

News from Dalhousie Libraries – Part 1

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Dalhousie Libraries Welcomes New Dean of Libraries Michael Vandenburg

On August 15, **Michael Vandenburg** will begin his five-year appointment as Dean of Libraries at Dalhousie University. Current Dean of Libraries **Donna Bourne-Tyson** will be retiring after eleven years of extraordinary leadership.

Since May of 2021, Michael has been the Interim Executive Director of the Ontario Council of University Libraries (OCUL). OCUL is the consortium of Ontario's 21 university libraries, committed to maximizing collective expertise and resources through collaborative efforts. While at OCUL, Michael provided leadership for current initiatives and services, and actively engaged with member library directors to review the consortium's governance and develop new strategic directions.



Before that, Michael spent twelve years at Queen's University Library, most recently serving in Acting and Interim Vice-Provost & University Librarian (VPUL) roles. Michael provided leadership for the library and the university through a period of significant change, including navigating the countless operational shifts required due to the pandemic. He also led the allocation and management of library resources in support of university goals and played a key role in developing and supporting the library's Information Resources Strategy, Digital Asset Management Strategy, and Action Plan to Support Anti-Racism, Diversity, Inclusion, and Indigenous Cultures. Representing Queen's, he worked with OCUL to implement a shared library services platform for 13 Ontario libraries, improving access to library resources for the Queen's community.

Prior to arriving at Queen's, Michael worked in public and government libraries in Nova Scotia, Pennsylvania, and Ontario in roles focusing on the digital transformation of library systems and services. As a proud Dal alum (BA'88, MLIS'94), Michael is thrilled to be returning to Nova Scotia and Dalhousie as the Dean of Libraries.

Welcome, Michael!

Congratulations to Associate Dean Learning & Teaching and Chief Law Librarian Anne Matthewman

Anne Matthewman, Associate Dean Learning & Teaching and Chief Law Librarian, is a 2022 recipient of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) [Hall of Fame Award](#).

[From the AAL website:](#)

The Hall of Fame was established in 2009 to recognize those members whose contributions to the profession and service to the Association have been significant, substantial, and long-standing. Members of the Hall of Fame have a demonstrated history of career achievement, sustained commitment to the advancement of the profession, and significant contributions to AALL as well as conduct themselves with professionalism among their peers.



Dean of Libraries Donna Bourne-Tyson Honoured with CARL Award for Distinguished Service to Research Librarianship

[From the Canadian Association of Research Libraries:](#)



The Canadian Association of Research Libraries (CARL) honoured **Donna Bourne-Tyson** with the CARL Award for Distinguished Service to Research Librarianship during its Annual General Meeting. This award, which is generously sponsored by ProQuest, is conferred annually to a Canadian individual who has served the profession with marked distinction and has made significant national and international contributions to research librarianship through their leadership and engagement.

Ms. Bourne-Tyson has served as Dean of Libraries at Dalhousie University since 2011, where she provides leadership for Dalhousie's network of five libraries.

“Donna Bourne-Tyson is a remarkable leader with an exemplary record of accomplishment and engagement. She has been key to advancing the agenda of research librarianship at a national level, while also strategically focused on international and regional engagement. She has been highly successful at her own institution, Dalhousie University, leading the libraries with vision

and commitment not diminished by her remarkable and consistent level of external engagement.” – **Lesley Balcom**, Dean of Libraries at the University of New Brunswick.

[Read the full announcement.](#)

My Mother’s Ashes

In partnership with our friends and colleagues at the Dalhousie Art Gallery, and with support from Arts Nova Scotia, Canada Council for the Arts, and the Halifax Regional Municipality, we presented *My Mother’s Ashes* in the Killam atrium on Wednesday, March 9.

This temporary intervention was part of *Kim Morgan: Dust Disruptors*, an ongoing, open-ended performative project, involving a series of mobile inflatable objects printed with enlarged scanning electron microscope images of dust and ash samples taken from human bodies and their immediate environment. For more information, click [here](#).



Dalhousie Libraries Employee Milestones

In March, a group including managers, coordinators, and members of SLT gathered on Teams to show our gratitude to 22 employees — who reached milestones from five to 40 years in 2021 — for their years of service and spectacular contributions to the Dalhousie Libraries. Each of them has spent part or all of their career making the Dal Libraries the best it can be.

Congratulations to the honourees!

5 years (2016)	10 years (2011)	15 years (2006)	20 years (2001)
Norbert Addo Denise Irving Kyoo Lee Lachlan MacLeod Leah Unicom Andrew Wood	Donna Bourne-Tyson Alexander Nwankwo Johnelle Sciocchetti	Clare Cheong Michelle McDonald	Mark Lewis Gwen MacNairn John Miffen Sarah Stevenson Joe Wickens
25 years (1996)	30 years (1991)	35 years (1986)	40 years (1981)
Michelle Francis Asmeret Gheabreab	Sandy Dwyer Kellie Hawley	Karen Tarum	Joan Chiasson



Kellie Hawley & Sandy Dwyer – 30 Years



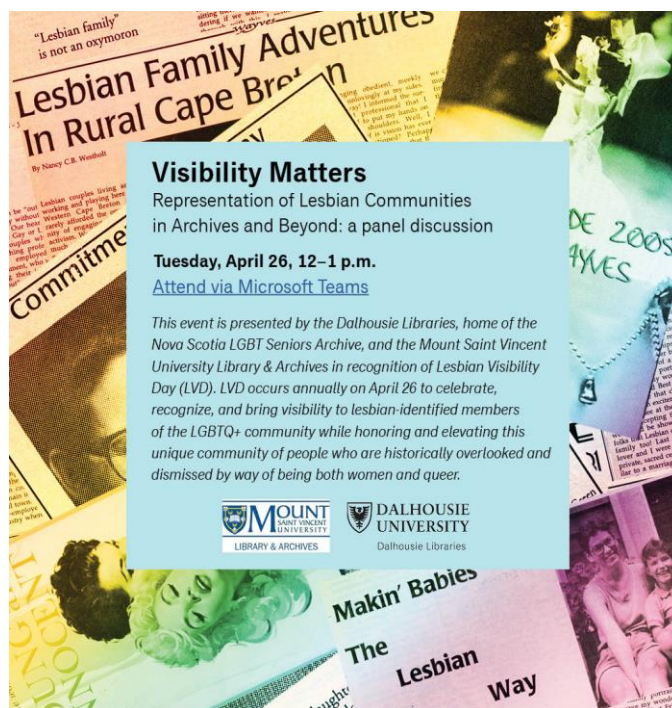
Karen Tarum – 35 Years



Joan Chiasson – 40 Years

Visibility Matters: Representation of Lesbian Communities in Archives and Beyond; a panel discussion

This panel discussion was presented by the Dalhousie Libraries, home of the Nova Scotia LGBT Seniors Archive, and Mount Saint Vincent University Library & Archives in recognition of Lesbian Visibility Day (LVD). LVD occurs annually on April 26 to celebrate, recognize, and bring visibility to lesbian-identified members of the LGBTQ+ community while honoring and elevating this unique community of people who are historically overlooked and dismissed by way of being both women and queer.



The panel was moderated by **Dr. Jacquie Gahagan** (they/them), founder of the NS LGBT Seniors Archive. Panelists included:

Meredith Batt (they/them): is an archivist at the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick and the President of the Queer Heritage Initiative of New Brunswick, an archival initiative which collects the history of 2SLGBTQIA+ people across the province.

Anne Bishop (she/her): has been an activist for five decades in organizations dedicated to local, international, environmental, food, fibre, racial and LGBTQ+ justice.

Elinor Crosby (they/them): is a genderqueer librarian who works as a Manager for Programming & Community Engagement with Halifax Public Libraries. They lead a team of colleagues to create capacity to better serve the queer community within and without the library through programming, information-sharing, and informing training.

Rachel Moore (she/her): is a queer archivist and information manager and a former Research Assistant with the Nova Scotia LGBT Seniors Archive.

Denyse Rodrigues (she/they): practices librarianship at Mount Saint Vincent University (MSVU) in Halifax which includes supporting programs in the Social Sciences, including the Queer Studies minor.

[Watch the video of the panel.](#)

Red Dress Day

On May 5, we mounted a Red Dress Day exhibit in the soon-to-be launched Indigenous Community Room in the Killam Memorial Library. Red Dress Day is day of honouring missing and murdered Indigenous people.



Learn more about [Red Dress Day](#). Learn more about missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls (MMIWG) by reading the [Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls](#).

Author Readings: Charlotte Mendel & Don Lohnes

On Thursday, March 31, we hosted **Charlotte Mendel** at the MacRae Library for a reading from her new YA book, *Reversing Time*, a fast-paced fantasy that tackles vital themes in today's society — such as climate change and the environment — within the context of an exciting page-turner.





On Monday, May 9, we hosted retired architect **Don Lohnes** at the Sexton Design & Technology Library for a reading from his new book *Architect*, a fictional account of the life of an architect from birth to retirement.

Staff News

We are pleased to welcome **Kelsey MacGillivray**, **Heather Stempien**, and **Julianne Steeves** to the Dalhousie Libraries.

Congratulations to **Heather MacFadyen** on her retirement after more than a decade with the Dalhousie Libraries.



Best wishes on
your retirement,
Heather MacFadyen!