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### Message from the Editor: Brittany Jakubiec

In this issue of the GSA newsletter, I welcome all of the UPEI campus community to attend various upcoming events, including a keynote address by Dr. Theresa Bernardo, a special presentation by Jim Groom, 8 workshops, and sessions during the UPEI Multidisciplinary Graduate Research Conference. Zak Court will also tell us about the upcoming Day of Inclusion at UPEI and Hannah Gehrels is looking for volunteers for Let's Talk Science!

### Keynote coming to UPEI: Dr. Theresa Bernardo



Dr. Theresa Bernardo (Michigan State University) will be presenting at the UMGRS as the keynote speaker on Friday, August 7 at 9:00 am in MacDougall Hall room 242. All are welcome.

Dr. Theresa Bernardo is UPEI's first graduate student, graduating with an MSc degree in 1986 from the Atlantic Veterinary College. In 2012, Dr. Bernardo was presented with the UPEI Distinguished Alumnus award. She is currently an associate professor at Michigan State University's College of Veterinary Medicine. She has worked with the World Health Organization (WHO) where she dealt with the H1N1 pandemic, and the Haitian earthquake. You can also check out her work in her TEDxLansing talk entitled, "[Save Yourself!](#)"

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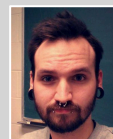
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## LET'S TALK SCIENCE! WITH HANNAH GEHRELS



**Are you interested in getting involved in Let's Talk Science?** 'Let's Talk Science' is a national charitable organization focused on engaging, motivating and inspiring youth across the country to enjoy, understand, and pursue Science, Engineering, Technology and Math. We connect with youth through classroom and home school group visits. We also take requests from community groups (e.g., Scouts and Girl Guides), libraries, summer camps, after-school programs, and community festivals. We have a large database of ideas and instructions for many different activities, but we are always excited to hear new activity ideas too!

Another one of our goals is to promote volunteerism within the University, as well as the community at large. Volunteering with Let's Talk Science gives you some really great outreach experience, as well as an opportunity to meet and get to know other graduate (and undergraduate) students at UPEI!

### How can you get involved?

If you are interested in volunteering with Let's Talk Science, or would just like some more information, please email me. You do not need to be enrolled in a science degree to volunteer with us. We welcome interested students from any discipline, as we can always pair you with a science student as needed. We are also always looking for bilingual volunteers! To be considered an active member of Let's Talk Science, we ask that volunteers participate in at least one activity per semester, though there will be opportunities to engage in many more activities than that!

### Are you interested in becoming a Let's Talk Science Rep for your department?

Our goal for the coming year is to increase the number of volunteers from difference disciplines, ideally a representative from each department. These are unpaid, volunteer positions, but can be added to a CV. Representatives would understand how Let's Talk Science works, promote it to their peers, and answer questions about the program (training can be provided). If you are interested in being a representative, or have further questions, email me at [hgehrels@upei.ca](mailto:hgehrels@upei.ca)!



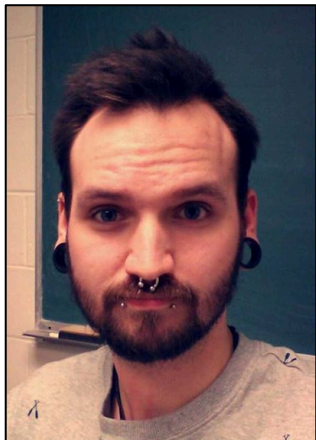
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## UPEI DAY OF INCLUSION AWARENESS BY ZAK COURT



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The UPEI Rainbow Alliance, our campus' Gay-Straight Alliance, in partnership with many UPEI and community based organizations will be hosting a Day of Inclusion Awareness at UPEI on October 22nd.

This event will focus on the importance of including everyone, with an emphasis on LGBTQ, Accessibility/Disability and Cultural awareness. The day will be host to three main events, the Inclusion Fair, the Candlelight Vigil, and Diversity Trivia.

The inclusion fair will be hosted in MacMillan Hall inside the Student Centre (MSC), 11am-3pm, in which societies, student groups, companies, and organizations who promote diversity and inclusion will be participating. There will be information booths, games, and prizes for those who take part.

This year will also be the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Candlelight Vigil against Homophobia, Bullying, and related Suicides. The Candlelight Vigil consists of guest speakers made up of many different backgrounds. In the past we have hosted students, community leaders, faculty/staff, high-school students, politicians, and anyone willing to take a stand against bullying/homophobia. The night is followed up with a candlelit moment of silent to give remembrance to those who have lost their lives to suicide/bullying. This event starts at 6pm and will be held in MacMillan Hall inside the Student Centre (MSC).

Finally the night will be finished off with Diversity Trivia hosted in the Wave (our campus pub) which will be hosted by GetReal UPEI, and the Student Diversity Office. Anyone and Everyone is welcome to attend!

## UPCOMING EVENTS!

- Graduate workshops (Thursday, August 6) during the UMGRG – Registration is now open for the UMGRG workshops. There are limited spaces, so sign up while you can.  
<http://www.upei.ca/research/officeofgraduatestudies/graduate-students-association/conference/workshops>
- Taking Control of Identity Online: Digital Agency in the 21st Century. An open presentation by Jim Groom (founder of Domain of One's Own), August 5, 7:00 pm in KCI room 104.
- The call for the Vanier CGS is open. For more information, visit [www.vanier.gc.ca](http://www.vanier.gc.ca) or contact Colleen Gallant at (902) 620 5120 or [cgallant@upei.ca](mailto:cgallant@upei.ca)

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