GSWS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR SERIES

TERM 1 (FALL 2019): GSWS 811-3: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COLLOQUIUM I
TERM 2 (SPR 2020): GSWS 812-3: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COLLOQUIUM II

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:
The Professional Development Seminar Series is designed to help students identify their academic and/or professional interests and career paths, explore and develop relevant skills, and support each other in navigating the challenges of graduate school and beyond. We will meet every 2-3 weeks in an interactive seminar setting.

EDUCATIONAL GOALS:
For more detailed information please see the GSWS website: http://www.sfu.ca/gsws/courses/Educational_Goals.html

COURSE OBJECTIVES
Term 1 (811-3) will focus on:
• how to succeed in graduate school while maintaining work-life balance
• developing and strengthening research skills
• exploring writing for conferences and publication
• exploring possible career paths and identifying relevant professional skills that need development

Term 2 (812-3) will focus on:
• career education development
• exploration of research, teaching, and other relevant job markets for GSWS graduates
• developing on-line professional profile and professional networking skills
• creating a professional portfolio that serves as the basis for future job, Ph.D., professional school, and/or internship/fellowship/grant applications

EVALUATION PROFILE
This course is graded on an in-progress/complete basis. Students will be evaluated on their attendance and participation at the sessions listed below. Full attendance and engaged participation are expected to achieve the COMPLETE grade. In addition, students are encouraged to attend relevant seminars and workshops offered by Graduate Studies, as well as consult one-on-one with the Graduate Chair about their professional development.

THE DEPARTMENT OF GENDER, SEXUALITY, AND WOMEN’S STUDIES ENCOURAGES CLARITY OF THOUGHT AND EXPRESSION AND GOOD WRITING. STUDENTS WILL BE EVALUATED ON THESE SKILLS IN ALL COURSES GIVEN BY THE DEPARTMENT. IN ADDITION, THE DEPARTMENT WILL FOLLOW POLICY T10.02 WITH RESPECT TO “INTELLECTUAL HONESTY,” AND “ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE” (WWW.SFU.CA/POLICIES/TEACHING)