

News from Nova Scotia

News from Acadia University - Vaughan Memorial Library

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University News

Dr. Claudine Bonner was hired as Acadia University's first Vice-Provost of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI). Additionally, Acadia University has also created an Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Anti-Racism (EDIAR) Council. The Council is Chaired by the Provost and Vice-President, Academic, the Vice-Provost EDI serves as Vice-Chair.

Sabbaticals

Starting July 1st, 2023, **Erin Patterson** (Head of Research Services) will be investigating the copyright permission-seeking experiences of Canadian literary scholars and the copyright clearance policies and practices of Canadian publishers. Beginning January 1, 2024, **Wendy Robicheau** (Archivist) will be analyzing and producing a more accurate image of the campus, the student body, and Acadia's war effort in the 1910s, after many years of data collection and having accumulated a large and stable data sample to analyze.

Equity

The Library's equity themed libguides were added to the Acadia University Faculty Union's Equity Training page. The libguides include:

- [Black History Month](#): Created by **Nicole Marcoux**
- [Indigenous Resources](#): Created by **Maggie Neilson**
- [International Day of Violence against Women](#): Created by **Nicole Marcoux**
- [Sexual Assault Awareness Month](#): Created by **Nicole Marcoux**
- [Trans Day of Remembrance](#): Created by **Nicole Marcoux**
- [Truth and Reconciliation Day](#): Created by **Nicole Marcoux**

Staff

Pat Townsend (Archivist) was nominated for the distinction of Archivist Emerita.

Ann Smith (Academic Librarian) and **Mike Beazley** (Academic Librarian) have submitted the survey "Scholarly Communications View and Practices at Acadia University" to the Acadia Research Ethics Board to survey the Campus on Open Access.

In support of the recent implementation of Alma, **Jennifer Richard** (Academic Librarian) is chairing a resource sharing subgroup and working on a licensing group, both through Novanet.

The CAAL copyright committee has invited **Erin Patterson** (Head of Research Services) to present “The Big Chill: Censorship by Copyright in Libraries and Literary Studies” during fair dealing week.

Josh d’Entremont (Library Technology Specialist) is teaching How Websites Work (COMP2863).

Colin MacKay (Access Services Assistant) is chair of the 2023 virtual Atlantic Provinces Library Association (APLA) conference.

Britanie Wentzell (Academic Librarian) is the newest member of Acadia’s Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Anti-Racism (EDIAR) Council.

The video, “Founders Day at Acadia University, a Short History,” drawing on Acadia’s archives and special collections and produced by **Wendy Robicheau** (Archivist) with volunteers including alumni and members of the Baptist Historical Society, can be accessed [here](#).

December Exam De-stress Events

Therapy Dogs, Bunnies and Guinea Pigs from the Dragonfly Haven Therapeutic Farm

Mario Kart on the Wii (borrowed from the AVRL)

Yoga, Giant Jenga, and a Colouring Table

