

UBC Student Leadership Conference 2020

Delegate Information Package
(un)define Your Leadership



THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Tentative Schedule

So what does the day of the SLC actually look like? Provided is the schedule so you can plan accordingly.

Time	Session
9:00 – 10:17	Opening Ceremony
10:30 – 11:20	Panels
11:30 – 12:20	Workshops & Living Libraries
12:30 – 1:20	Lunch
1:30 – 2:20	Workshops & Living Libraries
2:30 – 3:30	Featured Presenters
3:30 – 5:00	Closing Event

About this Stream

(un)define Your Leadership - This stream challenges you to put a new filter on your leadership experiences. You will critically examine the way you lead and reflect on the role that novel experiences and perspectives play in building effective campus and community leaders.

Is this Stream for Me?

This stream is designed for seasoned student leaders who are excited to further develop their student leadership skills, and gain the inside scoop on senior student leadership. This stream is designed to get students thinking about versatility in leadership, to lead (un)filtered, while considering filters in the leadership of others.

Featured Presenter

Alex Smith (UBC Nursing grad 2011) found his passion and purpose working with marginalized communities as a registered nurse in Vancouver. At his LGBTQ clinic, he saw high-risk patients diagnosed with HIV due to lack of access to an expensive new HIV prevention medication, pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP). In 2016, Alex created the Davie Buyers Club – a pathway outside of the mainstream healthcare system that allowed people to access an FDA-approved generic version of PrEP produced in India, shipped to the USA, and then retrieved by border-crossing Canadian patients. Risking his nursing license for ‘going rogue’, Alex and the Davie Buyers Club helped 300 people access PrEP, prevented many HIV infections, and influenced the healthcare system to respond to the lack of PrEP access in BC. PrEP became available in BC at no-cost in Jan 2018. Alex is now studying medicine at the University of Calgary.



Alex Smith

Living Libraries

Councillor Jean Swanson was elected to City Council in 2018 as a member of COPE (The Coalition of Progressive Electors). Some of her platform includes a rent freeze, building modular housing and increasing social co-op, providing a clean, safe, and free drugs and culturally appropriate treatment on demand to stop the opioid crisis, and reducing the police budget to reallocate it into services for low-income and criminalized people.

Councillor Swanson has worked to get governments to reduce and end poverty for about 40 years, for which she was awarded the Order of Canada in 2017. She's author of the book *Poor Bashing: the politics of exclusion*. For the last 12 years she volunteered at the Carnegie Community Action Project working for more and better housing, higher welfare rates, and stopping gentrification in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside."

Cllr Jean Swanson



Chris Nyarady is a podcaster and entertainer who graduated from the University of New Brunswick where he studied multimedia and theatre. After spending a few years in Halifax where he immersed himself in the comedy scene, Chris moved to Vancouver in order to pursue a career in animation. Being a passionate pop culture junky and self-described "geek," Chris also produced and hosted Geeks versus Nerds Vancouver, the Vancouver branch of a live comedy podcast he was heavily involved with in Halifax. Geeks versus Nerds is a debate/comedy show that has existed in Vancouver for 7 years, has featured over 100 panelists, and has been recognized as one of the best podcasts in Vancouver as part of the Westender's Best of City awards in 2017. Chris' Living Library session will discuss the unique trials and tribulations in producing a monthly comedy show within the "geek scene." It will also be about how to foster a community through the shared love of pop-culture, and how to give an opportunity for passionate individuals to perform and speak publicly who otherwise wouldn't have a platform to be heard.

Chris "MooMan" Nyarady



Panel

Name: Grow Together - Mentoring, Filtering, Changing

Taran Ghatrora

Taran is Blume's Cofounder and CEO. She is a 500 Startups fellow, G20 youth delegate for Canada, and a 30 Under 30.

Taran's focus on empowering women and storytelling began in childhood. Her passion broadened to destigmatizing taboos around periods and sex ed and advocacy after law school, during her Master's at UBC, where she focused on gender equity abroad due to periods. The experience catalyzed her desire to create action pathways for women through Blume's sustainable, organic products and educational content. Taran now shapes Blume's long-term vision, strategy, and narrative to support today's generation of confident and informed women.



Jacques Martiquet

Jacques, he's an odd entrepreneur. In the last 5 years, Jacques worked as an emergency medic at giant festivals, he graduated from the University of British Columbia with a BSc. in Pharmacology, he attended Burning Man in the middle of a desert, and he traveled across the world throwing hundreds of sober flash mob parties... alone. His human connection agency, VYVE, has been featured in VICE Media, praised by the President of UBC, and hired by multiple colleges, companies, and community groups. During a meditation retreat, he discovered his life's mission: To spread the high of human connection. How he advances his mission is by a systems-change approach to party entertainment.



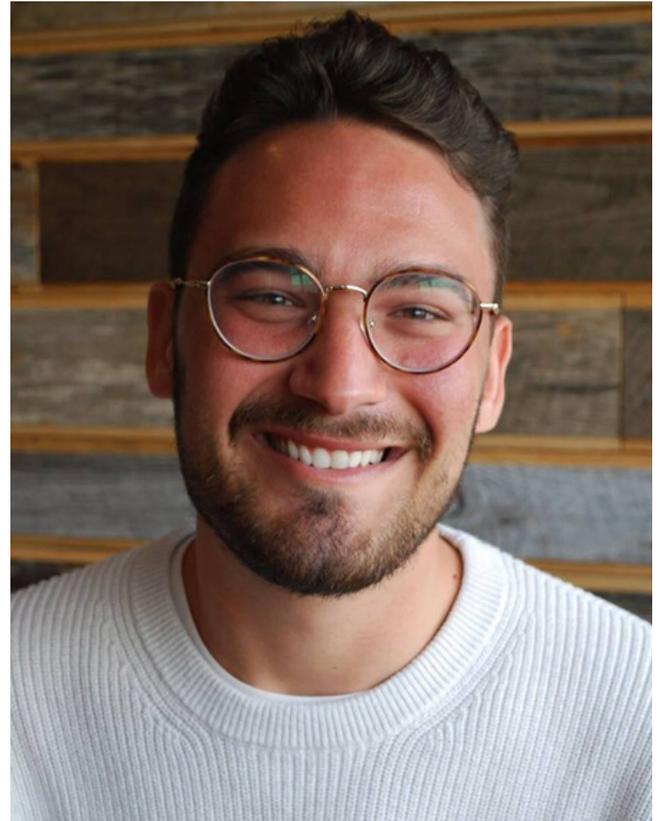
Brayden Cohen

Nouns have it right: people, places, and things." - Bobby Hundreds

A natural-born connector and millennial, Brayden finds inspiration by the people he meets, places he travels, and the things that people create. Born and raised in Metro Vancouver, he graduated with his Bachelors of Business (honours) in marketing management.

With close ties to Vancouver, Brayden started his marketing career in a garage working for an apparel start-up, DUER, bringing them to global growth. Later, moving to Modo, North America's first member-owned carsharing organization and now, working with Vancouver's tech unicorn, Hootsuite in Social Marketing.

Brayden feels strongly about giving back to his community through unconventional ways of mentorship—acting as a peer to peer mentor for Langara's Co-op Career Centre and the Leaders of Tomorrow Program through the Vancouver Board of Trade. He hopes that panel attendees leave the discussion understanding that mentorship is: valuable for everyone involved, about building and nurturing authentic relationships, and unique to each individual.



Workshops

Please note that you are allowed to choose workshops outside of your stream.

Mentoring and Why It Matters

Presenter: Owen Fan

Learn about what it means to be a mentor in professional and social settings and realize how impactful the role can be. Successful leaders have their own mentors and mentees which each offer different learning opportunities. Through small and large group discussions, we will define what mentoring entails, how positive connections are pivotal to the relationship between mentors and mentees, and how empowering it is to lead as a mentor. I will share from over 7 years of my experiences with NPOs that emphasize the importance of mentorship..

Combatting Climate Change: from individuals to systemic transformation

Presenter: Deyvika Srinivasa & Meghan Little

This workshop will discuss different scales of change needed to transform our society into one that prioritizes and promotes sustainability, justice, and wellbeing. Learning moments and activities involve recognizing the power of everyday activism, bridging knowledge and action, and fostering empathetic leadership. We all have the agency for change. The big question is: how will you play your part?

Your Thinking Process, (un)filtered

Presenter: Sandy Hassoun & Yaathavan Suresh

Our workshop will require students to form groups and then build a structure which will either be inspired by a prompt which is hidden in their bag of materials. If this prompt is not found by the students, they will be building solely using their imaginations. Subsequently, the students will be given the opportunity to explain their structures in the form of a presentation delivered to the other groups. Finally, the students will be asked to interpret what each member's thinking style is (Clarifier, ideator, developer, implementer). Ultimately, this workshop will gauge an individual's ability to identify the problem, plan methods to solve it, implement those methods, then test, reassess and troubleshoot.

Challenge Your Perception, Experience A New Reality

Presenter: Nicole Araujo

Become more self-aware and experience a happier, healthier state of being that allows you to develop stronger leadership skills. Explore the values, people and experiences that have contributed to your filters of understanding and shaped your perception of reality. Plant the seeds of self-reflection, grow your perspective and let your mind flourish!

(Un)learning Challenges and Diversifying Solutions

Presenter: Candice Chan & Vanessa Chan, Arts Peer Academic Coaches

How does identity influence student leadership development and your mentoring practices? Intersectionality is a framework to understand how power structures interact in the lives of people with diverse identities. This workshop will explore how you can use intersectionality to frame student leadership development and sharpen your skills to be more responsive in mentoring them.

Learning Outcomes

- Identify how their beliefs, worldviews, and identities influence student leadership development and mentoring practices;
- Recognize how intersectional diversity can impact mentoring relationships with student leaders;
- Become aware of the impact of privilege, conscious and unconscious stereotypes, assumptions and biases in the Advisor-Student Leader relationship;
- Apply evidence-based strategies to mitigate the impact of stereotypes, biases and privilege to foster culturally responsive mentoring relationships;
- Use culturally responsive principles to explore intersectional identity and leadership with students

Know Your ABC's: Asset Based Community Development

Presenter: Mary Arakelyan, SCI Team & Erica Commons, Student Engagement Officer

You have issues you're concerned about and communities you'd like to support, but how will you make sure your work creates lasting and meaningful change?

This workshop will serve as an introduction to Asset Based Community Development – a theory of sustainable development employed at UBC and beyond. Through activities and small group work, we will define the principles of ABCD, compare and contrast ABCD with “outside in” approaches, and apply the framework to a case. Leave with ABCD in your change-making-toolkit and a new perspective on approaches to community development.

Leadership In Sustainability

Presenter: Emily White, Sirena Harrop, and Elysia Park, UBC Sustainability Ambassadors

Be inspired to embrace sustainability as a cornerstone of your leadership practice. Learn the workings of the United Nations Sustainability Development Goals and how this framework can be used to implement social, economic, and environmental change on a personal and collective level. Leave motivated to create waves of change in pursuit of a sustainable global community.

Python, with applications to Daily Life

Presenter: Emily Gubski

Hey, you know that tedious, boring, repetitive task you are working on? Wouldn't it be great if someone or *something* could just do it for you? Come to this workshop to learn the basics of Python (the programming language, not the snake) to be able to effectively google your way through any problem and automate those pesky tasks in your life. Need to rename a bunch of files? Send a custom email to a list of people? Search the internet for the lyrics to any song? Worry not! After going over the basics, we will fully work through an example from idea to functioning code. The possibilities are endless.