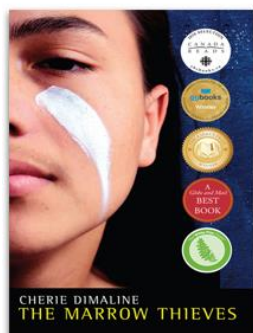


News from Nova Scotia

News from Dalhousie Libraries

Marlo MacKay, Communications Coordinator, Dalhousie Libraries

Dal Reads 2020/21: *The Marrow Thieves*



This year's [Dal Reads](#) book is *The Marrow Thieves* by Cherie Dimaline. *The Marrow Thieves* is a dystopic novel set in the not-too-distant future. Humanity has nearly destroyed the world as the effects of global warming have taken hold. In this dark setting, the Indigenous people of North America are being hunted and harvested for their bone marrow. The settler population believes the marrow of Indigenous people carries the key to recovering something they have lost: the ability to dream. A young adult named Frenchie and his companions struggle to survive against this backdrop as they make their way north.

For the first time in the history of Dal Reads, we did not purchase any physical copies of the book due to the majority of classes being online. Instead, we negotiated a license for unlimited, simultaneous access of the eBook for the Dalhousie community for the duration of the academic year.

We presented three events on this year's selection in January, which included a live discussion between Indigenous Services Librarian Samantha Adema and *The Marrow Thieves* author Cherie Dimaline.

Teaching *The Marrow Thieves*: a Pedagogical Roundtable

with FASS faculty members Dr. Andrew Brown, Dr. Brian Gillis, Aiden Tait & Dr. Erin Wunker.

Moderated by Dr. Margaret Robinson.

Thursday, January 7, 2–4 p.m.

[Watch the recording](#)

Moving Through Trauma: Indigenous Futurism, Survivance, and the Apocalypse in *The Marrow Thieves*

with Tiffany Morris

Wednesday, January 20, 7 p.m.

[Watch the recording](#)



Tiffany Morris (left) & Author Cherie Dimaline (right)

A Talk with Cherie Dimaline, Author of *The Marrow Thieves*

Wednesday, January 27, 3 p.m.

(Recording available to members of the Dalhousie community only.)

Open Educational Resource (OER) Grant

In partnership with the Centre for Learning & Teaching and with the support of Dalhousie's Strategic Initiative Funding, the Dalhousie Libraries are offering a grant that will provide support for Dalhousie educators who are interested in adapting or creating an OER. Grants up to \$5,000 may be awarded. Projects must be completed, and funds expended in their entirety by March 31, 2022. More information about the grant can be found [here](#). Last year's recipient of this grant, Dr. Leanne Stevens, has [saved students more than \\$200,000](#) thus far.

Atlantic Canada Book Launch for *N'in D'La Owey Innklan: Mi'kmaq Sojourns in England* by Bonita Lawrence

Dr. Bonita Lawrence is a professor in the Department of Humanities at York University and is a founding member of the Indigenous Studies program. She is of Mi'kmaq, Acadian, and English ancestry. At this Atlantic Canada launch of her new historical novel, she was joined by Dr. Marie Battiste, *Sings to the Forest*, Dr. Sean Hillier, Cathy Martin, and Dr. Margaret Robinson.

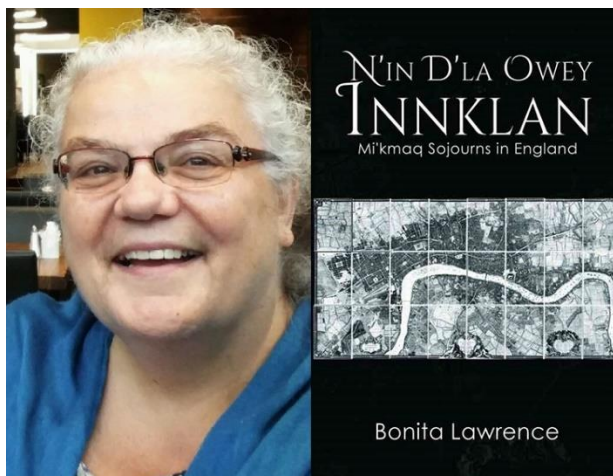
N'in D'la Owey Innklan: Mi'kmaq Sojourns in England begins in 1497 and takes the reader on a series of vignettes through five centuries of interconnections between Mi'kmaq people and London. In addition to this novel, Dr. Lawrence

has authored two academic books, *Fractured Homeland: Federal Recognition and Algonquin Identity in Ontario* and *"Real" Indians and Others: Mixed-Race Urban Native People and Indigenous Nationhood*. With Kim Anderson, she co-authored a collection of essays entitled *Strong Women Stories: Native Vision and Community Survival*.

[Watch a recording of the launch.](#)

Data & GIS Lunchless Learns

Members from the Data & GIS team are offering their "lunchless learns" series this winter. Sessions include: First Encounters of the GIS Kind; So You Want to Make a Map – Where and How to Find Data; Raster – How to Become a Raster Master; Carto – Maps – The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly; Understand



the Use of Data and Statistics; Play with Text and Text Mining Using Google Online; and Work with Canadian Data and Statistics.

For more information about these and other Dalhousie Libraries events and learning opportunities, visit our [events calendar](#).

Layers: The Data & GIS Newsletter

In 2016, the Dal Libraries launched *Layers*, a digital newsletter designed to cover news and topics related to data and GIS at Dalhousie and in the larger community. The newsletter comes out twice a year and back issues can be found [here](#). To subscribe, contact gis@dal.ca.

Records Management Sessions



Courtney Bayne of the Dalhousie Libraries is the Records Manager for Dalhousie University. She regularly offers sessions for the Dalhousie community to help employees manage their files.

The session is called *How long do I keep this stuff? DalCLASS can help with that!* Designed for anyone who may be overwhelmed with multiple versions of documents, drafts, and/or duplicates, the session uses DalCLASS and other records management tools to help individuals figure out what information has institutional value and what can be securely shredded or deleted.

(DalCLASS is the main records management tool that supports the Dalhousie Records Management Policy. It is the authority for organizing, retaining, and disposing of Dalhousie University administrative records.)

Staff News

David Ryan is the new Library Services Supervisor, based at the Sexton Design & Technology Library.

Alanah White is the new Library Services Assistant, based at the W. K. Kellogg Health Sciences Library.

Sangeet Goyal is the new Instructional Support Technician, a position that will be shared between the Dalhousie Libraries and the Faculty of Management.

Helen Wojcik is retiring after 17 consecutive years with the Dalhousie Libraries.

Amanda Sparks is taking on Helen's role as Manager of Access Services at the Killam Library as a temporary assignment until the job is formally posted.

Congratulations to everyone!