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President's Update

Dear Archival Colleagues,

I hope that all of you and your families are safe and well during these uncertain times.

I have been in contact with many of you across the country. I am impressed with the work that is being undertaken, from uploading digital content to the web and updating finding aids to answering complex archival reference questions virtually. It is a tribute to the Canadian archival community's resolve, resilience, and adaptability that we continue to anticipate and to meet current and future generations of researchers' needs.

I wanted to tell you how the Association of Canadian Archivists is also adapting to the times. In response to requests for access to current archival scholarship, we are making

all *Archivaria* issues freely available on the ACA and on Project Muse websites. Content from the last four years has been opened up and will be free to non-ACA members at least until June 30, 2020. As always, all other previous issues are available in the Back Issues section of the ACA site. We hope that this will be helpful to those of you working and studying from home.

Further, our annual conference, scheduled for June 10-13, 2020 in Vancouver, will be offered virtually. We are extremely grateful to the amazing Emily Lonie, the 2020 Program Chair, for agreeing to proceed with the conference and to showcase the remarkable work of our speakers. The Annual General Meeting will be held virtually as well after the conference on June 23. Please stay tuned in the coming days for more information on the conference and the AGM.

I look forward to seeing you on-line in June at the annual conference and the AGM. In the meantime, please keep yourselves and your families healthy. Take care.

Best Regards,

Loryl McDonald, ACA President

Governance Update

ACA Bylaws

The ACA Governance Committee has been focused on review and renewal of the ACA's bylaw. The new bylaw will accomplish several tasks:

- Clarify and codify existing practices
- Remove outdated language and policy provisions
- Better align with model bylaw recommended by the *Canadian Not-For-Profit Act*
- Allow for full participation of members through virtual meetings and online voting
- Provide greater benefits to institutional members

ACA Annual General Meeting

This year's AGM will take place online at 12:00 EDT via Zoom.

[Register for the AGM](#)

[Online Nomination Form and Submission Link](#)

Call for Nominations: ACA Board of Directors

The election of this year's slate of candidates for the ACA Board will begin following the AGM on June 23rd and close June 30th.

The nominations committee is seeking candidates for the following positions:

Description of Board Positions

- President
- Treasurer
- Director at Large 1
- Director at Large 3

The deadline for nominations is April 24, 2020

Communications Committee Update

The Communications Committee is pleased to announce that the ACA Board has approved the committee's [ACA Communications Strategy](#). This strategy was one of the objectives identified by the ACA's Strategic Task Force of 2017-2018, as ACA members had identified a need to increase communications from ACA to its members. If you have further questions or feedback, please feel free to email [Leah Sander](#), Communications Committee Chair.

News from *Archivaria*

All issues of *Archivaria* available free until 30 June 2020

In response to the public health crisis of COVID-19, *Archivaria* is pleased to announce they'll be making the eight most recent issues of the journal freely available to all through Project Muse. Content from the last four years will now be available free for all until June 30th 2020. As always, all other previous issues are available on the *Archivaria* [website](#) for your reading pleasure during these challenging times!

Spring 2020 issue of *Archivaria* out soon

Get a sneak peek of the upcoming *Archivaria* 89 with its [Table of Contents](#)



2018 Dodds' Prize winner,
[Devon Mordell](#) at ACA
2019

Archivaria Prizes

The deadline for nominations for the Dodds' Prize is June 30th, 2020.

Please see [here](#) for prize details.

***Archivaria* Volunteers**

Archivaria is looking for volunteers to join its Editorial Board! Deadline to apply is May 29, 2020. For more information, [see here](#).

**Volunteer for
Archivaria**

Call for a Senior Associate Editor. For responsibilities and a description of duties, [see here](#).

Student Chapter Updates

McGill Student Chapter

The ACA McGill Student Chapter hosted its 13th Annual Colloquium on Tuesday, March 10th, 2020. Invited guests each brought their own unique perspective on this year's topic—"Archiving the Personal."

This year's speakers were (in order of presentation): Marcel Caya (National Archival Appraisal Board), François Dansereau (Archive of the Jesuits in Canada), Jonathan Dorey (Quebec university consortium Research Officer), Nicholas Decarie (ACA McGill Coordinator), Sean Sallis-Lyon (ACA McGill First-Year Representative), Lori Podolsky (McGill University Archives), and Gordon Burr (McGill School of Information Studies Lecturer).

Presentations provoked thoughtful discussion and a pleasant time was had by all. Watch out for our upcoming *In the Field* blog post with more details about the fascinating presentations we had this year. Thank you to everyone who participated, and we hope to see you back again next year!

University of Toronto Student Chapter

Human Library Event

The U of T student chapters of the Association of Canadian Archivists and Librarians Without Borders hosted the 5th Annual Human Library Event on March 4th. The event was attended by 50 iSchool students who professionally networked and met with 19 prominent archivists, records



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CBC Tour

The student chapters of the ACA and AMIA took a tour of the CBC Media Archives on January 27th. It was an incredible opportunity for 12 emerging archivists to get a look into their vaults and learn about their ongoing efforts for mass digitization! It truly was like looking into the “future” of archives where they learned about legacy carriers and preservation.

Due to growing health concerns around the spread of COVID-19, the U of T ACA Student Chapter had to cancel a panel event and tour scheduled for the end of the semester, but we look forward to trying to host these events in the next academic year!



ACA Foundation Update

The ACA Board is currently working to collect items and have an online raffle associated with our online conference 11-12 June 2020. Stay tuned for more details.

Volunteer with the ACA and ACA Foundation

The **ACA Foundation** is looking for three Directors to serve for a period of two years. The **Finance Committee** is also looking for two committee members.

**Volunteer with
the ACA
Foundation**

In the Field: The ACA Blog

This winter, the Association of Canadian Archivists launched [In the Field: The ACA Blog](#). The field of archives engages contemporary archivists in a multiplicity of environments. *In the Field* seeks to become a place where discussions about the scope of archives, archival education, and archival interventions happens.

See the most recent blog post where Laura Millar shares the [story](#) of preserving the archives of St. Peter's Cathedral Church in Charlottetown, P.E.I.

Special call for blog posts for COVID-19 and archival responses

COVID-19 has transformed the ways in which archival organizations operate and, at the same time, is an object of study for current and future researchers, as well as various health care communities. The ACA Blog *In the Field* is looking for contributions from archivists and archival institutions regarding their initiatives, strategies, and methods to either document responses to COVID-19 or with regards to their organizational functioning.

- How does the pandemic affect archival labour, from an organizational perspective or from archivists' points of view?
- What are your organization's policies and procedures regarding archivists' safety and the preservation of holdings during a complete shutdown?
- What is the impact of the current situation on archival organizations' crisis management and planning?
- What are the initiatives of your organization regarding the collection of records on COVID-19?
- How has the collection and dissemination of data on the pandemic mobilized your institution to reach out to various communities?
- How can archival records be involved in future planning and responses to global pandemics?

These are only some of the questions that interests us. We want to read your thoughts, strategies, perspectives, and initiatives. Please use the submission button below to propose a COVID-19-related blog.

**Submit a Blog for
the ACA**

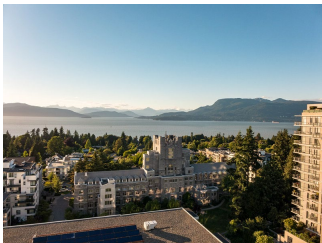
Call for blog contributors: We want to hear from you. Did you work on an interesting project or are you working with a particular fonds that you'd like to share with others? Have you visited an archival institution abroad – or across the road – and want to share your journey? Read more about how to submit a post [here](#).

ACA 2020 Conference Updates



True to our theme, at ACA 2020 we will truly be seeing archives (and archivists) differently. We are all disappointed that we won't get the opportunity to meet in person this year in Vancouver; however, the power of the internet will allow us to offer the conference in a virtual format. The Program Team is hard at work re-purposing the conference schedule and we will be offering a two-day virtual conference on June 11th and 12th. We hope to "see" you then. Details about the schedule and registration to come. Stay tuned! Conference information will continue to be posted [here](#).

ACA 2021, Charlottetown, Delta PEI 30 June to 3 July 2021



ACA 2020, Vancouver @ UBC 15-18 June 2022

To take advantage of all the work done to plan the conference in Vancouver this year, the ACA has decided to hold its 2022 conference in Vancouver since it cannot be held there this year.

Archivists in the time of COVID-19

Archives and archivists around the world are rising to the challenge of COVID-19 in a variety of ways.

- The International Council of Archives has started an initiative for archives to promote what services they still have available, in spite of building closures. Archives that have registered are put on their interactive [map](#). To register your own archives, visit <https://www.ica.org/en/the-archives-and-records-are-accessible>
- Library and Archives Canada has [donated](#) its stock of protective suits, masks, and gloves to the County of Renfrew Paramedic Service. Thank you, LAC, for

- demonstrating that archives are ready to help the community where needed!
- David Rajotte, author of the weekly Documentary Heritage News blog, is keeping a [list](#) of archival COVID-19 responses, updates and projects around the world.
 - The [CBC recently covered](#) the efforts of the PEI Public Archives and Records Office to collect materials documenting the impact of COVID-19 on Islanders.

In Memoriam



It is with great sadness that the Canadian archival community received news of the passing of Julia Hendry, Head of Archives and Special Collections at Wilfrid Laurier University. See Laurier's [announcement](#) to read more about her outstanding professional contributions.

Julia's dedication to archives is evident in her wonderful article "Primary Sources in K-12 Education: Opportunities for Archives" published in *The American Archivist*, volume 70, issue 1., pp. 114-129, <https://doi.org/10.17723/aarc.70.1.v674024627315777>

Job Postings



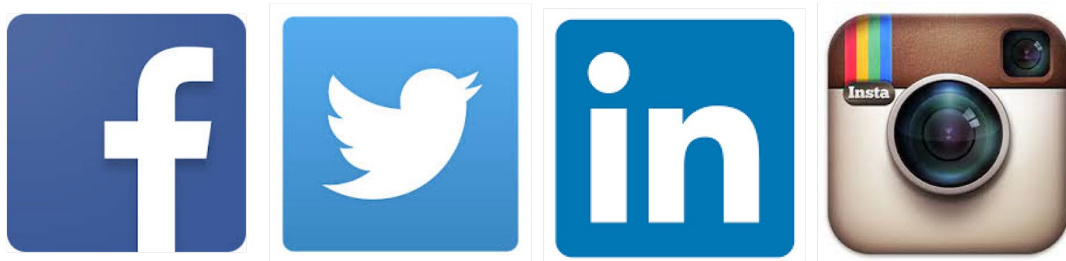
Submit your [job opportunity here](#) and it will be posted to the ACA website. We will also share this opportunity on our social media channels.



See opportunities advertised with the [South Peace Regional Archives](#), [Presbyterian Church in Canada Archives](#), [College of North Atlantic-Qatar](#), and [Wayne State University](#).

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