Professional Development Seminar Series

Term I: GSWS 811-3
AQ 5119
2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
Co-ordinator: Dr. Helen Leung

COURSE DESCRIPTION
The Professional Development Seminar Series are designed to help students identify their professional interests and career paths, explore and develop relevant skills, and support each other in navigating the challenges of graduate school and beyond.

EDUCATIONAL GOALS
Term 1 (811-3) will focus on:
• how to succeed in graduate school while maintaining work-life balance
• how to develop and strengthen research skills
• exploring writing for conferences and publication
• exposure to faculty’s research expertise
• exploring possible career paths and identifying relevant professional skills that need development

Term 2 (812-3) will focus on:
• continual development of writing and research skills with peer support
• learning about academic, alt-academic, non-profit and other job markets for GSWS graduates
• putting together a portfolio that serves as the basis for future job, Ph.D. and/or funding applications

EVALUATION PROFILE
This course is graded on a pass/fail basis. Students will be evaluated on their attendance and participation at the sessions listed below. In addition, students are encouraged to attend relevant seminars and workshops given by Graduate Studies, as well as consult one-on-one with the Graduate Chair about their professional development.

TERM 1 SCHEDULE

September 24, 2014
SESSION 1: How to succeed and thrive in graduate school
Speakers:
• speaker TBA from Postdoctoral Fellows and Professional Development Programs, SFU Office of Graduate Studies
• current graduate students TBA, on their experience in time management, funding application, peer support, and work life balance
Q & A + General Discussion

October 1 or 8 (to be confirmed)
SESSION 2: Research Development Workshop with GSWS Liaison Librarian Moninder Bubber
*This session will meet in the Library Instruction Lab 2105
http://www.lib.sfu.ca/help/floorplans/lab-2105
October 22, 2014
SESSION 3: Conference papers: proposal, writing, presentation
Speakers: TBA

November 12, 2014
SESSION 4: Writing for publication: academic, community, alternative contexts
Speakers: TBA

November 26, 2014
SESSION 5: Research Workshop
* In this session, each student will present briefly (5 minutes) on one aspect of a work in progress (your course paper, thesis proposal, or thesis) and receive feedback from faculty members and your peers.
Discussant: TBA