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The Western Canada Communication Graduate Students Conference (more commonly known as “The Nelson Conference”) is co-organized and co-hosted by the University of Calgary and Simon Fraser University. The conference is held annually in the spring in Nelson, BC, which is the geographic midpoint between Calgary, Alberta and Burnaby, British Columbia. Nine students from the University of Calgary and ten students from Simon Fraser University presented at the conference with topics ranging from Heath Technologies, Postmodern War, Gaming Studies to work on Transnationalism, Trauma/Memory Studies, and Cultural Theory.

The breadth of topics and areas of inquiry that were represented at the conference were indicative of the scope of work being done in the field of Communication Studies. A sign that like most interdisciplinary programs, the discipline is home to a variety of innovative and interesting areas of research.

This year’s conference marked the 19th consecutive meeting between the University of Calgary and Simon Fraser University. A conference organized for graduate students by graduate students, it offers a unique opportunity for students in Western Canada to collaborate across institutional boundaries.

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