



February 2023 Issue

Happy Lenten Season!

Dear TGSA members, I trust you were able to have a productive Reading Week, as well as a restful time away from the regular routine of classes (where applicable). We are now onto the second half of the semester, with multiple deadlines closing in and conflicting priorities. A silver lining to all of this is that you are not alone and have got colleagues in similar situations. Together, we can encourage and serve as a resource to one another. To this end, TGSA will continue to host our monthly Cohort Cohesion event on the first Thursday of every month, through to the end of the semester, at the TST building. See more info on this below.

TGSA communicates with the TST community through the [TGSA website](#), [Facebook group](#), and [Twitter feed](#), as well as the TST graduate degree student [email listserv \(torontotheology@outlook.com\)](mailto:torontotheology@outlook.com)

Be sure to check your Utoronto email regularly and join the TGSA social media platforms to stay on top of TGSA-related information.

Below are upcoming array of events and notable dates:

- March 1: OGS (Ontario Graduate Scholarship) domestic and international application deadline
- March 1: American Academy of Religion (AAR) call for proposal deadline
- March 14: Society of Biblical Literature (SBL) conference call for paper closes
- March 27: Last day to defend thesis for Spring Convocation.
- March 31: Winter-Summer TGSA and GCTS Conference Award application deadline. Application to be submitted by 12 noon (EDT).
- April 21: Last date to submit doctoral thesis for examination for Fall 2023 Convocation

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Save the Dates - Cohort Cohesion



Save the dates for the upcoming TGSA Cohort Cohesion event, hosted on the first Thursday of every month, from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm at the TST building. We usually have a nice time of friendship, light refreshments and catching up. The upcoming cohort cohesion events for the semester will be on: **March 2, April 6, May 4, and June 1.**

TST's Newly Appointed Graduate Programs Coordinator – John Sampson

I am the GCTS (Graduate Centre for Theological Studies)'s new coordinator of graduate programs, a recent PhD graduate and scholar of Chinese theology and World Christianity. I am here to support graduate students and available if students have any questions for the GCTS office.

TST-wide Ecumenical Service

Earlier on in the semester, on January 25, the TST community gathered together at Wycliffe College for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Together, we meditated on the theme of "Do good; seek justice" (Isaiah 1:17). Part of the beauty of doing theology at the TST is the opportunity for ecumenical fellowship and shared resources. Look out for future ecumenical fellowship opportunities.



TGSA Board

Please see some vacant TGSA board positions below. TGSA is a great way to get involved at TST, meet new people, and learn about the resources available to us at TST.

Vice President External:

The VP External is TGSA's principal liaison with University of Toronto student unions, attending one UTSU and GSU meeting each year. They will also work with the University of Toronto and other Board members to inform TST students about and improve their access to university services and build TGSA's relationship with TST affiliated colleges.

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MA & ThM Representatives:

Both the MA and ThM representatives support the students in their programs at TGSA and reports their concerns to the TGSA board. The TGSA members holding either of these positions must be active and registered students of the programs that they represent.

If you are interested in either of these positions, contact torontotheology@outlook.com for more information.

Listed are the current TGSA board members:

Executives

- President – Hannah Ferguson
- Treasurer – Tom Hubschmid
- Vice President Academic – Morgan Bell
- Vice President Conferences – Li-Wei Liu
- Vice President External – Vacant
- Vice President Communications – Maureen Ononiwu

Program Representatives

- Master of Arts – Vacant
- Master of Theology – Vacant
- Doctor of Ministry – David Kennedy

College Representatives

- Emmanuel – Morgan Bell
- Knox – Robert Revington
- Regis – Patrick Nolin
- St. Michael's – Rosemary Boissonneau
- Trinity – Dylan Ziegler
- Wycliffe – Tom Hubschmid

Non-Voting Officers and Guests

- Secretary – Bohdan Hladio

Have a blessed Lenten season and best wishes for the second half of the semester.

Maureen Ononiwu

TGSA VP Communications