

Inaugural MST Graduate Student Café

Todd Pruden

Exploring the *nehiyaw* language
immersion with digital media

Esther Rosario

Gender-based brain studies and
their malcontents

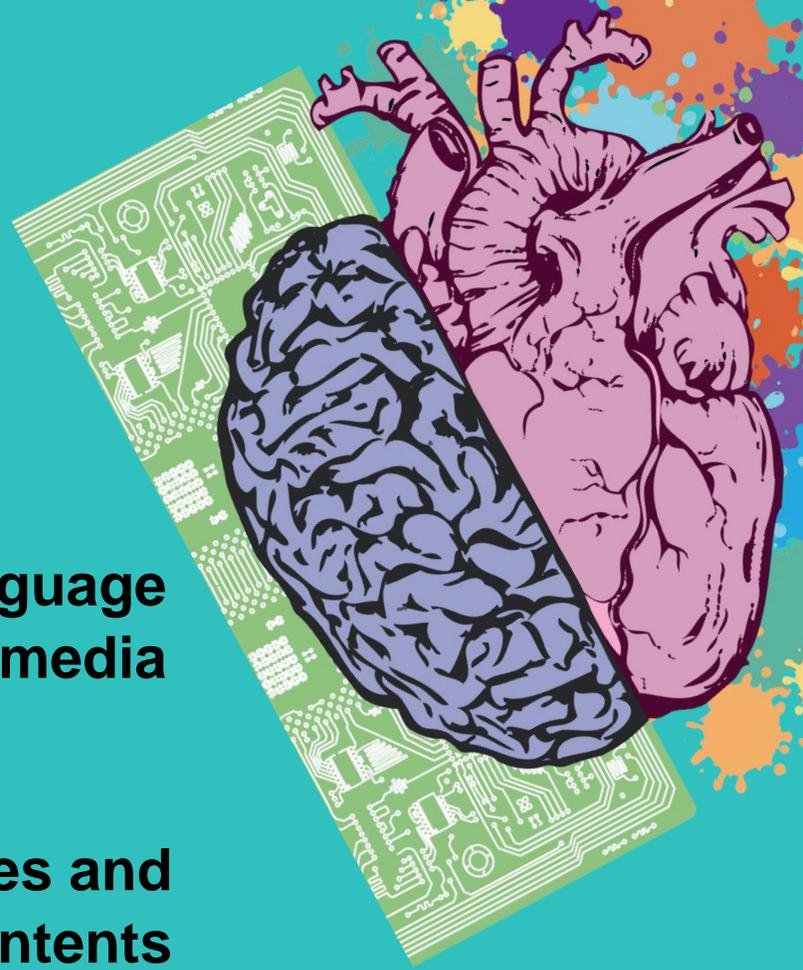
Ella Forgie

‘The West knows best’: Racialized discourses and the
unintended consequences of Western aid
during the West African and Democratic
Republic of the Congo Ebola epidemics

**Friday, February 26
noon to 1pm**

Everyone is welcome!

**Request Zoom link from
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MST – Mediating Science and Technology

is a Signature Area of Research of the Faculty of Arts

Todd Pruden is an MDes student in the Dept. of Art & Design.

Indigenous language reclamation and preservation through inspirational immersion, in the early 21st century, offers multiple possible outcomes. Todd explores how respectful design, when mapped correctly, could create an opportunity for an immersive language relationship utilizing direct input from contributing end-users. Today's accessible technology provides possible tools that can co-create desirable behaviour changes, inspiring natural language exchange.

Esther Rosario is a PhD student in the Dept. of Philosophy.

Her research lies at a cross-section between philosophy of biology, feminist philosophy, and science and values. Esther's project is focused on answering the ontological question of what sex is as a kind, and epistemological and normative questions related to how to best conceptualize sex for social purposes. She takes contemporary gender-based brain studies as a case study, and critically examines its use of sex concepts in order to build her case for a better alternative.

Ella Forgie is an MA student in the Dept. of Anthropology.

She examines the racialization of Ebola and explores how Western aid during the two largest Ebola epidemics in history was influenced by the white gaze and thus frequently more harmful than helpful. Ella seeks to debunk the commonly held though rarely acknowledged assumption that the West knows best, and she puts forth a call to the global health community to deploy customized rather than standardized aid, and to amplify rather than ignore or simply acknowledge the voices of those to whom aid is being distributed.