborations were formed and some masters students became interested in the applying to the population health PhD programme. In the afternoon, there were about 25 conference attendees (plus 5 more who connected via teleconference). Following the conference there was a social



event, which was also much appreciated. All of the food and drink was enjoyed as students were in the mood to celebrate after such a productive day. Hosting the symposium was a great experience for the organizers who plan to repeat the event next year.

Some of the highlights event that attendees noted in their evaluations were:

- The interdisciplinary nature of the conference
- The quality of presentations
- Bilingualism
- Accommodation available (out town guests were accommodated at conference volunteers' homes)
- The focus upon topics unique to population health scholarship
- Snacks and refreshments
- Opportunities for student-led discussions

The evaluations did note some ideas for making the conference even better next time, which we will be sure to implement.



These include:

- More presence and participation of faculty members
- Provide a full lunch
- More presentations times
- Use clearer thematic blocks for the presentations

We hope that even more students from our PhD program will take part in the conference next year in some form, whether it be as an organizer, presenter, volunteer, and/or an attendee! Congratulations to Catherine and David and the volunteers on an impressive job that was very well done!

Pop Health PhD Program Transfer & Advocacy

In January 2015, three members of the PHGSA met with FGPS Interim Dean, Tim Stanley and Assistant Dean Pierre Payeur regarding the transfer of our program to a host faculty. We advocated for the issues that students

had mentioned as priorities in our previous consultation with them.

Members of the executive team were also very involved with advocacy efforts to voice student concerns about the closure of the Institute of Population Health. These efforts continue

and have been effective for eliciting opportunities for current students to discuss the situation with senior administration and be consulted on future changes to the program.

GSAÉD Affairs

The Graduate Student Association d'Étudiant(e)s Diplômé (e)s is the student run governing organization of graduate students at the University of Ottawa. Their elected portfolios of External, Internal, Finance, University Affairs and Student Life advocate strongly in the interest of graduate students, and represent graduate students at the university level and beyond. GSAÉD also offers graduate students reimbursement for conference presentations, runs the health insurance programme for graduate students, owns the graduate student

building and the Nostalgica Café, sends bulletins to all graduate students in email of important information, and disperses cheques to departmental graduate student organizations (such as the PHGSA/AÉDSP). They hold monthly meetings to disseminate information and take decisions whereby councillors representing their departmental organizations vote. The PHGSA/AÉDSP has attended nearly every GSAÉD meeting, and the representative informs the PHGSA executive of discussions and decisions made. The Annual General Meeting is for all graduate students at the University of

Ottawa to learn how GSAÉD manages affairs, and vote on critical issues. GSAÉD had been unable to pass resolutions for over 10 years due to a lack of quorum at AGMs. On April 27th 2015, graduate students came in large numbers to the AGM, and a vote on the new constitution was held. A new governance structure will be taking shape in 2015-2016, including voting for departmental representatives. Please vote in GSAÉD elections, and attend the new semi-annual general meeting!

Some Ongoing PHGSA/AÉDSP Responsibilities

- Representation at monthly GSAÉD meetings
- Student representation (Rosanne Blanchet and David Buetti) at monthly PhD program committee meetings
- PHGSA/AÉDSP Facebook page upkeep
- Website maintenance
- PHGSA/AÉDSP email account maintenance
- PHGSA/AÉDSP LinkedIn account upkeep
- Email notifications to members about program news
- Documentation of association meetings and policy decisions
- Monthly open executive meetings. **ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED! STAY TUNED FOR THE 2015-2016 MEETING SCHEDULE !**

About the PHGSA/AÉDSP

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The Population health graduate students' association (PHGSA/AÉDSP) is a non-profit, student organization that functions as a sub-group of the Graduate Students' Association (GSAÉD) of the University of Ottawa. The PHGSA/AÉDSP was created for the purpose of supporting and representing to the GSAÉD council, its student members. Its student members are exclusively enrolled graduate students in the Population Health PhD programme, and Population Health Risk Assessment and Management Graduate certificate at the University of Ottawa. Activities that the PHGSA/AÉDSP is primarily responsible for include an annual student orientation, a holiday party, and various other social activities. Other activities may include the facilitation of and advocacy for professional and academic development of its student members.