

## News from Newfoundland and Labrador

### News from Memorial University of Newfoundland

**Kristine Power, Communications Advisor, Memorial University Libraries**

#### University News:

Five Indigenous academic staff members have officially joined the Memorial community. **Dr. Daria Boltokova**, Department of Anthropology, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences; **Michaela Doucette**, Queen Elizabeth II Library; **Dr. Amy Hudson**, School of Arctic and Subarctic Studies, and cross-appointed to the School of Science and the Environment, Grenfell Campus; **Erica (Samms) Hurley**, Faculty of Nursing; and **Dr. Hilding Neilson**, Department of Physics and Physical Oceanography, Faculty of Science, were selected through a recruitment process that involved consultation with Indigenous communities, elders, the President's Advisory Committee on Indigenous Affairs and academic units across Memorial's campuses. For more information, click [here](#).

**Dr. Margaret Steele**, dean of the Faculty of Medicine, is serving as Interim Provost and Vice-President (Academic). She is an accomplished leader, scholar, researcher, and psychiatrist. Dr. Steele will maintain her position as dean, with support from the strong senior leadership team in the Faculty of Medicine. For more information, click [here](#).

**Dr. Paul Banahene Adjei** was jointly appointed Interim Associate Vice-President (Indigenous research) effective May 2, while continuing as Interim Dean, School of Social Work. For more information, click [here](#).

#### Research

Rapido Document Delivery is coming soon to Memorial University Libraries! The Rapido community in Canada is starting small with Memorial University, Carleton University, and the University of Calgary, who are all expected to go live over the summer. For more information, contact [Becky Smith](#).

Select CARL participants will attend an inaugural seven-day cohort style training program called Academic Librarians Leadership Institute (ALLI) at Memorial University from June 6-12, 2022. It was developed by the Gardiner Centre, the engagement arm of the Faculty of Business Administration at Memorial University, with input from CARL directors and associate-level academic Librarians. For more information, contact [Susan Cleyle](#).

#### Employee News

Indigenous Archivist **Michaela Doucette** was one of five Indigenous academic staff members who officially joined the Memorial community. "ASC has been advocating for an Indigenous Archivist position and we could not be more delighted to welcome Michaela Doucette into this role. This position is a

game-changer for ASC and Michaela's work is key to our success at collecting, preserving and providing access to our province's history and culture." - **Colleen Quigley**, Head of Archives and Special Collections, QEII Library.

Health Sciences Library welcomed **Katie Kehoe**. Katie is working on Document Delivery in Lending Services; her previous position was in QEII Public Services.

Grenfell Library is welcoming back **Catherine Stone** (Document Delivery), who was on educational leave.

Grenfell Library's **Krista Howell** served in an official capacity at Grenfell Convocation. She was the Deputy University Marshal at Grenfell Campus.

**Carmelita Power** was the successful candidate and is the permanent Assistant Supervisor QEII Serials & Acquisitions (Band 5).

**Peter Howell** began a Library IT position as the new Linux Systems Administrator in the QEII Library.

**Laura Aylward**, Manager, Finance and Administration, QEII Library is on maternity leave and **Laura Chapman** is filling her position. Laura C. has been with Memorial for over 18 years, working in a variety of roles and units such as Student Life, Cooperative Education, the Faculty of Medicine, and most recently in HR.

**Sheri Coombs** joined the administration department as the new Decanal Assistant to the Dean of Libraries. Sheri has been working with Memorial University's Faculty of Medicine since 2014. Prior to that she spent time in higher education publishing and various non-profit organizations, as well as working internationally at the University of Cape Town, South Africa, and teaching English in South Korea.

Congratulations to **Christine Doody** who was the successful candidate and is now the permanent Supervisor in Serials and Acquisitions, QEII Library.

Cataloguing & Metadata, QEII Library welcomes back **Jae Hong Jin** in his new role as a cataloguer.

## **Cool Stuff**

The gender inclusive washroom in the QEII Library officially opened on Monday, April 11. This is an important step in creating a safe and inclusive environment. Associate Vice-President (Academic), students, and Graduate Studies were key partners in making this happen.

The QEII Library had a display of red dresses in the main lobby from May 5th-13th, 2022. **Michaela Doucette** led this initiative. The REDress Project was created by **Jaime Black**, a Métis artist from Winnipeg, Manitoba, in 2010 to act as a visual reminder of the staggering number of Indigenous women and girls who are no longer with us. Each dress symbolizes an Indigenous woman who has been murdered or is missing, representing just a portion of thousands of people. The REDress Project has

since evolved into a national movement. The colour red has become a symbol for MMIWG across North America.

**The 40th Anniversary of the QEII Library** is on May 28th, 2022. We are in the process of creating a digital interactive story and collecting material. Stay tuned for more information.

Memorial University Libraries had five librarians and archivists on the radio in one month this spring:

**Dan Duda** – CBC's On the Go! Talking about maps

**Colleen Quigley** – CBC's On the Go! Talking about the contributions of Dr. Edward Roberts, and more recently featured on CBC's The Current [discussing Octagon Castle](#).

**Louise McGillis** – CBC's On the Go! Talking about misinformation

**Heather Pretty** – CBC's Weekend Am! Talking about her work in the "Unseen Labour" exhibit

**Lindsay Alcock** – CBC Central Morning Show! Talking about making sense of reliable COVID research in the age of social media.

The Grenfell Library team successfully hosted a "Grenfell Authors book talks" and reception on Friday, April 1, that was also livestreamed on Facebook.

Resident blacksmith **Ian Gillies** from Serials and Acquisitions in the QEII Library was profiled on "[Rock Solid Builds](#)" this season on HGTV Canada.

An interesting donation to the Centre for Newfoundland Studies is featured [here](#).