

The Western Anthropology Graduate Society  
is pleased to announce

Western Anthropology  
Graduate Student  
Conference

towards a  
"boundless"  
anthropology

March 9th - 10th, 2018

We invite abstracts to be sent to  
[uwoanthconference@gmail.com](mailto:uwoanthconference@gmail.com)  
from across the social sciences dealing with the concept of  
"boundaries".

**Graduate Students**

Submit paper abstracts for 15-minute oral presentations by  
**Sunday February 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2018 (EXTENDED DEADLINE!)**. Include  
your name and affiliation, paper title, abstract (up to 250 words),  
and 3-4 keywords.

**Undergraduate Students**

Submit abstracts for 5-7 minute presentations by **Sunday  
February 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2018 (EXTENDED DEADLINE!)**. Include your  
name and institution, year of study, paper title, thesis and  
summary, and 3-4 keywords with your abstract (up to 250 words).

<https://www.facebook.com/uwoanthroconference>

<http://anthropology.uwo.ca/graduate/WAGS/WAGS%206th%20Annual%20Student%20Conference%202018.html>



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## **Towards a “Boundless” Anthropology March 9-10, 2018**

Anthropology has always been faced with a thorny problem: how to approach the idea of boundaries. As a means of reifying differences between peoples, spaces, and places, the idea of a “boundary” has served as a tool for various lines of anthropological inquiry. Their contemporary application, however, is often challenged, as boundaries in many forms represent an inherent limitation on fluidity and free movement; even in the pursuit of shifting or demolishing these barriers altogether, scholars have often produced new ones.

Now, in a time when we are acutely aware of the permeability and complexity of the world and those who inhabit it, we as emerging researchers are called upon to find ways to re-imagine how boundaries are created, re/de-constructed, or overcome in thought and in practice.

The Western Anthropology Graduate Society (WAGS) would like to invite you to participate in our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Student Conference, wherein we will hear from student researchers on any and all aspects related to a “boundless” anthropology; this includes all current graduate and undergraduate research (both anthropological, and from beyond this discipline’s own “boundaries”) on topics such as:

- Societal change
- Interdisciplinary and community collaboration
- Migration and displacement
- Human/non-human relationships
- Technologies and communication
- Academic activism
- Boundaries in theory and in practice
- Decolonizing thought
- Material entanglements and permeable boundaries
- Ethical, legal, moral, and bureaucratic boundaries

We hope you will join us, as we explore the many ways in which a “boundless” anthropology might just be a glimpse into a not-so-distant future.

Graduate papers must be approximately 15-minutes in length, and students from any discipline or institution are invited to submit a 250-word paper abstract to [uwoanthconference@gmail.com](mailto:uwoanthconference@gmail.com) by Sunday February 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2018 (EXTENDED DEADLINE!). With your abstract, please include your name, contact information, degree program, year of study, department, and a paper title. Our conference programming committee will assign submissions to panels with other presenters based on shared themes or topics.

Undergraduate students are encouraged to participate as well. Papers should be 5-7 minutes in length. At the time of submission, please indicate whether you wish to present at a graduate or undergraduate panel. Submit a 250-word paper abstract to [uwoanthconference@gmail.com](mailto:uwoanthconference@gmail.com) by Sunday February 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2018 (EXTENDED DEADLINE!).

Dr. Karen McGarry (McMaster University), and Dr. Christopher Watts (University of Waterloo) will be the keynote speakers for the graduate and undergraduate panel respectively.

**WAGS is excited to offer a \$150 Air Canada voucher for the best “out-of-town” submission.**