

2013/14 University of Toronto Graduate
Law Students' Association (GLSA)
Newsletters Compiled

This is a compilation of all the GLSA newsletters sent out from September 2013 to September 2014. The newsletters sent from Oct 29, 2013 are based on a template formerly used in University of Melbourne Graduate Students Association newsletters.

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SEPTEMBER 24, 2013

To all Graduate Law Students,

I hope you are all doing well and are finding the transition to University of Toronto Law an easy one. My name is Rohan Mathai and I am the president of the Graduate Law Students' Association (GLSA) for 2013/14.

I wanted to send out this message to update you on the new executive and inform you of various opportunities. This message has 3 parts:

1. The new GLSA executive

2. Law Steward for the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) (deadline 4pm, Sep 27)

3. Graduate law student representative positions on a Faculty of Law committee (deadline 4pm, Sep 27)

1. The new GLSA executive:

Not all of the GLSA received an email last week announcing the new executive. For those that didn't, here are your new executives:

PRESIDENT: Rohan Mathai (r.mathai@mail.utoronto.ca)

VICE PRESIDENT: Noelia Cornejo (noelia.cornejo@gmail.com)

TREASURER: Barbara Giorgio (barbara.giorgio@mail.utoronto.ca)

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- (2) Aine O'Connor (aine.oconnor@mail.utoronto.ca)
- (3) Patrick Simon (patrick.simon@utoronto.ca)
- (4) Erin Morgan (e_morgan2@hotmail.com)

2. Law Steward for the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE)

- Requirement/Qualifications:
 - "If you are a Post-Doctoral Fellow, or a student at the University of Toronto who is employed as a teaching assistant (this includes being an SJD advisor), teaching fellow, demonstrator, tutor, marker, instructor, invigilator or as part-time lecturer, you can be the CUPE 3902 Law Steward."
- Role:
 - As a Steward, you would attend Steward's Council. "Stewards' Council meets once a month during the winter academic session, and once during the summer. It serves as a space to promote continuous organizing within departments, the sharing of experiences relative to grievances in departments and provide open communication between and among the Executive Committee and CUPE 3902's members. Stewards' Council is also responsible for formulating the Local's policies, political policy decisions, and matters involving the furtherance of the objectives of the Local. It also serves as an advisory body to the Executive Committee."
- Please email me by 4pm on September 27th, if you are interested in this position.

3. Graduate law student representative positions on various Faculty of Law committees

There are eight committees and they provide an opportunity for graduate students to give feedback on matters affecting both law students and professors. As you would be representing the views of graduate students on numerous issues, you should strive to attend all meetings.

The time commitment for these committees is variable. Generally, it is 2 to 3 meetings a semester at 1.5 hours each. However, there could be many more meetings as well. Additionally, there may be background reading for the meetings and you may need to attend an ad-hoc sub-committee of any of your committees. Further, all representatives should send me a summary of each meeting. More specific time commitments are detailed for Student affairs and Graduate appeals committee (this is also variable however).

Please feel free to indicate interest in any committee. If I get more interest than there are spots, I'll ask for statements of interest. The committees printed in CAPS are the ones which, thus far, have received an insufficient amount of interest. But please feel free to express interest in any committee as much of the interest I've received thus far has been tentative.

The committees are:

STUDENT AFFAIRS: "A committee where student representatives can raise any general concerns about the physical plant or other issues not covered by the other committees at the Faculty. (Note that separate committees will be discussing the new building project and the transition space.)"

Generally, this committee does not meet frequently, as student reps are often able to provide feedback without a meeting.

Standing Curriculum: "A committee that discusses high-level or 'big picture' issues regarding the law school's academic curriculum, including ongoing tailoring of the curriculum."

Library and Technology: "A committee that discusses issues related to the Law Library and technology at the Faculty, including technology in the classroom."

GENDER, ACCESSIBILITY, AND DIVERSITY: "A committee that focuses on increasing access and diversity, and on ensuring gender inclusiveness and awareness at the Faculty."

International Advisory: "A committee that discusses student-level engagement with international partner schools and entities, particularly through our exchange programs, as well as with international law subject areas."

Environmental Sustainability: "A working group that works to continuously improve the overall environmental sustainability of the Faculty."

GRADUATE EDUCATION: "A committee that discusses high-level issues regarding graduate-specific curricular and academic issues at the Faculty."

Graduate Appeals: "A committee that resolves appeals of grades brought by graduate students, where the issue has not been resolved by the faculty member assigning the grade."

With respect to time commitment, you could have no appeals or several. If there are appeals, they generally arise in late spring or early summer. As such, you should plan to be in Toronto for the summer if you are interested in this committee.

So if you are interested in any of the foregoing positions, email me your name and the respective position by 4pm, September 27 and I will get back to you if any further information is required.

Thanks for reading and I look forward to representing you this academic year.

Warm regards,

Rohan

OCT 7, 2013

Hello graduate law students,

I hope you are all keeping well and not getting too bogged down with studies.

This newsletter has seven parts:

1. **Pub Night**
2. **Trivia Night**
3. **UTGSU Survey:**
4. **Halloween Bash**
5. **Niagara Wine Tour**
6. **Facebook Group**
7. **UTGSU Digest**

1. **Pub Night**

Our pub night is tomorrow (Tuesday) at Fox & Fiddle (280 Bloor St. W. at the Holiday Inn). The reservation is for 9 pm under the name of our LLM Rep, Basil.

2. **Trivia Night**

We're going to have a GLSA trivia team starting this Wednesday at 8pm at the Pour Girl Pub on 191 College Street Toronto Ontario M5T 1P9. Depending on interest, we're hoping to make this a standing event. And just so you know, the pub only takes cash.

3. **UTGSU Survey:**

From your Graduate Students Union:

"The Provostial Committee on Graduate Student Financial Support (PCGSFS) is a committee composed of graduate students from the GSU, CUPE3902 and GEC, as well as administrators from across the University. It has met throughout the year to discuss what changes should be made to the funding of graduate student researchers."

"Your GSU and CUPE3902 representatives on the PCGSFS committee have taken a stand on three important issues. These issues relate to the minimum amount that you can make as a graduate researcher, the length of time that you are guaranteed funding and the type of work that can go into your funding package. We would like your advice on whether the objectives of the student committee members are reasonable and how much support we can realistically expect from you in trying to realize these objectives."

Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PCGSFS>

For more information, please email: fug@utgsu.ca

4. **Halloween Bash**

We're having a Halloween party! The specifics will be finalized (including date and time) soon.

We're still looking into a few locations, but if you have a flat that you'd like to volunteer or your condo has a party room that we could rent, then please let Erin know at erinm.morgan@mail.utoronto.ca.

5. Niagara Wine Tour

Basil is organizing a winery tour for reading week on either November 4th or 5th. If you'd like to join, then go to this site and select the days that work for you.

<http://www.doodle.com/ezhmxauwbz4cnzp>

You'll need to type in your name and then select 'yes' or 'no'. Remember to hit save before exiting.

Please complete by Tuesday, October 16.

6. Facebook Group

Join the GLSA Facebook group! Just search "UofT Grad Law Students 2013-2014" or click <https://www.facebook.com/groups/205885962913272/>

7. UTGSU Digest

Here is a link to the latest Graduate Students Union digest:

<http://www.utgsu.ca/2013/10/04/digest-oct-3-13/#more-5557>

Let me know if you have any questions regarding any of the above.

Best,

Rohan

OCT 14, 2013

Hello GLSA,

I hope you are all keeping well and have had an excellent Thanksgiving weekend.

This newsletter has 8 parts:

- 1. Pub Night this Tuesday**
- 2. Trivia Night on Wednesday**
- 3. Shut Up and Write on Friday @ 9:15am!**
- 4. Halloween Bash**
- 5. Niagara Wine Tour**
- 6. Language Maintenance Program**
- 7. Canadian Bar Association and Ontario Bar Association**
- 8. Facebook Group**

1. Pub Night this Tuesday

- Our pub night is tomorrow (Tuesday) at the GSU Pub on-campus (16 Bancroft Ave.) at 9 pm. Hope to see you there!

2. Trivia Night on Wednesday

- We're doing trivia again this week and would love to have a few more players. We almost finished second last week (if only we knew 6 of the top 10 scorers in NHL history). So it'll be this Wednesday at 8pm (try to get there at 7:45) on the second floor of the Pour Girl Pub on 191 College St.

3. Shut Up and Write on Friday @ 9:15am!

- What?
 - This is a University of Melbourne GSU tradition that I'd like to bring to our GLSA. It's a writing method based on the Pomodoro technique and is meant to break writer's block and increase your word count.
- Where?
 - Ned's Café
- How?
 - Just bring along a laptop, grab a coffee and dedicate an hour or two to writing your thesis, assignment, journal article, book, blog or what have you in a convivial atmosphere. Here's the schedule:
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- We're having a Halloween party! It'll be on Thursday, October 31st, so save the date!!! We'll get back to you soon with a location.

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 - <http://www.doodle.com/ezhmxauwbz4cnzp>
- You'll need to type in your name and then select 'yes' or 'no'. Remember to hit save before exiting.
- Please complete by Wednesday, October 17.

6. **Language Maintenance Program**

- We will be running a language maintenance program wherein those interested in maintaining a second language can meet with like-minded others on a regular basis. So if you speak a non-English language (e.g. Portuguese) at least at a conversational level and want to maintain it, then just let us know and we'll connect you to others who also want to maintain the same language (e.g. Portuguese) and we'll facilitate you're meeting on a regular basis.
- Just email the GLSA VP, Noelia Cornejo (noelia.cornejomalpartida@mail.utoronto.ca) and I (r.mathai@mail.utoronto.ca), with the language.

7. **Canadian Bar Association and Ontario Bar Association**

- Just an FYI, that all GLSA students can attain a complimentary membership with the Ontario Bar Association and Canadian Bar Association. These associations provide excellent opportunities for both networking and training.
- Ontario Bar Association:
 - <http://www.cbamembership.org/Law-Students.aspx>
- Canadian Bar Association:
 - https://www.cba.org/CBA_MemberJoinUpdate/Default.aspx

8. **Facebook Group**

- Join the GLSA Facebook group! Just search "UofT Grad Law Students 2013-2014" or click <https://www.facebook.com/groups/205885962913272/>

Best,

Rohan

OCT 21, 2013

Hello GLSA,

I hope you are all keeping well. This newsletter has 6 parts:

1. **Pub Night this Tuesday**
2. **Trivia Night on Wednesday**
3. **Shut Up and Write on Friday**
4. **Halloween Bash**
5. **Language Maintenance Program**
6. **Facebook Group**

1. **Pub Night this Tuesday**

- From Basil:
 - Hi everyone,
 - I've set the pub night for tomorrow night to be at Pour Girl (191 College Street). Per usual, reservation is under my name for 9 pm. They've got some pretty cheap food/drink options, and the menu's online at <http://www.pourgirl.ca/Documents/Pour%20Girl%20-%20Menu.pdf> if you want to have a look.
 - Thanks, and hope to see a bunch of you there!

2. **Trivia Night on Wednesday**

- Our GLSA trivia team will compete again on Wednesday at 8pm on the second floor of the Pour Girl Pub on 191 College St. It's the same place as this week's pub night. It's ok to come late, but just remember that it usually ends at around 10pm.
- I have received a few queries as to what exactly is this 'trivia' thing. Well, basically it involves groups of fun-loving people answering questions on everything from geography to entertainment. The group that gets the most questions right, wins. It's loads of fun.

3. **Shut Up and Write on Friday @ 9:15am!**

- We'll be running 'Shut Up and Write' again this Friday. Those who went last week found it quite effective, so I'd encourage everyone to come out.
- What?
 - Shut up and write is a revolutionary writing system designed to help you focus and engage in your writing. To get the most out of it, it's best to have done some reading on the topic that you're writing about beforehand.
- Where?
 - Ned's Café, 150 Charles Street West
- How?

- Just bring along a laptop (or pen and paper), grab a coffee and dedicate an hour or two to writing your thesis, assignment, journal article, book, blog or what have you in a convivial atmosphere. Here's the schedule:
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- If you come late, that's ok, just quietly join us if we are in the midst of a writing sprint.

4. Halloween Bash

- We're having a Halloween party! It'll be on Thursday, October 31st so save the date!!! We have a room reserved for us at the Pour House on 182 Dupont Street Stay. Stay tuned for more details.

5. Language Maintenance Program

- We're still hoping to run this, but we need more participants. Currently, we just have one person wanting practice German and another wanting to practice French.
- What:
 - This is a program wherein those interested in maintaining a second language can meet with like-minded others on a regular basis. So if you speak a non-English language (e.g. Portuguese) at least a basic level and want to maintain it, then you just let us know and we'll connect you to others who also want to maintain the same language (e.g. Portuguese) and we'll facilitate you're meeting on a regular basis.
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OCT 29, 2013

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1. **Halloween Party on Thursday!!!**

We are having a halloween party this Thursday and I'm very excited to announce that the Osgoode GLSA will be joining us in this event.

So it's this Thursday, October 31st at the Pour House on 182 Dupont Street. The 'Poets Alcove' room has been reserved for us and it'll begin at 730pm and go till late.

Lots of nibbles will be provided and there will, of course, be a costume contest.

2. **Pub Night @ Einsteins Tonight**

Hi everyone,

Pub night tonight will be at Einsteins Pub (229 College St not far from Pour Girl). They have \$10 pitchers of their house lager, and it's also apparently Toonie Tuesday for certain appetizers.

Thanks, and hope to see a few of you there!

Submitted by Basil, your LLM Rep.

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5. Faculty Committee Reps

The GLSA representatives for the faculty committees have been chosen. You can find the list at: <http://www.law.utoronto.ca/student-life/graduate-law-students-association>

6. Letter of support for UTGSU's efforts to raise the level of minimum funding

Dear Graduate Student,

We, your UTGSU members on the Provostial Committee for Graduate Student Financial Support (PCGSFS), are forcefully pushing for a raise in the guaranteed minimum level of funding, which has not been revised since 2008, to the poverty line (for a single adult). However, some members of the committee do not believe raising the guaranteed minimum level of funding is a priority for graduate students. It also seems that they think

we are misrepresenting you by claiming that this issue is a priority issue for graduate students.

We need you (as an individual) and your Department student association ("Course Union:") to email the committee to tell them why you think our minimum guaranteed funding package should be no lower than the poverty line. If you can incorporate stories about how it affects your life, that would help, but otherwise just stating your support in an email would really help us. The list of emails to send your message to is below.

avrum.gotlieb@utoronto.ca; jeanne.watson@utoronto.ca; Grant D. Allen (allendg@ecf.utoronto.ca); Roberta Fulthorpe (fulthorpe@utsc.utoronto.ca); Sandy Welsh (sandy.welsh@utoronto.ca); jaby@utgsu.ca (jaby@utgsu.ca); jdumes98@hotmail.com (jdumes98@hotmail.com); cheryl.regehr@utoronto.ca; stephanie.shaw@mail.utoronto.ca (stephanie.shaw@mail.utoronto.ca); ma.soliman@utoronto.ca (ma.soliman@utoronto.ca); Luc De Nil (Luc.DeNil@sgs.utoronto.ca)

Submitted by Jaby Mathew, Jason Dumelie, and Stephanie Shaw (UTGSU representatives on PCGSFS)

7. UTGSU AGM Notice -- Call for Motions

Hello folks,

I'm writing to you today on behalf of your Executive to let you know that the Annual General Meeting of the Union is scheduled for November 25th at 6:10 PM in the Koffler House Auditorium. The AGM has the highest decision-making authority within the Union. Any interested graduate student member can participate. The Meeting typically reviews Union finances, and oversees all changes to the current UTGSU Bylaw, and has the power to influence UTGSU policies, positions and services.

In short, the AGM is *your* meeting and we want you to come and be part of setting your Union's agenda for the year.

This year, we are issuing a call for motions to be submitted by members to the Annual General Meeting.

The UTGSU General Council is considering a new policy to give guidance to members on submitting motions.

Motions may be submitted, according to the proposed policy, up to ten days prior to the Annual General Meeting (November 15th) in writing to the Chair (chair@utgsu.ca) or Internal Commissioner (internal@utgsu.ca).

If you have any questions about this notice, the proposed policy or anything related, please reply to your Internal Commissioner.

UTGSU Annual General Meeting

Date: November 25th

Time: 6:10

Location: Koffler House Auditorium

Submitted by Brad Evoy, UTGSU Internal Commissioner

Submit an item

If you have an item of interest to graduate law students that you would like included in the next message please email r.mathai@mail.utoronto.ca. Include a description of no more than 150 words.

NOV 5, 2013

Only those who will risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go
T. S. Eliot

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1. Ontario Civil Liberties Association Award Presentation on Friday @ 7pm

The Ontario Civil Liberties Association presents its inaugural Civil Liberties Award to Harry Kopyto in honour of his enduring commitment to individual rights and freedoms in Ontario.

"From the moment that I developed any ideas of what society is all about, I dedicated my life to fighting for justice, a world without racism, a world without antisemitism, a world without war, a world where people are equal in fact as well as in law."
—Harry Kopyto, September 1989.

Join OCLA in Toronto on November 8, 2013 to celebrate Mr. Kopyto's many contributions to the societal struggles for justice, democracy, and transparency in Ontario's legal system, and to hear him speak about his past and present involvement in the civil liberties movement in this province.

Friday, November 8, 2013
7:00 PM
Beit Zatoun House, 612 Markham Street, Toronto, ON
Admission is free

ocla.ca

OCLA
Ontario
Civil Liberties
Association

[Message paraphrased]:

I am writing on behalf of the Ontario Civil Liberties Association (OCLA) to invite law students and faculty at the U of T Faculty of Law to our Inaugural Civil Liberties Award presentation.

We believe this free admission event, which involves a talk by Mr. Kopyto and an open discussion session with attendees, will be of benefit to the public and of interest to many members of the law school, including faculty and students.

The invitation is attached and a full description of the event is available at:
<http://ocla.ca/ocla-civil-liberties-award/>

Submitted by Joseph Hickey, Executive Director, Ontario Civil Liberties Association
Contact: 613-252-6148, joseph.hickey@ocla.ca

2. Shut Up and Write on Friday @ 9:15am

We'll be running 'Shut Up and Write' again this Friday. There will be coffee provided for all attendees.

What?

- 'Shut Up and Write' is a University of Melbourne GSU tradition based on the effective [Pomodoro](#) technique. It helps you to focus and engage with your writing. To get the most out of it, it's best to have done some reading on the topic that you're writing on beforehand.

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When?

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From Rohan Mathai, GLSA Pres.

3. Speak It and Keep It

This program is for those interested in maintaining a non-English language within a social and friendly setting. So, if you speak a non-English language (e.g. Portuguese) at least at a basic level and want to maintain it, then we'll connect you to others who also want to maintain the same language (e.g. Portuguese) and we'll facilitate your meeting on a regular basis.

If this interests you, then email the GLSA VP, Noelia Cornejo (noelia.cornejomalpartida@mail.utoronto.ca) and the GLSA President, Rohan Mathai (r.mathai@mail.utoronto.ca) with the language(s) of interest.

From Noelia Cornejo & Rohan Mathai

4. Doctoral conference @ King's College London, April 2014

Dear all,

Please find at this URL: <http://www.scribd.com/doc/175925012/Call-for-Papers-IGLRC-2014-April-14-and-15>, attached and below the call for papers for the 8th International Graduate Legal Research Conference (IGLRC) which will take place at King's College London, UK on 14-15 April 2014.

CALL FOR PAPERS

International Graduate Legal Research Conference (IGLRC) 2014

The eighth annual **IGLRC** will be held on **14-15 April 2014** at King's College London, in the heart of London's legal district. The conference provides early career researchers with an unparalleled opportunity to present their work and engage in academic debate. The committee welcomes abstracts considering all aspects of legal scholarship. Eminent scholars and practitioners in each subject field will chair the subject panels. The topics covered by this year's conference include (but are **not limited** to):

Commercial Law
Competition Law
Contract Law
Criminal Law
Criminology & Criminal Justice
Environmental Law

European Union Law
Family Law
Human Rights
International Law
Legal Theory
Public Law
Tort Law
Medical Law
Methodology

Abstracts

Abstracts should be no longer than **300 words** in length. Please note that submissions will only be accepted via our website: www.iglr.com. Submissions sent by email will not be considered. Finally, please be aware that submissions from applicants without a valid university or institution email address will be rejected.

The closing date for receipt of abstracts is **Friday, 6th December 2013**. Successful applicants will be informed by 3rd February 2014. The authors of abstracts selected for presentation will be expected to submit completed papers (maximum length 6,000 words) by 31st March 2014.

Further Information

Further information can also be found via our website www.iglr.com or on [Facebook](#) and Twitter [@IGLRC](#). Please address enquiries to submissions@iglr.com

Submitted by Adrienne Yong & Mathilde Groppo, Convenors 2014 (iglr@iglr.com)

5. UTGSU Digest

The latest University of Toronto Graduate Student Union digest:

<http://www.utgsu.ca/digest/>

6. Recap – Halloween Party & Niagara Winery Tour

Just to recap, both last week's Halloween party and yesterday's winery tour were a success. I want to thank Erin Morgan (GLSA General Executive member), Leslyn Lewis (Osgoode GLSA Co-Chair), and Sas Ansari (Osgoode GLSA Co-Chair) for their help with organizing the Halloween party. I also want to thank Basil Alexander (the GLSA LLM Rep) for completely organizing and implementing the winery tour.

From Roban Mathai, GLSA Pres.

Submit an item

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Oscar Wilde

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1. **Pub Night at Pour Girl (Tuesday, 9pm)**

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Submitted by Basil Alexander, GLSA LLM Rep

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I have received a few queries as to what exactly is this 'trivia' thing. Well, basically it involves groups of fun-loving people answering questions on everything from geography to entertainment. The group that gets the most questions right, wins. It's loads of fun.

From Rohan Mathai, GLSA Pres.

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Osgoode's South Asian Law Students' Association (SALSA) cordially invites you to [Retro Reel at the Royal](#), a fundraising event in support of [The Honourable Russell Juriansz '72 Bursary](#) at Osgoode Hall Law School for students in financial need.

The Honourable Justice Russell Juriansz '72 Bursary commemorates the achievements of Ontario Court of Appeal Justice Russell Juriansz. The Honourable Justice Russell Juriansz is the first visible minority to be appointed to the Ontario Court of Appeal, and the first, and thus far only, Canadian of South Asian descent to be appointed to the Superior Court of Ontario. The Honourable Russell Juriansz '72 Bursary is designed to recognize the achievements of Justice Juriansz, as well as to provide financial assistance to law students in financial need.

(To contribute directly to the bursary please click [here](#).)

On January 31, 2014, SALSA will be screening *Pyaasa*, a 1957 Hindi language film widely regarded as one of the greatest films of the 20th century, at Royal Cinema (608 College St, Toronto, ON M6G 1B4). The film will be screened with English subtitles. A reception will precede and follow the screening. Ticket purchasers are entitled to complementary Indian appetizers, concession snacks (popcorn and soft drinks) and champagne. Attendees will also be eligible for various door prizes.

The reception will showcase a silent auction, where vintage hand-crafted movie posters of classic Bollywood films from the 1950s, 60s, 70s and 80s will also be held. These posters are truly unique, and capture iconic Hindi cinematic characters in vivid detail (posters available include *Anaara*, *Mother India*, *Gambler*, *Sholay* and many other).

The event starts promptly at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased [online](#). Tickets, subject to availability, *may* be sold at the box office on the day of the screening for \$50.

For further inquiries or comments, please contact Avnish Nanda at avnishnanda@gmail.com or [647-501-9835](tel:647-501-9835).

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How: [Online](#) (\$40) or at the box office (\$50).

Submitted by Avnish Nandy, Osgoode South Asian Law Students Association Bursary Committee Chair

5. Speak It and Keep It

This program is for those interested in maintaining a non-English language within a social and friendly setting. So, if you speak a non-English language (e.g. Portuguese) at least at a basic level and want to maintain it, then we'll connect you to others who also want to maintain the same language (e.g. Portuguese) and we'll facilitate your meeting on a regular basis.

If this interests you, then email the GLSA VP, Noelia Cornejo (noelia.cornejomalpartida@mail.utoronto.ca) and the GLSA President, Rohan Mathai (r.mathai@mail.utoronto.ca) with the language(s) of interest.

From Noelia Cornejo & Rohan Mathai

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From Roban Mathai, GLSA Pres.

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5. UTGSU Annual General Meeting (Monday, Nov 25)

Dear UTGSU Members,

The Annual General Meeting for your student union will take place on 25 November 2013 at 6.10 pm in the Koffler House Auditorium. The main entrance to the Koffler building can be found on Bancroft Street across from the GSU Pub. Pizza will be served from 5.40 until 6.00 pm on a first come first serve basis. Please come and join us!

Attached to this email are the documents, including the 2012 - 2013 audit, that will be voted on during the AGM. U of T Graduate Students are members of the UTGSU and therefore have voting rights at the AGM. As members, you also have the right to move motions at the AGM. Motions may be submitted up to ten days prior to the Annual General Meeting (November 15th) in writing to UTGSU's Chair (chair@utgsu.ca) or Internal Commissioner (internal@utgsu.ca).

Please find the following documents attached:

A. The AGM 2013 Bundle:

- Annual General Meeting Agenda
- Draft minutes for 10 December 2012 AGM
- By-law Report (by-law amendments passed by Council last year)
- Policy Report (policy amendments passed by Council last year).

- B. Roll Call sheets from the 2012 AGM
- C. The 2012 – 2013 Financial Statement & Auditors Report

You can find a copy of the audit on the UTGSU Website at www.utgsu.ca/financial-statements. The by-law and policy documents are also on the website under About the GSU.

We are hoping for a full house at this year's AGM; we hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

The UTGSU Executive

Submitted by Heidi R. Krieger, UTGSU Executive Assistant (heidi@utgsu.ca)

6. Notice of Motions for UTGSU AGM

Dear UTGSU Councilors and Members,

You will find the Notice of Motions for the upcoming UTGSU Annual General Meeting (AGM) attached to this email. The first four motions were submitted by members and will be voted on next Monday. All documents for the upcoming AGM can be found at: utgsu.ca/agm13

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From Rohan Mathai, GLSA Pres.

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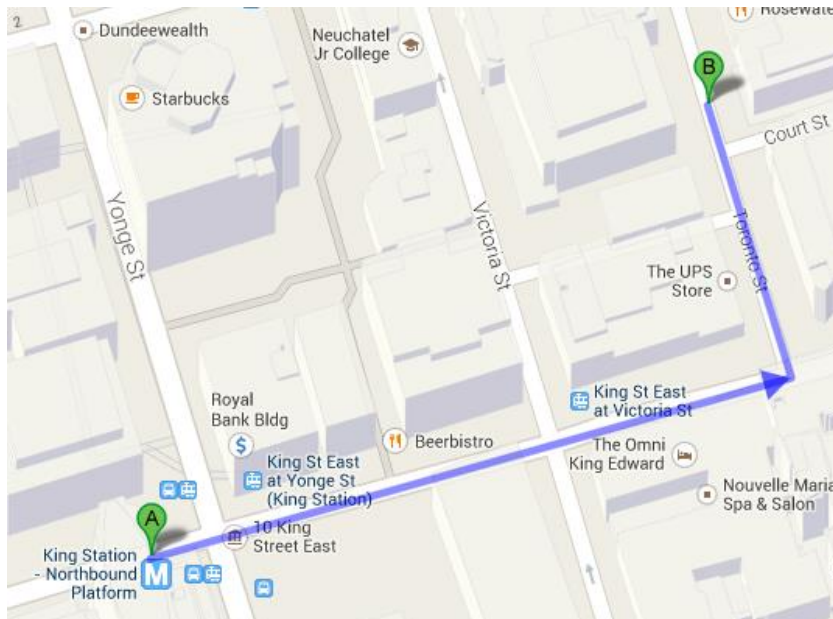
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There will be hors d'oeuvres (i.e. finger food) and each person gets a drink ticket.

Admission is free, but you'll need to bring a small, wrapped gift of no more than \$5 in value and that does not have your name on it. There is no strict dress code, but

you should be dressy casual. When you get there, just say that you are with the 'GLSA' and they will take you to our area.

Let me know if you'd like to bring a +1. My email is r.mathai@mail.utoronto.ca

Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

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From Rohan Mathai, GLSA Pres.

6. Lawyer's Feed the Hungry

Hello everyone!

The Law Society of Upper Canada's initiative, Lawyer's Feed the Hungry, is in need of some assistance! The group serves over 100,000 meals a year to Torontonians in need, but at present has had to cut back on their output due to a decrease in donations. Fifty-eight percent of the group's income comes in from fundraising revenue. If anyone is interested in helping raise more funds for the initiative, please contact nicole.dalessandro@mail.utoronto.ca.

Nicole is an undergraduate student who volunteers with the group at Osgoode Hall and is establishing a club here at UofT focused on raising revenue for Lawyers Feed the Hungry. At the moment, we are currently brainstorming ideas to raise money, however if anyone is interested in assisting with/keeping tabs on what is to come, please get in touch and join us!

Tentative plans include a bake sale, so if you like to bake, contribute with your skill.

If you prefer to just eat, your donations are very much welcome! Regardless, participation in the club won't impose greatly on your schedule and it's for a great cause!

From Tracy Emilie, GLSA Member

7. Faculty Council Meeting Recap

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From Jaby Mathew (paraphrased):

The student members of the Provostial Committee on Graduate Student Financial Support (PCGSFS) has been pushing for an increase in graduate student funding at U of T. As part of a strategy to convince the University administration, the student members have prepared a petition that you could sign (if you have not already).

Here is the link for the online petition: www.utgsu.ca/povertyline-petition

Here is the link for more information on the poverty line campaign: www.utgsu.ca/povertyline

Every signature matters - it will add to the pressure on the university!

The poverty line poster is also attached.

From Jaby Mathew, Academics and Funding Commissioner, Divisions 1&2, UTGSU (jaby@utgsu.ca)

5. Have a CCLA Event Idea?

The Canadian Civil Liberties Association has expressed interest in running an event for the GLSA. Here's a list of some of the events they ran last year:

<http://ccla.org/events/all-events/>

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5. UTGSU General Council & Chief Returning Officer Election: Mon Dec 9, 6:10pm
6. Hart House Summer Fee: Speak Up Against It!
7. UTGSU Environmental Justice & Sustainability Committee: Wed Dec 11, 4-5:30pm
8. UTGSU EAC National Coalition Subcommittee – New Time!: Thurs Dec 12, 5pm
9. Sport Bookings for January: UTGSU Gym
10. International Student Identity Card (ISIC) Pick Up
11. Evening Spice: Winter Solstice: Mon Dec 16, 6-9pm
12. Harvest Noon Holiday Potluck: Fri Dec 13, 6pm
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Deadlines:

Abstract Submission: January 31, 2014 - **Paper Draft:** May 1, 2014

Please send your abstract and papers, with the subject line "2014 GLSA Forum" and "abstract" or "paper draft" (as appropriate) to glsa@osgoode.yorku.ca.

For more information, please see the attached PDF and the link: www.glsa.osgoode.yorku.ca/forum-2014

From Sas Ansari, Osgoode GLSA Co-Chair

3. Attention SJD Advisors!

Your union, CUPE 3902, is interested in meeting with you as a group (potentially over food and drinks). This would aide them in deciding whether to bargain, on your behalf, with your employer.

They would like to meet for one-hour during the month of January. Please email me at r.mathai@mail.utoronto.ca by January 10 so that I can set up a time for you to meet with your union.

From Roban Mathai, GLSA Pres

4. Nominations for GSU Executive Positions

Dear Fellow UTGSU Members,

Nominations for six UTGSU executive positions will open on Monday January 13th 2014. Further important information about the election can be found below these position summaries:

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From Natasha Jamal, Chief Returning Officer, 2014 UTGSU Election

5. Access to Library Holdings

The library and technology committee will be meeting later this week and one of the items on the preliminary agenda is "use of the library's dispersed collections, and whether graduate student and faculty research needs are being met." If you have any comments or concerns about access to library holdings, including the materials in the law library's transitional space at Birge-Carnegie or those moved to Robarts, please contact Andrew Martin at andrew.martin@mail.utoronto.ca.

From Andrew Martin, Library & Technology Faculty Committee Graduate Law Student Representative

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As you will see, the above links to a Google doc folder that contains NCA outlines and advice from previous LLMs. Several LLMs and I put this together last year, as we found that there weren't many resources available through the LLM program (at least that we knew of).

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From Matthew Snyder, previous GLSA Executive & LLM Graduate of UT Law

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The GLSA exec will be having a meeting from 12:15 - 1:55pm on Monday, January 27th in one of the LLM rooms at 90 Wellesley Street. If you are interested in attending then just come by and if you're late send me a text at 1-519-841-5695 so that we can let you into the building.

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1. End-of-Term Dinner Survey

All good things must come to an end and in recognition of this, we are thinking of having an end-of-term dinner to mark the passage of the last year.

The GLSA would be able to subsidise the cost of the dinner, which would mean that a contribution of \$20 to \$30 per head would be required from those attending, for a set menu not including drinks. We would propose to charge the same amount for plus-ones. The contribution would be payable before we book the restaurant (ie, in the next few weeks or so) and would be non-refundable once the restaurant booking is made.

We would like to gauge interest before making any decision. Would you please use the link below to give your input?

<http://paddysimon2014.poll daddy.com/s/end-of-term-dinner>

The survey will close on 7 February 2014 at 5pm, after which time the GLSA will make a decision on whether there is sufficient interest to have this event. If we do decide to proceed with this, we will require a deposit to be paid fairly quickly so that we can make a booking.

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Kind regards

From Patrick Simon (patrick.simon@utoronto.ca), GLSA Member At Large

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None of the Survey's questions are mandatory, and all answers will remain anonymous. On behalf of the Gender, Accessibility and Diversity Committee, we would like to encourage all graduate students to complete the survey. A greater number of responses will help the Committee ascertain what programs or initiatives need to be introduced to make the Faculty a more welcoming place for all students.

From Michael Da Silva & Sara Ghebremusse, the Gender, Accessibility and Diversity Faculty Committee Representatives

5. Faculty Council Summary for Jan 22 Meeting

Focus of meeting was on proposed changes to first year JD program. The following were discussed:

- Move admin to second/third year; open question as to whether should make mandatory in 2nd year or leave to students whether to take in 2nd or 3rd year
- Expansion of LRW course to full course and also potentially add thing to help new students with legal skills (e.g. how to read/brief a case; sample exam; etc.)
- Question of whether should move first year program to semesterized system instead of running courses all year (no recommendation, but two models put forward if were move to semestered system)

From Basil Alexander, GLSA LLM Rep.

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From Michael Moll (m.moll@mail.utoronto.ca), Graduate Education Faculty Committee Rep.

7. Women in the Boardroom: What Needs to Change?

LLM students are invited to join the Business Development Society for our second conference and reception. The speakers panel will include Mary Condon (Vice-Commissioner, OSC), Maureen Kempston Darkes (former President, GM Canada), Melissa Kennedy (General Counsel and VP, Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan) and Carol Hansell (founder, Hansell LLP). The panel will be followed by Q&A and a reception sponsored by McCarthy Tetrault LLP. Drinks and appetizers will be served.

Date: Thursday, Jan. 30th

Time: 4:30-7:30 pm

Location: VC 112 (Victoria College)

RSVP: businessdevelopmentsociety@gmail.com

From Laura Mcgee, Founder & Chair of the Business Development Society

8. Nominations accepted for 2014/15 GSU Elections!

Dear Fellow UTGSU Members,

We are happy to announce that the following individuals have been successfully nominated for this year's UTGSU Executive Elections!

Academic and Funding Commissioner Div. 3&4: Michael Jones and Hussain Masoom

Internal Commissioner: Nickie Van Lier and Tenjin Choden Shrestha

Civics and Environment Commissioner: Susanne Waldorf

However we still have the following positions that are open for nominations (extended deadline: **Friday January 31, 5pm**) :

Finance and University Governance Commissioner

Duties include: to liaise with University administration; ensure graduate representation on University decision-making bodies; ensure communication between the Union and graduate student representatives on

University committees; chair the committee dealing with University Governance; present financial recommendations to Council; in cooperation with Finance Office, prepare and submit annual audit; and, chair the committees dealing with Finance and University Governance.

External Commissioner

Duties include: to coordinate implementation of provincial and federal campaigns of organizations of which the Union is a member; oversee provincial and federal lobbying efforts; act as the Union's liaison with external bodies; attend meetings and conferences that enhance the interests of the Union; inform Council of external issues affecting members of the Union; and, chair the committee dealing with Social Justice.

Academic and Funding Commissioner Div. 1&2

Duties include: to liaise with School of Graduate Studies (SGS) and faculties in Divisions 1 and 2; monitor implementation of university and departmental student funding policies for students in Divisions 1 and 2; represent the Union on the Graduate Education Council; and, co-chair the committee dealing with Academics and Funding.

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The honorarium for each position's term is approximately ~\$14,500

In order to streamline our elections process and to keep with the forecasted elections date and mandatory meetings the extended nomination period for the above UTGSU Exec Positions will be open for one week only.

Nominations are due and will close on Friday January 31st, 2014 by 5pm .

Successful candidates are required to attend a mandatory meeting scheduled for Wed Feb 5th at 5pm in the UTGSU lounge (16 Bancroft Ave).

We will regularly update the UTGSU website with election information: www.utgsu.ca/elections .

Full description of duties for each Executive Officer in Article 7 of the UTGSU By-Law (www.utgsu.ca/by-law).

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me, the Chief Returning Officer of this year's election, at cro@utgsu.ca .

From Natasha Jamal, Chief Returning Officer, 2014 UTGSU Election

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7. UTGSU Council Meeting: Mon Jan 27, 6:10pm
8. UTGSU Gym February Bookings: Fri Jan 30, 10am
9. Free Yoga in the UTGSU Gym: Tues Jan 28, 1:30-3:30pm
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Submit an item

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FEB 4, 2014

We should emphasize not Negro History, but the Negro in history. What we need is not a history of selected races or nations, but the history of the world void of national bias, race hate, and religious prejudice.
Carter Woodson (historian and author)

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1. Black History is Everyone's History by Sara Ghebremusse

A few weeks ago I asked Sara if she would be interested in writing something for Black History month. She said yes and wrote this thoughtful piece:

February is Black History Month in Canada. It has been celebrated in Canada since the 1950s, but was only officially recognized by the Parliament of Canada in December 1995.

Each year, Canadians of African and Caribbean descent come together to mark the contributions their communities have made to Canada and the world. It is a time to share histories that are not commonly told. Black history is missing from mainstream understandings of Canadian and world history. February is the time each year when Black Canadians remind those who are listening that we matter, that we've played a part in the formation of our modern world.

Which is unfortunate. The need for Black History Month to exist demonstrates how sidelined Black History is in Canada. Devoting 28 days out of 365 to the celebration of a vast store of history does little justice to the role Black people have made to Canada and the world.

So what should be done? Integrating Black history into our common understanding of Canadian and world history is not an easy task. But it can begin with simple revisions to Canadian curricula. Growing up, I barely learned about the contributions that non-white Canadians made to this country. Canadian history was limited to the English and French, with a minor role for Aboriginal peoples. Eventually other

white Europeans came into play, but nothing was said of the Chinese, Japanese, South Asians, Blacks or other non-whites who made this country what it is today. For example, the history of slavery in Canada is often overlooked. As are other dark moments in Canada's history, including the Komagata Maru tragedy when over 350 passengers from India aboard a Japanese ship were refused admission to Canada in 1914. If the stories of non-white individuals and communities are taught and shared, perhaps mainstream understandings of Canada will become more inclusive and holistic.

Nonetheless, February has been set aside as a time to celebrate Black Canadians. But Black Canadians should not celebrate alone – Black history is everyone's history. Below is a list of sources that include information about Black History Month events in Toronto. Take a look; hopefully there's something that piques your interest.

City of Toronto:

<http://www.toronto.ca/blackhistory/>

TD Then & Now Series Events:

<http://www.tddiversityevents.com/events/blackhistorymonth/>

University of Toronto Hart House:

<http://harthouse.ca/events/black-history-month-opening-ceremony/>

Toronto Black Film Festival:

<http://torontoblackfilm.com/complete-2014-tbff-film-selection/#.UuB9YmQo6CQ>

Law Society of Upper Canada:

<http://www.lawsocietygazette.ca/event/bhm/>

From Sara Ghebremusse, Gender, Accessibility and Diversity Faculty Committee Representative

2. Quotes of the Week for February

This month's quotes will reflect Black History Month. They were chosen by Sara Ghebremusse, one of the Gender, Accessibility and Diversity Faculty Committee Reps.

From Rohan Mathai, GLSA Pres.

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From Dustin Gumpinger (dustingumpinger@gmail.com), GLSA Member at Large

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What?

- Pub Trivia!!! For general info on pub trivia, see: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pub_quiz

Where?

- It will be held at the Pour Girl Pub on 191 College St.:
<http://www.pourgirl.ca/Pages/default.aspx>

When?

- We will meet on the 2nd floor of Pour Girl pub on Wednesday, at 7pm for a drink, dinner, etc... People can play trivia from 8-10pm or head down to the first floor to socialize.
- It is ok to come at any time (but look around for us on both floors) and you are welcome to bring friends.

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From Michael Moll (m.moll@mail.utoronto.ca), Graduate Education Faculty Committee Rep.

6. End-of-Term Dinner Survey (Friday deadline)

All good things must come to an end and in recognition of this, we are thinking of having an end-of-term dinner to mark the passage of the last year.

The GLSA would be able to subsidise the cost of the dinner, which would mean that a contribution of \$20 to \$30 per head would be required from those attending, for a set menu not including drinks. We would propose to charge the same amount for plus-ones. The contribution would be payable before we book the restaurant (ie, in the next few weeks or so) and would be non-refundable once the restaurant booking is made.

We would like to gauge interest before making any decision. Would you please use the link below to give your input?

<http://paddysimon2014.poll daddy.com/s/end-of-term-dinner>

The survey will close on 7 February 2014 at 5pm, after which time the GLSA will make a decision on whether there is sufficient interest to have this event. If we do decide to proceed with this, we will require a deposit to be paid fairly quickly so that we can make a booking.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

From Patrick Simon (patrick.simon@utoronto.ca), GLSA Member At Large

7. Friday Afternoon Coffee (last one!!!)

We will be heading out for coffee/drinks after the LLM workshop on Friday. Everyone is welcome to attend, including non-LLMs. Nibbles will be provided.

Where:

- The award winning 7 West Café, located on 7 Charles Street West (near the Charles/Yonge intersection): <http://www.7westcafe.com/>

When:

- We will head over whenever the workshop finishes, which should be around 2pm.

From Rohan Mathai, GLSA Pres.

8. Niagara Winery Tour (reading week)

I am willing to take folks again to Niagara wine country during reading week (thinking probably on Feb. 17, which is also a holiday, but can be flexible as to day). If you're interested, email me at basil.alexander@mail.utoronto.ca so that I can get a sense of numbers, and I'll co-ordinate/finalize the details in due course with those interested.

From Basil Alexander, the GLSA LLM Rep

9. Open Mic & Trivia Night (Feb 26th)

The GLSA will be doing an open mic/trivia night with the Masters of Information science students on Wednesday, February 26th. Stay tuned for details.

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When:

- Monday, March 3rd from about 12-2pm

Where:

- To be determined

From Rohan Mathai, GLSA Pres.

11. Equity and Diversity Survey

The Gender, Accessibility and Diversity Committee has released its Equity and Diversity Survey. It can be accessed at:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/12tTcFxA5YcE4WkoVySQfFMtxt5vK8tlxMoBdvwmYAtQ/viewform>.

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From Michael Da Silva and Sara Ghebremusse, GLSA Gender, Accessibility and Diversity Committee Representatives

12. UTGSU Minimum Funding Petition

Here is a quick link to a petition: www.utgsu.ca/povertyline

From Akshita K. Vincent, UTGSU Academic and Funding Commissioner

13. UTGSU Elections Update!

Dear Fellow UTGSU Members,

As our UTGSU Elections is quickly approaching, we'd like to update you on a few items:

- 1) New Candidates
- 2) Nominations for Academic and Funding Commissioner Div. 1&2 extended!
- 3) Elections Debate - Thurs Feb 13, 4-6pm!
- 4) Job Opportunity, Looking for Election Engagers

- 1) New Candidates:

The following is an updated list including new candidates who have been successfully nominated for the following positions:

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Completed nomination forms can be scanned and emailed to cro@utgsu.ca and delivered personally to the UTGSU office at the St. George Campus on 16 Bancroft Ave.

3) Elections Debate Thurs Feb 13, 4-6pm:

Get to know your UTGSU Election Candidates by joining us at our Elections Debate on Thursday Feb 13th from 4-6pm at University College in room 161. You'll have a chance to ask them questions, and hear their platforms. Make an informed decision at the ballot box this month! There will be free food as well (including vegan and gluten free options)!

4) Job Opportunity, Looking for Election Engagers:

We're looking for people to market this year's UTGSU Elections! Are you someone who isn't afraid to approach and talk to graduate students on this year's upcoming union executive elections? We're looking for graduate students who are willing to connect with people from the ground up, go around to campus student offices, approach graduate students one-on-one or in groups, and let them know about this year's UTGSU elections in a non-partisan manner. We basically want to bring in more graduate student engagement and have a large voter turnout! Think you can do this?

This is a paid position, at \$14 an hour and we expect up to 15 hours of work for each week before the elections' voting period ends, the position starts immediately and runs until (February 27, 2014). For more information or to sign up, email this year's CRO, Natasha Jamal, at cro@utgsu.ca

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Dr. Maya Angelou (author and poet)

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From Rohan Mathai, GLSA Pres

4. Professional Headshots at U of T Law (Thursday)

Dear graduate law students,

A photographer from Media Room will be on campus on Thursday, February 13th to take students' headshots for LinkedIn, Facebook, and other online profiles. Media Room can do professional, casual, and/or group photographs. They have agreed to offer a discount rate of \$50 for U of T students. This includes the sitting fee, 5-7 digital copies of your best photographs, and professional editing. Book early as space is limited.

When: Thurs. Feb. 13th, 9am - 5pm

Where: SLS Office, 78 Queens Park (Flavelle)

Price: \$50 + tax

What if I don't like my photographs? Media Room does re-takes at no extra cost (subject to availability). Media Room also offers intensive editing for an additional fee.

How to book an appointment:

Go to <http://www.themediaroom.ca/schedule/>. Select "Book Now". Select February 13th. Choose a time that works for you. You will receive e-mail confirmation within 3 days.

Questions? E-mail contact@themediaroom.ca.

From Laura McGee, 3L University of Toronto Law Student

5. Shut Up and Write (Friday)

Shut Up and Write is back!!!

What?

- 'Shut Up and Write' is a University of Melbourne GSU tradition based on the effective [Pomodoro](#) technique. It helps you to focus and engage with your writing. To get the most out of it, it is best to have done some reading on the topic that you're writing on beforehand.

Where?

- Ned's Café, 150 Charles Street West

When?

- Friday, at 9:15am. It's ok if you're late, but just join us quietly if we're in the midst of a writing sprint.

How?

- Just bring along a laptop (or pen and paper), grab a coffee and dedicate an hour or two to writing your thesis, assignment, journal article, book, blog or what have you in a convivial atmosphere. Here's the schedule:
 - 9:15am - meet, coffee, chat
 - 9:30am - writing sprint 1
 - 9:55am - coffee, chat
 - 10:05am - writing sprint 2
 - 10:30am - coffee, chat
 - 10:40am - writing sprint 3

- 11:05am - end for those who need to get back to other things, but anyone who wants to remain, can.

From Roban Mathai, GLSA Pres.

6. Niagara Winery Tour (Feb 17th)

We have enough for the Niagara wine trip on Feb 17th, but I wanted to do a last call in case there were any remaining folks interested. Expected cost is \$20-25 to your driver for gas, and then you're on your own for wine tastings/food/wine. I expect we'll do 4-5 wineries in the day, and please let me know by the end of Wednesday if you're interested. Otherwise, I'll be in touch with the interested folks on Thursday to finalize the trip details and numbers.

From Basil Alexander (basil.alexander@mail.utoronto.ca), the GLSA LLM Rep

7. Equity and Diversity Survey

The Equity and Diversity Survey will be available online until February 18 at 4pm. It can be accessed at:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/12fTcFxA5YcE4WkoVySQfFMtxt5vK8tlxMoBdvwmYAtQ/viewform>

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Thank you for your participation.

From Michael Da Silva & Sara Ghebremusse, GLSA Gender, Accessibility, and Diversity Committee Representatives

8. Open Mic & Trivia Night (Feb 26th)



The GLSA will be doing an Open Mic & Trivia night with the Masters of Information Science students on Wednesday, February 26th. Look at the attached poster made up by the Masters of Information Science students!

What:

- Trivia & Open Mic! The night will start-off with trivia and end with open mic. Open Mic involves people showcasing their musical talent on stage. This can involve singing, playing an instrument, or both. People can perform individually or in groups.

How:

- If you just want to play trivia and watch fellow graduate students perform, then just show up.
- If you want to perform, then let Aine O'Conner (GLSA Member At Large) know by email at aine.oconnor@mail.utoronto.ca. There will be a keyboard there, but you'll need to bring any other instruments. We already have one graduate law student performing, so it would be great to get a few others.

Where:

- Sammy's Student Exchange, 7 Hart House Cir

When:

- Wednesday, February 26th, 8-10pm

From Roban Mathai, GLSA Pres.

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When:

- Tuesday, March 4th, 1230-2pm

Where:

- Solarium (FA2), Falconer Hall, 84 Queen's Park

From Roban Mathai, GLSA Pres.

10. Komagata Maru Week (March 10 - 15)

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Komagata Maru Episode. The Komagata Maru Episode relates to the 1914 incident where a Japanese steamship carrying 376 migrants of Indian origin arrived in Vancouver's Burrard Inlet. The passengers were denied entry due to Canada's racist exclusionary immigration policies at the time, which targeted Chinese, Japanese, Indian and other Asian migrants.

To commemorate the anniversary, the Osgoode South Asian Law Students' Association will be hosting [Komagata Maru Week](#) from March 10 -15. The following events will be held:

- **[March 10 - 15:](#)** The Sikh Heritage Museum of Canada's Komagata Maru Collection will be on display at Osgoode Hall Law School ([RSVP](#)).

- **Monday, March 10:** Continuous Journey, an award winning documentary on the episode will be screened, followed by a Q+A session by director Ali Kazimi ([RSVP](#)).
- **Tuesday, March 11:** University of Toronto Professor Audrey Macklin will deliver a lecture entitled Getting to We: The Komagata Maru, the Unmaking of Empire and the Making of a Settler Society, placing the episode in Canada's broader immigration history and connecting it to current immigration policy ([RSVP](#)).
- **Wednesday, March 12:** Pardeep Nagra, Executive Director of the Sikh Heritage Museum of Canada, will lecture on the history of Sikhs in Canada, with specific reference to the Komagata Maru Episode ([RSVP](#)).
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These events will not only explore what happened in Vancouver's Burrard Inlet a century ago, but also situate the episode in the broader context of Canadian history and draw links to contemporary migratory discourses, laws and policies.

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What?

- Pub Trivia!!! For general info on pub trivia, see: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pub_quiz

Where?

- It will be held at the Pour Girl Pub on 191 College St.: <http://www.pourgirl.ca/Pages/default.aspx>

When?

- We will meet on the 2nd floor of Pour Girl pub on Wednesday, at 7pm for a drink, dinner, etc... At 8pm, we will start playing trivia.
- It is ok to come at any time and you are welcome to bring friends.

From Roban Mathai, GLSA Pres

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[paraphrased]

Hi,

We are having an academic conference this weekend. It would be great if some students were in the neighborhood and available to make it.

From Courtney Doagoo (bdoagoo@uottawa.ca), University of Ottawa GLSA Social Commissioner

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Dear General Council members and Course Union Presidents,

As you may know, elections for the two graduate seats on Governing Council (Constituency I - i.e. Div. 1/2 - and Constituency II - i.e. Div. 3/4) are open and will run until this Friday - February 21st.

To help all graduate students make informed decision, the UTGSU had sent three questions to the candidates. Please see attached for the candidate responses to such questions.

Additionally, the UTGSU executive had invited candidates to a meeting to know more about the candidates. As a result, the UTGSU executive has decided to endorse Alex Harris for the constituency II (Div. 3/4) and not endorse any other candidate.

Please exercise your right to vote and encourage other graduate students to vote through ROSI: <http://www.rosi.utoronto.ca/>

From Aman Gebru (aman.gebru@mail.utoronto.ca), UTGSU Finance and University Governance Commissioner

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Dear UTGSU Members,

A reminder that your UTGSU Executive Elections VOTING start **tomorrow, Tues Feb 25th 2014!**

Think you've already voted? Nope - that was the Governing Council elections, UofT's highest governing body. We're not promoting the governing council elections but YOUR Union Exec Elections!

What's at Stake? And what are some of the things that the Graduate Student Union Execs are responsible for?

- * How comprehensive your graduate student health plan is, who the broker is, what's covered
- * Funding your course union (departmental graduate student association) via head grants
- * Supporting important levy groups, such as Bike Chain, Centre for Women's and Trans people, Downtown Legal Services, and Harvest Noon
- * Representing your interests on University of Toronto Academic and Governing Council bodies
- * Representing your interests on University of Toronto Student Services and External Committees

This past year your UTGSU Execs helped spear-head important campaigns such as the minimum student funding package, post-funding fees, advocating for food justice, accessible transit, opposing the Hart House summer user fee, removing the external copy right licence fee, and addressing graduate student harassment and mental health issues.

Want to ensure the above work carries on and that your incidental fees are directed to the candidate who will support your needs?

Then VOTE!

This year we've increased the number of polling locations for easier access! The list of timings and closest poll

locations can be found here: www.utgsu.ca/elections/polls

A list of the candidates who are running with their statements can be found here:
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Missed the All-Candidate Debates and want to better inform yourself? Then watch the debate here:
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Any questions or concerns? Feel free to contact the 2014 UTGSU CRO at: cro@utgsu.ca

From Natasha Jamal (cro@utgsu.ca), CRO- 2014 GSU Elections

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Moderator: Ron Choudhury, Partner, Aird & Berlis

Panelists:

- Chris Bentley, Executive Director, Law Practice Program, Ryerson University
- Deborah Wolfe, Managing Director, National Committee on Accreditation
- Mehreen Alavi, Associate General Counsel, FanXchange Ltd.

- Sirpal Randhawa, Associate, Gowling Lafleur Henderson on secondment as Associate Counsel, Day & Ross Inc.

Seating is limited so please **RSVP** as soon as possible at:

<https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07e8xdqdiq6e6d1341&c=f9239e10-4bbd-11e3-8bb0-d4ae529ce48a&ch=f9272080-4bbd-11e3-8bb0-d4ae529ce48a>

We are seeking accreditation for this session with the Law Society of Upper Canada.

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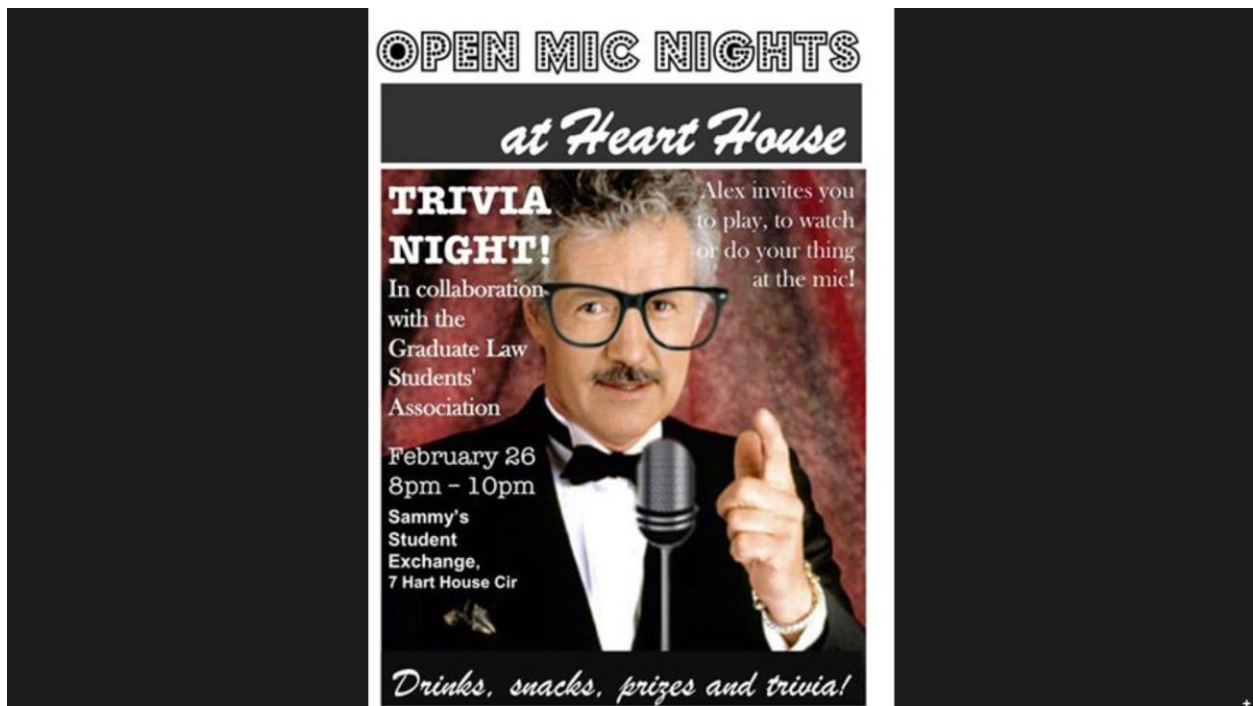
- Wednesday February 26, 2014, from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Where:

- Ontario Bar Association, 20 Toronto Street, Suite 300, Toronto, ON M5C 2B8

From the South Asian Bar Association (sabatoronto@gmail.com)

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7. Mentorship/Networking Opportunity

The South Asian Bar Association (SABA) has kindly offered to provide mentors or networking opportunities to any interested graduate law students. Potential mentors/connections include lawyers, professors in law, etc...

What:

- This can be networking or mentorship opportunity. A networking opportunity can involve a one-time chat where you can learn about the relevant person’s area of law, etc... A mentorship is an on-going relationship where the mentor may provide you with advice over the course of years.

How:

- For networking:

- Contact myself (r.mathai@mail.utoronto.ca) or Reshma Kishnani, SABA Director and Law School Liaison, at RKishnani@basmansmith.com. Tell either of us whether you are interested in a lawyer or a professor, the area of law, and what you are looking for more generally. You could also ask to be connected to one of the SABA Directors listed here:
<http://sabatoronto.com/about-us/saba-board/>
- For mentorship:
 - To attain a mentor, you will need to pay the SABA membership fee of \$25 and become a member: <http://sabatoronto.com/join-saba-or-get-involved/saba-membership/>
 - You will then sign up as a mentee: <http://sabatoronto.com/join-saba-or-get-involved/mentorship-program/mentee-sign-up/>
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Shut Up and Write is back!!!

What?

- 'Shut Up and Write', a University of Melbourne GSU tradition, is based on the effective [Pomodoro](#) technique. It helps you to focus and engage with your writing. To get the most out of it, it is best to have done some reading on the topic that you're writing on beforehand.

Where?

- Ned's Café, 150 Charles Street West

When?

- Friday, at 9:15am. It's ok if you're late, but just join us quietly if we're in the midst of a writing sprint.

How?

- Just bring along a laptop (or pen and paper), grab a coffee and dedicate an hour or two to writing your thesis, assignment, journal article, book, blog or what have you in a convivial atmosphere. Here's the schedule:
 - 9:15am - meet, coffee, chat
 - 9:30am - writing sprint 1
 - 9:55am - coffee, chat
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 - 10:30am - coffee, chat
 - 10:40am - writing sprint 3
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From Roban Mathai, GLSA Pres.

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This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Komagata Maru Episode. The Komagata Maru Episode relates to the 1914 incident where a Japanese steamship carrying 376 migrants of Indian origin arrived in Vancouver's Burrard Inlet. The passengers were denied entry due to Canada's racist exclusionary immigration policies at the time, which targeted Chinese, Japanese, Indian and other Asian migrants.

To commemorate the anniversary, the Osgoode South Asian Law Students' Association will be hosting [Komagata Maru Week](#) from March 10 -15. The following events will be held:

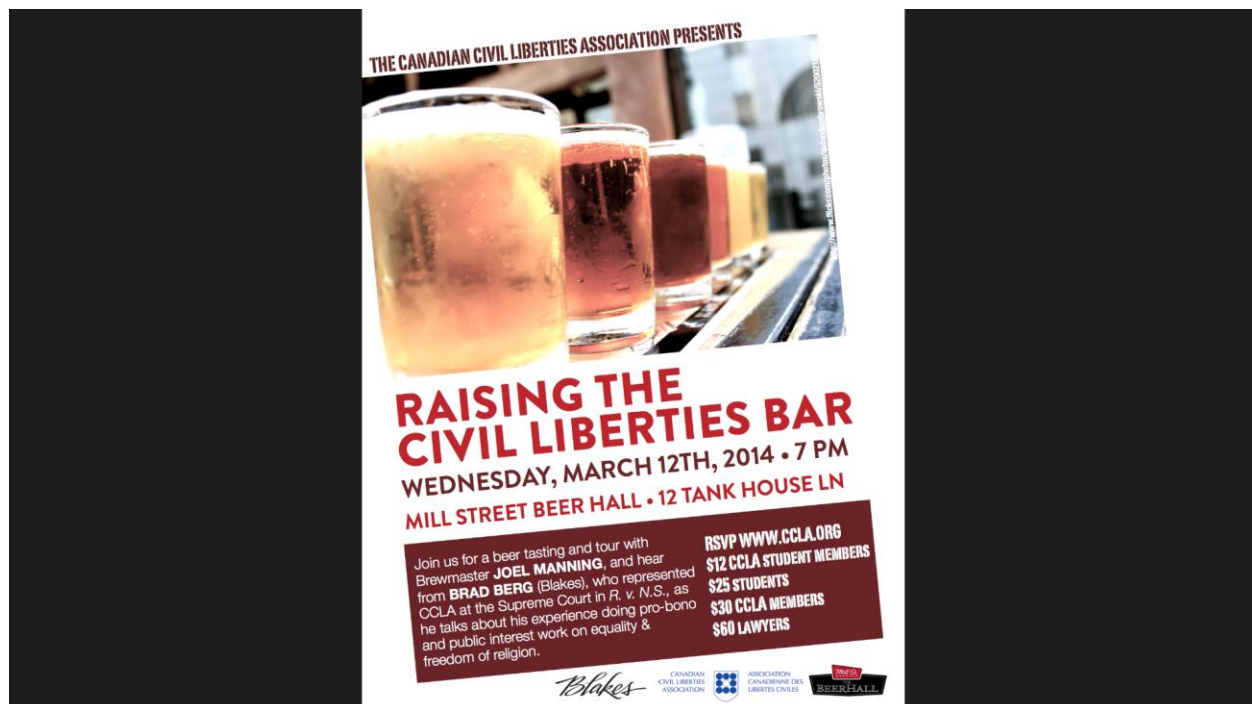
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5. Raising the Civil Liberties Bar (March 12th, 7pm)



[paraphrased]

Dear members of the U of T Graduate law students association,

I am contacting you from the Canadian Civil Liberties Association. I would like to invite you personally to our event Raising the Civil Liberties Bar, as I think you would be interested in the legal, beer and networking aspect of it.

I have attached the poster for the event. We do have limited space, so if you can sign up early that would be wonderful.

Thank you very much for your time.

From Bruno Savoie (bruno@savoie.com) & Dora Chan (dchan@ccla.org), Canadian Civil Liberties Association

6. End-of-Semester Dinner (March 20th)

Dear all,

Thanks to everyone who participated in the survey about the end of term dinner. We were happy to see that there was very strong interest in this event.

We are now able to confirm that the end of term dinner will take place on **20 March 2014 at 1930** at **JOEY Eaton Centre Grill/Lounge**.

Details are as follows:

When?

- 20th March 2014 at 19.30

Where?

- JOEY Eaton Centre, 1 Dundas Street West (on the south side of Dundas, just west of Yonge Street)

What?

- Pre-dinner drinks and a three-course meal

How Much?

- \$30 per person (includes three-course meal and 1 drink ticket)
- Tickets may also be purchased for guests, also at \$30 each

Please Note: TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE, as below:

Where?

- The Lounge area just outside VIC101

When?

- Tuesday March 11th, 2014: 1pm - 4pm (from Erin Morgan & Aine O'Connor)
- Wednesday March 12th, 2014: 1pm - 4pm (from Patrick Simon & Erin Morgan)
- Thursday March 13th, 2014: 1pm - 4pm (from Aine O'Connor)

How?

- In Cash

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From Andrew Martin (andrew.martin@mail.utoronto.ca), GLSA Library and Technology Faculty Committee Rep

9. Mentorship/Networking Opportunity

The South Asian Bar Association (SABA) has kindly offered to provide mentors or networking opportunities to any interested graduate law students. Potential mentors/connections include lawyers, professors in law, etc...

What:

- This can be networking or mentorship opportunity. A networking opportunity can involve one or more chats where you can learn about the relevant person's area of law, etc... A mentorship is an on-going relationship where the mentor may provide you with advice over the course of years.

How:

- For networking:
 - Contact Reshma Kishnani, SABA Director and Law School Liaison, at RKishnani@basmansmith.com or myself (r.mathai@mail.utoronto.ca). Tell either of us whether you are interested in a lawyer or a professor, the area of law, and what you are looking for more generally. You could also ask to be connected to one of the SABA Directors listed here: <http://sabatoronto.com/about-us/saba-board/>
- For mentorship:
 - To attain a mentor, you will need to pay the SABA membership fee of \$25 and become a member: <http://sabatoronto.com/join-saba-or-get-involved/saba-membership/>
 - You will then sign up as a mentee: <http://sabatoronto.com/join-saba-or-get-involved/mentorship-program/mentee-sign-up/>
 - Please note that it can take several months for SABA to match you with a mentor.

From Roban Mathai, GLSA Pres.

10. Your 2014 UTGSU Election Results

Dear UTGSU Members,

I'm happy to announce this year's newly elected UTGSU Executives. These individuals have been elected by your fellow members during our Elections voting period, Tuesday Feb 25th to Thursday Feb 27th 2014.

Please note that the following results are unofficial as the final results from the ballot count need to be ratified in the next regular UTGSU Council Rep meeting held at the end of March.

Nonetheless, I would like to congratulate the following people who were elected in their respective positions:

Academics and Funding Div 1&2:

Walter Callighan

Academics and Funding Div 3&4:

Hussain Masoom

Civics and Environmental Commissioner:

Susanne Waldorf

External Commissioner:

Leah Bender

Finance and University Governance Commissioner:

Soaleha Shams

Internal Commissioner:

Nickie Van Lier

A breakdown of ballot counts for each position will be available online next week at: www.utgsu.ca/elections

Thanks to everyone who helped make this year's elections a success. A special thanks to all candidates who ran, those who came out to support and vote, our election committee members, UTGSU support staff, our election engagers, posterers, and poll clerks! Here's to a successful term!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

It was a pleasure serving as your CRO.

From Natasba Jamal (cro@utgsu.ca), UTGSU Chief Returning Officer

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Dear all,

Thanks to everyone who participated in the survey about the end of term dinner. We were happy to see that there was very strong interest in this event. We are now able to confirm the end of term dinner will take place on **20 March 2014 at 1930** at **JOEY Eaton Centre Grill/Lounge**.

DINNER DETAILS are as follows:

When?

- 20th March 2014 at 19.30

Where?

- JOEY Eaton Centre, 1 Dundas Street West (on the south side of Dundas, just west of Yonge Street)

What?

- Pre-dinner drinks and a three-course meal

How Much?

- \$30 per person (includes three-course meal and 1 drink ticket)
- Tickets may also be purchased for guests, also at \$30 each

TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE, as below:

Where?

- The Lounge area just outside VIC101

When?

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CBC discussed Komagata Maru Week today:

<http://www.cbc.ca/metromorning/episodes/2014/03/10/learning-from-history/>

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Komagata Maru Episode. The Komagata Maru Episode relates to the 1914 incident where a Japanese steamship carrying 376 migrants of Indian origin arrived in Vancouver's Burrard Inlet. The passengers were denied entry due to Canada's racist exclusionary immigration policies at the time, which targeted Chinese, Japanese, Indian and other Asian migrants.

To commemorate the anniversary, the Osgoode South Asian Law Students' Association will be hosting [Komagata Maru Week](#) from March 10 -15. The following events will be held:

- **[March 10 - 15:](#)** The Sikh Heritage Museum of Canada's Komagata Maru Collection will be on display at Osgoode Hall Law School ([RSVP](#)).
- **[Monday, March 10:](#)** Continuous Journey, an award winning documentary on the episode will be screened, followed by a Q+A session by director Ali Kazimi ([RSVP](#)).
- **[Tuesday, March 11:](#)** University of Toronto Professor Audrey Macklin will deliver a lecture entitled Getting to We: The Komagata Maru, the Unmaking of Empire and the Making of a Settler Society, placing the episode in Canada's broader immigration history and connecting it to current immigration policy ([RSVP](#)).
- **[Wednesday, March 12:](#)** Pardeep Nagra, Executive Director of the Sikh Heritage Museum of Canada, will lecture on the history of Sikhs in Canada, with specific reference to the Komagata Maru Episode ([RSVP](#)).

- **Thursday, March 13:** Former Premier of British Columbia, The Honourable Mr. Ujjal Dosanjh PC QC, will explain why he opposes government apologies for historical wrongs perpetrated against cultural communities in Canada (sponsored by the [Osgoode Alumni Association](#) — [RSVP](#)).

These events will not only explore what happened in Vancouver's Burrard Inlet a century ago, but also situate the episode in the broader context of Canadian history and draw links to contemporary migratory discourses, laws and policies.

While events during Komagata Maru Week are free and open to all, donations will be accepted on behalf of the [Canadian Association of Refugee Lawyers](#).

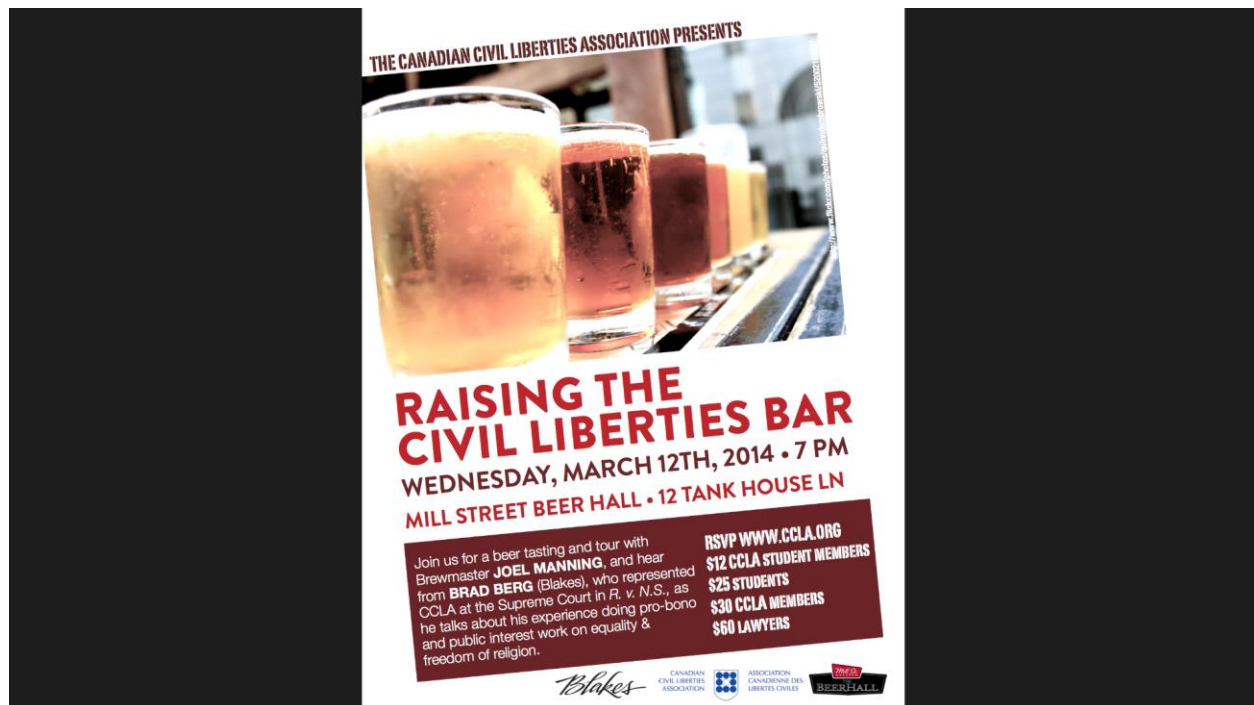
From Avnish Nanda (avnishnanda@gmail.com), Komagata Maru Week Founder & Organizer

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From Dustin Gumpinger (dustingumpinger@gmail.com), GLSA Member at Large

4. Raising the Civil Liberties Bar (March 12th, 7pm)



[paraphrased]

Dear members of the U of T Graduate law students association,

I am contacting you from the Canadian Civil Liberties Association. I would like to invite you personally to our event Raising the Civil Liberties Bar, as I think you would be interested in the legal, beer and networking aspect of it.

I have attached the poster for the event. We do have limited space, so if you can sign up early that would be wonderful.

Thank you very much for your time.

From Bruno Savoie (bruno@savoie.com) & Dora Chan (dchan@ccla.org), Canadian Civil Liberties Association

5. Environmental Sustainability - Transition Space Inquiry (March 12th deadline)

On behalf of the environmental sustainability committee I would like to canvas all graduates for their input on the law school transition space. If anyone has any suggestions or concerns about the transition space please email me before this Thursday, March 13th so that I can flag these issues at the committee meeting.

Thanks in advance.

From Aine O'Connor (aine.oconnor@mail.utoronto.ca), GLSA Member At Large

6. Input on Appointment of Interim Dean (March 12th deadline)

The Vice-President and Provost of the University of Toronto has asked my input on the appointment of the Interim Dean of the Faculty of Law. This is because, as you probably know, Dean Mayo Moran has recently accepted the position of Provost and Vice-Chancellor of Trinity College.

If you have thoughts on the desired qualities of an Interim Dean or would like to put forward individual nominations then please let me know on or before Wednesday of this week.

From Rohan Mathai (r.mathai@mail.utoronto.ca), GLSA Pres.

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- hosting panel discussions on issues affecting human rights, equity and diversity
- establishing a network between students, alumni and a broader legal community
- fundraising and volunteering for the South Asian legal clinic in Toronto
- inviting speakers from the South Asian legal community to share their views and expertise
- addressing diversity related issues at the law school
- encouraging mentoring programs for high school students

If you are interested in joining SALSA, then please contact me at r.mathai@mail.utoronto.ca

From Rohan Mathai, GLSA Pres. & SALSA Exec.

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10. Three Minute Thesis 3MT Competition – Registration is open!
11. Apply For a Hart House Committee
12. UTBA Career Navigator Conference: Sat Mar 15
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MAR 18, 2014

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Private dining area.

Schedule of events:

- 7.30: Arrival & Drinks (one drink ticket per attendee will be provided, additional drinks may be purchased)
- 8.00: Three-course dinner
- 9.30: Drinks (cash bar)
- From 9:30 onwards, anyone who has not purchased a ticket in advance is most welcome to join us for drinks. We have the space booked for the entire evening (JOEY closes at 2am).

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Neel Joshi

- Senior Recruitment, Admissions & Diversity Outreach Officer, University of Toronto Faculty of Law

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[paraphrased]

This is an extraordinary study abroad program in India—the only ABA accredited summer law program on the subcontinent. Now in its 18th year, the program brings students from law schools across the country for a month of study and cross-cultural experiences. We start in Delhi and then move to Shimla for two weeks and then to Dharamsala for another two weeks. While in Dharamsala, we become immersed in the human rights issues facing Tibetans and there are opportunities for interested students to engage in meaningful field research on behalf of the exile Tibetan community.

The application process is quite simple – see www.tourolaw.edu/summerprograms for the application and details about the program. The program is open to JDs and graduate law students.

Thanks,

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Co-Director of Summer Abroad Programs
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From Eileen Kaufman and Louise Harmon, Program Co-Directors

6. International Graduate Legal Research Conference (IGLRC) 2014 (April 14th - 15th)(see attachments)

The eighth annual International Graduate Legal Research Conference (IGLRC) will be held on the **14-15 April 2014** at **King's College London**, home of one of the top 25 law schools worldwide and located in the heart of London's legal district.

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Programme is confirmed at www.iglr.com/programme featuring the following themed panels:

Commercial Law
Competition Law
Criminal Law
Environmental Law
European Union Law
Human Rights Law
Intellectual Property
Legal Theory
Public Law
Public International Law

We are pleased to announce that we will have two keynote speeches this year. The first will be by [Prof. David Nelken](#), our new Associate Dean for Research and the second by our co-sponsor, Public International Law firm, [Volterra Fietta](#). Amazon voucher prizes are available for **best presentation** and **best poster**!

To register, follow the link to the KCL e-store: <http://bit.ly/1iSXQ0j>

Those registering in advance will receive a £5 discount, paying **£50** for the whole conference.

Visit www.iglr.com for further information.

Be part of [#IGLRC2014](#) on Twitter [@IGLRC](#) or by liking IGLRC on [Facebook](#)

From Mathilde Groppo & Adrienne Yong (marketing@iglr.com)

7. **UTGSU Joint Letter on Referendum re: Continued Membership in CFS/CFS-O(see attachment)**

[paraphrased]

Dear all,

The attached letter is to the whole of the membership regarding our referendum on continued membership in the Canadian Federation of Students. It will also be posted to our website (www.utgsu.ca/cfs-updates) shortly.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Brad Evoy
UTGSU External Commissioner
MA - History of Education.

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(LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED)

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We will be running Shut Up and Write this week. Beverages and snacks provided.

What?

- 'Shut Up and Write', a University of Melbourne GSU tradition, is based on the effective [Pomodoro](#) technique. It helps you to focus and engage with your writing.
- More info on the Pomodoro technique: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pomodoro_Technique

Where?

- Ned's Café, 150 Charles Street West

When?

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Where?

- It will be held at the Duke of York Pub on 39 Prince Arthur Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, M5R 1B2 near the St. George subway station.
 - <http://dukepubs.ca/york/location/>

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- It will start at 7pm and probably end around 10pm.
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You can find an article of the event on the law school's faculty page:

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South Asian Law Students' Association (SALSA UofT) presents
A special screening of:

THE WORLD BEFORE HER

followed by Q&A with the director
A FILM BY NISHA PAHUJA

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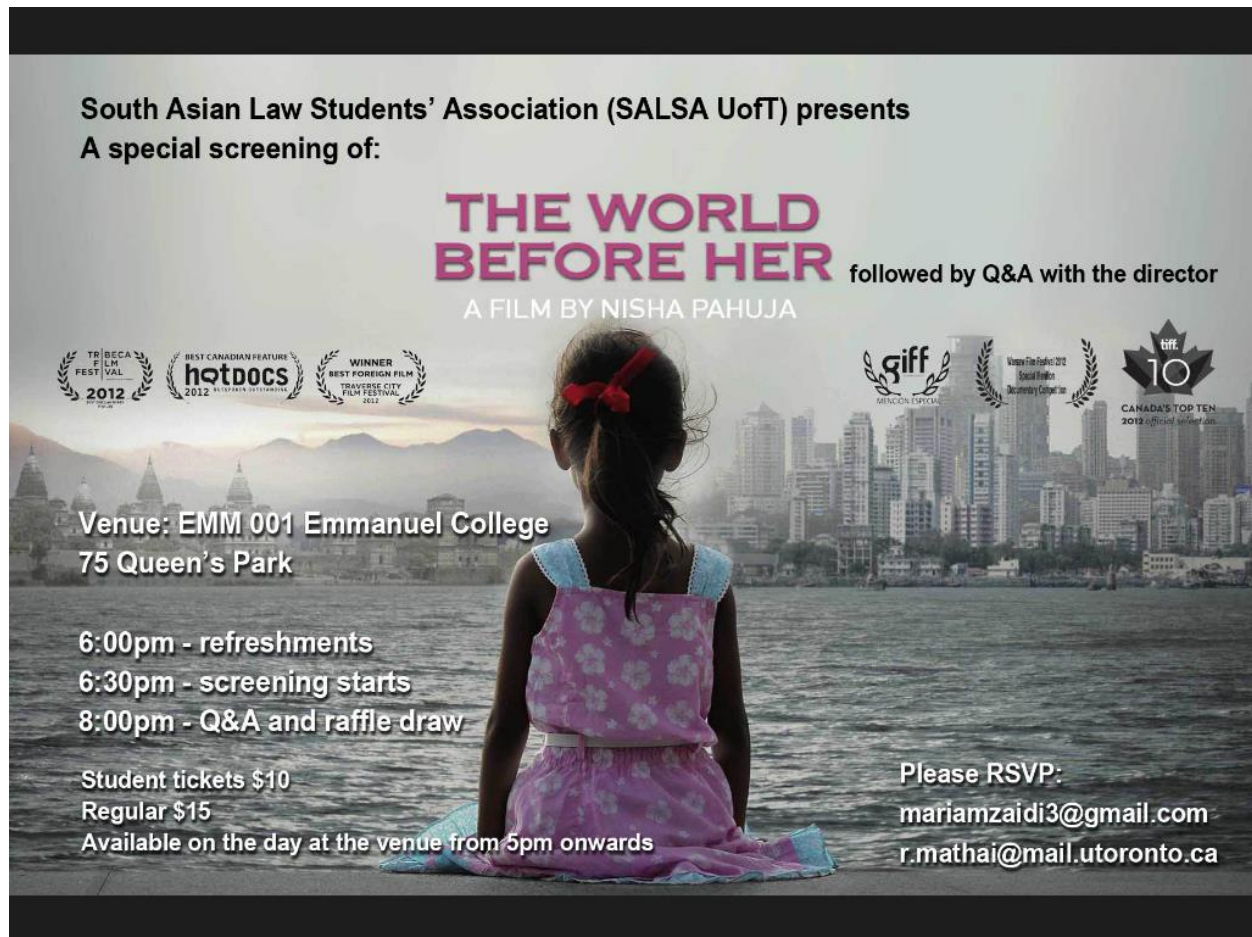
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CANADA'S TOP TEN
2012 official selection

Venue: EMM 001 Emmanuel College
75 Queen's Park

6:00pm - refreshments
6:30pm - screening starts
8:00pm - Q&A and raffle draw

Student tickets \$10
Regular \$15
Available on the day at the venue from 5pm onwards

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The University of Toronto South Asian Law Students' Association (SALSA), in collaboration with the 'The World Before Her' Kickstarter Campaign organizers, will be screening 'The World Before Her' followed by a question and answer session with filmmaker Nisha Pahuja.

'The World Before Her' is a documentary film by award-winning filmmaker, Nisha Pahuja that shifts between the worlds of the Miss India pageant and a Hindu fundamentalist camp for girls. In the wake of the Delhi gang rape and in the run up to the Indian election, the story captures the zeitgeist and is becoming a lightning rod for discussion and real change.

Watch the trailer here: <http://www.worldbeforeher.com/#!trailer>

The film has won over 19 awards and distinctions, including Best Feature at HotDocs and Tribeca in 2012, and has received a great deal of positive attention in the press and widespread support from Anurag Kashyap, Deepa Mehta, Nandita Das, Lisa Ray and others within Bollywood's star-studded community.

In an effort to reduce violence against women, filmmaker Nisha Pahuja started a Kickstarter campaign to raise funds for the project of taking the film across India. In particular, to areas where

people would not ordinarily have had access to this kind of story. This screening aims to contribute substantially to that goal.

Date: Thursday April 10th

Venue: EMM 001, Emmanuel College, 75 Queen's Park

Map: <http://map.utoronto.ca/utsg/building/502>

Time:

6:00pm refreshments

6:30pm screening begins

8:00pm Q&A via skype with the filmmaker Nisha Pahuja

Student Tickets \$10, Regular \$15 (payable in cash)

(available through the organizers until Wed 9th April or at the venue from 5pm onwards on Thu 10th April)

RSVP by 9pm, Wed April 9th to Mariam Zaidi (mariamzaidi3@gmail.com) or Rohan Mathai (r.mathai@mail.utoronto.ca)

****Your ticket is your raffle to win one of the following****

- The official DVD of the film
- A large print poster
- A personalized masterclass in directing with Nisha Pahuja

Come watch the film that Oscar nominated director Deepa Mehta calls "*heartbreaking .. and important for India*". Support a critical and timely campaign bringing women's rights to the forefront.

MORE INFO:

- Link to the Kickstarter Campaign: <http://kck.st/1cAGpKW>
- Link to the facebook event:
 - <https://www.facebook.com/events/265289510317181/?source=50>
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From Jaby Mathew (academics1&2@utgsu.ca; jaby@utgsu.ca), UTGSU Academics and Funding Commissioner, Divisions 1&2

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Date: Thursday, May 1st, 2014

When: 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (reception to commence at 6:00 p.m.)

Where: Ted Rogers School of Management

575 Bay St., 8th Floor, Room TRS 2-147

RSVP by Friday, April 28, 2014 to rsvp@kmlaw.ca or Maya Easton (416 595 2066).

From Jayashree Goswami (sabatoronto@gmail.com), South Asian Bar Association President (www.sabatoronto.com)

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If you are interested in speaking at the meeting then please let Jennifer Raso (Graduate Rep on the Advisory Search Committee) know at jen.raso@mail.utoronto.ca by Monday, May 19th. Alternatively, if you have thoughts on the desired (or undesired) qualities of the new Dean that you want conveyed at the meeting then please feel free to send them her way any time before the meeting.

From Roban Mathai, GLSA Pres

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GLSA/SLS Consultation on Thursday, May 22nd at 7 pm

Please come out for a meeting on Thursday, May 22nd (7 p.m., Solarium, Falconer Hall) held jointly with the Students' Law Society (SLS) to discuss which qualities and attributes the Faculty of Law's next Dean should possess and your vision for the future of U of T's law programs. One of the aims of this meeting is to prepare for the Decanal Selection Committee Meeting. For more information, contact Jen Raso (jen.raso@mail.utoronto.ca).

Decanal Selection Committee Meeting on May 29th from 4:15pm-5pm

The Provost has asked graduate and JD students to present their ideas, hopes and concerns to the Decanal Selection Committee at the committee's meeting on May 29th from 4:15-5pm in the Governing Council Boardroom (2nd Floor Simcoe Hall). The GLSA is looking for two graduate law students to speak at this meeting. We currently have one volunteer and are in need of one more volunteer. If you are interested in speaking at the meeting then please let Jennifer Raso know at jen.raso@mail.utoronto.ca. Alternatively, feel free to email your thoughts on the desired (or undesired) qualities of the next Dean to Jennifer Raso.

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OPENING NIGHT - MAY 29, 2014

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Cash Bar.

Any profits from the event shall support the women featured in the HerStories Exhibit through the Herstories Fund run by the Viluthu Center for Human Development.

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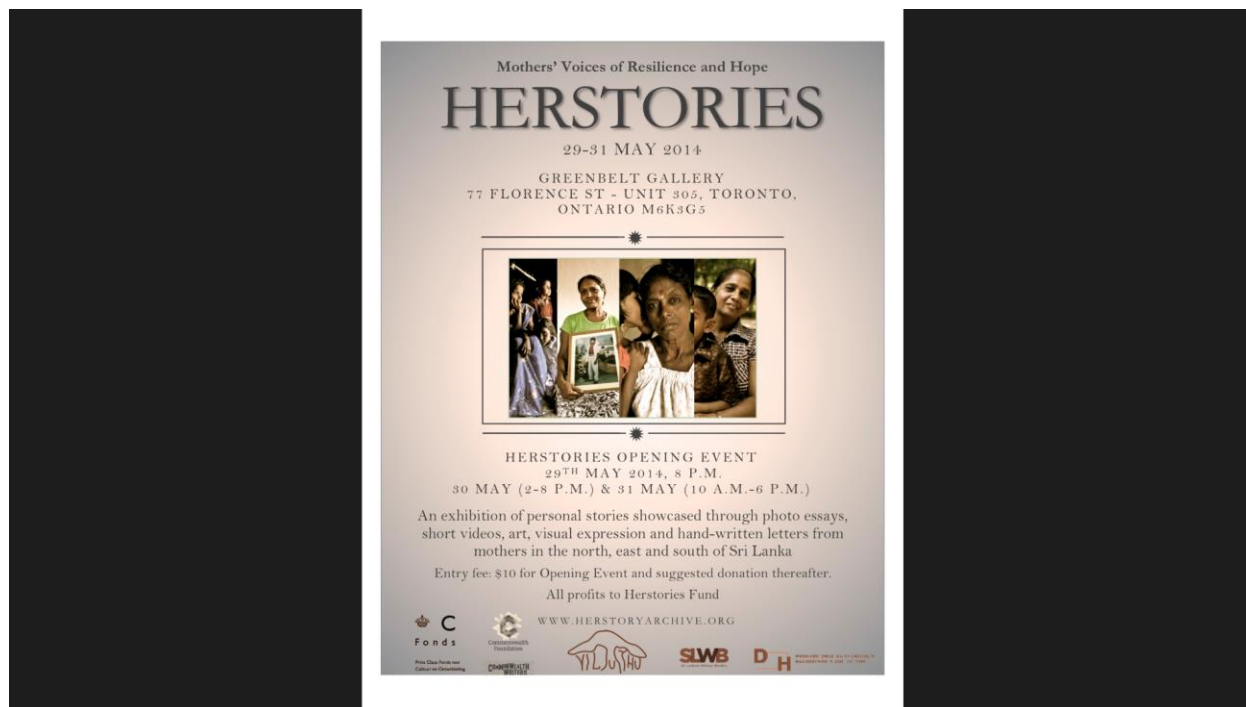
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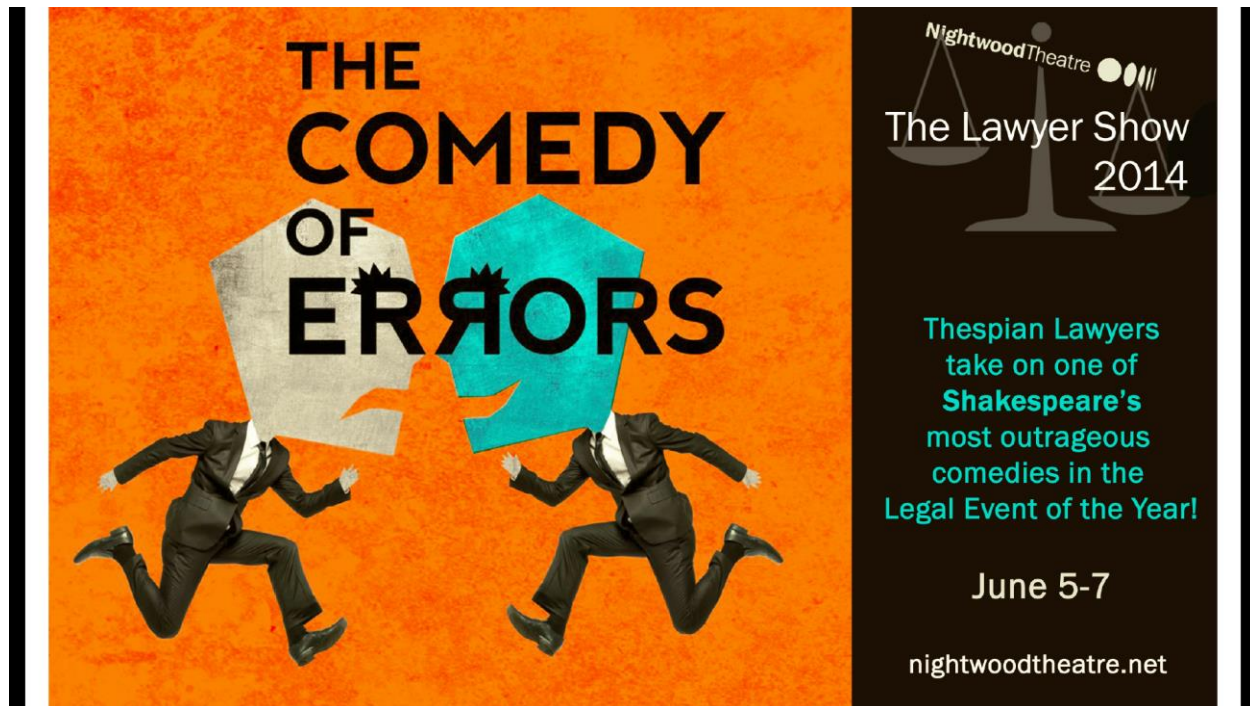
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June 5-7 only, 8pm,

Jane Mallet Theatre, St Lawrence Centre for the Performing Arts

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http://www.nightwoodtheatre.net/index.php/lawyer_show/lawyer_show_2014

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JUNE 4, 2014

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10. Harvest Noon – Toronto Seed Library Branch Launch: Tues June 10, 4-6pm
11. Job Opportunity: FoodShare Toronto
12. Life Sciences Career Development Society Career Day: Fri June 6, 9am-5pm
13. State of Biotech in Toronto: Wed June 25, 6-9pm
14. Hart House Craft Beer Festival and BBQ: Thurs July 31, 7pm

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JULY 27, 2014

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A Co-President of the University of Ottawa Graduate Law Students' Association approached me regarding the possibility of a joint Graduate Student Conference between the University of Toronto Graduate Law Students, the University of Ottawa Graduate Law Students, and the Université du Québec à Montréal Graduate Law Students. This would be a conference for graduate students to present their work.

It would involve a 3-year commitment where each university alternates as host. The conference would be held in Ottawa for the first year, Toronto in the second year, and in Montreal in the third year. For each year, costs would likely be around \$4000 for the host university and \$1000 for the other two universities. Participants would likely be charged \$40 to attend (which may include a 3-course meal).

The conferences would not have an overall theme over the three years, but would vary from year to year. Each year, the theme would likely be chosen from graduate law student proposals.

This conference would be unique in various ways. First, there is its linguistic diversity as the University of Toronto is Anglophone, University of Ottawa is Anglophone/francophone, and the Université du Québec à Montréal is francophone. Further, there is the possibility of presenters having their papers published in a special edition of the Ottawa Law Review (this is currently being looked into). There is also a possibility that alumni will be able to present at the conference within the first year of being an alumnus, which could make participation in the conference accessible to students in year-long graduate law programs (i.e. LLMs, GPLLMs, and MSLs).

The GLSA is in a position to finance participation for the first year. However, there would need to be fundraising to raise around \$4000 to host in the second year. I think that this would be doable.

I need to make a decision as to whether the University of Toronto will be participating in this conference for the next 3 years. As such, I am looking to hear from current and incoming graduate law students on whether they think this is good initiative if so, whether they would like to join a committee to help in organizing the conference with Ottawa. Please get back to me by **August 3rd, 2014**.

Please note, that our participation in this conference would be in *addition* to the annual Toronto Group Conference, which is shared by graduate law students of University of Toronto and Osgoode.

From Rohan Mathai, GLSA pres

2. Alexander Sodiqov has been released

As some of you may know Alexander Sodiqov, a University of Toronto graduate student, was detained in Tajikistan from June 16, 2014. He was in Tajikstan under contract to conduct academic research for a British-funded project.

The GLSA, the SLS, and the Faculty of Law were considering how to respond to the situation. However, a response is no longer necessary as fortunately Alexander Sodiqov has been released:

<http://media.utoronto.ca/media-releases/university-of-toronto/statement-about-the-detention-of-alexander-sodiqov-3/>

You can find more information about his situation here: <http://freealexsodiqov.org>

From Rohan Mathai, GLSA pres

3. NCA Study Notes

As international LLMs are probably beginning to think about NCAs right now, this link may be of use:

<https://docs.google.com/folder/d/0B6zv8IGmrLHeOUhHSUpFVW90d00/edit?usp=sharing>

As you will see, the above links to a Google doc folder that contains NCA outlines and advice from previous LLMs. Several LLMs and I put this together last year, as we found that there weren't many resources available through the LLM program (at least that we knew of).

Please note that: (1) these outlines are only as good as the people that prepared them, and could therefore contain mistakes; and (2) they may be outdated (several are from several years ago) or based on different study materials, if the Law Society has updated the study materials for the course since we put these outlines together. As a result, LLMS should supplement these outlines with their own reading and studies, based on the current NCA syllabi and course materials.

From Matthew Snyder, previous GLSA Executive & LLM Graduate of UT Law

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5. UTGSU BBQ (Tues, Sept 2)

Dear Graduate Students,

We can barely believe it, but Orientation season is just around the corner! As such, we would like to invite you to join us for our annual UTGSU Orientation Celebration BBQ and Info Fair!!

So please SAVE THE DATE:

Date: Tuesday, September 2 2014 (rain date: Wed Sept 3)

Time: 4 to 9pm

Location: @ the UTGSU (16 Bancroft Ave)

This is your Union's biggest event of the year, which includes a corn roast, a BBQ with vegan/gluten-free/kosher/halal options, an Info Fair, live music, and lots of fun!!

RSVP to the #utgsuBBQ14 facebook event to keep up-to-date on the details as they become available:
<http://bit.ly/utgsuBBQ14>.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

We're looking for volunteers to help set up and prepare for our annual Orientation Celebration. If you want to learn more about your Union and get to know folks from all over the university, while having a good time – this is a great chance to do so! So, if you want to be part of the start of the graduate experience for new members of your union, please drop us a line with the subject heading: “Orientation Volunteer”. Volunteers and Other Inquiring Minds, please contact: Michelle, Communications & Events Coordinator, at: events@utgsu.ca.

SGS ORIENTATION:

In addition to our BBQ & Info Fair festivities, Tuesday September 2 is also the SGS Orientation day for new incoming graduate students. The School of Graduate Studies invites incoming graduate students to Graduate Orientation 2014. To accommodate all incoming graduate students, the School of Graduate Studies will host three

orientation “Welcome Panel” events and two tours of the St. George Campus. The Welcome Panel is entitled: “Making the Most of Your Graduate Experience”. Please only sign up for one orientation time, at: <http://bit.ly/SGOrientation>.

Thanks and we hope to see everyone at the #utgsuBBQ14 on September 2nd!

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From Michelle St-Amour, Graduate Students' Union Communications and Events Coordinator

6. Current Litigation with the Canadian Federation of Students and Affiliates

Dear Members of the University of Toronto Graduate Student Union,

Your Litigation Committee of The University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union (UTGSU) would like to provide an update to you on matters regarding the previously reported petition to initiate a referendum on our continued membership in the Canadian Federation of Students and Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario. This is in follow-up to our previous open letter released in March of this year.

As noted our previous letter, there remained several questions raised by the Deloitte report which required investigation, including how particular aspects of the petition review/verification were determined based upon the Federation(s) respective Bylaws. We approached the Federation following this notice to gain the information necessary to complete this task, but were entirely denied when approaching through collegial means.

Only through work with legal counsel did the UTGSU receive any substantive additional information on the matters raised in the Deloitte Reports. However, this was only given to us by the Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario, while the National Component remained silent. Through the review of these documents, further questions were raised on both the Federation(s) conduct and their instruction to Deloitte on matters of the referenda petitions. It was at this time that the Committee determined—in consultation with the then-Executive—to take up the last resort of litigation against the Canadian Federation of Students and Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario.

Following a period of submission of affidavits and cross-examination from both sides of this dispute over the last three months, our concerns in this situation have only deepened regarding the conduct of and instruction given by the Federation(s). Through this legal process, it has been revealed that the Federation(s) did in fact act and plan to

act in ways that bring question to their use of discretion in the petition verification process and ensuring of procedural fairness in dealing with our members' petitions.

Instead of putting our minds at ease, information obtained through the legal process has only confirmed that our initial concerns were in fact well founded. Among the concerns this process brought forward are statements made by representatives of Deloitte and by Lucy Watson, the National Director of Organizing for CFS, that indicate that names—believed to be fictitious without reference to a U of T student list—were marked for removal from the petitions before they were sent to Deloitte to be reviewed. Additionally, a second review of the CFS National petition—pursuing the issue of missing names—turned up other mistakes, which produced a significantly higher percentage of names. The UTGSU was not informed of this, nor was the CFS-O petition checked to ensure that similar errors had not been made on that petition. In light of these and other issues arising from the cross examination, the Litigation Committee continues to contend that the petition has in fact met all required thresholds—in good faith. Yet, it will be the determination of a judge of the Superior Court of Ontario upon which these matters will ultimately be decided.

In this process, we have diligently submitted reports to the General Council of the UTGSU on the general progress of the case when said body has met, while submitting affidavits and other documents through the process itself. All of these documents will be made public over time, but the release of these documents will be timed to protect the Union's legal position.

We would encourage you to check out the Union's CFS Updates page for a full listing of publicly available documents for more information:

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This letter can be found in its entirety at the following UTGSU web-page:

<http://www.utgsu.ca/2014/07/16/open-letter-regarding-cfs/>

All the best,

The Litigation Committee of the University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union

Walter Callaghan, Chair & Executive Committee Member

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From The Litigation Committee of the University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union

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AUGUST 23, 2014

You're only given a little spark of madness. You mustn't lose it.
Robin Williams

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We will be having a pub night on Thursday, August 28th. The pub night will be for all graduate law students including incoming, outgoing and continuing graduate law students. It will be an excellent opportunity for the incoming graduate law students to get to know one another and for outgoing/continuing graduate law students to welcome them into the program. Appetizers will be provided.

The event is being funded by both the GLSA and the Faculty of Law.

Where?

- It will be held at the Duke of York pub: <http://dukepubs.ca/york/>
- Steps from St. George subway station, the Duke of York pub is located on Prince Arthur Avenue, just west of Bedford and north of Bloor. The exact address is 39 Prince Arthur Avenue, Toronto.

When?

- It will be held in the basement of the pub on Thursday, August 28th, starting at 4:15pm. It is ok to come by any time after 4:15pm.

From Rohan Mathai, GLSA pres

2. **2014/15 Facebook Group**

If you are an incoming graduate law student (2014-2015), please join your other classmates on facebook here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/uofillm201415/>

The group is already active and some of your classmates have shared a brief bio about themselves. If you haven't already done so, please visit the group and introduce yourself.

Looking forward to meeting each and every one of you.

From Liran Kandinov, Incoming LL.M. student

3. NCA Study Notes

As international LL.M.s are probably beginning to think about NCAs right now, this link may be of use:

<https://docs.google.com/folder/d/0B6zv8IGmrLHeOUhHSUpFVW90d00/edit?usp=sharing>

As you will see, the above links to a Google doc folder that contains NCA outlines and advice from previous LL.M.s. Several LL.M.s and I put this together last year, as we found that there weren't many resources available through the LL.M. program (at least that we knew of).

Please note that: (1) these outlines are only as good as the people that prepared them, and could therefore contain mistakes; and (2) they may be outdated (several are from several years ago) or based on different study materials, if the Law Society has updated the study materials for the course since we put these outlines together. As a result, LL.M.s should supplement these outlines with their own reading and studies, based on the current NCA syllabi and course materials.

From Matthew Snyder, previous GLSA Executive & LL.M. Graduate of UT Law

4. NCA Study Group

This is for anyone who is writing a National Council of Accreditation (NCA) exam at some point in the future and wants to study with others. If this is you, then contact David Isern (the GLSA Graduate Appeals Rep) at david.isern@gmail.com. He will put people in touch with one another based on the exams they need to write.

From Rohan Mathai, GLSA Pres

5. Barrister and Solicitor Exam Study Groups

This is for anyone who is writing the Barrister or Solicitor exams in November and wants a study group or would be interested in sharing indexes. If this is you, then contact me at r.mathai@mail.utoronto.ca. I will put people in touch with one another.

From Roban Mathai, GLSA Pres

6. UTGSU Welcome Letter (see attached)

[paraphrased]

We hope you have all had an enjoyable summer. With September around the corner, the UTGSU would like to take this opportunity to welcome all new and returning graduate student members to the Union and to wish everyone a great start to the 2014-15 academic year.

Attached is our welcome letter, with information on the Union, upcoming events, and ways to get involved this year.

Hope to see everyone at the Orientation BBQ on September 2nd to kick off the year!

Cheers,

Nickie Van Lier

Internal Commissioner & Staff Supervisor

University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union (UTGSU)

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website: www.utgsu.ca

From Nickie Van Lier, Graduate Students' Union Internal Commissioner & Staff Supervisor

7. UTGSU BBQ (Tues, Sept 2)

Dear Graduate Students,

We can barely believe it, but Orientation season is just around the corner! As such, we would like to invite you to join us for our annual UTGSU Orientation Celebration BBQ and Info Fair!!

So please SAVE THE DATE:

Date: Tuesday, September 2 2014 (rain date: Wed Sept 3)

Time: 4 to 9pm

Location: @ the UTGSU (16 Bancroft Ave)

This is your Union's biggest event of the year, which includes a corn roast, a BBQ with vegan/gluten-free/kosher/halal options, an Info Fair, live music, and lots of fun!!

RSVP to the #utgsuBBQ14 facebook event to keep up-to-date on the details as they become available:
<http://bit.ly/utgsuBBQ14>.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

We're looking for volunteers to help set up and prepare for our annual Orientation Celebration. If you want to learn more about your Union and get to know folks from all over the university, while having a good time – this is a great chance to do so! So, if you want to be part of the start of the graduate experience for new members of your union, please drop us a line with the subject heading: “Orientation Volunteer”. Volunteers and Other Inquiring Minds, please contact: Michelle, Communications & Events Coordinator, at: events@utgsu.ca.

SGS ORIENTATION:

In addition to our BBQ & Info Fair festivities, Tuesday September 2 is also the SGS Orientation day for new incoming graduate students. The School of Graduate Studies invites incoming graduate students to Graduate Orientation 2014. To accommodate all incoming graduate students, the School of Graduate Studies will host three orientation “Welcome Panel” events and two tours of the St. George Campus. The Welcome Panel is entitled: “Making the Most of Your Graduate Experience”. Please only sign up for one orientation time, at:
<http://bit.ly/SGSOrientation>.

Thanks and we hope to see everyone at the #utgsuBBQ14 on September 2nd!

Michelle St-Amour
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From Michelle St-Amour, Graduate Students' Union Communications and Events Coordinator

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Always remember that you are absolutely unique. Just like everyone else.
Margaret Mead

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1. **Impromptu Pub Night (Tonight)**

There will be an impromptu pub night tonight. Gavin Magrath, a graduate law student, will come to the Alternate Approaches class to pick people up and take them to the Duke of York Pub.

Where?

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From Rohan Mathai, GLSA pres

2. **Pub Night at the Duke of York (Thursday, September 4th)**

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When?

- It will be held in the patio of the pub on Thursday, September 4th, starting at 7:30pm. It is ok to come by any time after 7:30pm. Just say that you are there for the UoT Pub Night and they will take you to our spot.

From Rohan Mathai, GLSA pres

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From Liran Kandinov, Incoming LL.M. student

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SEPTEMBER 8, 2014

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Robert H. Schuller

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1. **GLSA Executive Positions (see attachments)**

The GLSA is seeking graduate law students for the 2014/15 GLSA Executive positions. Being an executive is a great way to contribute to the graduate law student community and can be a lot of fun! If you are interested, please fill out the attached form and return it to me at r.mathai@mail.utoronto.ca with "EXEC REG" in the subject field by Sunday, September 14th at 5pm.

You can express interest in more than one position. I will determine the format of the elections after I have received all expressions of interest. If appropriate, I may run staggered elections where the president is elected first and then the vice-president, and so forth. Candidates are not required to do any campaigning or lobbying.

For a number of graduate law students, this is their first year and they may be unaware of what kind of events/programs the GLSA has ran in the past. I have attached a sample of GLSA events/programs over the last year to give these students a better picture of what the GLSA can do. This is by no means prescriptive and the new GLSA executive can choose to run different events.

The available positions are listed below, along with a brief description of the duties each entails. Please note that all executive members assist in running GLSA events.

President:

- organises and chairs GLSA exec meetings; coordinates roles and responsibilities among the exec; liaises with staff and Faculty; deals with miscellaneous matters that arise; attends and speaks at Faculty Council; signs cheques.
- Acts as the official spokesperson and representative of the Graduate Law Students' Association.
- Communicates items of interest to graduate law students.
- Time commitment is around 1-2 hours/day, but can be much more.

Vice-President:

- The Vice President shall assist the President in carrying out her or his duties and shall assume the role of the president if the president is unable to fulfil her or his office.

Treasurer:

- She or he shall manage the GLSA finances, apply for relevant and appropriate sources of funding, keep accurate records of its state of financial affairs and of all receipts and expenditures, write the Treasurer's Report at the end of the year, and be a signing officer on any bank account held by or on behalf of the GLSA.

Graduate Students Union (GSU) Rep:

- attends GSU meetings once a month (GSU meetings generally take at least 3 hours)
- forwards GSU communications to GLSA members; organises receipt of funding from GSU.

LLM Faculty Council Rep:

- attends Faculty Council meetings on behalf of LLMs (not usually required to speak); keeps abreast of issues affecting LLM students, liaising with staff/faculty if required.

SJD Faculty Council Rep:

- attends Faculty Council meetings on behalf of SJDs (not usually required to speak); keeps abreast of SJD issues.

Members-at-large (up to 4):

- this is the general executive role.
- Members-at-large provide as needed assistance to the running of GLSA events/programs.

From Rohan Mathai, GLSA pres

2. Pub Night at Bedford Academy (Tuesday, September 9th)

We will be having a pub night on Tuesday, September 9th at the Bedford Academy. The pub night will be for current graduate law students and alumni. Liran Kandinov and Pamela Tuchlin will lead the SJDs/LLMs there after their class on Tuesday.

Where?

- It will be held at the Bedford Academy Pub: <http://thebedfordacademy.com/index.html>
- Steps from St. George subway station, the Bedford Academy pub is located on Prince Arthur Avenue, just west of Bedford and north of Bloor. The exact address is 36 Prince Arthur Avenue, Toronto.

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