

FALL NEWSLETTER

Welcome Back!



WAGS would like to welcome all those new and returning students to a new school year! We hope everyone had a successful summer of fieldwork, traveling, research and writing!

We have a great year planned, including many workshops, social events, and the 3rd Annual Anthropology Graduate Conference here at Western University!

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Congratulations to...

Congratulations to the following students who successfully defended their theses in the past year:

Shulist, Sarah	PhD	13-11-08
Donis, Alicia	MA	13-12-12
Venet-Rogers, Claire	MA	13-12-03
Venne, Brian	MA	13-12-06
Beaudoin, Julianna	PhD	14-02-07
Wadham, Mbaka	MA	14-04-21
Naftel, Steve	MA	14-04-28
Morgan, Jen	PhD	14-05-06
Haukaas, Colleen	MA	14-06-20
Levy, Jordan	PhD	14-07-07
Zhang, Mingyuan	MA	14-07-17
Alcock, Danielle	MA	14-08-15
Baker, Kelly	PhD	14-08-19
Nicholson, Kristy	MA	14-08-21
Wells, Emily	MA	14-08-22
Devries, Megan	MA	14-09-10
Desjarlais, Peige	MA	14-09-12



Past Events and Activities



Anthropology students at the Grad Club's trivia night, where we won third place! WAGS also threw a welcome/homecoming party on September 20 – thanks to all those new and returning students who came out!

Recycle Your Cell

WAGS is partnering with the Jane Goodall Institute of Canada for a great initiative called **Recycle Your Cell**. The goal of this program is to raise awareness of the impact of our cell phones and the process of mining the minerals used to make them on people, animals and the environment. It will also raise funds for JGI, as well as reduce demand for new cell phones, as the donated phones will be refurbished and redistributed.

Here is what you can do:

1. Tweet or Instagram a **#JGicellfie** of you and your old phone.
2. Donate your old cell phone in the box in **Room SSC 3327** (where the photocopier and mailboxes are).
3. Check out <http://janegoodall.ca/get-involved/get-involved/recycle-your-cell/> for more information on the initiative!

TOTEM: Call for Reviewers

As most of you are aware, the Anthropology Department's annual peer-reviewed, student-run journal, Totem, has sent out a call for reviewers. Totem's mandate is to publish exceptional works of creative and original research by graduate and undergraduate students in any of the four sub-fields of anthropology including sociocultural anthropology, archaeology, physical anthropology, and linguistics—and it has succeeded to do so in the past. In 2012 Western Libraries found that it was the most accessed journal at Western, and every year its readership continues to increase: so far this year, Totem has had a total of 36,414 hits!

For Totem's success to continue, it needs reviewers from each of the four sub-fields of anthropology. Both graduate and undergraduate students are encouraged to apply for reviewer positions. Those of you who have proficiency in a second language are especially encouraged to become involved in the upcoming publication, as this year Totem's goal is to expand its horizons to include relevant scholarly works not written in English.

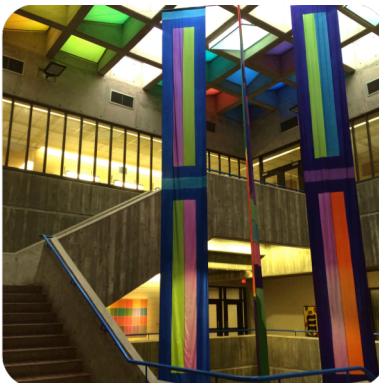
Reviewers will be asked to attend one of two training sessions being held this November: the first of which will be Friday the 14th, and the second will be Friday the 21st. Typically, once the journal receives paper submissions, each reviewer is assigned one or two papers to read, and then is given two weeks to review them.

We hope everyone will consider becoming a peer-reviewer for the upcoming publication of Totem—not only is it a great way to get experience with the peer-review process, but it also looks great on your CV! If you are interested, simply fill out an application form and send it, along with your CV, to totemjournal@gmail.com.

Additionally, for those who are considering submitting a paper to Totem, this is just a reminder that the deadline to submit a paper to this year's issue will be January 19th, 2015.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Totem's Co-Editors, Kelly Abrams and Kaitlyn Malleau at totemjournal@gmail.com. And, if you have not already, check out the Totem website at <http://ir.lib.uwo.ca/totem/> to read some of the interesting research students have published in the past!

Upcoming Events



Wednesday, October 15 @ 4:30PM in SSC 3102: **Publishing Workshop** – Join us as Andrew Walsh, Lisa Hodgetts, and Corey Maggiano (Post-doc) discuss what you should know about getting published.

Wednesday, October 22 @ 4:30, Location TBA: **Milk & Cookies: Scary Stories from the Field**. This is a joint event with the undergraduate anthro society. Join fellow students and hear faculty recount some of their spooky field stories!

Sunday, November 9: **Laser-Tag Event!** Join us in a fun laser-tag game (unlimited rounds for cheap!). More details to come.

Wednesday, November 12 @ 4:30 PM in SSC 3102: **WAGS Annual General Meeting**. Email us anything you would like to discuss at the AGM by November 8.

And don't forget Tuesday trivia nights at the Grad Club!

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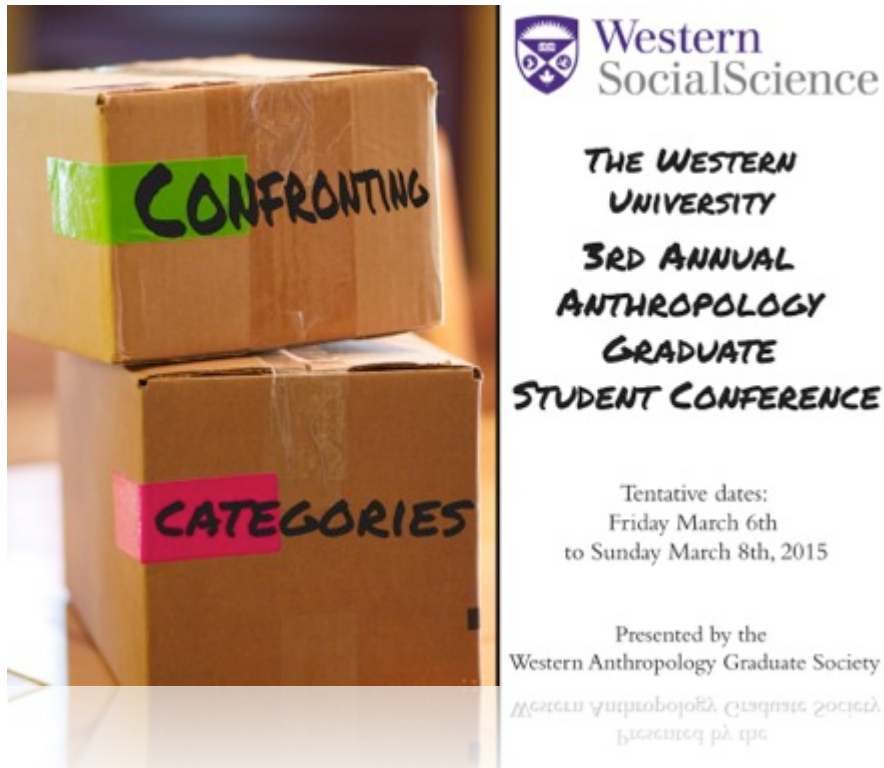
Coffee at Research Seminars

WAGS currently does not charge membership dues. Instead, in past years, WAGS has provided coffee at research seminars, and asked for a donation (of about \$1/cup). We encourage you to bring your own reusable mug, which is more sustainable and gets you a bigger cup of coffee at the same time!



Volleyball Team

Thanks to Paulina Johnson for organizing an Anthropology Graduate Student volleyball team!



Confronting Categories: 3rd Annual Anthropology Graduate Student Conference

Plans for the 3rd Annual Anthropology Graduate Student Conference at Western are currently underway! We had our first meeting on September 26 and have already received a lot of interest from students! However, it's not too late to get involved! There are four committees you can get involved with:

- Finance
- Communications
- Logistics
- Programming

Please email us at uwoags@gmail.com if you are interested in becoming involved with organizing or volunteering at the conference.

Our theme for this conference will be "Confronting Categories", which was voted for by students during the summer using a Facebook poll. The main ideas for this conference revolve around the following

ideas: 1) To Categorize is Human: How Humans Classify the World; 2) The Efficacy of Categories in Conducting Research and Communicating Results; 3) Confronting Colonial Labels in Academia.

The dates for the conference are Friday March 6th to Sunday March 8th, 2015.

Conference Logo Contest!

Time to get creative! We will be holding a contest to try to find the best design for a conference logo! The logo should incorporate the theme of "Confronting Categories" (see above). Files should be submitted as high-res jpeg files to uwoags@gmail.com by **October 31, 2015**. Good luck!