

News from Nova Scotia

News from Dalhousie Libraries

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Congratulations and Goodbye to Ann Barrett

On June 30, our colleague **Ann Barrett** wrapped up a long and successful career at Dalhousie. As a tribute to the accomplished career Ann has had, we would like to share a few highlights with you, with thanks to colleagues **Gail Fraser** and **Jan Pelley** for providing many of the details.

Ann graduated with her MLIS from Dalhousie in 1981 and worked at the Kellogg Library as an intern from 1979–81. Before making the Kellogg Library her permanent workplace, she worked as Hospital Librarian at Tawam Hospital in the United Arab Emirates and at the Saint John Regional Hospital in New Brunswick.

In 1986, Ann returned to the Dalhousie Libraries, where she held a number of positions in public services, document delivery, systems, and for many years was the Liaison Librarian for the School of Nursing and for the Divisions of Pediatrics, Oncology/Hematology, and Obstetrics & Gynecology. Following several leaves from Dalhousie, working at the University of Papua New Guinea and later at the Institute for Marine Biosciences Library, National Research Council, Ann became Head of Public Services in the Kellogg Library, and supervised many staff and library interns over the years.

In her last role as Associate Dean Scholarly Communications and Head of the W. K. Kellogg Health Sciences Library, Ann coordinated collections, liaison services, and communications and operations at the local level for the two spaces under the Kellogg banner: the Kellogg Library Learning Commons in the Collaborative Health Education Building and the Kellogg Health Sciences Library in the Sir Charles Tupper Medical Building. As the Associate Dean Scholarly Communications, she led a team of librarians and staff from across the Dal Libraries in the development of Open Educational Resources production services; the consolidation of Dal Libraries services under the Research Commons umbrella; the implementation of the University's research information system UNIWeb; and increased capacity for bibliometric analysis and services, Open Access support, and digital preservation via our institutional repository DalSpace.



Ann Barrett

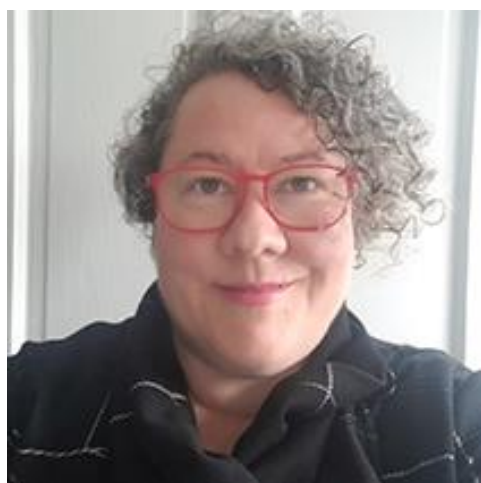
It would be impossible to list all of Ann's impressive accomplishments and achievements from her 35 years with us, so we will share just a few where she was a trail blazer. In 1999, Ann initiated the first implementation of a proxy service for the Dal Libraries, and from 2003–2005, she coordinated the implementation of the Learning Commons in the Kellogg Health Sciences Library. Ann acted as project manager for the implementation of WorldCat Local in 2009, Dalhousie Libraries' first discovery layer, and she coordinated the implementation and evaluation of a Single Service Point in the Kellogg Library, a first for the Dalhousie Libraries, in 2012.

More recently, Ann coordinated the planning for the move of the Kellogg Health Sciences Library staff and collections into new and renovated spaces in the CHEB and the Tupper Building. We will always think of Ann during our annual Research Bootcamp for RAs and TAs and the Summer Shine presentation event for MI interns, two enduring initiatives that were both conceived of by Ann.

Ann was truly dedicated to providing the best service to library users; she was always passionate about the education and training of staff, as well as mentoring library interns and early career librarians. She was a calm and measured voice on the Libraries' senior leadership team and a source of inspiration and innovation.

Thank you, Ann, for your tremendous leadership, dedication, and unwavering collegial approach to your work, especially during the upheaval of the past year!

New Associate Dean Research & Scholarly Communications and Head of the W.K. Kellogg Health Sciences Library



Melissa Helwig

Please join us in welcoming **Melissa Helwig** (she/they) to the role of Associate Dean Research & Scholarly Communications and Head of the Kellogg Library. Melissa has been with the Dalhousie Libraries since 2012, serving as an Information Services Librarian based in the Kellogg Health Sciences Library.

Melissa has worked as a Health Sciences Librarian for just over 15 years. In her previous role with the Dalhousie Libraries, she was focused on supporting the College of Pharmacy, Faculty of Medicine, and the School of Health Administration. As an Information Services Librarian, she participated in a variety of initiatives like Research Bootcamp, the Scholarship at Dalhousie Libraries Series, and the International Student Support Strategy group.

As Associate Dean Research & Scholarly Communications, Melissa will be providing leadership to a portfolio that looks to support researchers, faculty, students, and staff through the research lifecycle

including services and systems that enable scholarly communications, open science, data management and research analytics. This includes initiatives such as the Dalhousie Current Research Information System – UNIWeb.

As Head of the W. K. Kellogg Health Sciences Library, Melissa will provide leadership in the development and provision of knowledgeable and flexible library services and scholarly resources at the local level for the two spaces under the Kellogg banner: the Kellogg Library Learning Commons in the Collaborative Health Education Building and the Kellogg Health Sciences Library in the Sir Charles Tupper Medical Building.

Melissa is a member of the Maritime Health Libraries Association, the Aligning Health Needs and Evidence for Transformative Change: A JBI Centre of Excellence at Dalhousie University, and the AFMC Network on Libraries. She is a member and the Continuing Education Director for the Canadian Health Libraries Association.

We Remember Cornelia Hahn Oberlander

The Dalhousie Libraries mourns the passing of **Cornelia Hahn Oberlander** on May 22.

Ms. Oberlander was an award-winning landscape architect based in Vancouver who generously donated her professional collection to the Dalhousie Libraries in 2019. The donation included books, journals, pamphlets, and garden tour guidebooks.

Born in Muelheim-ruhr, Germany, Ms. Oberlander graduated from Harvard University's Graduate School of Design in 1947. She was named a fellow in both the Canadian and American Societies of Landscape Architects, and in 2017 she was appointed as a Companion of the Order of Canada. She was also an early advocate of universal design, including accessibility considerations in her designs.



Cornelia Hahn Oberlander

More information about the Oberlander collection at the Dalhousie Libraries can be found [here](#).

2021 OER Grant Recipients

Congratulations to the 2021 OER grant recipients! These grants are offered in partnership by the Dalhousie Libraries and the Centre for Learning & Teaching through the support of Dalhousie's Strategic Initiative Funding. The grant provides support for Dalhousie educators who are interested in adapting or creating an Open Educational Resource (OER).

- **Dr. Letitia Meynell**, Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
An Inclusive Applied Ethics Primer: A Global Approach to the Basics of Ethical Thinking
- **Dr. Sorayya Askari**, Assistant Professor, School of Occupational Therapy, Faculty of Health
Research Methods and Evidence-based Practice for Occupational Therapists
- **Dr. Linda R. MacDonald**, University Teaching Fellow, Rowe School of Business, Faculty of Management
Canadian Business Communication for Success
- **Hannah Steeves**, Reference & Instruction Librarian, Sir James Dunn Law Library, Schulich School of Law
Canadian Legal Research Skills: A Practical Approach
- **Dr. Leanne Stevens**, University Teaching, Department of Psychology & Neuroscience, Faculty of Science Fellow &
Dr. Jennifer Stamp, University Teaching Fellow, Department of Psychology & Neuroscience, Faculty of Science
Canadianization and Indigenization of Introduction to Psychology and Neuroscience

More details, including project abstracts and grant amounts are available [here](#).

Dalhousie Libraries/CRKN Agreement Gathers APC Discount with Elsevier

Dalhousie Libraries commits a major portion of our collections budget annually toward subscriptions to Elsevier journals. So, it is with pleasure we can announce that through our ongoing partnership with the Canadian Research Knowledge Network (CRKN), we will see a significant change in our agreement with Elsevier in the coming three years.

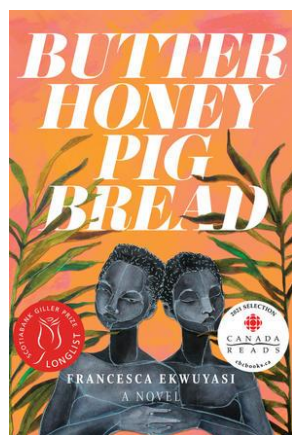
After a year of negotiations, CRKN's [Content Strategy Committee](#) (CSC) has [announced an agreement](#) that increases open access, reduces subscription costs, and allows for transparency of subscription package costs:

- A **20% discount on Article Processing Charges (APCs)** for both hybrid and gold open access journals. *Cell Press*, *Lancet*, and some other society-owned journals are excluded.
- A **12.5% reduction in the subscription price** for 2021, followed by a 0% change for 2022, and a **2% increase** for 2023 for all journals in the Freedom Collection, including former *Academic Press* journals, with no loss of perpetual access rights.
- No confidentiality or non-disclosure clause, which allows the license terms to be shared.

These changes demonstrate the value of negotiating at a national level. Dalhousie researchers will see some relief on APCs and the Dalhousie Libraries will be able to free up collections funds to reinvest in other much-needed resources.

The details on how to receive the **20% discount on article processing charges** are [available on our LibGuide page](#), and CRKN have confirmed that Elsevier will provide the discount retroactive to January 1, 2021.

Dal Reads 2021/22 Title Announcement



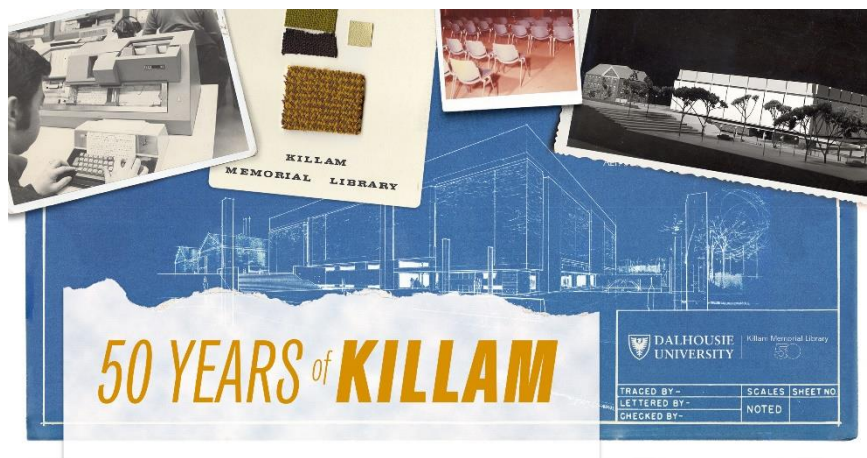
This year's Dal Reads book is *Butter Honey Pig Bread* by **Francesca Ekwuyasi**! [Watch the reveal video](#) with the author. The eBook is available for unlimited simultaneous borrowing for members of the Dalhousie community.



Francesca Ekwuyasi

A “Brutalist” Beauty: the Killam Library on its 50th anniversary

The Killam Memorial Library officially opened in March 1971. On the 50th anniversary of this landmark building's opening, we explored the origins of the Killam Library, why it looks the way it does, and what other buildings on Dalhousie's campus and across Canada are its “siblings.”



Professor Christine Macy, former Dean of the Faculty of Architecture & Planning, took us on an illustrated tour of the Killam Library, interpreting it through the lens of post-WWII reconstruction in Europe and nation-building in Canada.

To learn more about the history of the Killam Memorial Library, visit our [digital timeline](#) and watch the video of Professor Macy's lecture [here](#).

Staff News

Hello!

Carlina Gillis is the new Resources Licensing Manager responsible for collections budgets, the negotiation of electronic resource licenses and invoice processes, communication with consortial groups, and liaison with vendors.



Carlina Gillis

Gordon Ashley is new Evening Supervisor at the Sir James Dunn Law Library.



Gordon Ashley

Thomas Zuberbuehler is the new Library and Geographic Information System Developer; he will be a part of the Academic Technology Services unit and will work very closely with the Data & GIS team.

Goodbye!



After almost 44 years at Dalhousie University; **Helen Wojcik**, Manager, Access Services at the Killam Library retired earlier this year.

Helen Wojcik



Anne-Marie White

Anne-Marie White, Circulation Supervisor at the Sir James Dunn Law Library, retired after 24 years with the Dalhousie Libraries.

Roger Brush retired after a long career with Dalhousie that started in 1987. He joined the Dalhousie Libraries part of the Classroom Technologies Team in Academic Technology Services in 2017.



Roger Brush, pictured third from left in the back row, with the rest of the Classroom Technologies Team; Director of ATS Marc Comeau; Manager of Services, Support & Training for ATS Mick Bottom; former Dalhousie President Richard Florizone; and Dean of Libraries Donna Bourne-Tyson.



Deborah Hemming

Deborah Hemming left her term librarian position at Dalhousie to take a position at Acadia.