

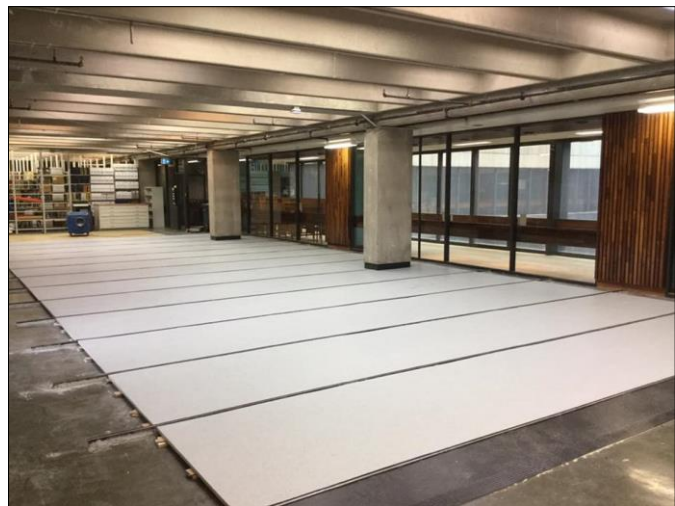
News from Nova Scotia

News from Dalhousie Libraries

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Renovating the Archives

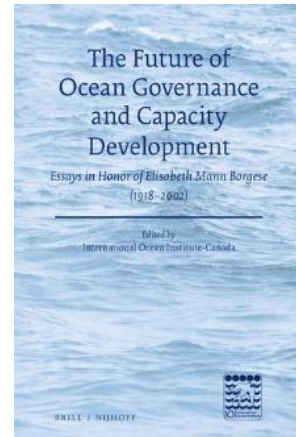
The Dalhousie Archives is undergoing renovations which include some new furniture as well as refreshed paint and carpet in the Archives & Special Collections Reading Room. The atrium hallways on the fifth floor of the Killam Library are also being re-carpeted. The largest undertaking of the entire project — the installation of compact shelving— will increase our storage capacity in the Archives by over 30 per cent. This work is expected to wrap up in time for the start of the new academic year.



What the Archives looked like after staff relocated all the materials, the old shelves were torn down, and tracking for the compact shelving was installed.

Pooling our Resources: An Open Access eBook

We were thrilled to work with the International Ocean Institute (IOI) and other partners to support making the publication [The Future of Ocean Governance and Capacity Development](#), published by Brill, an **open access** eBook, available to all at the link above. The [IOI website](#) has a complete list of all the individuals and institutions who supported this project.



Elisabeth Mann Borgese

The book is a volume of essays in honour of Elisabeth Mann Borgese, the founder of the International Ocean Institute and passionate ocean advocate. It was published in 2018, which marked 100 years since the birth of Borgese.

The Dalhousie Libraries is proud to have the Elisabeth Mann Borgese fonds in the Dalhousie Archives, an archive of over 55 meters of material, which includes more than 115,000 pages and 700 photographs that have been digitized and are available online. The Borgese collection is of international importance and attracted researchers to Dalhousie from across the globe before it was digitized. The Borgese finding aid and digital collection is [available here](#).

Spring into Action

Once again, the Dalhousie Libraries participated in the province-wide *Spring into Action* initiative. *Spring into Action* is an annual event sponsored by Horizons Community Development Associates. The goal of the challenge is to get participants moving at least 30 minutes each day, five days each week, for improved and sustained health and well-being.

Across Nova Scotia, 168 individuals participated on 23 teams. The Dal Libraries entered three teams in the *Spring into Action* challenge, which ran from April 22–May 24. Two of the teams won one of the weekly draws and one of our participants won one of the individual prizes.

Congratulations to (picture below in order) *The Heart Throbs*, *The Scrambled Legs* and *2 Fit 2 Quit* on your active lifestyles!



Intern Season

Every summer, the Dalhousie Libraries welcome students from Dal's Master of Library and Information Studies program for internships. Working with these bright and enthusiastic individuals is one of our favourite things about summer at the Dalhousie Libraries.

Annalise Benoit

Where are you interning?

Sir James Dunn Law Library



What brought you to the MLIS program at Dal?

I'm one of those people who wants to do *all of the things*. As a kid, I could never just pick one activity. I wanted to be in dance *and* theatre *and* play soccer... *and* do gymnastics. Fast-forward twentyish years and I found myself struggling, in the last year of my undergrad, to figure out what my next step should be. I knew that I hadn't reached the end of the academic road yet, but for the life of me, I could not decide which path to pursue. I was interested in law, technology, ethics, digital media, and politics, among other things, so having to pick *just one* felt like the ultimate injustice. What did all of these disciplines have in common then? The conclusion that I came to was information. Studying the theory of information has allowed me to continue pursuing research that draws from a variety of academic disciplines. It is the critical lens through which I now navigate through the sea of academia. And, ever the over-achiever, I opted to do the combined MLIS/JD option. If you're a free-spirit with an insatiable curiosity who dreads the thought of devoting yourself to just one area of scholarship, consider the MLIS program at Dal. Scratch all of your itches!

What drew you to the internship at the Dal Libraries?

As a combined degree student beginning law school in September 2019, having my two academic worlds collide in the form of such a wonderful opportunity was just too good to pass up. Since law school will be taking over my life for the next three years, I was keen to find a way to keep one foot in the library world. The opportunity to work at the Dunn library over the summer and throughout the school year not only allows me to stay connected to the library culture that I have come to adore, it will, hopefully, make me a better law student as well.

What's your educational background?

B.A. in Cultural Studies and History from Mount Saint Vincent University, 2018.

What have you been doing during your internship?

Learning all of the quirky things that set law libraries apart from other libraries, preparing rare books for digitization, managing LibGuides, avoiding being surprised by mouse-traps.

Conor Falvey



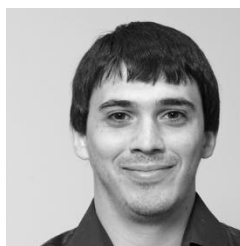
I am very excited to be interning at the W.K. Kellogg Health Sciences Library for the coming year. My interest in health information was what first drew me to the MLIS program at Dal. After following a winding road through higher education – first a BA in English, then an MA in History – I found myself working for a health promotion NGO in Nova Scotia. I came to realize that much of our work was similar to librarianship, especially the time spent helping people to locate health information (hello, reference!) and compiling databases of online resources to distribute (a.k.a. digital librarianship). I wanted to know how to do this work properly, so I applied to Dal’s School of Information Management.

The internship at Dal Libraries appealed to me because it provides valuable hands-on training. I wanted the opportunity to see how an academic library works in practice, rather than simply reading about it. So far, my experience has totally reframed what I thought I had learned in my MLIS courses. The internship also allows me to explore my interest in health education from a new angle. So far, much of the intern training has focused on helping health sciences students and faculty with their literature searching. It is very fulfilling to be doing a job that supports medical education and research – in addition to being fun!

Mitchell Jabalee

Where are you interning?

I am interning at the Dalhousie University Archives.



What brought you to the MLIS program at Dal?

What brought me to the MLIS program was an interest in learning and developing a broad range of skills to add to what I already have. My goal is to learn many flexible skills that make me a great fit for working in the field of archives.

What drew you to the internship at the Dal Libraries?

I was interested in gaining more experience working in an archive and the summer intern job at Dalhousie's archives was the perfect opportunity.

What's your educational background?

Previously I have completed an undergraduate degree with honours in history at Cape Breton University.

What have you been doing during your internship?

So far during my time at the Dalhousie Archives, I have been processing records and creating archival descriptions for the materials of Canadian writer and poet Charles Bruce that get uploaded to the archives' online catalog. I have also been helping with preparations for the renovations of the archives collections space, and assisting in daily operations and tasks alongside other small duties here and there.

Nicole Marcoux

Where are you interning?

I am one of two Nicoles interning at the Killam.



What drew you to the internship at the Dal Libraries?

I am excited about academic libraries! Research projects are so varied and interesting, and working one-on-one with people to support their information needs is fun and satisfying work.

What's your educational background?

I have a BA in Russian Studies from Dalhousie and a diploma of Holistic Nutrition.

What have you been doing during your internship?

The extensive training period has been a great way to get an idea of the inner workings at the Killam and the projects I'll get to take on this summer. In particular, I am excited about working on a Killam Escape Room and cataloguing a collection of Russian microfilm.

Elizabeth McElroy

Where are you interning?

I am interning at the Sexton Library of Technology and Design.



What brought you to the MLIS program at Dal?

My grandmother told me about her own experiences in an MLIS program at the University of Toronto in the 1940s, and she inspired me to consider other MLIS programs. After moving from Toronto to Halifax and starting my studies at the University of King's College, I knew that I wanted to continue my studies and libraries were spaces I always felt at home in and spent a ton of time in

throughout high school and university. I looked into the MLIS program at Dalhousie University and knew immediately that the close-knit cohort and wide-range of programs was the right fit for me!

What drew you to the internship at the Dal Libraries?

I have always been interested in academic libraries because I love applying myself to research projects and helping with instruction! I also enjoy learning about fields and programs in which I do not have experience and expanding my knowledge in these areas. The Sexton Library felt like the perfect place to both broaden my knowledge and gain experience!

What's your educational background?

I graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in English and Cinema and Media Studies from the University of King's College in 2018.

What have you been doing during your internship?

I am working on the reference desk throughout my internship and I will also be updating the current tour video for the Sexton library. I will also be working on a collections management project.

Nicole Slipp

Where are you interning?

I am one of two Nicoles interning at the Killam Library.



What brought you to the MLIS program at Dal?

When I moved to Halifax a few years ago, I got a part-time job at the Halifax Central Library. I'd worked in a public library in high school and an academic library during my undergraduate degree, then focused on academia for several years. I started at Central during a transitional time, and the job made me realize that libraries are where I want to be.

What drew you to the internship at the Dal Libraries?

The Killam internship provides exposure to such a wide range of experiences in academic librarianship. I also wanted the chance to do reference work with students from a variety of disciplines.

What's your educational background?

I have a BAH from the University of New Brunswick (Saint John), an MA from the University of Toronto, and a PhD in medieval literature from Queen's University. My interests are primarily in queer and feminist theories, and I work in both medieval literature and comics studies.

What have you been doing during your internship?

So far, I have had great training opportunities through both Dal's Research Bootcamp series and attending the Data Liberation Initiative's Atlantic Workshop. I'm honing my reference skills on the KLSP (Killam Library Service Point). I get to work on many projects, ranging from thematic coding of student surveys, to assisting on a research guide on copyright and Indigenous knowledge, to creating a

management plan for photographs taken from space. I'm so excited about all the things I'll learn through my project work this summer!

Retiring Staff

We recently said good-bye to three long-time Dal Libraries staff members. We wish them all the best on their retirements.



Karen Chandler – Manager, System-Wide Resources, 28 years



Carolyn Liggins – Library Assistant, 17 years



Alice Stover – Manager, Acquisitions, & Metadata, 29 years

New Staff

We are pleased to welcome the following new staff members to the Dalhousie Libraries:



Jessica Irving – Systems Developer



Merran Carr-Wiggin – Research Information Systems Coordinator (term)



Carl Harvey – Help Desk Technician

For events, visit our calendar: <https://dal.libcal.com/calendar/events>