

News from Nova Scotia

News from Dalhousie Libraries

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Michael Crummey in Conversation with Sharon Bala, with Readings by Shandi Mitchell and Jaime Burnet

Along with the Writers' Federation of Nova Scotia, we co-hosted a wonderful (virtual) evening of Atlantic Canadian literature and stimulating conversation on September 17.

The evening featured readings by the 2020 finalists of the Thomas Raddall Atlantic Fiction Award -- **Shandi Mitchell** (*The Waiting Hours*), **Jaime Burnet** (*Crocuses Hatch from Snow*), and **Michael Crummey** (*The Innocents*).

Following the readings was an engaging conversation between fellow Newfoundland-based writers **Michael Crummey** (winner of the Raddall award) and **Sharon Bala** (*The Boat People*), along with Shandi and Jaime.



ONLINE SEPT. 17, 7 PM

Michael Crummey in conversation with Sharon Bala

Plus readings by Shandi Mitchell and Jaime Burnet
Presented by Dalhousie Libraries and
the Writers' Federation of Nova Scotia

Launch of the Nova Scotia LGBT Seniors Archive

The Nova Scotia LGBT Seniors Archive is launching on October 15 with a virtual event. Dalhousie Libraries has been supporting this project through the Dal Archives, providing a safe space for the materials and adding the content into our finding aid: *Archives to Memory (AtoM)*.

We are proud to provide a home for these materials, which tell the history of the LGBT community in this province. During LGBTQ+ History Month, learn more about this important collection and hear from some of the people who have been working on it since the beginning.

Thursday, October 15, 4–5 p.m.

[Join via Microsoft Teams](#)

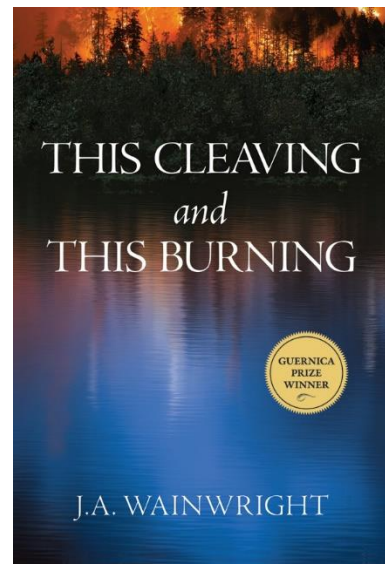


J.A. Wainwright Virtual Book Launch: *This Cleaving and this Burning*



Inspired by the lives and work of American literary giants Ernest Hemingway and Hart Crane, *This Cleaving and this Burning* is a story of creative passions stoked by unspoken desires within the mind and heart. Two unrelated, aspiring writers, born on the same day in the same year to parents with the same first names, grow up together and eventually gain national prominence

as authors. But their complex sexual identities undermine their intense private relationship as the years pass, inflicting damage that cannot be undone by their public reputations or the excellence of their fiction and poetry.



J.A. Wainwright (picture above) is McCulloch Emeritus Professor in English at Dalhousie University. He is the author of five books of poetry and five novels.

Wednesday, October 21, 7:30 p.m.

[Join via Microsoft Teams](#)

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

Document Delivery is Filling your Requests for Physical Materials again!

Dalhousie Libraries' Document Delivery department is thrilled to let our users know that we are once again filling requests with physical copies of materials wherever possible. Since March 17, we had been limited to sharing digital materials only, as libraries across Canada and the around world closed their doors.

While we are pleased to be able to offer this service once again, we know that many libraries are still not able to loan items from their print collections. Many of those that are loaning materials are operating with reduced staffing levels, so it will be more challenging to locate certain materials and it may take longer to get requested items. Thank you in advance for your patience.

Alternate Sexton Library Space

On the recommendation of Dalhousie's Health & Safety Office related to concerns about insufficient ventilation, the Sexton Library will not be opening for student and faculty use this fall. Instead, the Dalhousie Libraries will be offering **alternative study space on the Sexton campus in the classroom across the hall from the Sexton Library.**

The staff of the Sexton Library did an incredible job and pulled together this alternative library space, on extremely short notice, keeping the need for social distancing in mind, in a week. The space offers 10 socially distanced study tables for three-hour bookable time slots and a printer workstation.

Staff News

Samantha Adema is the new Indigenous Services Librarian. She will work closely with faculty, researchers, staff, and students to support learning and research on Indigenous topics in all disciplines. Samantha holds an MLIS degree from Dalhousie and was a Sexton Library intern while she was a student.

Bennett McNutt is doing a six-month term as an Instructional Support Technician in Academic Technology Services. He will provide technical support to faculty and get our new video captioning support service up and running.

Michael Moosberger was unanimously renewed for a second term as Associate Dean, Archives, Records Management, and Special Collections.

Krishna Sirivuri is our new systems developer. Krishna holds a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science and from Dalhousie, a Master's degree in Engineering, Internetworking.

Carlye Stein, who has been working in a temporary position as a Learning Technologies Specialist, is the successful candidate for a 12-month term position with the Instructional Tech team providing assistance to faculty for Brightspace and UNIWeb.