



# PHGSA/AÉDSP Annual Report

## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- **Sept 23. Welcome Lunch at 12pm at Café Nostalgie**

## 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. Continuing and current general executive members serving are Rosanne Blanchet (president), Ashley Shaw (treasurer), David Buetti,

Rana Annous, Yannick Fortin, and Rodrigue Deuboue. Nicole Bergen was a new and valuable member of the executive this year.

## Help Us Welcome Cohort 2016

We are inviting you to come help us welcome the 2016 cohort. We have a new group of brilliant students beginning their PhD experience this fall. Remember all of those things that you wish you had known 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, and discuss new ideas for the PHGSA/AÉDSP in the coming year, including leadership opportunities in the Association. We hope that you will join us!

Here are the details:

- **Welcome Lunch – September 23, 12:00** at Café Nostalgie



## Leadership Opportunities at PHGSA/AÉDSP

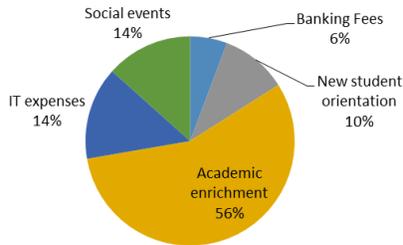
We need new members! A number of executive members of the PHGSA/AÉDSP have recently graduated and a number of leadership positions are available in the coming 2016-2017 year. There will be elections in the fall for the executive role of president, and any student who would like to join as a general member is welcome. The time commitment for general members is to

attend one 2-hour meeting per month, and to commit to different tasks of the organization according to your interests and availability. This is an excellent opportunity to gain new skills in university governance and advocacy, to connect with fellow population health students from across the cohorts, and to actively contribute to improving the student experience for yourself

and your colleagues. New ideas and initiatives for the PHGSA/AÉDSP are always welcome. 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, or if you would like more information, email us at [phgsa.aedsp@uottawa.ca](mailto:phgsa.aedsp@uottawa.ca).

# PHGSA/AÉDSP Budget and Spending

**Expenditures 2015-2016**



Ashley Shaw served as the 2015-2016 PHGSA/AÉDSP treasurer, and oversaw a budget of \$1200. In the 2015-2016 year, we received \$1,042.50 from GSAED, which was added to the remaining balance from 2014-2015 to form the budget. All PHGSA/AÉDSP executives are informed of all monies coming in and out of the PHGSA account. The PHGSA/AÉDSP spent \$1,157.37 in 2015-2016 on student orientation events, social events and academic enrichment. The expenses are dis-

played in the pie chart to the left. Academic enrichment occupies the greatest share of the budget this year, and includes contributions to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Population Health Student Conference, and supporting students to attend GSAED's Winter Semester Academic Retreat. The PHGSA/AÉDSP welcomes all Population Health student ideas and feedback on the activities you would like to see financially supported through your student organization.

Classification	Details	Amount
Banking fees	Monthly fees, cheques	\$66.28
Orientation	Happy hours, orientation materials	\$118.88
IT Expenses	Go Daddy renewal	\$165.76
Social Events	Holiday party, Grad Ball	\$155.00
Academic Enrichment	Population Health Student Conference, academic retreat	\$651.45
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,157.37</b>

## Orientation Session for Cohort 2015

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 September 2015. Two members of the PHGSA/AÉDSP introduced the mandate of the Association and high-

lighted the social activities and services offered to our members. We were successful in recruiting one new member.

## PHGSA/AÉDSP Meet & Greet 2015

PHGSA/AÉDSP hosted a "Meet and Greet" for the incoming cohort of population health PhD students at Café Nostalgica in mid-

September. A number of the students of the incoming cohort were in attendance, and members of the PHGSA/AÉDSP had the chance to explain more

about the organization and the activities planned for the upcoming year.

## Welcome Lunch

Population health students from all cohorts were invited to Café Nostalgica for a Welcome Lunch in early October. The event was attended by most students of the incoming cohort, as well as a number of students from previous years. The cost of the lunch was subsidized by PHGSA/AÉDSP.



## PHGSA/AÉDSP Holiday Party

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual PHGSA Holiday Lunch Party was held Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> 2015, at Fatboys Southern Smokehouse in Byward Market. The party was attended by approximately 15 students, including representatives from most cohorts. PHGSA subsidized attendees' food. The relaxed, off-

campus environment contributed to great conversations among new and old friends. For the 2015 cohort, this event coincided with the last Pop Health seminar of the Fall semester. Thanks to all who attended. We hope to see everyone at the 4<sup>th</sup> annual event in 2016!

## Pop Health PhD Program Committee

David Buetti and Rosanne Blanchet, 2015-2016 junior and senior student representatives, were very active on the population health committee program this year.

They were engaged in the cyclical review process and made suggestions for the revised committee's terms and references. They successfully obtained voting rights for students! Students' voice on

this committee is now equal to that of each Faculty involved in the program!

They were involved with our program director in advocating the Official Languages and Bilingualism Institute to develop new resources for students targeting grad students who want to improve their second-language skills. This request received positive comments from the cyclical external reviewers and will hopefully move forward soon.

David and Rosanne also conducted surveys to obtain students' feedback on scholarship matters, proposed seminar topics, and issues pertaining to the Ethics Review Process.

Thank you to those of you who took the time to complete the surveys! Your responses strengthened their ability to advocate for students' best interests by providing concrete anonymous examples to the committee.

## Traduction du site internet en français

Afin de faciliter l'accès aux informations concernant notre association étudiante ou notre programme, nous avons traduit notre site Internet de l'anglais vers le français. Nous continuerons notre engagement envers le bilinguisme, et ce, en traduisant aux meilleures de nos capacités, le plus de nos documents possible dans les deux langues officielles.

# Second Annual Student-led Interdisciplinary Conference on Population Health

Pour une deuxième année consécutive, David Buetti et Rana Annous, membres de l'exécutif, ont mis sur pied une conférence étudiante portant cette fois sur le thème : *Environnement(S) & Santé*. Cette conférence s'est déroulée sur le campus le 16 mai 2016.

L'AEDSP souhaite remercier chaleureusement tous les partenaires qui ont pu rendre possible la tenue d'un tel événement : L'uOPHSS, l'Association des étudiant.e.s diplômé.e.s de l'Université d'Ottawa, le programme doctoral en santé des populations ainsi que l'Institut de la santé publique et des populations- IRSC.

Au total, 22 étudiant.e.s provenant de différentes disciplines et universités ainsi que 5 conférencier.e.s ont partagé leurs expériences et leurs recherches liées à la santé des populations. Environ une quarantaine de personnes étaient présentes toutes au long de la journée.

Des nouveautés se sont ajoutées cette année pour combler les lacunes rapportées lors de la 1<sup>re</sup> édition : l'ajout d'un dîner gratuit (traiteur Lindocile), des prix pour les meilleures présentations étudiantes ainsi que la



présence accrue du corps professoral. Un événement social au Nostalgica a clôturé cette longue, mais productive journée, et où la nourriture ainsi que les boissons étaient fournies pour l'occasion.

Suite aux rétroactions obtenues des participant.e.s, voici les points forts et à améliorer lors d'une prochaine édition.

Les participants ont fortement apprécié :

- La nature interdisciplinaire de la conférence ;
- Les conférences données par les professeurs sur des thèmes touchant la santé des populations ;
- La qualité et la diversité des présentations ;
- L'organisation globale de la journée ;
- Rencontrer des étudiant.e.s de diverses disciplines ;
- Le lunch et les collations ;
- Le bilinguisme.

Au niveau des aspects à améliorer et des suggestions pour les prochaines éditions :

- Partager les présentations étudiantes auprès du public pourrait s'avérer une bonne idée ;
- Raccourcir la journée ;
- Ajouter des formules de présentations différentes ou des ateliers collaboratifs (Collaborative workshop) ;
- Placer les chaises en cercle afin d'accroître les conversations.



Pistes de réflexion (3) des organisateurs :

- Malgré la présence accrue du corps professoral lors de cette deuxième édition, force est de constater qu'il demeure difficile à mobiliser. La conférence devrait donc être organisée très tôt durant le semestre pour permettre aux professeurs de réserver leur journée pour celle-ci.
- Le mois de mai s'avère pour plusieurs la fin du semestre. Il est recommandé de ne pas organiser la conférence pendant cette période.

Le taux de participation des étudiant.e.s en santé des populations fût plus bas que l'année précédente. Mise à part la date de la conférence, deux hypothèses sont aussi soulevées : a) le thème de la conférence semblait trop restreint, menant à une sous participation des étudiant.e.s ; b) les étudiant.e.s n'avaient pas de nouveau matériel à présenter. Il est suggéré d'organiser une conférence bisannuelle plutôt qu'annuelle. Aussi, il est suggéré de garder le thème très large pour maximiser la participation des étudiant.e.s.

## Seminar Series

Under the impulsion and leadership of the Population Health PhD Program, the PHGSA/AÉDSP contributed to the promotion and organization of a seminar series geared to provide extra curricular training and skills to students in the Program.

Several guest speakers were invited by the Program to share their experiences and insights on the seminar theme. Speakers included U of O fa-

culty members, current Population Health students, graduates of the Program, and professionals from institutions outside the University.

Seminar themes included:

- Preparing for your comps
- Preparing graduate student fellowship applications
- Career opportunities in the field of population health
- Thinking about a postdoctoral fellowship? Weighing the options and tips for writing a successful application
- Research Centres and Institutes at the University of Ottawa – opportunities for graduate students
- Manuscript preparation and writing (peer review, co-authorship and finding time to write)

## Some Ongoing PHGSA/AÉDSP Responsibilities

- Student representation (Rosanne Blanchet and David Buetti) at 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

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/groups/PHGSA.AEDSP](http://www.facebook.com/groups/PHGSA.AEDSP)

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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 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.