

UBC IDEAS Mentorship

February Newsletter

Mentors, would you like to be part of our IBPOC Voices Series?

Hi mentors! We hope your February has gotten off to a good start!

IDEAS kickstarted IBPOC Voices, a virtual speaker series highlighting the projects and experiences of racialized professionals in the information field, in autumn of 2020. Since then, we have been fortunate to learn from folks on topics ranging from the exclusion of communities of colour in scholarly communications to Indigenous community-led research collaborations.

In the spirit of collective learning and community-building, **we would like to invite one of you, a mentor from our program, to speak about any facet of your career or experience as a racialized information professional for our next session of the series in May!**

Your talk can cover anything from work projects to community outreach efforts, or even your experience with this mentorship program. IDEAS is happy to offer all IBPOC Voices speakers an honorarium in acknowledgment of the extra time and labour that racialized individuals must already contribute in the workplace in order to be recognized.



Mentees, join the IDEAS@UBC Organizing Team!

Hi mentees! Though it's difficult to believe, we realize as we release this mid-February newsletter that spring is fast approaching. The Organizing Team would like to extend an invitation to anyone who might be interested in organizing for IDEAS over the 2022-23 academic year to join our open Zoom meeting on **February 28th at 4 PM.**

As all of our current core team is set to graduate in May (cue nervous and mechanical clicking through the Partnership Job Board), we hope to connect with interested students as soon as possible and are happy to provide a supportive and gradual transition plan to new members. If you have any questions before the 28th, don't hesitate to DM any of us on Discord (we're the ones with orange handles) or email us at ideas.ubc@gmail.com. Otherwise, we look forward to seeing you there!

Reminder : Submit a Request for the Professional Development Fund!

Please don't forget that in addition to monthly activities and any activities put on by IDEAS, we are offering an opportunity for mentorship pairs to attend (virtually or in person as relevant) a major professional development event such as a conference or workshop that relates to their areas of interest/work. We have extended the deadline for requests for this funding until the end of the month! **Please email us by February 28th** if you are interested in taking advantage of this funding.

Events to Attend in February

Looking for a prompt to help get your discussion going? Not sure what to do as a mentorship pair? Here are events that are happening in February and March that might spark your interest!

Remember : You can be reimbursed for up to \$30/pair for your regular meetings. Treat yourself to lunch or a coffee if you'd like! It doesn't have to be for a ticket to something. If you are meeting virtually, you still can use this funding to go and grab yourself something (or to order it through a delivery service)—please note that the reimbursement limit stays the same at approx. \$15/person (if you spend more, it just means that you'll get a max. of \$15 back).



Things to do Online:

CDHI Visiting Speaker Series: Catherine Knight Steele on Digital Black Feminism	February 16
Makiba Foster - Fireside Chat at the Broward County Library's African American Research Library and Cultural Center	February 17
Navigating Banned/Challenged Books with Stephanie Sendaula	February 27
Cindy Hohl - Leading with AILA	March 3
CDHI Visiting Speaker Series: Angus Mol on Games as Playful Time Machines	March 10
Great Expectations: Building Unity and Strengthening Community	March 14

Things to do In Person:

Sankofa: African Routes, Canadian Roots	UBC MOA	Exhibit runs until March 27, 2022
SAFE HOME	Nikkei National Museum	Exhibit runs until April 30, 2022
Phil Lind Initiative Speaker Series	UBC	MARCH 3, 2022 - Soledad O'Brien MARCH 17, 2022 - Matt Taibbi

Laiwan: Traces, Erasures, Resists	Belkin Art Gallery	Exhibit runs until April 10, 2022
For All Time: The Shakespeare First Folio	Vancouver Art Gallery	January 15, 2022 - March 20, 2022
UBC Outdoor Art Tour	UBC Campus	Self Led
A Walking Tour of Musqueam House Posts at UBC by Jordan Wilson	UBC Campus	Self Led
Additional Art Tours by the Belkin	UBC Campus	Regularly scheduled (see link)

For a full list of events and for more details about the ones listed above, check out our [Events, Workshops & Free or Low-Cost Conferences](#) spreadsheet. If there is an event you would like to add, please email us!

Call for Mentorship Reflections



“The mentorship program has given me an unexpected mid-career boost, reminding me of my own agency and responsibility in shaping my work and future steps.”

-Teresa Lee, Mentor

“Hearing about and discussing my mentor’s experiences encouraged me to be more confident in the way I present myself when pursuing job applications.”

-Jane Jun, Mentee

Do you have something interesting you’ve learned or would like to share about your mentorship experience so far? Please contact us so we can have you featured in our next newsletter!

IDEAS@UBC is a student group that seeks to provide a safe and productive community for IBPOC (Indigenous, Black, and People of Colour) students in departments and fields of study related to information, cultural, and memory work at the University of British Columbia’s School of Information.

To learn more, visit our website at <https://ubcideas.wordpress.com/>. Send any questions you might have to our email at ideas.ubc@gmail.com.

Thank you!

