

## News from Mount Saint Vincent University Library & Archives

Tanja Harrison, University Librarian

### Staffing News

**Meg Raven** will be retiring as the Collections Librarian on June 30, 2023 after 31 dedicated years with MSVU. The University's Senate has recommended that Meg be given the award of Librarian Emerita, a designation which she will begin on July 1, 2023. A citation for this well-deserved honour will be presented at the Spring convocation events. We recognize Meg's many accomplishments and contributions, her commitment to the university and the broader library profession. For Meg's close working colleagues, a notice regarding a retirement celebration will be coming soon.

MSVU is pleased to announce that **Nicole Slipp** is the successful candidate for the next Collections Librarian. Nicole holds a Bachelor of Arts (Honours, English Lit) from the University of New Brunswick, a Master of Arts (English Literature) from the University of Toronto, a PhD (English Literature) from Queen's University, and a Master of Library and Information Studies from Dalhousie University. Nicole has been successfully acting as the Scholarly Publishing Librarian and the Liaison to the Humanities since September 2022, combining advocacy with strategic promotion for advancing open access across the university community. Before arriving at MSVU, Nicole was a term Librarian for Business, Humanities, and Languages with the University of New Brunswick Libraries. Nicole will take on her new collection role on July 1, 2023.

MSVU welcomed back library technician **Kelsey MacGillivray** in the term position of Coordinator, Digital Library Services which she will hold until February 2024. The role reports to the Scholarly Publishing Librarian and works closely with others across the library, the university, and regional networks. Kelsey supports faculty and their use of Pressbooks in the creation of open textbooks and is training to help with the development of open learning content such as H5P interactive learning objects and other open educational resources.

**Kydra Mayhew** continues in her 6-month term librarian position with areas of concentration in Engagement and as the Liaison for the departments of Education, Child & Youth Study, Business, Public Relations, and Communication Studies. Kydra is a recent graduate of the Master of Information program at Dalhousie with a previous Bachelor of Arts (History) degree from Dal and brings a considerable amount of research and teaching experience to her role.

Several librarians were successful in their applications for promotion. Areas of work evaluated include professional practice, teaching, scholarly activity, and internal/external collegial service, making its way through the Librarians' Review Committee, the review of the University Librarian, and the University Review Committee for Librarians before going on to the President. **Sandra Sawchuk's** application to Librarian III has been approved and **Denyse Rodrigues'** and **Stan Orlov's** applications to Librarian LIV have also been signed. Archivist **Alina Ruiz** received an equally successful result with her application for reappointment. We recognize the hard work that these career milestones represent and congratulate Alina, Denyse, Sandra, and Stan.

**Tanja Harrison** will finish her second term on June 30, 2023, with the search process to find a new University Librarian now underway. Tanja will continue with her dissertation studies and work closely with the *Atlantis* journal editorial and publishing team until her return from administrative leave on September 1, 2024.