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## CAUL-CBUA Committee Reports

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#### **Collaborative Research and Innovation Grant Award Committee**

*Members:* Marc Truitt, Chair (MtA); Alison Ambi (MUN); Laura Syms (CBU)

As previously reported, the timing of our 2018-2019 award cycle was seriously delayed by the need to resolve questions and ambiguities arising out of the revision of the Collaborative Research Grant Award policy. This work was completed in early 2019 and a call was posted for proposals. One proposal was submitted by the closing date in early March and that proposal was found by the members of the Committee to meet the requirements for support. Announced on 8 May 2019, the winning proposal, by Nicole Carter, Reference and Research Librarian at the Saint Mary's University Patrick Power Library, and Mikayla Redden, Librarian at Centennial College Libraries, is entitled "Student Library Employees: What Are Their Career Plans and What Influenced Those Plans?"

In their project, Carter and Redden intend to explore the career goals of student employees, as well as the role their employment might have on their future career selection. Their focus is on visible minority undergraduate and college students, with a particular focus on librarianship as a career. Their hope is that through understanding these motivations and influences, we might better position librarianship as an attractive career path for students.

Carter and Redden will receive \$1000 to support their research efforts.

I would like to recognize and thank my colleagues Alison Ambi, Laura Syms, and CAUL-CBUA Executive Director Cynthia Holt for their superb work on this committee.

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#### **Collections Committee**

*Members:* Alison Ambi, Chair (MUN); Tanja Harrison, Board Liaison (MSVU); Melissa Belvadi (UPEI); Cathy Chisholm (CBU); Leland Reed (NSCAD); Emily Cooke (AST); Carolyn DeLorey (StFX); Chelsea Heighton (CNA); Anne LePage (MtA); Heather MacFadyen (Dal); Alaina MacKenzie (UKC); Pam Maher (US-A); Louise Mould (Holland); Nathalie Parent (UdeM); Denise Parrott (NSCC); Meg Raven (MSVU);

Linda Roulston (UNB); Jen Richard (ACA); Peter Webster (SMU); Bill Slauenwhite, Invited Guest (Novanet)

## Meetings

- The CAUL-CBUA Collections Committee has scheduled recurring monthly meetings for 2019. We met on met in February and March, and we will meet again in June. The April and May meetings were cancelled due the chair's absence.

## Subcommittees and Working Groups

- Continuing Education: The committee met on May 27th to elect a chair and begin planning sessions for the remainder of 2019. A session on RA21/SAML/OpenAthens will be high on our agenda given the current negotiations between CAUL and EBSCO related to Open Athens.

## Strategic Plan Updates

- Two of the strategic plan goals identified in the Collections Committee Action Plan intersect with current national initiatives:
  - **4.2 Develop a strategy for the preservation of non-digital collections in the region.**  
A meeting with LAC is scheduled during the APLA conference to continue conversation about national print preservation initiatives and the Atlantic Region's involvement LAC's analysis of Government Documents holdings analysis.
  - **4.3 Develop a strategy for the preservation of, and perpetual access to, electronic resources in the region.**  
Alison Ambi and James MacKenzie (CAUL DPSC) continue to monitor the activities at CRKN as they explore the possibility of opening Scholars Portal beyond OCUL institutions.

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## Copyright Committee

*Members:* Amy Lorencz, Chair (SMU); Andrea Stewart, Board Liaison (NSCC); Josh Dickison (UNB); Patrick Gamsby (MUN); Simon Lloyd (UPEI); Ann Smith (ACA); Lelland Reed (NSCAD); K-Lee Fraser (CBU); Lachlan MacLeod (Dal); Kathleen MacKenzie (StFX).

Copyright continues to be unstable in Canada as the results from the House of Commons Committee recommendations are not favourable to the education sector and the York appeal still in progress. The copyright committee will continue to discuss and monitor and be prepared to form a response if required. This winter, the committee hosted a webinar on Fair Dealing on February 27<sup>th</sup> – this webinar was well attended and continues to be viewed by our members in its recorded format. Members were also involved with the Open Educational Resources Forum on February 25<sup>th</sup> held at Saint Mary's University. There were 46 participants both online and in person. Three key members have fulfilled their terms (4 years). Josh Dickison (UNB), Ann Smith (ACA), and Simon Lloyd (UPEI) will be leaving the committee – opening up space for other members. They will be eligible to return to the committee after a year as per the terms of membership for the committee. We plan to break for the summer while keeping an eye on current events as they unfold. In September, there will be a call for new members

and a revisit to our Action Template and a discussion of possible educational efforts that may be necessary at the time.

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### **Digital Preservation & Stewardship Committee**

*Members:* Jamie MacKenzie, Chair (UNB); Donald Moses, Board Liaison (UPEI); Alison Farrell (MUN); David Mawhinney (MtA); Maggie Neilson (ACA); Sarah Stevenson (Dal); Lee Wilson, Invited Guest (Portage and ACENET)

The DPSC continues to focus heavily on developing support for RDM services in Atlantic Canada, in addition to discussing other issues in developing and preserving digital materials and collections.

- RDM Surveys: Surveys of faculty / graduate student RDM practices and needs were administered at Dalhousie, Memorial, and UNB. Members of the DPSC and others will present on experiences and results at a panel discussion at APLA in June.
- RDM Webinar: A well-attended webinar on institutional strategies was held in April, presented by M. Neilson, L. Wilson and others. Future webinars are being planned.
- Connection Grant: A. Farrell is leading a working group to develop an RDM Roadshow, to be hosted at Dal, MUN, UNB, and UPEI. The group will submit an application for a Connection Grant later this year, hoping to deliver the sessions in late 2019 or early 2020.
- Digital Repository: DPSC has initiated contact with the CAUL-CBUA Collections Committee to discuss possible approaches to the deposit and preservation of digital content purchased at member institutions, either locally or through national initiatives.
- Newspapers and Digital Preservation: DPSC discussed concerns around the increasing amount of current digital-only news content that's no longer being captured or preserved. J. MacKenzie is drafting a proposal for the formation of a working group tasked with investigating and recommending possible solutions.
- Oral History Working Group: Th working group, led by D. Moses, has begun asking members to identify regional holdings and resources for indigenous oral histories. D. Mawhinney reported that CANB was successful in securing funding (DHCP) to deliver a symposium devoted to oral histories.

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### **Scholarly Communications Committee**

*Members:* Patrick Gamsby, Chair (MUN); Daphne Flanagan, Board Liaison (ACA); Kim Mears (UPEI); Victoria Volkanova (UdeM); Peter Webster (SMU); Jasmine Hoover (CBU); Meghan Landry (St.FX); Melissa Rothfus (Dal).

Our Scholarly Communications Inventory was submitted to the Board in time for the Winter meeting. Once the Board's feedback is received, the committee will review and make the necessary adjustments.

The Open Textbooks Roadmap Working Group is in the process of finalizing a project proposal for submission to the Board. This working group, chaired by Ann Smith (Acadia), is working on a set of

recommendations to the Board for developing a work plan and associated budget for developing an open textbook in the Atlantic Region. The Group has completed recommendations for incentivizing the creation, adaptation, or development of open textbooks and ancillary materials. The Group is currently focused on developing a number of models (infrastructure, staffing, and timeline) for a regional portal for Pressbooks. The Group is also examining existing “toolkits” to support education and awareness of open textbooks and open educational resources and will be adapting or developing one for use in the Atlantic Region.

In addition to discussions of current issues in scholarly communication and monthly member updates, several presentations have been given throughout the Fall and Winter semesters. Individual committee members took turns leading discussions on topics that included data management (Jasmine Hoover, CBU), digital identities (Melissa Rothfus, Dal), open textbooks (Kim Mears, UPEI), publisher economics (Patrick Gamsby, MUN), and NASIG core competencies of Scholarly Communication Librarians (Victoria Volkanova).

Several discussions have taken place during the Winter term regarding the CAUL-CBUA Operational Plan and potential alignment opportunities for the committee. It was agreed to defer the discussion to next year's committee.

Four of the committee members (Patrick Gamsby, MUN; Meghan Landry, St. FX; Kim Mears, UPEI; Melissa Rothfus, Dal) and one past committee member (Ann Smith, Acadia) are organizing a panel discussion called “Open Access in the Atlantic” that will take place at this year’s APLA conference in St. John’s.

Patrick Gamsby and Victoria Volkanova have completed their terms and will cycle off the committee.