

News from Newfoundland and Labrador

News from Memorial University of Newfoundland Libraries

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University News:

In April, **Dr. Neil Bose** has been appointed President and Vice-Chancellor pro tempore for a two-year term or until a new president is recruited. Dr. Bose is an established member of the leadership team, and we are confident he will provide leadership and business continuity, ensuring the ongoing, smooth operations of Memorial. Dr. Timmons's appointment was ended on a without cause basis.

Dr. Ashlee Cunsolo, Vice-Provost, Labrador Campus, and Dean, School of Arctic and Subarctic Studies, is the recipient of the [2023 Angela Hildyard Recognition Award for Emerging Leader](#). The award is presented by Senior Women Academic Administrators Canada (SWAAC).

Dr. Rob Shea stepped down as Vice-President (Marine Institute), effective March 31, 2023. **Dr. Paul Brett** has assumed the role of vice-president (Marine Institute) on a *pro tempore* basis until Dec. 31, 2023, or the search process for a permanent replacement is complete, whichever comes first. Read more [in the Gazette](#).

The negotiating teams for Memorial University and the Teaching Assistants' Union of Memorial University of Newfoundland (TAUMUN) reached a tentative collective agreement on Tuesday, April 11, 2023.

Dr. Shawn Bugden has been reappointed to the role of Dean of the School of Pharmacy for a second five-year term. The Board of Regents approved the recommendation at its March meeting. The appointment is effective April 1, 2023, until March 31, 2028.

Research:

Patrick Warner, Special Collections Librarian, has published [an article](#) in the Independent: This article is part of a monthly spotlight in the online publication that highlights all things archival from the Archives and Special Collections.

Dr. Patrick Gamsby had a [book chapter](#) titled "Boredom, Screens and Homesickness Amidst the Crisis" published in the book *The Emerald Handbook of the Sociology of Emotions for a Post-Pandemic World*.

Dennis Flynn had an article published in the May Issue of the *Downhome Magazine* highlighting the Maxwell Taylor Autograph Collection from the Archives and Special Collections. You can find the article, "Celebrity Signings" on page 44-49.

On March 15, the Centre for Newfoundland Studies held its inaugural Celebrating Memorial's Research Event that highlighted published materials from the University community from 2020-2022. The event was very well attended and featured displays of everyone's work.

Employee News:

Cataloguing and Metadata Division head, **Darren Furey**, was the successful applicant to the call for expressions of interest to fill the Interim Associate Dean of Libraries role. He started in the role in early April.

Librarian **Stacey Penney** started her acting role of head of Cataloguing and Metadata on May 1st.

The Centre for Newfoundland Studies is hosting a student in a field placement from the Library Technician Diploma Program at Durham College. **Laura Baggs** will be in CNS for 10 hours a week from May to August.

Jamie Steadman joined the Music Resource Centre at the beginning of April.

M.I Library's **Katie Lawton** retired on April 28. **Meghan McKibbon** was the successful applicant for the Interim head of Public Services, Marine Institute. She will be starting that role on May 15th.

Library administration's **Katie's Elliot (Skanes)** will be leaving for maternity leave on Friday (May 5).

Library administration's **Paula Hennessey** will be filling in on a part-time basis to assist while Katie is on maternity leave.

Library administration's **Laura Aylward** will be returning from her maternity leave on May 23. And library administration's **Laura Chapman**, who filled in for Laura Aylward, will return to Memorial's HR department.

Cool Stuff:

The QEII Library had its first ever **Special Collections Cataloguing Month** from January 9, 2023 to February 3, 2023! Cataloguers focused on cataloguing monographs from the [Paul Smith Folklore Collection](#) during their on-site work days. When the cataloguers were home working remotely, they continued to focus on their electronic resource cataloguing and metadata responsibilities, including e-books, databases, e-theses, DAI metadata, Archive-It metadata, etc.

A QEII Library Commons' student staff member, **Laughter Afolabi**, was featured in this Gazette article as part of Black History Month.

May 5th is **Red Dress Day**, a day to honour the missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls (MMIWG) of Canada. It is day to raise awareness and education about the disproportionate rates of violence and number of MMIWG. With the support of the Office of Indigenous Affairs and the Indigenous Student Resource Centre, there was a display of red dresses in the main lobby of the QEII Library May 5th-12th along with a book display.

Special Collections Librarian **Patrick Warner** has an exhibit of prize winners for the 2020-2021 [Alcuin Society](#) Awards for Excellence in Book Design in Canada on the third floor of the QEII Library. A limited number of print catalogues are available. Big thanks to **Bryan Russell** for his expertise and help in setting up the display.

A recent archives social media post on Instagram was recently featured on the local NTV News. "Are you sick of the rain, drizzle, and fog? Check out these diary entries written by Margaret Chancey from April 10th-12th, 1897. Our spring weather hasn't changed much!" Special shout out to **Michaela Doucette** for the timely post.

In partnership with the History Department, Grenfell Library hosted **Spare-y & Meghan: The Symposium** on March 9th. It was an evening of fun faculty mini-lectures related to the royal family, complete with high tea-themed hors d'oeuvres. Librarians **Crystal Rose** and **Chelsea Humphries** were among the presenters and they had an excellent turnout with many members of the broader Corner Brook community in attendance.

The Centre for Newfoundland Studies was bequeathed a generous donation from the former politician and lieutenant governor of Newfoundland and Labrador **Edward Roberts**. He donated 88 banker boxes and 11 storage bins of a carefully curated personal collection that students, faculty and researchers will now be able to access.

Grenfell Library employee **Nicole Holloway** was a featured artist in the art exhibition *Past Present Future* at Grenfell that ran from March 23-31. Developed and curated by Kernhappuch Gandu, *Past, Present, Future* invited artists in our community to explore the nostalgia of the past, its evolution, and growth to the present through an imagination of what the future may be. Artists from across our province and within our own creative milieu share work that speaks to this theme and the questions it prompts. Nicole had several collages included in the exhibition.

Grenfell Library also ran Library Yoga and piloted "Super Sunday" during the last two weekends before classes came to an end during winter semester. Super Sunday was a full-day event run in partnership with Counselling and Psychological Services (CPS), offering short wellness study breaks throughout the day, stress-busters, and free snacks, hot chocolate, tea, and coffee. They are looking forward to partnering with CPS again in the fall!

Grenfell Library is making some changes to their ground floor space. New furniture is arriving and slowly being assembled.