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Career Week Workshops and Reception

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Thank you to all of the post-docs who have already made it to workshops during Career Week! The workshops continue on Thursday (Oct 16, today) and Friday (Oct 17). Please also join us for a reception on Friday, from 4 to 6 pm in the Ban Righ Fireside Room. You can register with the link below to help us with logistics, but walk-ins are always welcome!

[Find more information about workshops and how to register here](#)

Matariki Network Visitor - "The PhD – is it out of alignment?"

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Dr. Rachel Spronken-Smith, Dean of the Graduate Research School and Professor in Higher Education and Geography at the University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand, will be visiting Queen's. Queen's University and the University of Otago are one of the seven founding members of the Matariki Network of Universities established in 2010 to forge stronger links between research and teaching in partner institutions. Dr. Spronken-Smith will give a lecture entitled: **"The PhD – is it out of alignment?"** on Monday, **October 20, at 3pm, in Dunning Hall Room 12**. Faculty, postdoctoral fellows and graduate students are cordially invited to attend.

[More information about this event](#)

Expanding Horizons Workshops

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Our regular program of Expanding Horizons workshops continues throughout the academic year. Post-docs are invited to attend as many workshops as they wish. Upcoming session are:

IP: Introduction to Patents & Commercialization

Date: Thursday, October 23

Time: 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

Mental Health & Wellbeing: Getting Unstuck

Date: Monday, October 27

Time: 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Interviewing for Academia and mock Interviews

Date: Wednesday, October 29

Time: 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Financial Literacy

Date: Monday, November 3

Time: 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

[More information and how to register](#)

Open Access Week 2014

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Queen's University is participating in International Open Access Week (Oct. 20-26). The aim of this event is to engage the research community in discussion about the issues and trends related to open access and promote awareness and understanding of open access - access to material publicly available online.

The Program begins with a talk by Prof. Michael Geist, Canada Research Chair in Internet and E-Commerce Law, University of Ottawa: "The Open Access Tipping Point: Toward Openness as the Default" on **Oct. 23, 1:00pm - 2:20pm in the Agnes Etherington Atrium**. Please click on the link below for full program.

[More information and full schedule](#)

Reminder: Post-Doctoral Travel Award - Deadline Nov. 1[\(Back to Top\)](#)

This is a reminder that applications for the post-doctoral travel award are due on Nov. 1. Please read the eligibility criteria, following the link below. Please send any questions to sgspostdoc@queensu.ca.

[More information and application package](#)

Material Matters Graduate Student Discussion Group - Post-Docs are invited![\(Back to Top\)](#)

This weeks talk in the Material Matters discussion group:

"Mixing Health and Geography: A study of risks associated with cardiovascular disease for the Punjabi Sikh population in the Regional Municipality of Peel"

By: Gurveer Bains, 2nd year Master's student, Department of Geography, Queen's University

The emerging epidemic of cardiovascular disease is threatening the health and well-being of various communities around the world. This epidemic is amplified for the Punjabi Sikh population originating from Punjab, India. Factors such as genetics, lifestyle, the built-environment and influences of differing cultures all create the "perfect storm" for cardiovascular disease within this population. The Punjabi Sikh community in the Regional Municipality of Peel is the second largest concentration of this community in Canada. Given these factors and this growing population, there is an urgent need to understand factors which contribute to the decline in cardiovascular health of this growing sub-population in Canada. My research focuses on Punjabi Sikhs in Peel Region, who are 55 years of age and older and who are diagnosed with cardiovascular disease. Taking a population health approach, the research builds on known determinants of cardiovascular disease, factors associated with the immigration experiences, and the built-environment.

Tuesday, October 21st at 1:30 PM Speaker's Corner, Stauffer Library

"Canadian Mining in Central America: A Week of Action in Kingston"[\(Back to Top\)](#)

Queen's and Kingston Amnesty International Groups and The Kingston Central American Solidarity Committee are inviting the Queen's community to a Week of Events. Their first event is at the Screening Room on Sunday, Oct. 19 @4pm, a screening of the film: "El Oro o La Vida/ Gold For Life: Recolonization and Resistance in Central America". There will also be a photo exhibition at the JDUC, beginning Oct. 20.

[More information and full schedule](#)

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