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President's Message

This year is indeed galloping onwards, inching ever closer to winter. But until that first snowflake falls, I hope you are all able to enjoy the beauty of this golden season.

I have some exciting announcements and updates to share with you this month.

Ancestry Sponsorship

After several months of negotiation, we have recently signed another five-year sponsorship agreement with [Ancestry!](#) Through this agreement, the ACA will receive up to \$60,000 in financial support, starting with our first annual installment of \$12,000 on January 1, 2022. All received monies will be used as follows:

- *Not less than \$1,250 will be provided annually to the ACA Foundation for distribution through the Ancestry Continuing Education Award.*
- Funds will be also be used towards ACA conference costs, which in turn help keep member conference fees down.



Nominations and Awards Committee (NAAC)

The newly established Nominations and Awards Committee is now up and running and held its first meeting on September 27. You may be aware that our previous Awards Committee had stood empty for the past year. That was due to many factors, including the redevelopment of this committee's Terms of Reference (ToRs). Acting on the recommendations issued by former Awards Committee members to the past Board, NAAC membership was broadened to include a new professional, an ACA fellow, and a past member of the former Awards Committee, as well as two additional (and fabulous) volunteers. Along with these changes to membership composition is also a change to portfolio. Responsibility for Board nominations was removed from the portfolio of the Governance Committee and incorporated into NAAC's portfolio, so now NAAC is responsible for seeking nominations for Board positions and ACA member awards. These new ToRs and a listing of current NAAC initiatives will soon be made available on the ACA website.

Introducing: I'd also like to introduce you to our new NAAC co-chairs, Alice Albarda and Shannon Hodge, and our NAAC membership: Susan Hart, Heather MacNeil, and Emily Sommers. Thank you all for your enthusiasm and dedication to the NAAC and the ACA!!

Member Input Sought: If you have any ACA membership awards and recognition program ideas you would like to share, please don't hesitate to email our NAAC Co-chairs, Alice Albarda and Shannon Hodge. To reach out to the committee chairs, their email is: NAAC@archivists.ca.

2021 Awards Postponed: Due to the changes in both membership and terms of reference, the 2021 Awards ceremony will be deferred this year; however, a full awards event will be hosted in the summer of 2022, so stay tuned!

Upcoming Priorities & Planning Meetings

The Board is hosting its Fall Priority & Planning, or P&P, meetings on November 5 and 6. For those who may not know, this bi-annual working meeting provides the Board and ACA standing committees with the opportunity to work together to prioritize annual workplans, brainstorm new initiatives, and address any challenges that may have arisen. If you have any creative ideas or initiatives you would like considered, please reach out to myself, the Board, or the relevant Committee chair. We would love to hear from you!

Contact Me

As always, please feel free to [email](#) if you have any concerns about the ACA or any suggestions on how to make your association better. We always appreciate your feedback!

Warmest regards,

Erica Hernández-Read, ACA President

ACA 2022 Call for Submissions

The ACA Program Team has released its [call for submissions](#) for the 2022 ACA Conference. The deadline for sending in a [submission form](#) is **October 31, 2021**.

ACA 2022 – UnSettled: Redefining Archival Power

June 15-18, 2022 at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver

This year's conference will be hybrid (both in-person and online), subject to public health guidelines.

Archives are changing and transforming! Archives are repositories that help shape public and community memory. Traditional archival theory has upheld control of the historical record by colonial institutions, western perspectives, and whiteness. This power has been used to marginalize, other, undervalue, and erase diversity within the archive and public memory. As a result, colonial institutions have perpetuated their own biases against non-western worldviews to mobilize public memory in support of ongoing colonization.

Today, archives are used to empower, fill gaps, educate, and celebrate the voices and perspectives of those traditionally barred from this work. Transformative practice allows us to rethink traditional western theory, forge a path of solidarity, and uphold our work based on collective values in regards to archival work. The power of archives and memory keeping is evolving into something new. UnSettled hopes to shine a spotlight on the many ways the profession is redefining archives and archival work.

We welcome proposals in all formats, including individual traditional papers, panel sessions, full sessions, and round-tables, or feel free to suggest something new! We encourage participation from all individuals and organizations involved in memory work, including students, new professionals, and community archivists. Our goal is to hear from a variety of perspectives.

Suggested Topics:

- Implementation of TRC Calls to Action, Reconciliation, BLM, #MeToo, Idle No More, Stop Asian Hate, etc.
- Archives actively taking a stance on anti-racist, feminist, decolonial practices, and confronting systemic injustices
- Examples of community engagement related to diverse structures of organizing archives (e.g., grassroots and community-led archives, published history initiatives, memoir writing, oral history projects, etc.)
- Archives embracing ways of knowing that are new to western archival theory (e.g., culturally appropriate memory keeping)
- Archivists who have faced institutional barriers
- Data Sovereignty
- Re-examinations of archival education and/or theory
- How archival practices are continuing, growing, adapting, or reframing to work within new paradigms

ACA 2022 Submissions

Student papers and posters: There will be an additional Call for Student Papers as well as a Call for Posters later this year, with submission deadlines early in 2022. Those papers selected for the new voices (student session) will be eligible for funding.

Please feel free to direct questions to: Krisztina Laszlo, Chair, ACA 2022 Conference Program Team, at Program.Team@archivists.ca.

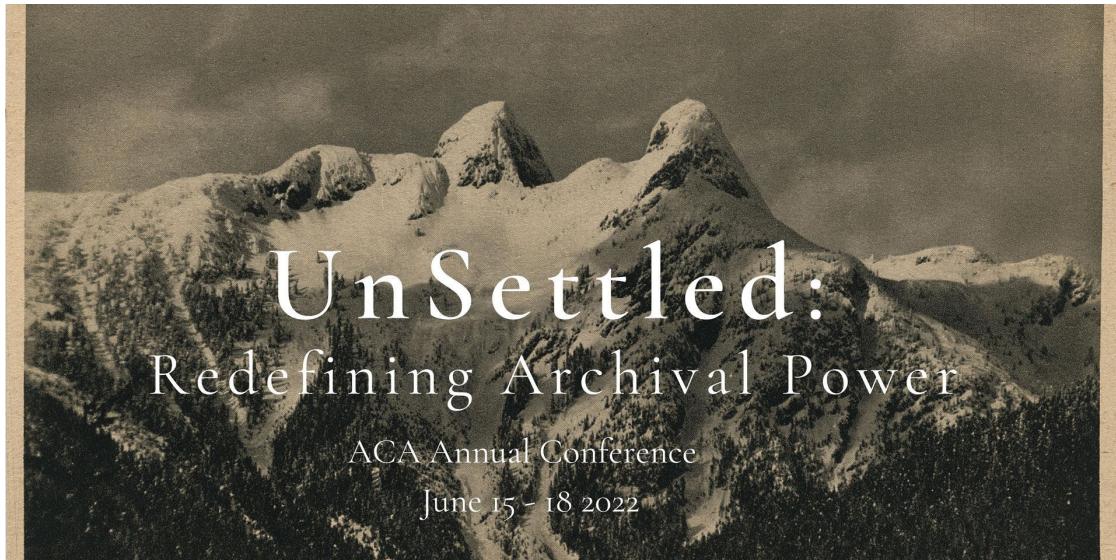


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Call for Workshop Proposals

The ACA [Professional Development Committee](#) invites proposals for workshops relating to all areas of archival practice during the ACA 2022 Annual Conference. We are also seeking proposals for workshops to be offered throughout 2022.

Workshops can be between 1.5 hours and 2.5 hours long. All non-conference workshops will be offered online via Zoom; conference workshops may potentially also take place in-person or via a hybrid modality (in-person and online at the same time) depending on public health guidelines at the time of the conference.

An honorarium of up to \$250 will be offered per workshop, based on duration. Further details about the call are available on the [workshop submission form](#).

Workshop proposals are due **November 22, 2021**.

Upcoming Workshops

The Professional Development Committee has an amazing lineup of workshops planned for the fall and early winter. All workshops are listed on the [ACA Workshops page](#). The cost for each workshop is listed online, but if you require support or subsidization to attend any of these workshops, please contact the [ACA office](#).

Description and Access for Anti-Black Archival Materials

October 22, 2021, 1:00 – 3:00 PM (ET) on Zoom

Creating Online Exhibits for Digital Collections

November 10, 2021, 4:00 – 6:00 PM (ET) on Zoom

Making Movies for Archivists (Members Only)

17 Nov 2021, 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM (ET) on Zoom

Advanced Workshop: Creating Online Exhibits for Digital Collections

November 24, 2021, 4:00 – 6:00 PM (ET) on Zoom

A Simple and Cheap Digital Preservation Workflow

January 14, 2022, 12:00 PM – 3:30 PM (ET) on Zoom



Call for Volunteers: PD Committee

The **Professional Development (PD) Committee** is seeking six new members to guide and support its expanding mandate. Acknowledging the imperative for the PD committee to better represent the needs and interests of the larger ACA membership, we encourage applications from archival professionals who are:

- Indigenous, Black or People of Colour, or from other equity-deserving groups;
- and/or students;
- and/or located outside of Ontario and Quebec;
- and/or who work in archives outside of a university setting (e.g., community, corporate, government, etc.).

For more information about the PD Committee's activities and to submit an expression of interest, please visit the [ACA volunteer form](#).

Call for PCAWG Members

What do archives and recordkeeping professionals bring to the table?
(Hint: It's a lot!)

The ACA is seeking members to serve on the [Professional Competencies for Archivists Working Group](#) (PCAWG). This group will work closely with the Board and the Professional Development Committee to identify core competencies for archivists and recordkeeping professionals working in the Canadian context.

Employers have been using competencies to help recruit and support their employees since the 1970s. The goal of PCAWG is to understand and promote the specialized knowledge, skills, and other areas of competence demonstrated by recordkeeping professionals.

PCAWG is seeking participation from:

- an archivist, knowledge keeper, caretaker or information professional who works with a First Nation, Métis, or Inuit community
- a recent graduate from an archival or information studies program
- a manager or coordinator of an archival institution
- a records manager or information professional (e.g., privacy officer, FOI officer)

For more information about PCAWG or to submit an expression of interest, please submit an [ACA volunteer form](#). We will be in touch with you right away!

Mentorship Program

Sign-up forms are now open for participants to enrol in the [ACA Mentorship Program](#)! The enrolment deadline is **November 15, 2021**.

Students and new professionals can sign up as mentees paired with another professional in the Canadian archival community.

We're also seeking volunteer mentors. **Please consider signing up as mentor** to connect with someone newly entering the profession and offer your insight into archival issues, working environments, and career development. Any ACA member with a minimum of 5 years post-graduate experience in the field is eligible. We welcome archivists and information professionals with a range of institutional backgrounds to become new mentors.

Any questions can be directed to Mentorship Program Coordinator, [Jamie Sanford](#).



Membership News

Call for Early Bird Prize Donations

The Membership Committee is seeking gift prizes for the Early Bird Prize draw. This annual draw is held in January and awarded from the pool of ACA members who renew their memberships early in the fall/winter months. If you or your institution would be willing to donate a prize, please let us know. We already have two excellent prizes and will announce the prizes November 1, 2021.

Contact: membership@archivists.ca

10% Carr McLean discount for Members

The Carr McLean discount is available for both individual and institutional ACA members for the entire membership year. This discount can be applied to any order over \$100 and is non-transferrable. [Contact the ACA Secretariat](#) for the discount code that will remain effective until December 31, 2021. A new code will be available for next year.



Special Interest Section Updates

Technology and Archives Special Interest Section (TaASIS)

Please join the Technology and Archives Special Interest Section (TaASIS) on **Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 5:00 PM PDT / 8:00 PM EDT** for its inaugural TaASIS Meet-Up!

RSVP [here](#) and Zoom details will be forwarded to you.

Aside from [TAATU](#) (The Archives and Technology Unconference), there currently isn't an active space for TaASIS members to connect with one another face to face. We want to create a space where TaASIS members have the opportunity to network and get to know each other. TaASIS wants to generate a stronger sense of community and provide a place where members can chat about archives and tech, share project updates, and work with their peers to identify and define community solutions to ongoing tech bugbears.

So come out and join us! The TaASIS Meet-Up is totally participant led and will provide a dynamic space for SIS member engagement and support. To propose an agenda item for an upcoming meeting, add it to the Agenda section in our event document located [here](#).

Feel free to get in touch with the co-chairs, [Allie Querengesser](#) and [Andréa Tarnawsky](#), if you have questions.



GRSIS September Session

The ACA Government Records Special Interest Section (GRSIS) held an end-of-summer roundtable session on September 16, led by Susan Hart, the new chair. The online meeting was attended by ACA members who work for provincial, territorial, Indigenous community, and municipal governments in Alberta, BC, Ontario, and the Yukon in diverse archival and records management roles – a very welcome diversity considering the group was small! Using the theme of what we've managed to accomplish during pandemic times as a starting point, here are some of the topics we touched on in the lively, friendly discussion that ensued:

- Adventures with existing holdings: digitization, reappraisal in light of new schedules, redescription in light of new understandings, and the joys of mystery boxes in the back room!
- AI tools: How can we use Artificial Intelligence to help with archival work? [InterPARES Trust AI - Artificial Intelligence](#) is exploring this, and a number of ACA members are involved.
- Certification: Some employers ask for this, but is it a useful job requirement?
- Digital records management and digital archives planning with limited resources
- Learning a new role during lockdown (the [AABC Archivists Toolkit](#) got a glowing recommendation!)
- Transition of government: preparing for a possible change of government, orienting incoming elected officials to the RM and library resources available, and processing donations from outgoing officials

We plan to hold quarterly meetings, and look forward to a similarly wide-ranging discussion at our next meeting – though if there is an urge to focus on certain topics, just let me know. Brew up a big pot of coffee and join us for our next chat on November 25, from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM PST.

RSVP [here](#). Zoom details will be automatically sent to your email address.

New SIS announcement

Do you work with, or have an interest in, archives of land, air, water, environment, and resource extraction industries? If so, consider joining the new ACA Special Interest Section on this topic! We are in the midst of finalizing our official name and collaborating on a work plan to submit to the ACA. Please contact [Claire Williams](#) or [Adele Torrance](#) to join our next meeting in October!

Archivaria News

Archivaria 92 table of contents now available

The Fall 2021 issue of *Archivaria* is coming out soon, and the [table of contents is now available](#) for a sneak preview!

Dodds Prize Awarded

Archivaria is pleased to announce that Melissa Castron has been awarded the [Dodds Prize](#) for 2021 for her article entitled “Colonialism, Computerized: The Canada Land Inventory and the Canada Geographic Information System at Library and Archives Canada.” Melissa Castron is a graduate of the University of Manitoba, and her article was submitted by Professor Greg Bak.

Instituted in 2011, the Dodds Prize recognizes superior research and writing on an archival topic by a student enrolled in a Master's level archival studies program at a Canadian university. The award honours Gordon Dodds (1941–2010), first President of the ACA, and *Archivaria*'s longest-serving general editor. Submissions received for the 2020–21 academic year were reviewed by an adjudication committee comprising Anna Gibson-Hollow, Amy Furness, and Braden Cannon. Thanks to the committee for their service. Melissa Castron's article will be published in the Spring 2022 issue of *Archivaria*, and the award will be formally presented at the next ACA Award Ceremony. The citation reads:

In her well-written and thoroughly researched article, Melissa Castron offers a skillful synthesis of the existing literature in cartographic studies, archival studies – particularly the areas of archival description and preservation – and Indigenous studies, and persuasively demonstrates the inadequacy of prevailing archival concepts and practices related to cartographic records and non-textual materials more generally. Melissa invites us to recognize that as cultural artefacts, maps act as complex recordkeeping technologies and require that we adopt a transdisciplinary and processual approach in order to reveal their inherent subjectivity and power. By addressing the role played by both cartographic materials and archives in the ongoing dispossession of Indigenous peoples' lands, Melissa's article is a thoughtful contribution to the process of reconciliation and decolonization in the Canadian context.

Congratulations, Melissa, on your excellent work.



"Melissa Castron. Photograph by Bianca Cuffaro."

In the Field

The ACA blog, *In the Field*, has posted two new articles in the last month.

[Open Questions: Reflections on the University of Toronto Archives' Oral History Collection on Student Activism](#): In this recent blog post, Daniela Ansovini, Archivist with the University of Toronto Archives and Records Management Services (UTARMS), reflects on a recent oral history project that documents student activism. Check out the [Oral History Collection on Student Activism](#) online.

[Remote Mentorship: Experiences with the ACA Mentorship Program in 2021](#): Alesha Grummet-Roesch, a recent graduate of the Faculty of Information at the University of Toronto, and Rebecca Murray, Senior Archivist in the Reference Services Division at Library and Archives Canada, share their experiences with the [ACA Mentorship Program](#).

In the Field is always looking for more articles. Consider [submitting a blog article](#) today.

[Blog Submissions](#)

Archival Community News

LAMNS Virtual Conference, October 20-23

Registration has opened for the 2021 Library Archives and Museums Nova Scotia (LAMNS) Virtual Conference, [Moving Forward Together: Collaboration and Innovation to Meet Changing Needs](#), which will be held from October 20-23, 2021.

NDSA Digital Preservation Conference, November 4

[Digital Preservation 2021: Embracing Digitality](#) (#DigiPres21) is the annual meeting of the NDSA and helps chart future directions for both the NDSA and the greater digital stewardship field. It is a crucial venue for intellectual exchange, community building, development of good practices, and agenda-setting in the digital stewardship field. The conference will be held online from 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM EST on Thursday, November 4, 2021 ([World Digital Preservation Day!](#)). It is held in concert with the [Council on Library and Information Resources \(CLIR\)](#) events, [DLF Forum](#) (November 1-3), and [Learn@DLF](#) (November 8-10). The full schedule for all events can be viewed [online](#).

Consultation on a Modern Copyright Framework for AI and the Internet of Things

On September 16, the Canadian Council of Archives submitted the archival community response to the [Federal Government Consultation on a Modern Copyright Framework for Artificial Intelligence and the Internet of Things](#), which was also endorsed by the Association of Canadian Archivists and l'Association des archivistes du Québec. The submission was prepared by the Canadian Council of Archives (CCA) Statutory Review Working Group, established to examine and address issues related to the Canadian archival community in the current review of the Canadian Copyright Act. The Working Group is composed of Nancy Marrelli (Chair), Jean Dryden (appointed by the Association of Canadian Archivists), and Ana Rogers-Butterworth (appointed by l'Association des archivistes du Québec).

Funding for Re-Opening available through MAP

The [Reopening Fund for Heritage Organizations – Museums Assistance Program](#) is accepting applications until October 20. Applicants are encouraged to apply early, as funds are limited.

New book by ACA member

Congratulations to Renée Belliveau on the publication [*The Sound of Fire*](#), a novel based on the true story of a devastating fire that broke out in the men's residence at Mount Allison University on December 16, 1941, killing four students and leaving Mount Allison and the town of Sackville deeply traumatized. Come celebrate with Renée at a [virtual book launch](#) on November 4.

New Provincial Archivist for Saskatchewan

On behalf of Dr. Louise Greenberg, Chair of the Board of Directors, the [Provincial Archives of Saskatchewan](#) has announced that Carol Radford-Grant is the new Provincial Archivist for Saskatchewan.

Carol started on September 20, 2021 in her new role. The Board of Directors for the Provincial Archives of Saskatchewan is excited to have Carol join the Provincial Archives and welcomes her as a member of the team.

Carol had been the City Archivist for the City of Toronto since 2012. The City of Toronto Archives preserves and provides access to historical government and non-government records that make a significant contribution to an understanding of the development of the City, its natural and built environment, and the people who lived, worked, or had an impact upon Toronto.

Before joining the City of Toronto, Carol specialized in regulatory records, working in various positions for the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, the Archives of Ontario, and the Ontario College of Teachers. Carol completed a Master's in Information Studies in the archives stream at the University of Toronto in 2007. She also holds a Bachelor of Arts in English and Philosophy and a Graduate Diploma in Public Administration from Western University.

Carol is excited to begin working with the larger archival community. Please join us in welcoming Carol Radford-Grant to the Provincial Archives of Saskatchewan!



Price McIntosh Bursary

Library and Archives Canada has launched the **Price McIntosh Bursary to support diversity in Canada's libraries and archives**. This funding opportunity provides financial support to Indigenous persons (First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Nation), persons with disabilities, and members of visible minorities who wish to pursue studies in fields related to libraries and archives. All eligible students are invited to submit their applications for the 2021-2022 academic year by **October 15, 2021**. Guidelines, eligibility criteria, and the application form are available on the [Price McIntosh Bursary web page](#).



Do you know a member who's made big news? Is there something going on that you think the Canadian archival community should hear about? Don't hesitate to forward stories to the [Communications Committee](#), and we'll help spread the word.

Job Opportunities

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.



[Assistant Professor - Indigenous Knowledge Systems](#), University of Toronto,
Faculty of Information

Deadline: November 22, 2021



[Assistant Professor - Black Studies and the Archives](#), University of Toronto,
Faculty of Information

Deadline: November 15, 2021



[Records Analyst](#), Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre
Deadline: October 22, 2021





[Archivist Consultant](#), Calgary Public Library
This opportunity will remain open until filled.

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Do you have news you'd like the ACA to share via its social media channels? The Communications Committee has created [a form you can use](#) to give us the details!

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