



WINTER WINE AND CHEESE

You are cordially invited to the AGSU's annual Winter Wine and Cheese on **December 1st at 4:30 pm**. Join us for an evening of drinks, appetizers, and friendly conversation at The Smith House pub (171 College Street). All UofT anthropology graduate students, faculty, and department staff are welcome to attend. All attendees will receive one free drink ticket (for an alcoholic or non-alcoholic beverage) at the door. **Please RSVP for this event using this form:** <https://forms.gle/uSg24jdHHGscS7Sg6>



CALL FOR MEDUSA COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

Student volunteers contribute to the Medusa Conference's success. Volunteering is a fantastic way to gain conference experience and support your peers! Volunteers will assist with set up and clean up for talks, greeting attendees, etc.

Open to all anthropology graduate and undergraduate students. To apply, **please complete the Google Form below by January 15, 2023** (see attached poster)
<https://forms.gle/x27vHyHHqHHGDJa7A>

AGSU MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

The AGSU Mental Health Coordinators (Adrianna and Eman) have prepared a list of resources available to students in our department, both on and off campus. **This list of resources (please see attached document) will be made available on the AGSU website.** Please email the Mental Health Coordinators via the AGSU general email (agsu@studentorg.utoronto.ca) to add any resources you believe might be useful for fellow anthropology graduate students related to mental health.

GRADUATE STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH AND INITIATIVES SURVEY

The AGSU Mental Health Coordinators (Adrianna and Eman) would like to invite all current Anthropology Graduate students to fill out our **survey on graduate student mental health**. This survey is for informational purposes to help us inform how we create mental health and wellness initiatives in the coming semester. You will **not** be asked to provide your name, email, or other identifying information beyond your approximate year and program. All questions will have a prefer not to answer option. This survey will be open for responses from Tuesday, November 28th until Tuesday, January 2nd. Thank you for taking the time to fill out our survey so we can best serve our graduate student community! **Complete the survey using this link:**
<https://forms.gle/v8fhuP5YpzUJZpEs9>

AGSU GENERAL MEETING ON NOVEMBER 14, 2023.

On November 14, 2023, the AGSU General Meeting convened in response to a petition submitted to the AGSU Executive Committee, urging the assembly of a General Meeting. The petition sought a membership-wide endorsement of a letter authored by an independent group of students, which had been circulated for signatures through the grad listserv. The motion presented during the general meeting for official endorsing the letter on Gaza carried with abstention and opposition. Therefore, on November 17, 2023, the AGSU Executives notified the Department of Anthropology of this endorsement as per the directives listed in the presented motion.

During the November 14th General Meeting, a second motion requesting the AGSU take on a Boycott, Divest, and Sanction (BDS) position was presented. Additionally, this motion referred 'how to best implement the BDS movement within the AGSU' back to the Executive. This motion passed with abstention and opposition. At this time, the AGSU Executive Committee is diligently working to craft a statement and outline of directives on these matters. Once this statement has been approved by the Executive Committee, it will be posted on the AGSU website for all members to access. The AGSU Executive would like to make clear that, regardless of its official position, it is up to all AGSU members if and how they will apply this position to their own personal and professional lives.

The AGSU Executive Committee would like to thank all those who attended the November General Meeting to participate in the discussion and to cast their votes as valued members of our Student Union. For more information about the proceedings of the General Meeting, please refer to the meeting notes section of the AGSU Website.

In Other News:

SUPPORT YOUR UNIT 1 BARGAINING CAMPAIGN!

Your Collective Agreement with the University governing your Unit 1 work as a TA, CI, or invigilator expires at the end of this calendar year. You renegotiate it in a bargaining process which is happening now! **Your coworkers voted unanimously to approve [a bargaining platform based on feedback from hundreds of Unit 1 employees](#)**. Your bargaining position is only as strong as your ability to collectively apply pressure on U of T. We can pressure the University by demonstrating that we are united with each other and informed, engaged, and enthusiastic about the bargaining process. This support strengthens your bargaining committee, the individuals you elected to represent you in negotiations with the University.

To display your collective strength and pressure the university to accept our demands, we are sending a [letter to our departmental leadership](#) signed by you and all of your Unit 1 & 5 coworkers, calling upon them to commit to supporting us throughout our bargaining process and if we go on strike. [Will you sign on?](#)

UTGSU CALL FOR REPRESENTATIONS

As you may have heard, the UTGSU currently has over 30(!) empty governing positions that will be filled in an upcoming election (**likely the December 7th AGM, for which you need to [register](#) by November 30th**). We are looking to find enthusiastic, engaged candidates to fill these positions. **We believe that with increased student participation, we can restore the good function of the UTGSU and champion graduate student interests: pushing for higher funding and healthcare in this time of extraordinary inflation.**

In particular we are looking for

- **3 candidates for [UTGSU Executive](#):**
 - Advocate for the interests and compensation of UofT graduate students
 - Work with staff to run the day-to-day operations of the UTGSU.
 - A part-time job compensated with ~\$1k/month remuneration.
 - Vacant positions: President, VP Academics and Funding Divisions ½, VP External, VP Internal
- **Many candidates for Director positions:**
 - Determine the policies and direction of the UTGSU.
 - One to two 3-hour meetings a month with a small stipend
- **Organizers:**
 - People willing to write and plan the campaign.
- **Communicators:**
 - People willing to spread the word to their departments and to their friends.

If you are interested in any of these things please add your name to the [spreadsheet](#). Your funding division is 2. Currently, 7/7 Div. 2 Director positions are vacant and your Divisional VP ½ Executive position is vacant.

CAA WINTER SOCIAL INVITATION

Let's end the year off right with the CAA Student Committee's Social Networking Event! Join us for an evening of conversation and a dash of friendly competition as we bring together archaeology students (undergraduates and graduates) from all over Canada! Seize the opportunity to connect with like-minded peers, and maybe even win a friendly challenge or two. Don't miss out!

Secure your spot now by registering for the event through the following link:

https://utoronto.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0kf-ytrTstGtKIA_kL2Jzgbp-b5_3g6-he



Canadian Archaeological Association
Association Canadienne d'Archéologie

STUDENT COMMITTEE YEARLY SOCIAL

Join us on **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15th, 2023** at
8:00 PM EST on Zoom for some fun games,
chats, networking and more!



Register here:
https://utoronto.zoom.us/join/612127zgbp-b5_3g6-he

