



Beating yourself up over your lack of progress on your dissertation because of crippling anxiety and depression



Forgiving past you, developing healthy coping habits, and celebrating little steps forward

#### **ESA MEETING #4**

Friday, December 11, 2020, @ 2:00 PM–4:00 PM via Zoom

<https://tinyurl.com/ESAmtg4> (PW: 805548)<sup>1</sup>

2:00 PM–2:15 PM Fellowship and mingling

2:15 PM–2:30 PM Co-Chair updates and announcements

1. Join the ESA's new Discord server! Use this link: <https://discord.gg/VUw8Mgb>
  - a. Any initial feedback on it? Things we like/don't like about it?
  - b. Clarifying whose responsibility it is going forward - part of Website/Editorial's Responsibilities? Co-Chairs?
2. Amendments to ESA Constitution - See updates [Here](#). Changelog below:
  - a. Updating "DSC" to "DGSC" and "Doctoral Students' Council" to "Doctoral and Graduate Students' Council" to reflect Spring 2020 updates to organization's name;

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<sup>1</sup> Here's the full invitation:

*Topic: ESA Meeting 4*

*Time: Dec 11, 2020 02:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)*

*Join Zoom Meeting:*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88194329928?pwd=dE9wcUhKYW1iUmQ4LzQzdWs2akZndz09>

*Meeting ID: 881 9432 9928*

*Passcode: 805348*

- b. Addition of bullet point to list of Co-Chair duties to reflect duty to update list of names and email addresses for current students in accordance with stipulations from Nancy regarding FERPA guidelines;
  - c. Added a section, Article VII, to the Constitution on the Election Process, basically explaining what the “Election Process” is and codifying the election process for future committees;
  - d. Added some clarifying language for the Representative Outreach committee’s mission
3. ESA Gift-card giveaway - sign up [here](#).
- a. \$15 Dollar gift cards, totally free. Our equitable way of sharing the ESA budget out.
  - b. If we have more sign-ups than gift cards, we’ll do a random drawing to decide who gets cards.
  - c. Sign-Up Closes **Sunday, Dec 13th at 5:00PM EST**
4. Plans for Next Semester - What can we do for y’all?

2:30 PM–3:00 PM      Committee updates

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Members</b>	<b>Updates</b>
Admissions and Financial Aid	Onur Ayaz Sharanya Dutta Daniel Hengel Christian Lewis Emily Price Nik Valdez Michell Wilson Dhipinder Walia	No updates
Alumni and Fundraising	Sukie Kim Stefano Morello Queenie Sukhadia Robert Yates	No updates from Rob
Co-Chair	Will Arguelles Genevieve Bettendorf Olivia Wood	See Above
Conference Operations		
Conference Steering	Miranda Hajduk Emily Price	We have 15 submissions so far - we extended the deadline to Jan 15 in hopes of getting more submissions from GC and ESA people

Course Assessment	Onur Ayaz Cary Fitzgerald Cassandra Murray Tim Dalton	We've created a google form template that we made copies of for each instructor. Currently in the process of emailing those out to the instructor to pass onto their courses...
Curriculum	Mitchell Wilson Sylvia Korman	<p>Many updates!!</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Portfolio exam language clarified to specify that if students are unable to submit the exam because they don't meet the credit requirements, then that counts as one of their two allotted attempts at the exam (agreed to update, but language hasn't been determined yet)</li> <li>2) Addition of a two page proposal for the portfolio exam for which the examiners issue feedback at the specific expectations they have in evaluating that particular student's exam. This would also potentially involve de-anonymizing the exam. I don't believe a due date was settled on, but mid-March was thrown around and so was the idea to have students draft a version of this document in Intro Doc.</li> <li>3) Providing students a written explanation of why parts of the portfolio exam didn't pass muster--collective agreement and little discussion on this (my notes are missing this portion, so apologies if this isn't totally</li> </ol>

		<p>accurate. We didn't spend much time debating this)</p> <p>4) Agreed to explore cross-listing courses with other departments. Flagged a need to discuss with Nancy as she's been historically resistant to it for institutional reasons. Reason we're revisiting is because of the addition of the three-credit option.</p> <p>5) We selected courses, mostly along the lines of what we thought would fill. I don't have the final list (and indeed in some cases the determination was made to let individual faculty members pick which they wanted to teach)</p> <p>6) Also, syllabus length for the portfolio exam is going to be clarified as between 2 and 10 pages</p>
Diversity	<p>Filipa Calado          Miranda Hajduk          Daniel Hengel          Emily Price          Nik Valdez          Eric Dean Wilson</p>	<p>We did not get the grant we applied for, BUT we got a very encouraging email from Stacy at PublicLab - they want to work with us and TLC to put our plan into action. We have a meeting with her on Thursday at 4pm. Text of the email below:</p> <p>“Thank you for your interest in the PublicsLab's Doctoral Curriculum Enhancement Grant. The committee has reviewed your application, and unfortunately, we will not be able to fund it. However, we are very supportive of the work you'd like to do, and I'd like to sit down with your</p>

		<p>group to talk about other ways we might facilitate it.</p> <p>One idea that occurred to the committee was a joint venture between the TLC and the PublicsLab, since it's very much a pedagogically-focused project. There's also currently a consortial search underway for a faculty member who would bring expertise in this area as well. Those talks will happen in the spring, for appointment the following year; that might be a good way to start having this conversation.”</p>
Elections	Onur Ayaz	No update
Executive	Shoumik Bhattacharya Michele Chinitz	
Faculty Membership	Jacob Aplaca Filipa Calado	<p>Rhet/comp: We made a decision on 3 applicants to give seminars in the spring. Woooooo!</p> <p>And the Latinx search has started, we are already getting applications.</p>
Friday Forum	Bradley Nelson Sean Nortz	<p>There are, as of now, 5 proposed events, including a poetry event organized by Maddie Barnes (“Queer Valentines”) and two author talks based on recent books (namely Maria Josefina Saldana-Portillo [NYU] Indian Given: Racial Geographies Across Mexico and the United States; &amp; Victoria Rosner [Columbia] Machines for Living: Modernism and Domestic Life). The latter is a timely meditation on germs and modernism.” The schedule has not been fully worked out and far as I know we are still open to new proposals</p>

Placement	Queenie Sukhadia Sam O'Hana Cassandra Murray	No updates -S.O.
Recruitment	Christian Fryer-Davis Daniel Hengel Paris Shih Sukie Kim	No Updates
Representative Outreach	Jacob Aplaca Dainy Bernstein Miranda Hajduk Stefano Morello Eric Dean Wilson	No updates from Miranda.
Website and Editorial	Param Ajmera Nicole Cote Cary Fitzgerald Zach Muhlbauer Queenie Sukhadia	

### Running Notes:

- Regarding Discord server
  - Administration: Website should take over; concern esp re admin next year and beyond. Miranda has also promoted Zach Muhlbauer to admin role
  - Avoid public-facing link to join
  - Posting agenda in Discord server is a nice central location
  - GB will make minor addition to Constitution/Bylaws, forward to Website and Editorial for review.
  - We like the community vibe; useful stand-in for lounge while we're at Zoom University
  - Rob suggests: perhaps a channel for liveblogging events etc?
    - Miranda made text channel "event-commentary" for this :)

### Attendees (17):

Olivia Wood  
Genevieve Bettendorf  
Will Arguelles  
Emily Price  
Miranda Hajduk  
Cary Fitzgerald

Bradley Nelson  
Eric Dean Wilson  
Rob Yates  
Filipa Calado  
Christian Fryer-Davis  
Mitchell Wilson  
Onur Ayaz  
Christian Lewis  
Sylvia Korman  
Shoumik Bhattacharya  
Sam O'Hana