

History Graduate Student Association / Carleton University

HIST 5000: FUN

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Course Meetings: Bi-weekly / To Be Determined

Course Websites: <https://carletonhistorygraduatestudentassociation.wordpress.com/> ; https://www.facebook.com/?_rdr=p#!/groups/176536625731663/

Objectives & Outline

Welcome to *HIST 5000: FUN*! This graduate “seminar” is designed to organize, facilitate, and enable HGSA-supported social activities, events, and outings planned by **YOU**, our members. *HIST 5000: FUN*’s primary goals are to offer HGSA members much-needed breaks from their school work to decompress, make new friends, and have a great time! Similar to your other courses, each meeting’s activity will be selected, planned, and led by a different grad student or set of students.

Activities can be as simple as a film-screening in the History lounge or as elaborate as a campus-wide scavenger hunt, just so long as they are **inclusive**, appropriate, and fun. Those who wish to organize and lead meetings – whether individually or in a group – should contact me ASAP with their ideas so that we can work on finalizing the schedule and on figuring out what exactly needs to be done and acquired to ensure everything goes off without a hitch (i.e. the sooner I know if we need to book the History lounge or get a carpool started, the better).

By organizing the year’s social activities in this way we on the HGSA Executive hope to give you all a modicum of certainty and reliability in terms of your calendars. We understand how busy and hectic a grad student’s life can get, so by letting you know in advance that there will be an activity every 2nd week we hope that you will all be able to adjust your schedules and join us!

As well, rather than choosing the activities ourselves we wanted to offer you all the chance to put yourselves out there and to assist you in introducing your peers to your own interests. By doing it this way we hope to increase the amount of participation at HGSA social events and to offer a wider range of activities. Perhaps you’re an expert Yoga or Square Dance instructor? This is your chance to share your skills and teach your friends! Maybe you study Art History and want to give a group tour of the National Gallery? Please do! Or it could just be that you’ve always wanted to sing your heart out at a karaoke bar but have never had a group to go with? Look no further! So while we encourage those of you leading “seminars” to choose inclusive activities that you feel confident about organizing, we are open to just about anything! Be creative and we on the HGSA will do our best to accommodate and help you make your idea a reality!

So escape your dingy offices, you cave-dwelling Historians, and come join us for some FUN!

Expectations

Like any of your other courses *HIST 5000: FUN* has a few expectations. For an operation like this to work we will need a certain level of commitment on your part, both in terms of attendance and activity organization. While it is of course not mandatory (school and life come first, after all) we ask that you all make an effort to attend as often as you can and consider putting your name forward to organize a meeting. If you expect your peers to attend the activity you've painstakingly planned than it is only respectful for you to try and attend theirs as well. We will of course do our best to plan each meeting around courses, other departmental events, and your schedules.

Evaluation

Nope. This is for fun, no grades or marks allowed! Are you enjoying yourself? Then you pass!

Schedule (*Tentative*)

HIST 5000: FUN will be meeting on a bi-weekly basis, with locations & times reliant on whomever is in charge of leading "seminar" that particular week. As meetings are planned and finalized the syllabus will be updated and re-posted on both the HGSA website and the Facebook Page. Updates on upcoming meetings will be sent through email and the regular channels as well.

2015

September 3: Museum & Pub Night – HGSA Executive

Canadian War Museum, 6-8pm; Mill Street Brew Pub, 8pm:

For our inaugural social event the HGSA Exec has decided to introduce you all to the joys of museum-going in the Capital. Free Thursday evenings, the National Capital Region's collection of museums includes such gems as the Canadian Museum of History, the Canada Science and Technology Museum, and the Canadian Museum of Nature. If you can think it up, chances are they've already slapped "Canada" onto it. For those unfamiliar with the city or OC Transpo a group of us will meet and depart from the History Department lobby at **5:20pm** sharp, take public transportation to the [War Museum](#), and meet with everyone else at the entrance of the museum for 6pm. Towards 7:30-8:00pm we will walk over to the Mill Street Brew Pub for some beer, food, and fun! So come out and get to know the people you'll be spending the next year of your life with.

POSTPONED: History Board Game Night – The League of Canadian History Champions

The Loft Board Game Lounge, Towards 7 or 8pm:

Engaging people with history in unorthodox and unique ways, the (informal) Ottawa chapter of the [League of Canadian History Champions](#) invites you to an Evening of Board Games. Come to the [Loft Board Game lounge](#) for an evening of food, drink, and history-themed board games with friends and like-minded history enthusiasts. This event will be jointly run by Public History alumnus Lina Crompton as well as Brad Wiebe and Emily Keyes. A specific date and more details will follow in the very near future. This event will also be promoted to the wider public, so get your tickets early and invite your friends! **This event has been postponed until Mid-Late October!**

October 3: The Panda Game – Stuart MacKay

TD Place, Game starts at 1pm:

[The Panda Game](#) is an Ottawa institution. For over 50 years, the Carleton University Ravens and the University of Ottawa GG's have competed on the football field to win one of the most famous trophies in university sports, Pedro the Panda (Seriously. It's a panda). Join your fellow HGSA-ers as we partake in an afternoon of football and friendship at Ottawa's new TD Place Stadium, home of the CFL's RedBlacks. More info will follow in the weeks to come. It will be PANDA-monium!

October 17 or 18: Gatineau Park Hike – Renee McFarlane

Gatineau Park, 1pm:

Come discover the great green [Gatineau Park](#), a mixture of heritage sites, beautiful flora and fauna, and winding trails with stunning views! Just 20min from downtown Ottawa and over 350 square km, the park is the perfect place to stretch your legs, forget about readings, and enjoy the fresh autumn air (and colours!). Grab your walking shoes and join us for an afternoon as we hike around Pink Lake (roughly 1 hour). As there is no public transit to the park, we will be carpooling to and from campus - please contact Renee McFarlane (renee.mcfarlane@carleton.ca) if you have a vehicle and would be willing to drive a few friends. Stay tuned for more details! (In case of poor weather, Sunday the 18th will be used as a raindate).

November 2-8: Vacant!! – Seminar Leader TO BE DETERMINED

Contact Brad if you would like to lead this week's activity!

November 16-20: Mental Health Week – Emily Keyes, Ruthanne Edward, Thomas Berton, etc.

History Department (Lobby and/or Lounge), Select times/days:

With the semester inching forward things might be getting a little stressful. Our response is the Mental Health Week! Fight back and get to that happy place with some soothing and artistic activities spread throughout the week. We will be featuring a XMAS decoration extravaganza where you can make handmade crafts to decorate your office or apartment! Not just that, we will teach you how to make intricate friendship bracelets that would make any middle schooler jealous. Materials will be supplied, so all you need is an artistic spirit and some XMAS cheer! We will also have colouring books that need filling in. And finally, back by popular demand, bubble-wrap will be provided for your popping pleasure! Each event will be held on a separate day of the week in the department and will be facilitated by seminar leaders and volunteers. Stay tuned for more details! (Should you want to add more activities, please come forward with suggestions). **Meditation workshop (Evan Jones)**

November 27 (Tentative): Scavenger Hunt – Emily Cuggy, Sara McGillivray, and Natalie Hunter

Carleton Campus, 7pm:

Venture out of Paterson Hall and join us on a scavenger hunt through Carleton campus! We will meet in the History lobby at 7 pm. In teams, you will be sent off to hunt down all the locations on your clue sheet. Snap a photo to prove you made it to the right spot, and be the first team back to the History department in order to win first prize (and bragging rights). More information to follow soon. Full details will be provided at the event.

December 10-18, TBD: XMAS party – HGSA Executive

Place & Time TBD:

Courses are over, we're finishing up term papers, and everyone is heading home for the holidays. Let's celebrate!

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January 9-17, TBD: Rideau Canal Skate Adventure – HGSA Executive

Rideau Canal Skateway, During the day/TBD:

Welcome to Canada's largest naturally frozen ice rink! Close to 8 kilometres long, the Skateway offers skaters multiple warming shacks, plenty of hot chocolate, and delicious Beaver Tails. Meet on campus with your pair of skates (owned, borrowed, or rented) and we will skate our way to Dow's Lake, past Lansdowne Park, and even all the way up to the Ottawa River Locks near Parliament.

January 24-30: Vacant!! – Seminar Leader TO BE DETERMINED

Contact Brad if you would like to lead this week's activity!

February 7-13: Vacant!! – Seminar Leader TO BE DETERMINED

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February 21-27: Vacant!! – Seminar Leader TO BE DETERMINED

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March 6-12: Vacant!! – Seminar Leader TO BE DETERMINED

Contact Brad if you would like to lead this week's activity!

March 20-26: Vacant!! – Seminar Leader TO BE DETERMINED

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Early-Mid April: Rock Social / History Prom – Natalie Hunter & Ruthanne Edward

Place & Time TBD:

The annual HGSA end-of-year party celebration gives you the chance to let off a whole academic year's worth of steam. No more students, no more assignments, no more 8:30 (am or pm) seminars (just kidding if you're stuck writing during the summer). Should you have suggestions please bother our amazing Rock Social Organizers Natalie and Ruthanne.

April 17-23: Vacant!! – Seminar Leader TO BE DETERMINED

Contact Brad if you would like to lead this week's activity!