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Scope and Content is issued the first Thursday of each month. If you have any comments or feedback, please contact the [Communications Committee](#).

President's Update

For the past 15 months, I've tried to reach out to ACA members through these *Scope & Content* updates to provide words of support or encouragement during a time of extraordinary uncertainty for all. These last couple of years have presented us with the challenge of trying to come to terms with previously unthinkable realities: pandemics, mass pesticide, natural disasters, food insecurity, climate change, coups d'état, nation-wide protests.... and now war.

I don't know about you, but for me personally, it's just a bit too much at times. And with all this turbulence and discord pervading our lives, it can be difficult to focus on something positive, or at least proactive, which might allow one to feel as though they are *contributing to positive change* instead of just reactively dealing with the negative. Well, I'm here to tell you that despite these turbulent waters, your ACA Board is trying hard to navigate this association towards decisions and actions that support positive change in our world.

Defined ACA Support for Refugees & New Immigrants

One such action has been to identify how the ACA can best support archival colleagues who have fled their homes due to political unrest, environmental degradation or climate change, economic insecurity, or religious persecution. Refugees and new immigrants arriving in this country must begin building their lives once again, and along with dealing with traumas, financial insecurity, and socio-cultural shock, many may feel disconnected from any sense of professional community. After much thought, the ACA is now poised to assist new colleagues in their integration into the Canadian archival landscape and/or heritage sector. By identifying what we can and cannot do by way of assistance, we are ready to act whenever called upon.

What the ACA can do:

- Offer a complimentary ACA membership to Archivist-Refugee / New Immigrant, which will provide new colleagues with the opportunity to tap into the Canadian archives job market, educational and professional development opportunities, and networking opportunities with colleagues across Canada.
- Provide Archivist-Refugee / New Immigrant with subsidized access to ACA workshops and events, which will inform new colleagues as to issues and practices within a Canadian archival context and help them build up a relevant skill set.
- Connect Archivist-Refugee / New Immigrant with volunteer opportunities within the Canadian archival profession, to connect our new colleagues with archivists across the country and provide them with direct Canadian work experience.
- Amplify any relevant ACA fundraising activities established to support the Archivist-Refugee / New Immigrant through our membership communication platforms.
- Provide Archivist-Refugee / New Immigrant professional support via the ACA Mentorship program. Strategic pairing of a mentee with an experienced mentor could provide new colleagues with clear direction on portfolio

development and identification of transferrable skills suitable for the Canadian archival landscape *or* an alternative realm of the heritage sector.

- Connect Archivist-Refugee / New Immigrant with the Canadian Council of Archives, which will provide new colleagues with additional opportunities such as participation in the YCW program (if under 30), potential future work experience programs for those over 30, and potential support networks offered through the provincial/territorial associations/councils.

What the ACA cannot do:

Unfortunately, the ACA

- cannot provide funds to support any aspect of the refugee application or resettlement process;
- cannot provide, or secure, a job opportunity for the Archivist-Refugee/New Immigrant; and
- cannot take on the role of refugee sponsor.



#HelpUkraineNow

I would also like to call your attention to another avenue through which to support positive change: the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal and the Canadian Red Cross Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis Appeal. If you would like to contribute to either urgent appeals, please visit the URLs linked below.

[Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal](#): On February 24, 2022, the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal, established by the Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC) and the Canada-Ukraine Foundation (CUF), announced updates to its fundraising efforts to respond to the humanitarian crisis ensuing from the current Russian invasion of Ukraine.

[Canadian Red Cross: Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis Appeal](#): According to their website, “Money raised will enable the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement to respond to humanitarian needs generated by almost eight years of conflict, as well as preparedness and response efforts due to heightened tensions in Ukraine. The support could include preparedness, immediate and ongoing relief efforts, long-term recovery, resiliency, and other critical humanitarian activities as needs arise, both in

Ukraine and surrounding countries, including supporting populations displaced.”

Ukrainian-Canadian Outreach Efforts: The ACA Board has reached out to both the Kule Folklore Centre, at the Bohdan Medwidsky Ukrainian Folklore Archives at the University of Alberta, and the National Archives Committee of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress to not only offer our words of support but to also offer our ability to call on ACA members to volunteer action if and when needed. Just as the people of Ukraine are facing the very real physical threat of Russian military aggression, so too are the Ukraine’s many archives. If there is something we can do as a professional community to assist in the preservation of the Ukraine’s documentary heritage, we will make that call for volunteers. Stay tuned.



#HelpAfghanistanNow

Afghan Refugee Support Efforts: Since early September 2021, I have been corresponding with colleagues at UNESCO Archives to assist them with a request for help they had received from an Afghan archivist after the Taliban coup this past August. Our Afghan colleague needed urgent assistance to help them and their young family escape from Kabul, obtain official refugee status, and (hopefully) secure Canadian refugee sponsorship. I’ve met with members of the Afghan-Canadian community and spoken with the CCA and an immigration lawyer about how exactly we as an association might be able to assist in this difficult resettlement process. It has been gut-wrenching to receive updates on the progress of this family’s escape from Kabul and elating to hear of their recent receipt of official refugee status from the UNHCR. The Canadian sponsorship process is not easy, it is not straightforward, and it is not quick. It is also not likely something that we as an association can take on, simply because we are not mandated to use ACA funds in this way. *However*, we can amplify fundraising efforts to support this process, we can offer support to archival colleagues new to Canada, and we can work with provincial archival associations to develop a professional integration strategy. I hope to be able to provide more information on these support efforts very soon.

Finally, please also consider supporting the [Canadian Red Cross: Afghanistan Humanitarian Crisis Appeal](#) – According to their website: “Money raised will

enable the Red Cross and Red Crescent in Afghanistan and in and around the region to provide support to people hit hard by multiple humanitarian crises. The support would include health care and relief supplies for individuals and families, displaced populations, and those experiencing food insecurity. Funds will also be used for immediate and ongoing relief efforts, long-term recovery, resiliency, and preparedness for future events in and around impacted regions, including consequential events related to the current crises.”



Erica Hernández-Read, ACA President

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Awards Nominations

The ACA Nominations and Awards Committee (NAAC) is currently inviting nominations from the Canadian archival community for the following honors:

- Fellows
- Larry Dohey Award (formerly, Outreach and Advocacy Award)
- New Professional Award
- Honorary Archivist Award

Visit the [NAAC page](#) for information on each award and the nomination process. The closing date for nominations is **April 14, 2022**.

For more information, contact [Alice Albarda](#) or [Shannon Hodge](#), co-chairs, NAAC.

Volunteering

The ACA is looking for volunteers for a number of committees and working groups. Volunteers for ACA committees typically serve a two-year term, and most committees meet monthly for one hour. Additional time is spent on special projects, regular communication with members, and liaising with the ACA Board of Directors and other committee members. Twice each year, committees, board members and the secretariat come together, usually online, to complete and review work-plans and to identify priorities and projects for their respective committees. An individual may serve two consecutive terms on a committee.

- [Financial Review Committee](#)
- [Governance Committee](#)
- Program Team Chair, 2023 - Prince Edward Island
- Host Team Chair, 2023 - Prince Edward Island
- 50th Anniversary Working Group

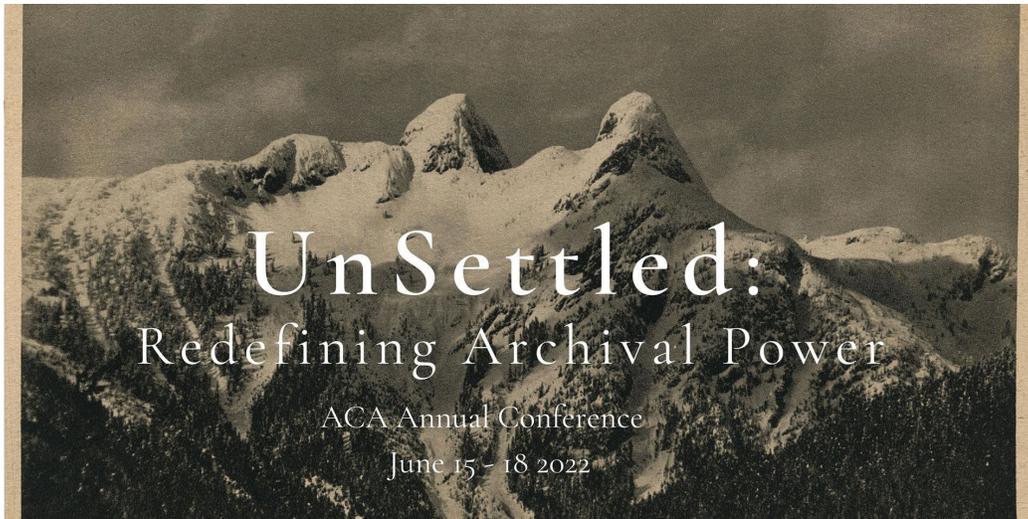
See our [Volunteer page](#) for more information and to apply.

Professional Development Committee Welcomes New Members!

In February, the [PD Committee](#) welcomed Mariana Mejía Ahrens, Michael Marlatt, and Trudi Wright as new members. Their breadth of experience, expertise, and perspectives will enrich the PD Committee's activities immensely!

With the ambitious mandate of the PD Committee to expand our offerings and formalize processes, there are still spaces for more volunteers! If you are interested in joining the PD Committee, please fill out the [ACA volunteer form](#) or reach out to the PD Committee chair, Devon Mordell, at professional.development@archivists.ca for more information.

ACA 2022 Conference



Conference At-a-Glance

The ACA is excited to provide a brief introduction to the upcoming ACA Conference held June 15–18 this year in Vancouver and on-line. For the first time, we will be offering a hybrid remote and in-person event, so participants can attend in the manner that best suits them.

Over the past several months, the Program Team has been working to develop a robust program that explores the many ways archives and archivists are redefining the work we do. We have over 80 speakers, including innovative plenary sessions (still in the planning phase!), and for the first time, two full sessions focusing on emerging voices. We have also structured the conference program to include an Indigenous voices stream, so attendees can follow relevant sessions throughout the conference. Because of the hybrid format, we are able to host speakers from Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe, and North America, so we have the benefit of hearing from colleagues who would normally not attend the ACA Conference. It's going to be a great conference. Hope to see you there!!

Please view the Conference At-a-Glance [here](#).

Please watch for announcements regarding the Whova Conference App and the full-conference schedule online.

Conference Registration Opens Monday, March 7, 2022 at 9:00 AM (PT) / 12:00 PM (ET). An email message will be sent out to all community members.

Session Chair Opportunities

On behalf of this year's Program Team, individuals are invited to reach out to Program Team Chair [Krisztina Laszlo](#) to express their interest in acting as session chairs. See At-a-Glance for open opportunities.

Accommodation

In person attendees and their guests can stay on University of British Columbia's campus close to sessions, plenaries, and social activities. Sessions and plenaries will take place at [The Nest](#) close to transit and accommodation on campus.

The [Room Block](#) at UBC is now open and will be available until **May 13, 2022**. Please be advised that the website is optimized using Chrome and Internet Explorer. The direct [booking link](#) has all accommodation listed.

If any guests have specific booking requests or allocation requests, please have them enter them in the Comments/Note section on the website. Alternatively, guests can book through our Reservations Office at 1 888 822 1030 (toll free), 604 822 1000 x 3 (local), or reservations@housing.ubc.ca.



Sponsorship and Support Opportunities at ACA 2022 Conference

This version of the annual ACA annual conference will attract more than 250 online participants working in the archives and information community across Canada, the USA, and internationally.

Conference sponsorship allows you to reach this influential group of professionals, leaders, and decision-makers.

Exciting marketing opportunities are provided that will enable your organization to:

- Obtain valuable exposure and prominence with current and potential clients
- Increase corporate visibility
- Show your organization's commitment to supporting the Canadian archival community and the important work it does in preserving the records of today for future generations.

[Four conference sponsorship levels to choose from](#) ... with benefits and recognition for your organization

Sponsorship Levels

- Partner from \$ 250
- Bronze from \$ 750
- Silver from \$ 1250
- Gold from \$ 2750
- Platinum from \$ 5000

[Sponsorship and Support](#)

ACAF Fundraising Survey

Despite the pandemic, our community has continued to support emerging archivists through the ACAF's bursaries program and Scholarship Endowment Fund.

To further continue this work, the ACAF is developing promotional items that may be available for purchase in advance of and at the ACA conference. It's time to show off our archivist pride!

We need your input into some *RAD* swag because we're rather *fonds* of our members' input! Please complete this short survey [5-7 minutes] to help guide the *scope and content* of our promotional item offerings. What items would you be most likely to purchase as part of ACAF fundraising efforts?

The ACA Foundation Board of Directors will review the submissions and ACA community members will be able to vote on slogans and items to create. There will be prizes. :)

We are so thankful for all of our members, past and present, who have supported the Foundation. We have met many of our fundraising goals, and our hope is to continue the work of the Foundation and to provide support to more community members and meet the Association's Equity Commitments.

[ACAF Survey](#)

ACA Annual General Meeting

Save the date for the [ACA Annual General Meeting](#) on Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at 1:00 PM (ET) / 10:00 AM (PT).

The meeting agenda will include board reports and an update on ACA activities, including committees, SISs, and Student Chapters. Members will also have an opportunity to review ACA audit documents and the ACA 2023 budget.

This meeting will take place online via Zoom. The agenda and supporting documents will be sent out in advance of the meeting.

The results of the 2022 election will be announced, and members will be able to meet the new ACA 2022-2024 board members. The ACA Awards ceremony will take place during ACA 2022 on Thursday, June 17 from the University of British Columbia and will be broadcasted online. Stay tuned for more information and calls for nominations.

Institutional members are reminded to ensure that a designated delegate has been entered into your membership profile to ensure your delegate receives the online voting link and information regarding the AGM.

Members will have an opportunity to share their input and ideas during this meeting.

AGM RSVP



TaASIS Winter Meet-Up

Please join the Technology and Archives Special Interest Section (TaASIS) for the TaASIS Winter Meet-Up!

Thursday, March 10, 2022 at 8:00 PM (ET) / 5:00 PM (PT)

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 RSVP and propose an agenda item for an upcoming meeting, check out our [event document](#).

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

A teal-colored graphic for a 'TaASIS Winter Meetup'. At the top left, there are icons of a pink floppy disk and a yellow cassette tape. At the top right, there is a purple server rack icon connected to three yellow folder icons. The text 'Technology and Archives Special Interest Section' is at the top in white. Below it, 'TaASIS' is written in a large, white, sans-serif font. Underneath that, 'Winter Meetup' is written in a larger, white, serif font. In the bottom left, there is an illustration of a woman with purple hair in a bun, wearing a yellow shirt and blue pants, sitting in a purple chair and working on a laptop on a wooden tripod stand. The laptop screen shows a video call with four participants. To the right of the woman is a large green plant in a yellow pot. The text 'March 10, 2022' and '5:00 PM PST / 8:00 PM EST' is in the bottom right. Below that, 'Registration link in bio' is written in a smaller white font.

Technology and Archives
Special Interest Section

TaASIS

Winter Meetup

March 10, 2022
5:00 PM PST / 8:00 PM EST

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In the Field: The ACA Blog

Check out the latest article posted on *In the Field*: [Exploring Currency and Empire through Archive Mapping](#) by Josephine Baker.

Please complete our [submission form](#) to submit an idea or a draft blog post.

Archival Community News

Reconciliation Framework released: The Steering Committee on Canada's Archives (SCCA) is pleased to announce that the [Reconciliation Framework: The Response to the Report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Taskforce](#) is now available on the SCCA website.

Readers may be interested in a **recent publication by member Michael Marlatt**, a moving image archivist with epilepsy and new member of the ACA PD Committee, who shares about his experiences and disability advocacy in [an article in Archival Outlook](#).

The SAA Archivists of Religious Collections Section has set up the Models and Resources Committee to provide information to section members on all aspects of archival work relating to the administration of religious collections. The newly struck 12-member committee will

- recommend standards and guidelines to archivists of religious collections so that they may improve the quality of their collections;
- provide samples of policies, forms, publications, manuals, and finding aids for religious collections to section members; and
- identify and provide information on resources pertinent to religious archives.

The Models and Resources Committee will have its first meeting on Wednesday, March 2, 2022. The committee is looking forward to developing models and resources on archival practice for religious archivists and updating the ARCS microsite with new resources.

Representatives from non-Judeo-Christian archives would be most welcome, to increase the diversity of the committee. Please contact [Mary Grace Kosta](#) if interested in taking part.

NAAB: Virtual Monetary Appraisal Forum

Please join us on March 7 and 8, 2022 for the [Virtual Monetary Appraisal Forum: Dollars and Sense!](#)

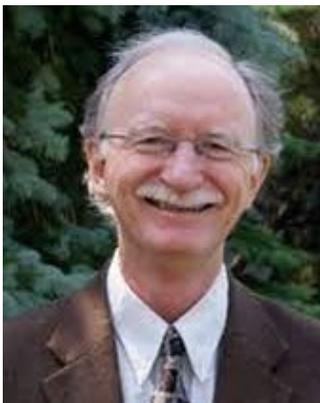
The first day will feature the recommendations of NAAB's Ad Hoc Committee on Monetary Appraisal of Electronic Records (MAER). If you are attending

the session “Looking Forward: Future Work on Electronic Records” please be sure to review the [Dollars for Digital: Evaluating Strategies for the Monetary Appraisal of Digital Content in Archival Donations](#) (*MAER Report*) before the event.

The second day of the Forum, March 8, will highlight a diverse range of topics and speakers, including James Travers, Cultural Property Manager at The National Archives (UK), who will share his unique knowledge during the opening plenary titled "Perspectives for Monetary Appraisal." A series of concurrent 45-minute sessions will be held throughout the day, touching on topics such as internal monetary appraisals, NAAB panel reports, and evaluation strategies for archival records, among others. Perspectives from colleagues at the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) and the Canadian Cultural Property Export Review Board (CCPERB) will be featured and should provide valuable guidance regarding relationships with government stakeholders. Members of the NAAB Secretariat will also provide a short presentation about the Database of Archival Values (DAV) that will soon be available by subscription that will only be available to archives.

Ry Moran, Associate University Librarian – Reconciliation, University of Victoria, will lead the closing plenary, "The Challenge of Cultural Diversity for Monetary Appraisal in Canada" which will provide not-to-be-missed insights about critical improvements that must be made by the community at large.

To REGISTER for the Virtual Monetary Appraisal Forum: Dollars and Sense, please visit: <https://naabforumcnea.ca/en/register/>



The University of Manitoba has appointed Dr. Tom Nesmith as Professor Emeritus and Dr. Shelley Sweeney as Librarian Emerita. Congratulations to them both. Very well-deserved honours.



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.

[Digital Preservation Business Lead](#), Bank of Canada



Deadline: March 6, 2022

[Intermediate Information Analyst](#), BC Pension Corporation



Deadline: March 14, 2022

[Contract Archivists](#) (2-3 positions), Heritage Professionals



Heritage Professionals

Deadline: March 25, 2022

[Manager Archives, Records & Privacy](#),

City of Thunder Bay



Deadline: March 25, 2022

[Archives and Records Analyst](#), World Bank Group



Deadline: March 31, 2022

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