



**Western
Pathology
Association
Annual Report
2016 - 2017**



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WPA VISION & MISSION, CONSTITUTION

VISION & MISSION

- 1) To promote undergraduate and graduate student, resident, and faculty interactions within the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine.
- 2) To advance the Department's vision, aims and goals by enhancing team work, collaborations, and intellectual exchange.
- 3) To provide an avenue for students, residents, and faculty to bring forward any issues or concerns.
- 4) To organize academic, professional, and social events for WPA.
- 5) To fundraise for various charitable causes and the WPA.

CONSTITUTION

- 1) All undergraduate and graduate students, residents, and faculty within Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine are members of the WPA.
- 2) All executive positions on the council are chosen through elections when position is available and/or majority consensus by the council.
 - i. All positions on the council may only be filled by students or residents of the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine.
- 3) Annual reports will be submitted to the Chair/Chief of Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine.
- 4) Constitutional changes may be made through majority consensus by the council.

WPA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

President:	Jina Kum
Vice President Administration/Finance	Alice Shin
Vice President Academic Events Coordinator	Milica Krstic
Vice President Social Events Coordinator	Tharsan Kanagalingam
Research-Based Graduate Student Representative	Amber Harnett
Pathologist's Assistant Graduate Student Representatives	Julie Wallis Emily Kyle
Pathology Undergraduate Student Representatives	Meera Shah Daniel Teitelbaum

MESSAGE FROM THE WPA COUNCIL

The Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine is unique in that it offers both clinical and basic sciences program. The main objective for establishing WPA was therefore to promote interaction and enhance collaboration between the students, staff and faculty within these various streams of the department.

The WPA council hopes that the academic and social events planned throughout the year will create an opportunity, where all members can learn, interact, and socialize. We anticipate extensive support from everyone in the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine.

Western Pathology Association Council

EVENTS & PROGRAM 2016-2017

BAKE SALE

The WPA hosted a bake sale at the Medical Sciences Building to support our social and academic events for the upcoming school year. Special thanks go to Vy, Lilian, Amber, Milica, and Alice, who served as the volunteer bakers to contribute significantly. Because of everyone's hard work, our bake sale was a huge success!

TAKE BACK THE CAMPUS

The Society of Graduate Students (SOGS), School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (SGPS), Student Experience, and the University Students' Council (USC) partnered to organize "Take Back the Campus", a march to end sexual assault and rape culture at Western. Despite the rain there was a fantastic turnout, with several graduate and

undergraduate students, as well as faculty from the Department of Pathology in attendance. All participants came united with the vision of making our campus a safer environment for everyone.



HALLOWEEN CANDYGRAMS

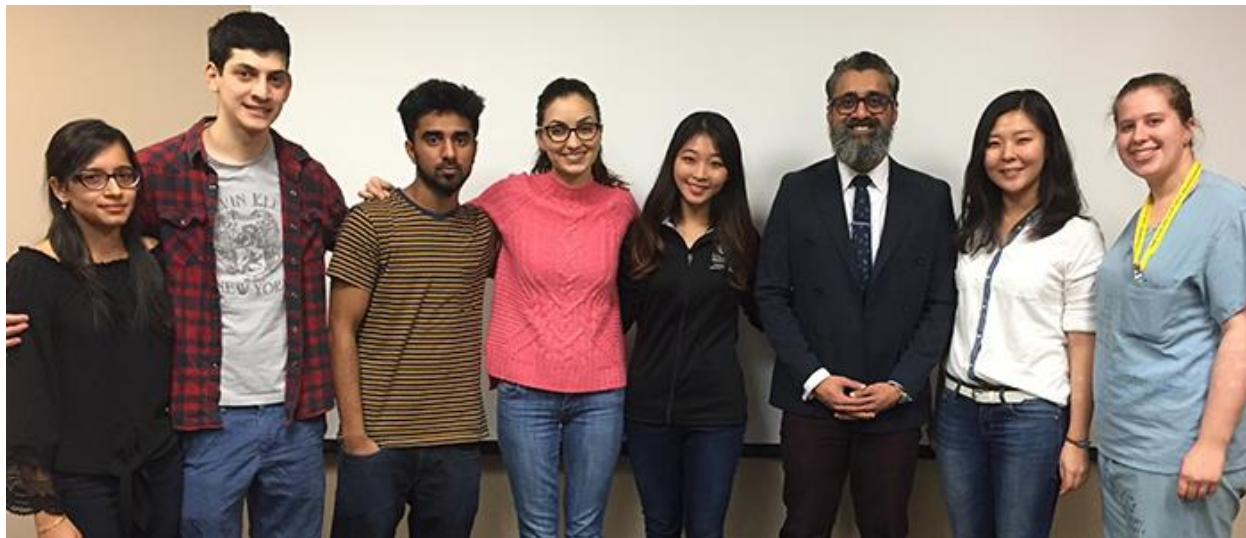


The WPA held another Halloween Candygram sale this year. Deliveries were made on October 31st by Princess Leia and Batman at Western/LHSC and Spongebob and their feline friends at Victoria Hospital. Candygrams were also delivered to patients receiving chemotherapy at the London Regional Cancer Program. Much appreciation goes to Tracey and Cheryl for donating candy and helping make this another successful event!



LONDON KNIGHTS GAME

The research and PA students gathered together at The Budweiser Gardens to watch the game between The London Knights and North Bay Battalion. The game kept us on the edge of our seats, but The Knights managed to pull through with a win!

WPA ALUMNI LECTURE SERIES: DR. ZIA KHAN

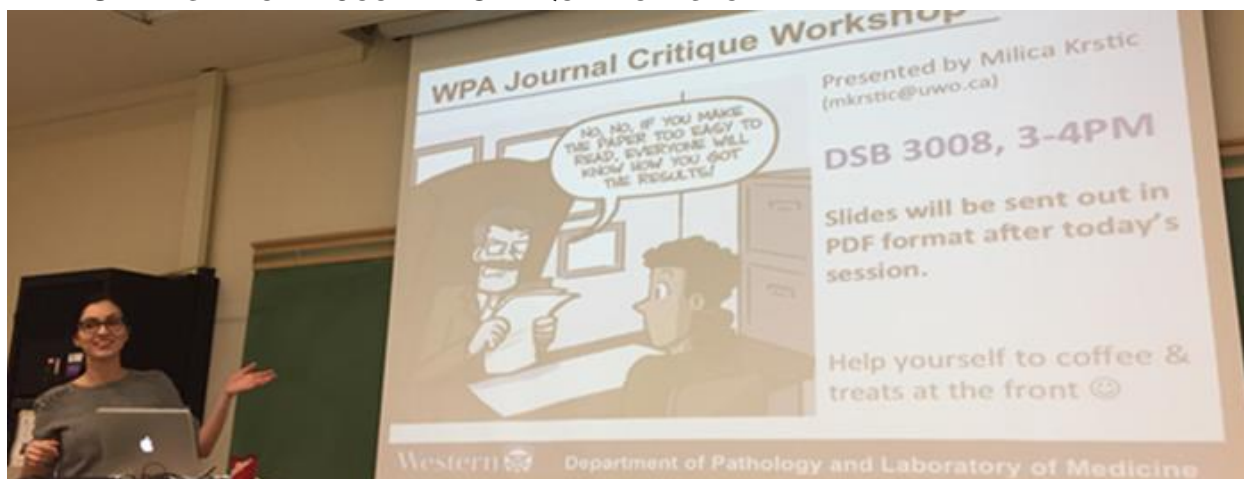
The WPA started off our first Alumni Guest Lecture Series of the 2016-2017 school year with Dr. Zia Khan. As the Chair of BMSc Program in Pathology and the Director of Research of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, Dr. Khan's talk drew attendance from variety of undergraduate and graduate students. His personal speech about his journey into academia was inspiring and motivational. It was a reminder that the journey to reach our goals will be difficult, but the challenges will be worthwhile in the long run.

WPA CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Before the Christmas break, WPA hosted a movie & pizza night. Huddled in warm fuzzy blankets and showcasing our ugly Christmas sweaters, we watched “Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone” with pizza, snacks, and drinks provided by WPA. It was a great opportunity to see everyone before leaving for the holidays!

**INTRAMURAL SPORTS**

Students in our department decided to engage in competitive sports and registered for Co-ed dodgeball. This was an opportunity for undergraduate, graduate and PA students in our department to bond through teamwork and friendly competition. Our department team stayed competitive throughout the season and made it into the second round of the playoffs!

WPA UNDERGRADUATE JOURNAL CRITIQUE WORKSHOP

The WPA hosted the third annual Journal Critique Workshop. Milica Krstic, on behalf of the WPA executive council, provided tips and guidance for the fourth-year undergraduate Pathology students to read more critically and prepare for the Journal Critique presentations. The majority (>70%) of the Pathology undergraduate students attended. Each attendee filled out an evaluation form, and the workshop was rated as follows: Organization (4.9/5), Relevance (4.9/5), Effectiveness (4.4/5), Learning Experience (4.5/5), and Overall Experience (4.7/5). Students enjoyed the focus on 'generalized tips' and examples of pros and cons of others' presentations. Due to the success of our annual Journal Critique Workshop, WPA will continue to hold these sessions.



WPA ALUMNI LECTURE SERIES: MS. KATIE LOGAN

The WPA welcomed back Ms. Katie Logan, MCISc 2012, on January 20, 2017. Katie gave a talk titled “The Road to Becoming a Pathologists' Assistant: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly”. It was well attended by undergraduate students interested in the PA program, current graduate students, faculty and staff. Katie detailed her varied interests as an undergraduate student and her path to joining our program. She candidly described life as a PA graduate student, and her current career as a PA in Kingston, Ontario. Katie gave invaluable advice regarding the application process, job interviewing skills, and how to transition from student to professional. The session was followed by a networking lunch for students. Many thanks to Katie for a great day!

BOARD GAME NIGHT

The WPA hosted their second annual board games night at the Cardboard Café. With attendance from a mix of undergraduate, research, and PA students, our fun-filled evening was a great success!

WPA SCIENTIFIC COMMUNICATIONS WORKSHOP: DR. KATIE MOISSE

The WPA welcomed back Pathology alumna, Dr. Katie Moisse, PhD. Katie is currently working as a scientific news editor at Spectrum in New York. Her interactive “Science Communications Workshop”, titled "Where science meets story-telling", discussed the need for well-written and accurate scientific articles. Katie gave great advice regarding disseminating our research and scientific expertise to the public, conducting media interviews, and speaking with reporters. Several anecdotal stories were offered as well as personal experience of pitfalls in scientific writing and communication through her work as an editor. The workshop was attended by a diverse group of undergraduate and graduate students in both clinical and research-based streams. Many thanks to Katie for putting on a great workshop!

MARIO KART TOURNAMENT AND BAKE SALE

On March 31st, 2017, the WPA hosted a Mario Kart Tournament & Bake Sale on campus and in Victoria Hospital. Our fundraising event was a huge success! 100% of the proceeds will be donated to My Sister’s Place, a local non-profit organization focused on helping women and children experiencing violence and abuse. Congratulations to Rick and Alex for winning first place in the tournament! Special thanks to our volunteer bakers Vy, Rebecca, Tracey, and Cheryl for helping with various delectable baked goods. We look forward to hosting our next fundraising event in the near future.



HISTOLOGY WORKSHOP



On April 19th, 2017, the WPA hosted a histology workshop presented by fellow PA and research-based graduate students in the department. This interactive workshop focused on introducing some basic histology of the epithelium and a brief histopathology introduction to carcinomas of various organs. This workshop was attended by both graduate and undergraduate students from various departments.

END OF THE YEAR SOCIAL



The WPA hosted a social event at the Grad Club to celebrate the end of the school year. This event sponsored by Dr. Chakraborty, was an opportunity for students in both the graduate and PA program to gather before the summer and reflect on another successful year!

FINANCIAL REPORT 2016-2017

<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount</u>
BAKESALE		\$244.60
HALOWEEN		\$354.00
CANDYGRAMS		
TOTAL REVENUE		\$598.60
<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount</u>
CANDYGRAMS	Supplies	\$108.20
KNIGHTS GAME TICKET FOR VOLUNTEER BAKERS		\$20.00
CHRISTMAS SOCIAL	Food & Drinks	\$82.90
UNDERGRAD JOURNAL CRITIQUE	Food & Drinks	\$23.00
BOARD GAME NIGHT	Participation fee	\$78.00
MARIO KART	Prizes	\$70.65
HISTOLOGY WORKSHOP	Food & Drinks	\$25.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$407.75

CONCLUDING STATEMENT

The Western Pathology Association (WPA) was successful in bringing people of the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine together, through academic and social events in the 2016 2017 academic year. The WPA has a mission to provide a platform that supports all undergraduate and graduate students, residents, staff and faculty within the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine. In working towards its mission, it strives to set a range of goals and targets that must be met by enhancing team work, collaborations and intellectual exchange. As a dynamic and developing organization, feedback on these objectives and events are always welcome. The WPA looks forward to expanding its reach and size in the near future.

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