

## December Newsletter

### President's Message

Happy December AUGSA!

The results of our AUGSA Survey are in! You can [view the full results here](#). Your top priorities were:

1. More teaching and research assistant opportunities at AU
2. Retain credit cards as a tuition payment option
3. Have an open AUGSA mailing list for members

We heard you loud and clear. We will advocate to AU on items 1 and 2, and are working on an open mailing list for AUGSA members now. Expect to hear back from us soon.

Thanks to everyone who participated.

Cheers!

Jamie Czerwinski  
President, AUGSA

### Student Lifeline – Free Counselling and Help Services for AU Students

Student Lifeline is a 24-hour help service available to all AU graduate students. Student Lifeline provides a variety of counselling and support services, free of charge. Access Student Lifeline online or by telephone:

URL: <https://app.lifeworks.com>

Username: AUGSA

Password: wellness

Telephone: 1-877-418-1537

### AUGSA Meet and Greet

Opportunities to meet your colleagues at AU: Coming in the New Year to Edmonton and Red Deer. Watch for more information in early January.

### Download the AUGSA App

The AUGSA App lets you connect with other AU graduate students through your smartphone. It also provides easy access to resources like program and course information, study tools, Student Lifeline, and course management tools.

Download the app now at <http://athabasca.campusapp.com>

## December AUGSA Council Meeting

AUGSA Council's next regular meeting is on Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm Mountain Time. AUGSA members are welcome to attend the meeting! To join the meeting, click here: [Join Skype Meeting](#)

## Faculty of Graduate Studies

### Events

#### The 2017 Online Research Conference for Graduate Students

##### *"Knowledge Without Boundaries"*

Thank you to those who presented and attended the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Graduate Student Conference, held virtually on October 28, 2017.

Highlights from the conference and the recorded presentations are available on the conference website.

[https://augradconference.athabasca.ca/?page\\_id=1058](https://augradconference.athabasca.ca/?page_id=1058)

#### 2017-2018 Journal of Integrated Studies Poetry Contest

Graduate students from Athabasca University and beyond are welcome to submit poems in response to one or more of 11 pieces of artwork (i.e. visual artwork, including paintings, photography, and sculptures) by First Nations artists. These pieces are from the Athabasca University art collection.

Application Deadline: January 31, 2018

More info on this contest can be found on the FGS website.

### Announcements

#### Final Oral Exam Announcement

##### Phil Cook (DBA Candidate)

Date: Monday, December 11, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. (MST)

Supervisor: Dr. Anshuman Khare

Mode of delivery: Adobe Connect

Title of Dissertation:

##### ***THE CONTRIBUTION OF PATHOLOGIES OF CONVERSATION TOWARD THE MANIFESTATION OF OPPOSITION TO LANDFILL SITING***

View Phil's abstract

Faculty, students, and staff are encouraged to attend this open oral examination.

Please contact [fgs@athabasca.ca](mailto:fgs@athabasca.ca) if you are interested.

### External Workshops

#### Workshops and webinars offered by the University of Lethbridge

The School of Graduate Studies at the University of Lethbridge has partnered with Athabasca University to offer free in-person and online workshops to all AU students!

View their Calendar of Events here

If you are interested in any of these workshops please contact Stacey Leavitt,

School of Graduate Studies at [Stacey.leavitt@uleth.ca](mailto:Stacey.leavitt@uleth.ca)

### External Funding Opportunities

#### Joseph-Armand Bombardier

Canada Graduate Scholarships Program Doctoral Scholarships and SHRC Doctoral Fellowships

AU's internal Deadline: December 10, 2017

For doctoral students who are preparing to apply to the SSHRC Canada Graduate Scholarship Program at the Doctoral level. Eligibility requirements are available on the SSHRC website.

Please direct all inquiries to Vikki Bellerose, Faculty of Graduate Studies [vikkib@athabascau.ca](mailto:vikkib@athabascau.ca) 780-421-2544 or 1-800-788-9041 x 2544.