

News from Newfoundland and Labrador

News from Memorial University of Newfoundland Libraries

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University News:

The Fisheries and Marine Institute of Memorial University has named Marine Institute alumnus and Master Mariner, **Captain Kristopher Drodge** as its new head of the School of Maritime Studies. He will assume his new role July 24, 2023.

After a few months of flood remediation, the Health Sciences Library resumed normal operations on Monday, August 14. The flood provided an opportunity to reorganize the space a little.

Research:

Congrats to Archives and Special Collections Librarian **Patrick Warner** and to the Digital Archives Initiative team (**Don Walsh, Heather Kinsella**, and all the DAI students over the last decade (too many to name individually)). They have successfully digitized [the International Labour and Radical History Pamphlet Collection](#) - 2, 176 pamphlets or 110,400 pages. The project was started in 2011. The Collection is an invaluable resource for anyone studying the international history of socialism.

Grenfell Library's **Chelsea Humphries** participated in the APLA Conference, June 6-9, presenting on her use of TikTok for the Grenfell Library and on the library's in-person engagement initiatives this past-year.

Dr. Patrick Gamsby was a Peer Mentor at the CARL Librarian's [Research Institute in Ottawa](#) this year from June 12-15.

Health Sciences Librarian **Michelle Swab** presented a poster at CHLA/ABSC in Halifax at the beginning of June entitled "COVID-19 journal articles indexing in web-scale discovery services: An event history analysis.

Colleen Field, head of the Centre for Newfoundland Studies, had the opportunity to tour the Moravian Archives in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania at the invitation of the [Uncommon Bonds Committee](#). For years, researchers have come to CNS to view the microfilm collections of records relating to the Moravian Church presence in Labrador. It was truly a full circle moment to see the original records at the Moravian Archives, in particular the "[Records of the Labrador Mission Stations](#)" which thanks to a grant obtained by the Uncommon Bonds Committee have now been digitized. There was also the chance to peruse their library collection and note titles not owned by CNS. Where duplicates were available, they kindly donated them to the CNS collection.

Archives and Special Collections Indigenous Archivist **Michaela Doucette** recently went to Happy Valley-Goose Bay, Nain, and Hopedale with the Uncommon Bonds Project. The project is a partnership between the Nunatsiavut Government, Moravian Archives (Bethlehem, Pennsylvania), the Moravian Church in Newfoundland and Labrador, Memorial University Libraries and the National Heritage Digitization Strategy. It focuses on the digitization and digital return of nearly 60,000 pages of archival resources concerning Labrador Inuit.

Employee News:

The QEII's **Wendy Rodgers** was part of a team recently awarded the Collaborative Partnership Award from the Canadian Association of College and University Student Services (CACUSS) for their role in MUN 101. This award recognizes the exemplary, campus-wide partnership that was achieved in supporting the student experience and learning environment to help first-year undergraduate students prepare for university life, become involved in the community and get set for success. Wendy was recognized for her contributions regarding academic integrity and library-specific content.

The Centre for Newfoundland Studies' **Glenda Dawe's** last day of working in CNS is June 30th. She has worked more than 38 years in the library and has made countless contributions, especially in the area of public service. We wish her many happy years of retirement!

The QEII's **Nicole Cahill** was the successful candidate for the staff supervisor position in the QEII Library's Public Services Division. She is replacing Donna Norman who retired on June 9th after a 30-year career with Memorial. Congrats to them both as they start new chapters.

Lindsay Alcock is the new Interim Associate Dean of Libraries starting August 1st, 2023. Congrats to Lindsay.

Louise White is serving in the position of Interim Associate Dean of Libraries starting August 14, 2023. Congrats to Louise.

Kate McClintock was the successful candidate for the Library Assistant VI position in the Cataloguing and Metadata division, and started her new role on August 14, 2023. Congrats to Kate.

Janet Bangma has begun her administrative leave.

The Centre for Newfoundland Studies is fortunate to have **Laura Baggs** here for the summer. She is enrolled in the Library and Information Technician program hosted by Mohawk College in Ontario and has chosen to do a field placement with CNS.

Former Cataloguing and Metadata Division Head and Interim Associate Dean of Libraries, **Darren Furey**, has accepted a new position at the University of California, Riverside, as Head of Metadata. Darren worked at Memorial since 2012 and will be missed, but we wish him well in this new chapter!

There was a celebration of life ceremony at the Centre for Newfoundland Studies for **Dr. Anne Hart** on August 4th. She was the division head of the CNS for many years and made a lasting impact on our libraries, the university, and the province. You can read about her life and legacy [here](#).

Cool Stuff:

A big congrats to the Archives and Special Collections (ASC) and the Centre for Newfoundland Studies for a recent event in partnership with Memorial's Development Office. This event was to recognize and thank donors who have established a planned gift to Memorial University. The donors were treated to a behind-the-scenes tour with our experts from both of these units. It was a huge success and a provided us with an opportunity to showcase the important work done by these units, and the libraries as a whole.

Library ITS staff member **Dennis Flynn** received the Dr. John P. Williams Award. The award is presented to a Tely 10 participant who has inspired others through enthusiastic and spirited participation in the annual Telegram 10 Mile Road Race.

Read about an interesting sabbatical project by librarian and artist **Lindsay Alcock** [here](#).

Read about a recent QEII Library display that featured First World War artifacts to mark Memorial Day in Newfoundland and Labrador [here](#).

Read about Memorial University Libraries' archivist **Linda White's** side project involving her home community of Greenspond, Newfoundland [here](#).