

February Newsletter President's Message



Two items from me this month:

1. AUGSA Executive Committee Election Nominations are now open
2. Meet-and-Greets and Engagement

Executive Committee Election Nominations

Executive Committee nominations are now open. Submit a [nomination form](#) to cro@augsa.com if you would like to run. If you are thinking about running but aren't sure, please reach out to any of the current Executive Committee members and ask any questions that might help you decide!

Jamie Czerwinski, President – president@augsa.com

Lindsay McNena, VP External – vpexternal@augsa.com

Margaret Clappison, VP Operations and Finance – vpof@augsa.com

Mira Singh, VP Academic – vpacademic@augsa.com

The deadline for submitting nominations is February 28th at 4pm Mountain Time.

Meet-and-Greets and Engagement

Unfortunately, participation in our January meet-and-greets was nothing to write home about. What kind of real time engagement would you like to have with AUGSA? [Fill out this quick survey](#) to let us know.

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

February AUGSA Council Meeting

AUGSA Council's next regular meeting is on Tuesday, February 13 at 6:00pm Mountain Time. AUGSA members are welcome to attend the meeting! To join the meeting, control and click here: [Join Skype Meeting](#)

The 2018 Graduate Student Conference

Imagine: Transforming Lives, Transforming Communities

The 2018 Graduate Student Conference will be held virtually and in-person in Edmonton on October 12 - 13, 2018.

For more information please visit: <https://augradconference.athabascau.ca/>

Black History Month

There are many events in Edmonton and around Canada to celebrate Black History Month. Here is one example: <https://www.5artists1love.com/>

Faculty of Graduate Studies

Events

Attention all Thesis-route Master's Students and Doctoral Students:

The AU 2018 internal **3 Minute Thesis** (3MT®) Competition Will be held on March 21, 2018

CASH prizes for the top three!

Find more info on our [events page](#)

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

AU Library & Scholarly Resources is offering a Library Orientation webinar **on Monday, February 12, from 12 to 1 pm Mountain Time.**

To see the date and time of the session in your time zone, click here: <https://tinyurl.com/liborfeb12>

The Adobe Connect link is: <https://athabascau.adobeconnect.com/library/>. Please log in as a guest.

The webinar will provide an orientation to and overview of the Library and the services we offer. All students are welcome to attend. Major topics include:

Overview of AU Library collections and services

Tour of the Library website

Catalogue searches

Finding full-text journal articles from a citation

Discover and database searches

Reference librarians

Getting help with writing, citing, and research

A recording will be available shortly after the session at:

<http://library.athabasca.ca/orientations.html>.