

# 2021 CTLT Winter Institute

## What Would An Accessible University Look Like?

Date: December 8, 2021

Time: 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

### Facilitators and Panelists

- **Corin de Freitas:** PhD Candidate in the Department of Geography
- **Jennifer Gagnon:** Sessional Lecturer in the School of Journalism, Writing, and Media
- **David Gramling:** Professor of German Studies, and Head of the Dept of Central, Eastern and Northern European Studies
- **Shota Iwasaki:** PhD Candidate in the Department of Asian Studies
- **Jessica Main:** Associate Professor of Asian Studies & Chair and Director of the Robert H.N. Ho Family Foundation Program in Buddhism
- **Sharalyn Orbaugh:** Professor and Head of the Department of Asian Studies
- **Ayaka Yoshimizu:** Assistant Professor of Teaching in the Department of Asian Studies

### In-Meeting Zoom Chat

\*The names of the participants who posted comments except the facilitators and panelists have been changed to their initials for privacy purposes.

**13:01:24** From C B (CTLT Event Coordinator) to Everyone:

Good afternoon! I am one of the event coordinators at CTLT. Please message me in the chat if you are having any technical difficulties.

**13:01:30** From C B (CTLT Event Coordinator) to Everyone:

Please note the zoom live captions have been enabled for this session. If you would like to turn them on or off, click on the CC button at the bottom of your zoom screen. Then click "Hide Subtitle" or "Show Subtitle".

**13:08:51** From Shota Iwasaki (he/him) to Everyone:

Hello everyone. My name is Shota Iwasaki. I have a speech disability, so let me introduce myself by writing in the chat. Sharalyn reads out this introduction on my behalf.

I am a sessional lecturer and a Ph.D. candidate in Asian Studies at UBC. I am an Asian man with short black hair. I am wearing brown glasses, a blue oxford shirt, and jeans. Behind me are ivory sliding closet doors in my bedroom. My pronoun is he/him.

I am very thrilled and surprised that our workshop has attracted so many participants. Thank you very much for coming today.

**13:09:42** From Shota Iwasaki (he/him) to Everyone:

Here, let me briefly explain the multimodality of the workshop and my mode of communication.

As Ayaka mentioned, we adopt a multi-temporal approach to our workshop. To further enhance the accessibility of our workshop, we also adopt a multimodal approach, with which your participation in different modes, speaking and writing, is welcome. Please feel free to post your questions and comments in the chat throughout the workshop, and we will do our best to respond to them. However, due to the time constraints, some of them posted in the chat will be responded after the workshop, for example, in the workshop materials that will be shared later.

Due to my speech disability and slow writing, my responses to the questions and comments will mainly be made in those after-workshop materials. I appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

**13:10:03** From J C to Everyone:

Thanks for sharing, Shota!

**13:23:31** From J C to Everyone:

Corin, as a disabled pre-tenure faculty member who navigated my own PhD program with my disability. I see myself in so much of what you are saying.

**13:25:47** From A C to Everyone:

Thank you for sharing Corin.

**13:25:54** From K H to Everyone:

Wow, thank you Corin.

**13:26:03** From R to Everyone:

Corin - thank you so much for sharing your experience and analysis. I see my own PhD experience. Many of my access needs went unmet and I had to ask for extensions each year after year 4 to finish after 7 years. Thank you again!!

**13:26:22** From A. Corin de Freitas (he/him) to Everyone:

I'm sorry it's a familiar story for you, too, J!

**13:27:15** From L C to Everyone:

Hi Corin, thank you for sharing! Sorry if I misunderstood you, did you mention a book written by a UBC professor about disabilities?

**13:27:25** From S T to Everyone:

Corin, you did a great job — very moving and inspiring.

**13:27:33** From A. Corin de Freitas (he/him) to Everyone:  
Thank you, R! I'm sorry you know how it goes.

**13:28:11** From A. Corin de Freitas (he/him) to Everyone:  
Hi L! I mentioned "Academic Ableism" by Jay Dolmage and "Mad at School" by Margaret Price.

**13:28:30** From A. Corin de Freitas (he/him) to Everyone:  
Thank you, S! :)

**13:29:02** From Y H to Everyone:  
Hi Corin, thank you so much for sharing! I was wondering if you could share the twitter handle again for the UBC post-doc that you had mentioned?

**13:29:20** From A H (she/her) to Everyone:  
Corin, who was the disabled UBC academic you mentioned on instagram? I missed her name.

**13:29:32** From L C to Everyone:  
Thank you for sharing! I would love to read those books to learn more :)

**13:29:35** From A. Corin de Freitas (he/him) to Everyone:  
Yes! @taracdennehy

**13:29:47** From A H to Everyone:  
Thank you!

**13:30:02** From Y H to Everyone:  
Thank you!

**13:30:18** From J C to Everyone:  
I love the irony, David.

**13:48:09** From J C to Everyone:  
Thankyou, Jennifer!

**13:48:34** From Jennifer Gagnon (she/her) to Everyone:  
Please feel free to chat with me or send me an email:  
Jennifer.Gagnon@ubc.ca

You can learn more about the Disability Affinity Group either by contacting me directly or at:  
disability.affinity@equity.ubc.ca

**13:59:36** From J C to Everyone:  
Thank you, Jessica.

**13:59:38** From R to Everyone:  
Thanks Jessica

**13:59:45** From M N to Everyone:  
Thank you Jessica!

**14:00:03** From C C to Everyone:  
Thanks Jessica!

**14:00:05** From Jessica Main to Everyone:  
Thanks M! Nice to see you here!

**14:00:14** From B C to Everyone:  
Thank you Jessica!

**14:00:16** From Z C to Everyone:  
Wonderful talk, Jessica!

**14:00:59** From O B to Everyone:  
Thank you Prof. Main for sharing your experience! I was so devastated to learn that AMS has cut down reimbursement amounts and seemingly excluded my depression medication completely from the list of ones they reimburse... Being financially insecure, I have felt a giant sting to my budget.

**14:01:56** From Jessica Main to Everyone:  
Reductions in prescription and mental health coverage is so rough. :(

**14:02:12** From B C to Everyone:  
If anyone want to know more about Plan G and/or pharmacare, I'm happy to share my experience applying with them. Granted, I am Canadian citizen so things might work differently...

**14:02:37** From O B to Everyone:  
I hope this does not apply to you! But I was happy to see some of my experiences reflected in your great speech

**14:03:12** From M N to Everyone:  
Yes, plan G was helpful for me too

**14:03:33** From B C to Everyone:  
Psychiatric Medications Plan (Plan G)

**14:03:34** From B C to Everyone:  
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/practitioner-professional->

resources/pharmacare/prescribers/psychiatric-medications-plan-plan-g

**14:05:43** From H A to Everyone:  
B thanks for posting this!

**14:08:19** From B C to Everyone:  
No worries! Note that you need a GP to approve and apply Plan G on your behalf. You can have both Plan G and Pharmacare for wider coverage. They also supplement Pacific Bluecross (student insurance under UBC)...

**14:09:33** From B C to Everyone:  
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/health-drug-coverage/pharmacare-for-bc-residents/who-we-cover>

**14:10:03** From B C to Everyone:  
You can find more information here and it looks like it's open to all BC residents based on income and such...

**14:10:28** From M N to Everyone:  
Thank you Shota!

**14:10:32** From B C to Everyone:  
Thank you Shota!

**14:10:40** From C C to Everyone:  
Thank you Shota!

**14:10:44** From R C to Everyone:  
Thank you, Shota!

**14:10:54** From U A to Everyone:  
Thank you!

**14:11:24** From A. Corin de Freitas (he/him) to Everyone:  
Interactive Padlet: [https://padlet.com/ayaka\\_yoshimizu/pzycpvknkziy4odo](https://padlet.com/ayaka_yoshimizu/pzycpvknkziy4odo)

**14:11:25** From A C to Everyone:  
Thank you to all the panelists!

**14:11:42** From R T to Everyone:  
Thank you Shota -- that was a very insightful presentation.

**14:11:45** From G C to Everyone:  
Thank you to all the panelists!

**14:11:47** From C L to Everyone:  
Huge thanks to everyone for presenting

**14:12:16** From H A to Everyone:  
Many many thanks!

**14:12:19** From C B (CTLT Event Coordinator) to Everyone:  
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**14:12:55** From D H to Everyone:  
Thanks so much! This is a very inspiring panel.

**14:12:57** From A H to Everyone:  
Thank you everyone, I have to leave a bit early but will watch the recorded session. I feel like I could watch this every week. Can't thank you enough.

**14:13:02** From Y H to Everyone:  
Thank you so much to all the panelists!

**14:13:03** From B Z to Everyone:  
Thank you all!

**14:13:06** From R to Everyone:  
So much gratitude for all the panelists and project team, and organizers for this session!

**14:13:15** From B S to Everyone:  
Thank you for your time for this wonderful session!

**14:13:19** From Ayaka Yoshimizu (she/her) to Everyone:  
Panelists are welcome to join too!

**14:13:50** From R to Everyone:  
Can someone put the question in the chat?

**14:14:16** From C B (CTLT Event Coordinator) to Everyone:  
Discussion Question: What would you recommend your program, unit, faculty, or university to make it more accessible?

**14:14:32** From R to Everyone:  
Thank you!

**14:15:06** From U A to Everyone:  
Thank you to all panelists for sharing about their experiences as disabled instructors. I am

thankful for being able to attend such a event. I am hopeful more discussions of this nature will facilitate a better experience at UBC and in life general for those of us yet to embark on their journey.

**14:15:13** From J C to Everyone:

Thank you so so so much for sharing and giving me the opportunities to become more aware of all the barriers that I never noticed before. THANKS!

**14:23:31** From C L to Everyone:

Those earrings are amazing!

**14:24:12** From K G to Everyone:

Deep gratitude to everyone involved in this event and everyone speaking up. That stat of 3% self identifying on campus feels so real - it can so isolating to be disabled on campus. Things like this are so important and validating.

**14:29:54** From X X to Everyone:

Sorry I have to leave now for another pre-scheduled meeting. Thank all the speakers again!

**14:30:27** From Jessica Main to Everyone:

Want to echo the call for centralized, clear funding for accommodations.

**14:30:46** From E N to Everyone:

Thank you everyone!

**14:30:59** From J C to Everyone:

Thank you all so very much!

**14:31:08** From L C to Everyone:

Thank you so much

**14:31:16** From K M to Everyone:

I'd like to thank everyone for sharing your ideas and stories!

**14:31:17** From C L to Everyone:

Really grateful to all for this session.

**14:31:17** From A C to Everyone:

Thank you so much everyone! This has been such a great session.

**14:31:20** From C K to Everyone:

Thank you so much. This was excellent

**14:31:22** From Y H to Everyone:

Thank you so much to all the speakers and organizers!

**14:31:27** From K H to Everyone:

Thank you all so much, very profound experience to attend, much gratitude.

**14:31:28** From B Z to Everyone:

Thank you so much!

**14:31:29** From U A to Everyone:

Thank you all!

**14:31:30** From J to Everyone:

thanks so much to all the presenters for sharing your experience - so grateful for the session

**14:31:32** From G C to Everyone:

Thank you all.

**14:31:34** From M C to Everyone:

Thank you so much!

**14:31:37** From M N to Everyone:

Thank you all

**14:31:37** From B C to Everyone:

Thank you to all

**14:31:39** From D C to Everyone:

Thank you.

**14:31:41** From J C to Everyone:

Thanks!

**14:31:45** From S T to Everyone:

Thank you!

**14:31:46** From R C to Everyone:

Thank you!

**14:31:51** From Shota Iwasaki (he/him) to Everyone:

Thank you, everyone!

**14:31:56** From Z C to Everyone:

Thank you!