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A Career Exploration Symposium for Graduate Students

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#### DAY ONE: **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2018**

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Keynotes and Sessions

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2018

9:30 AM Opening Keynote
LIVE STREAMED

**DR. CURTIS CLARKE**

Think “Different”: Why Using a New Lens to Take Stock of Your Skills Will Make the World a Better Place

Join Dr. Curtis Clarke, Deputy Minister of Alberta Education as he shares his journey from post-grad to public service. Find out why today’s post-grads have the skills, knowledge and abilities to be the movers and shakers of the future. You will walk away from this keynote with a different perspective of your potential.

About Curtis Clarke, PhD

Curtis Clarke is the Deputy Minister of Education for the Government of Alberta. Before joining the Government of Alberta public service, Dr. Clarke was an associate professor and coordinator of the criminal justice program at Athabasca University.

He was also president of the Canadian Association of Police Educators, board member of the National Police Sector Council and a founding member of the INTERPOL Group of Experts in Training. Dr. Clarke holds a Bachelor of Arts and a Masters [Sociology] from Queen’s University and a PhD [Sociology] from York University. He has recently completed a certificate program in High Intensity Leadership from Cornell University and an Executive Program from the Harvard Kennedy School (Applying Behavioural Insights to the Design of Public Policy).

10:45 AM Interactive Workshop
PD CREDIT (1.5 HOURS)

**DR. NANA LEE**

Designing Your Grad Experience to be Career-Ready

Dr. Nana Lee, academic and former industry scientist, will help you optimize your graduate experience using design thinking principles. This interactive workshop, based on Stanford University’s Design Your Life Lab and book written by Bill Burnett and Dave Evans, will empower you to be career-ready by building a skills development action plan.

Note: In advance of the workshop, please use UAlberta’s Individual Development Plan (IDP) Workbook to identify two to three skills you would like to strengthen.

This workshop may be used towards the Professional Development (PD) Requirement. To record your PD credit please bring your ONEcard or have an FGSR representative sign your record of PD activities at the workshop. All professional development sessions or activities must be approved by your department.

About Nana Lee, PhD

Dr. Nana Lee holds a PhD in Biochemistry and she’s an Assistant Professor (Teaching Stream) at the University of Toronto for the departments of biochemistry and immunology. She is also the Director of Mentorship and Graduate Professional Development (GPD) for Graduate Life & Science Education (GLSE), Faculty of Medicine. She instructs five to six sessions of GPD per academic year. She has presented to over 1000 audience members from high school, undergraduates, graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, faculty and professionals throughout the USA and Canada.

She was a visiting PhD scholar at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Michigan. She also held a positions as Senior Research Scientist for Ellipsis Biotherapeutics in Toronto and Senior Research Scientist, Product Manager and Director of Application Science for DNA Software in Ann Arbor, Michigan.
1:15 PM Session

DR. ANNE KROOK
Growing, Using, and Sustaining Your Professional Network

This session teaches you how to think about, develop, use, and sustain your professional network for maximum flexibility and usefulness throughout your career. You will learn whom to engage and why, how to engage them at various points in your job search, and how to leverage their skills and expertise as you search for your next good job. It will also teach you how to be a good citizen in your network, returning the help that others give you when you are in a position to do so.

About Anne Krook, PhD
As a former academic who transitioned successfully to the corporate and non-profit workplaces, Dr. Anne Krook helps graduate students and postdoctoral fellows transition to non-academic workplaces. A leader in workplace transition, this popular speaker draws from her experience as an assistant professor in English Language and Literature at the University of Michigan for seven years, her 13 years at amazon.com and her VP of Operations roles at startups.

3:00 PM Alumni Career Panels

We will be holding two concurrent advice panel sessions featuring UAlberta Alumni - one for a Master’s career path and one for PhD. Come and hear how UAlberta Alumni have navigated a diversity of careers and challenges to use their degree to contribute their talents to economic and social prosperity of a city, province, and nation.

Master’s Alumni Career Panel - in Glacier Room
PhD Alumni Career Panel - in Prairie Room

4:00 PM Mixer

Enjoy beverages and hot appetizers at this informal networking opportunity with career panel guests and other participants.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2018

8:30 AM Rapid Resume Review, Professional Photos and Information Booths

The early bird gets the career advice. Bring a printed copy of your resume, CV or LinkedIn profile for a brief review, courtesy of the U of A Career Centre team, first come, first served.

Take this opportunity to get a professional photograph taken for your LinkedIn profile or website. Photographs will also offered on day one of conference.

Check out career and professional development related information booths. Meet representatives from Mitacs, Government of Alberta, City of Edmonton, WISER, eHUB, EPL, TEC Edmonton, and more!

10:00 AM Interactive Workshop
PD CREDIT (2 HOURS)

ELAINE BROE and KELLY WOOD
The Value of Storytelling: How to Showcase What Counts For You

This interactive and hands-on session with Elaine Broe and Kelly Wood will have you talking about what matters most to you in a way that engages future employers and communicates your unique life and academic experience.

- Increase your self-awareness and ability to communicate
- Identify values that reflect your unique identity
- Discover personal stories that demonstrate your values
- Practice effective storytelling for informational and job interviews as well as networking opportunities

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About Elaine Broe, MA

Elaine holds a Master’s degree in Leadership with a focus on employee creativity and change within organizational culture. As a faculty member with global institutes such as Banff Centre, Up2You Coaching, THNK School of Creativity, Elaine loves collaborating with people to support goals and move ideas forward. She is a certified PCC level coach, who works with emerging leaders to define career paths and coaches established leaders in transition as they build their legacy.

About Kelly Wood, MA

Kelly Wood is a strengths- and solutions-based life coach and facilitator with a Master’s degree in Leadership. She is faculty at Banff Centre’s Leadership Institute and coaches and facilitates with businesses and individuals through her own business. Her clients have included Mount Royal University, the Northern Institute of Technology, as well as startups such as SoulFood and the Happy Healthy Women Network.

1:15 PM Interactive Workshop
PD CREDIT (1.5 HOURS)

EVAN HU

How to Develop an Entrepreneurial and Innovation Mindset: Skills Employers Want

Learn why the entrepreneurial and innovation mindset is key to current and future success. This hands-on workshop will give you the five habits to support an entrepreneurial mindset and connect innovation skills with the ability to learn through experimentation.

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About Evan Hu, M. Eng,

Evan is an UAlberta alumnus and a serial entrepreneur and executive coach. He was the founder of several successful startups including OmniLogic, MapleMusic and Ideaca. A Rainforest AB fellow and a member of the A100 and Engineer Change Lab, he is active in the Canadian startup community as an angel investor, educator and volunteer. He is the Chair of Calgary Technologies Inc. and is a Founding Partner and G7 Associate at Creative Destruction Lab.

3:00 PM Closing Keynote
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KORY MATHEWSON
The Best Career Advice I Ever Got: “Say Yes”

Improv comedy isn’t just about laughs. In fact, if you take a closer look, there are valuable lessons to be learned about — wait for it — leadership. [Yes, really!] Let Rapid Fire Theatre funnyman Kory Mathewson show you how the fundamentals of improv acting — such as being a good listener and “saying yes” — can help you achieve your career goals. Whether you want to gain confidence in your interview skills, be a networking pro, or get comfortable presenting your ideas, this session will help you improve your leadership skills and advance your career.

About Kory Mathewson, PhD Candidate

Kory Mathewson is a PhD candidate in Reinforcement Learning at the University of Alberta with the Alberta Machine Intelligence Institute. His research interests include interactive machine learning, human-in-the-loop deep reinforcement learning, human–robot interfaces (prosthetic robotics), and conversational dialog systems.

Before his PhD, he completed his Bachelor’s degree in Electrical Engineering and his Master’s degree in Biomedical Engineering. Kory has interned at Twitter Cortex, at Google Brain Magenta, and at Apple Special Projects Group. His PhD research is funded by the National Science and Engineering Research Council. He is a Lab Scientist [Machine Learning] at the Creative Destruction Lab at the University of Toronto. Kory is also an accomplished improvisational theatre performance artist. He is currently fusing his interests by developing an artificial intelligence to perform comedy alongside.
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