

Fall 2019 and Winter 2020

Class Location: LEA 819

Class Meeting Time (for exact dates see 'Course Schedule' below):

Tuesdays 11:35 a.m.-12:25 p.m. (in Fall term)

Tuesdays 4:05-4:55 p.m. (in Winter term)

Instructor: Professor Barry Eidlin

The purpose of this professional development seminar is two-fold:

Speed Socialization

This event brings together students of the incoming graduate cohort with departmental faculty members in an informal setting to get acquainted with *unprecedented* speed!

ASSIGNMENT: Read the faculty profiles and come up with 1-2 questions you might ask them.

Area Exams

Tuesday, November 5th

Guest Speakers: Sakeef Karim (PhD Candidate) and Winnie Yang (PhD Candidate)

- ! What are they?
- ! What's the purpose of them?
- ! What 'areas' are available in which to take an exam?
- ! How should you prepare for an area exam?
- ! What happens if you fail an area exam?

Required Rojas Reading: Chapter 9

Presenting Your Work

Tuesday, November 19th

Guest Speakers: Professor Jan Doering

- ! How are conferences and workshops useful?
- ! How do you choose a conference venue for your work?
- ! How do you fund your conference attendance/presentation?

Required Rojas Reading: Chapter 29

Balancing Academia and the Rest of Life

Tuesday, January 14th

Guest Speakers: Professors Luca Pesando and Shelley Clark

- ! How do you cope with academic obligations and everything else?
- ! How do you set limits?
- ! How do you avoid 'burnout'?
- ! What can you do when faced with personal or family crisis?

Required Rojas Reading: Chapter 11, 22 and 23

Academic Writing: Tips and Tricks

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- 1.! GRADUATE AND POSTDOCTORAL STUDIES (GPS) <http://www.mcgill.ca/gps/students>
 - 2.! POST-GRADUATE STUDENTS' SOCIETY (PGSS) an association of all graduate students and postdoctoral fellows at McGill... We are here to support you throughout your academic work at McGill and to serve as a resource if you ever need help dealing with the University or life in Montreal." <https://pgss.mcgill.ca/en>
 - 3.! SKILLSETS "a centrally-managed program that is jointly hosted by Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies and Teaching and Learning Services. We develop and promote interdisciplinary professional development offerings to all Graduate Students and Post-Doctoral Fellows." <http://www.mcgill.ca/skillsets/>
 - 4.! CAREER AND PLACEMENT SERVICES (CaPS) <http://www.mcgill.ca/caps/>

PhD blogs

- 1.! THE DUTCH PHD COACH <http://www.thedutchphdcoach.com/blog/>
- 2.! DR. SUSTAINABLE <http://www.drsustainable.com/>
- 3.! GET A LIFE, PHD <http://getalifephd.blogspot.nl/p/about-me.html>
- 4.! GRADHACKER <http://www.gradhacker.org/>
- 5.! PHD2PUBLISHED <http://www.phd2published.com/>
- 6.! THE THESIS WHISPER <http://thesiswhisperer.com/>
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- 1.! UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS (for Canada) <http://www.universityaffairs.ca/default.aspx>
 - 2.!