In addition to ongoing committee representation and monthly meetings, MUSSA would like to report on the following updates:

1. Class Trip to Washington, DC

The annual MMSt trip will take place from January 11-15, 2014 in Washington, DC. We will be taking registrations between November 18th and 22nd for a maximum of 44 students. Tours and presentations have been confirmed at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum. We are currently trying to book a tour at the American Museum of Natural History, among others.

**Organizers:** Robyn Bosnyak, Lauren Williams, Melissa Smith  
**Attending Faculty:** Irina Mihalache (Lead Organizer), Cara Krmpotich, Matt Brower, Costis Dallas, Alan Stanbridge

2. CMA Conference – April 7-11, 2014

MUSSA has been working with Prof. Costis Dallas to discuss potential collaboration opportunities between the Canadian Museums Association and our program. Among other items, the CMA has agreed to:

1. Include a student session/track in the program of the 2014 CMA conference, which we were asked to plan. This would be a full session of 1 1/2 hours, and we have the option to decide on the format and selection process for the papers to be presented.

2. Invite our MMSt students to undertake the preparation of a forthcoming issue of the Muse magazine edited by the CMA (to be published likely in early 2015), working with their new editor.

3. New Musings – Student and Faculty Blog

The MUSSA blog Musings ([http://musingsmmst.blogspot.ca](http://musingsmmst.blogspot.ca)) has been redesigned and is now accepting submissions. November is History Month and we have put out a call for submissions from history students on their areas of study, interests, and how they apply their background knowledge to the program.
4. Student Initiatives

1) Mentoring Potluck
On November 21, MUSSA and MISC hosted a potluck for mentors and mentees in the Mentoring@iSchool program to encourage conversation and collaboration between first and second-year students.

2) Conversation Cafes
Our First-Year Representative, Nicole Ritchie, is organizing a series of bi-weekly or monthly get-togethers for first-year students. These will be informal sessions centered on specific themes, which might include research interests, marriage and relationships, school/work/life balance, and more. Our goal is to initiate and nurture a community within the museum studies group outside of the classroom and the museum world as a whole.

3) Mount-making Workshop
We have been discussing the prospect of hosting a mount-making workshop for students. If successful, the workshop would take place next semester.

5. Past Events

1) Halloween Party – October 31
Held in the student lounge. Approximately 20 attendees.

2) Movie Night – November 14
Screening of The Thomas Crown Affair.

3) MUSSA iTea: Your Favourite Things – November 20
All attendees were encouraged to bring an object with them that they felt represented either them or a story they wanted to share -- using it as a means to facilitate conversation.

6. Upcoming Fundraisers & Events

1) Washington Trip Bake Sale – November 27
From 10 am – 4 pm in the iSchool lobby.

2) Hot Lunch Fundraiser – December 4
From 12-1 pm in Room 728.

3) End-of-Term Pub Night – December 6
At The Pour House, 182 Dupont Ave, 6-11 pm.