

Are you unsure about how to be an effective TA this year? Are you TAing for the first time, or are feeling like you can improve and expand your teaching tool kit? Do you lose sleep over TAing? Don't worry, the QGCS has got you covered. In collaboration with the Chemistry Department, we invited some of the previous award winning TAs from the chemistry department to ease you into the semester and provide you with valuable tips and tricks to be the best TA you can. Who knows, maybe you'll be the next teaching award winner!

This seminar will be an opportunity for everyone to ask questions, and learn from Derek Esau, Hannah Ramsay, Marshall Timmermans and Morgan Lehtinen on being an effective TA. They will be covering all range of courses offered by the department. From 1<sup>st</sup> year (CHEM112) to 3<sup>rd</sup> year (CHEM397) integrated labs. From tutorials to lab practices. This is your chance to improve your teaching skills and learn from your peers. Isn't this a great combination?

Join us on Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am. See you guys there!!!

Bios:

Derek Esau: Derek Esau started his studies at Queen's University in 2011 and graduated with a Specialization Degree in Chemistry in 2015. In the Fall of 2015, Derek started his graduate studies with Prof. Jarkiewicz in the Master of Science program. In the Spring of 2017, Derek successfully passed his comprehensive candidacy exam and was promoted to the Doctoral Program, where he continues his work on the physical and electrochemical properties of noble and non-noble metallic crystals.

Hannah Ramsay: Hannah Ramsay is an MD/PhD Candidate in the Stamplecoskie group, studying photonic materials for biomedical applications. She has TA experience in CHEM 112 and CHEM 397 tutorials, as well as CHEM 282 and CHEM 223 labs. Previously, Hannah completed her B.Ed. at Queen's and is passionate about science teaching and learning.

Morgan Lehtinen: Morgan is a PhD Candidate with Prof. Guojun Liu focusing on the development of functionalized "smart" filters and their use in oil/water separation. As a TA, she has experience in CHEM 112 tutorials, CHEM 113 (online) and CHEM 211/CHEM 223/ CHEM 39x labs. Morgan is an active participant in research-based public speaking competitions/endeavours and in the Kingston entrepreneurial community, both fueled by her passion for scientific communication and innovation.

Marshall Timmermans: Marshall Timmermans is a PhD Student in the Ross Lab at Queen's Chemistry. He graduated with an undergraduate degree in Biology & Biotechnology from the University of Saskatchewan and a Master's degree in Biology from Concordia University before coming to Queen's Chemistry for PhD Research. He Currently studies the biosynthesis of complex organic compounds by marine bacteria. During his PhD, Marshall Has TA'd Chem 112 tutorials, Chem 281 online courses, and Chemistry 397, as well as previously teaching general biology and genetics courses elsewhere. He would love to share with you his love for teaching and perspectives on coming from a multidisciplinary background.