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"Rights, Responsibilities, Trust: Archives and Public Affairs"





Postcard view of the Palliser Hotel, [ca. 1920]. Courtesy Glenbow Archives, PA-3689-100

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Cover photo - W.J. Oliver photographing downtown Calgary from the top of the Palliser Hotel, [ca. 1920s]. Courtesy Glenbow Archives, NA-4868-19

Welcome Letters

President, ACA

Dear archival colleagues,



Welcome to Calgary, Alberta and the ACA's 34th annual conference, entitled "Rights, Responsibilities, Trust: Archives and Public Affairs". By staging this yearly affair, your Association is committed to offering you the best professional development, as well as the valuable opportunity to spend time with your colleagues and peers, both in formal, and informal, settings.

Cheryl Avery and her Program Committee have succeeded in organizing what will be an exceptional programme of twenty-one (21) concurrent, and four plenary sessions. The Host Committee, Chaired by Lisa Atkinson, has developed a social programme for all tastes, with activities for everyone, each evening. This year too, will witness an added feature of two spousal events. Two Professional Learning workshops, as well as the second "Archives Geek Fest", lead the schedule.

Our annual gathering here at the ACA Conference is your opportunity to shape the Association's future. I especially encourage all members to attend the "Members Input Session", scheduled for Saturday afternoon, and the "Annual General Meeting" of the ACA, to be held on Sunday afternoon. Your Board is looking to hear from you about our efforts of the past few months, including the dates and location for this conference, which is earlier than usual, and scheduled over a long weekend.

The City of Calgary offers many venues of interest, and I urge you to stop by the Host Committee table in the Alberta foyer to obtain advice, maps, and directions.

In closing, I wish to extend my gratitude to the many members who volunteered their time and expertise in making ACA 2009 in Calgary an outstanding event for you, the delegates.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Banfield, President Association of Canadian Archivists



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I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to everyone attending the Association of Canadian Archivists Conference in Calgary.

This year's theme, **Rights, Responsibilities, Trust:** Archives and Public Affairs draws attention to the important role that our documentary heritage plays, and the heavy reliance of governments and other institutions on the preservation of their records. Archivists collect, organize, store and grant access to enormous quantities of records in diverse formats that bear witness to Canadian society, ranging from historically significant events, to a chronicle of the daily lives of our citizens. Archivists owe a duty of care to future generations, as well as a responsibility to the

living to ensure that the information they collect is well-protected and accessible.

This conference provides an ideal opportunity to exchange information, share ideas and review the latest technology with your colleagues from across Canada. Since its inception, the Association of Canadian Archivists (ACA) has represented the best interests of archivists, while promoting the highest standards in records management and professional conduct. I commend everyone involved with the ACA, for the important role you have played in assisting institutions to manage their records, for the benefit of all Canadians.

On behalf of the Government of Canada, please accept my best wishes for a memorable and productive meeting.

The Rt. Hon Stephen Harper, P.C., M.P.

OTTAWA 2009



On behalf of the Government of Alberta, I would like to welcome everyone to the City of Calgary and to the Association of Canadian Archivists Conference. The preservation of historical records is a responsibility that respects Alberta's diversity and community spirit. As Premier, I appreciate the dedication of archivists in capturing historical events through an ever-increasing range of media. The valuable information accumulated through such efforts helps us understand ourselves, our neighbours and our future relationships. In better understanding the past, we are better equipped for the future.

Special thanks to all organizers of the conference. Without a doubt, your dedication to this initiative will contribute to the field of archival preservation for years to come.

Best wishes for a successful conference.

Ed Stelmach, Premier of Alberta

May 14 -17, 2009



Welcome to the Association of Canadian Archivists Conference for 2009!

The theme of *Rights, Responsibilities,Trust: Archives and Public Affairs* has a special resonance for me. It echoes my belief that the archival world is not passive, and that archives are the fundamental source material for communication across time. In this way archives represent the very bulwark of trust, of human rights, and of our social responsibility to document our society in all its complexity and diversity. The role of archives has never been more important than it is today, with so many records being created in formats that can disappear in seconds.

What this means is that our commitment to preserving the evidence of the past must be stronger than ever, and our vigilance in the face of fleeting technologies more focused and more determined. Through the process of truth and reconciliation we have seen the importance of records in allowing healing to take place on a national scale. This is a matter of trust, a question of rights. And as archivists we are responsible for ensuring that the record is always there; that the voices of history are never forgotten.

Our profession is fond of the rhetoric of social memory when discussing the role of archives. This implies not just the careful selection and preservation of the record but also an active presence in communities to encourage the use of this record. Too often citizens are not aware of the documentary heritage they own or they hesitate to approach an archives. Through the web and through interactive local programs, the barriers, real or perceived, to access have been dropping. But much remains to be done to ensure that Canada's documentary heritage is the living heart of our social memory.

May I congratulate all of you who are involved in this ambitious undertaking. I look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new colleagues at this important international conference. Enjoy both the conference and the beautiful city of Calgary.

Welcome!

Jan E. Wilson



MAYOR DAVE BRONCONNIER



On behalf of Council and all Calgarians, I am delighted to welcome delegates and guests to the Annual Conference of the Association of Canadian Archivists, an event that will bring to our city industry professionals from around the country and around the world.

The theme of the 2009 Conference – *Rights, Responsibilities, Trust: Archives and Public Affairs* - will build on the role of the archivist in preserving the uniqueness and values of the community.

Because every community, large and small, has a distinctive legacy, a past that deserves to be remembered, honoured and integrated into the 'today' life of its residents.

The written diaries, photographs, and records of our city date back more than 125 years, a long time in this relatively young part of the world! Many of these documents are displayed at City Hall, so visitors can get a real sense of who we are and how our community grew and prospered.

So welcome to Calgary. Enjoy all the sights and attractions our community has to offer. And thank you for all your industry has done to keep our vision of the city we're growing here grounded in and guided by our roots.

Dave Bronconnier, Mayor

Program & Host Committee Messages

Program Committee

We had an exceptional response to our conference theme this year. To all those who submitted proposals, our sincere thanks: the number, variety and quality of the ideas made the work of the program committee interesting and challenging.

There is no question that archives are at the heart of many public debates. Topics as diverse as the protection of the environment, rights and freedoms in Tibet, and reconciliation between Aboriginal people and governments in Canada and abroad all demonstrate just how essential archival records have been in the investigation – and resolution – of countless public issues.

During the conference we will be critically examining our own actions as archivists, as well as the social and policy context in which we work. The digital environment; access to information and privacy legislation; and intellectual property rights have certainly all had an impact on how archives function. But our own actions - our descriptive practices, our acquisitions strategies, the level at which we process collections, and our outreach activities – all affect how our profession is viewed and the extent to which archives remain trusted repositories.

We hope that the sessions spark thoughtful reflection and lively discussion. To support and encourage conversation during the conference, we have included a number of sessions in more open formats, which we hope will facilitate more interaction between presenters and conference delegates. These debates may raise your awareness of new or different issues; perhaps they will also change your views on archives' role in public affairs.

On behalf of the 2009 Program Committee, I hope you enjoy your time in Calgary and find the conference interesting, stimulating, and productive.

Cheryl Avery Chair, Program Committee

Local Host Committee

Welcome to Calgary! The Host Committee is very pleased that you are able to join us for what promises to be an excellent conference.

Archivists from the University of Calgary, the Glenbow Archives, the Archives Society of Alberta, and the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology have collaborated on creating a program of social and cultural events that reflect local flavour and history. We hope that you will find plenty to entertain, amuse and delight you – from a tour of the historic Palliser Hotel, to the East-West ball game, to a presentation of the *Letters from Battle River* – a play based on the letters of Mary Percy Jackson, a doctor who fled England in the early 1900's to live in the wild, rugged world of homestead-era Alberta.

The ACA Board has opted to continue greening the annual conference, an initiative which was begun last year in Fredericton. Consequently we are not producing a delegate bag this year, though you will receive a folder with the usual documents pertaining to the conference, the Annual General Meeting, and this year's sponsors. Delegates are therefore reminded to bring a bag from a previous conference if you require one, and to print the full program before you leave home and bring it with you.

We hope you are able to extend your time in Calgary to take in some of the many attractions in the area: from the Rocky Mountains, to the Badlands, or perhaps a few of the numerous historic and cultural sites on offer.

Enjoy!

Lisa Atkinson Chair, Host Committee



The Civic Centre, Thomas H. Mawson fonds Courtesy Canadian Architectural Archives, University of Calgary

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Men on cranes in front of the Calgary Tower, June 21, 1972. Courtesy Glenbow Archives, NA-2864-1931b

Session Descriptions

Friday, May 15

9:00 - 10:00 am

1. Opening Plenary: Archivists, Historians, and Residential Schools

Location: Alberta Room

Chair: Leslie Latta-Guthrie, *Provincial Archives of Alberta* **Speaker**: Dr. J.R. Miller, FRSC, *University of Saskatchewan*

Sponsored by the Saskatchewan Archives Board

10:00 - 10:30 am

Refreshment Break

Location: Turner Valley

Sponsored by Glenbow Museum Library and Archives

10:30 am - Noon

2a. Is Reconciliation Possible? Archives and the Residential Schools Issue

Location: Alberta Room

Roundtable

Exploring the experience of residential school survivors, researchers, lawyers, and archivists, and whether "...the memories contained in archives diverge from the memories people carry with them." This session will look at the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the impact it will have on archives across the country, as well as discussing the continuing impact the schools have had on Aboriginal communities. In addition to identifying all existing sources, the TRC will also be collecting oral and written testimony of students and their descendants. This session provides an opportunity to discuss the archival implications of the TRC.

Chair: Rodney Carter, *St. Joseph Region Archives* **Speakers**:

- Diane Haglund, United Church of Canada
- Diane Lamoureux, Missionary Oblates
- Melanie Wallace, Anglican Diocese of New Westminster
- Kathleen Mahoney, University of Calgary
- Verne Harris, Nelson Mandela Centre
- Anthea Seles, Archdiocese of Vancouver

2b. Employer v Society: Resolving Ethical Tensions Between the Workplace and the Profession

Location: Marquis Room

Traditional session

Are archivists responsible primarily to their employers, or should the greater needs of society take precedence? Can archivists focus on rights, responsibilities and trust if they work in the private or semi-public spheres?

How archivists perceive their main responsibilities, particularly with regards to ethics and accountability, will affect their approach to core functions including appraisal, access and outreach. This developing professional climate requires archivists to acquire new skills such as advocacy, understanding corporate contexts and ethical consciousness. Is the profession responding to this?

The audience will be invited to actively participate through group discussion, to provide suggestions and offer feedback, to reach a consensus on the key issues.

Chair: Rand Jimerson, Western Washington University Speakers:

- Caroline Brown, *University of Dundee*, Appraisal and Access: What Do We Keep and Why?
- Patricia Whatley, University of Dundee, Advocacy, the Employer, and Archival Ethics

2c Is it Getting Hot in Here? Archives and Environmental Records

Location: Oval Room

Traditional session

This session will explore the role of archives in preserving the environmental record. Heather Tompkins, whose academic background is in historical climatology, will examine the use of archival sources for climatological research. Chris Streefkerk will discuss the use of archives in Dutch water management. Liza Piper will describe the project she has been directing to assemble digital resources that facilitate the study of historical data on Canadian environments in the Early Canada Environment Data Project. Leah Sander will examine what the Government of Canada is doing about data preservation and how discussion between the archival and scientific communities is critical.

Chair: Martin Comeau, City of Winnipeg Archives Speakers:

- Heather Tompkins, Library and Archives Canada, Climate, History and Archives
- Chris Streefkerk, Archiefschool, To Measure is to Know: The Use of Information in the Dutch Struggle against Water
- Liza Piper, University of Alberta, Early Canadian Environmental Data: Retrieving our Environmental History
- Leah Sander, Library and Archives Canada

Noon - 1:30 pm

Buffet Lunch

Location: Crystal Ballroom Sponsored by Carr McLean

12:15 - 1:15 pm

Meeting: Outreach Roundtable

Location: Oval Room

Interested in what the ACA Outreach Committee has been up to with respect to archival outreach initiatives? Want to come and chat with your peers about archival outreach issues? Our agenda includes introducing ACA's draft Outreach Strategy, which has been under development this past year, as well as discussing the Committee's initiatives for reaching out to young audiences at historical fairs, and other ongoing or upcoming projects. Everyone is welcome! This discussion is open to all those interested and will be of particular interest to P/T Archives Advisors and others who are involved with outreach initiatives on a local, regional or national level.

1:30 - 3:00 pm

3a. The Indian Residential Schools Settlement and Government Archives

Location: Alberta Room

Panel

The historical context for northern residential schools led to unique challenges when the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement (IRSSA) was proposed. Since 2004, NWT Archives staff have been key intermediaries in ensuring northerners could access the federal programs under the IRSSA. Flexibility, efficiency and compassion were the guiding principles to cope with a radical shift in staff and resource allocation to deal with a dramatic workload increase. Library and Archives Canada has played a similar role, particularly with the impending work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC). Both efforts highlight the existence of what has been described as record "gaps" in LAC's inventory, shedding needed light upon the parallel history of records management and archival practice.

Chair: Lesley Buchan, *Yukon Archives* Speakers:

- Erin Suliak, *Northwest Territories Archives*, Location, Location, Location: Setting the Context for the Northern Residential School Records Challenge
- Jason Bennett, *Library and Archives Canada*, Reconciling Truth: Documenting Government Memory and Aboriginal Experience at Library and Archives Canada
- Peter Harding, Northwest Territories Archives, Do You Have my Records? Providing Public Service to Residential School Survivors
- Karen Ashbury, Northwest Territories Archives, Cutting the Red Tape: Facilitating Access to Residential School Records

3b. New Voices, New Ideas: The Student Session

Location: Marquis Room

Traditional session

This session will feature fresh perspectives on issues facing the profession from the next generation of archivists. Donald Force will examine specific issues that records professionals need to consider in order to raise awareness within their organizations about their responsibilities when facing litigation. Braden Cannon will present the process and results of a project to understand and start to overcome the problems faced by community organizations in managing and preserving their records. Jonathan Nordland will outline how archival appraisal theory has evolved as an instrument to consolidate power within Canadian government archives for the purposes of creating rational instruments of accountability.

Chair: Terry Eastwood, *Professor Emeritus, University of British Columbia* **Speakers:**

- Donald Force, *University of British Columbia*, From Peruvian Guano to Electronic Records: Canadian E-Discovery and Organizational Responsibility
- Braden Cannon, Dalhousie University, Processes for Community Archiving
- Jonathan Nordland, University of Manitoba, Human Rights and Archives: History and Accountability

3c. Archives and Public Policy: Sexuality, Gender, Personal Life

Location: Oval Room

Traditional session

This session will explore the role of archives in addressing historical questions of significance to our understanding of the history of human sexuality (both non-conforming and mainstream), gender, and personal life. It will consider the relationship of these matters to human rights, civil liberties, and the formation of public policy. The expansion of human rights will depend significantly on encouraging open access and research and may require a paradigm shift in our concepts of personal privacy to more expansive notions in keeping with fostering the common good and nurturing a civil, enlightened society.

Sponsored by Greenstone Geological and the University of Saskatchewan Archives

Chair: Marcel Barriault, Library and Archives Canada

Speakers:

- Lyle Dick, *Parks Canada*, The 1942 Same-Sex Trials in Edmonton
- Jean Barman, University of British Columbia, 'Dangerous Knowledge' and the Archives
- Elizabeth Jameson, *University of Calgary*, The Records of Private Life and Historical Understanding

3:00 - 3:30 pm

Refreshment Break

Location: Turner Valley

Sponsored by Archives of Ontario

3:30 - 5:00 pm

4a. Sharing Memories: Human Rights Issues and Access to the Records of Truth and Reconciliation Commissions

Location: Marquis Room

Panel

Two case studies based on Truth and Reconciliation Commissions in Sierra Leone and Timor-Leste raise the social issues and benefits surrounding access to TRC files and the construction of national memory that arises from the truth and reconciliation process. Where access is blocked by lack of political will or poor information infrastructure, TRC benefits are not realised. The third case study concerns appropriate placement of the Anfal files, which contained evidence of Saddam Hussein's genocidal campaign against the Kurds, exploring why they were returned to Kurdish authorities in Iraqi Kurdistan, rather than to the Iraq National Library and Archives in Baghdad.

Chair: Karen Anderson, Mid Sweden University

Speakers:

- Proscovia Svard, *The Nordic Africa Institute*, Barriers to Access of the TRC Report in Sierra Leone and Social Consequences
- Elizabeth Nannelli, *National Archives of Samoa*, Sharing the Truth? The Records of the Commission for Reception, Truth and Reconciliation in Timor-Leste
- Bruce Montgomery, University of Colorado, Repatriation of the Iraqi Anfal Files

4b. From Sea to Sea to Sea: How British Columbia, Quebec, and Newfoundland and Labrador Have Addressed Change

Location: Oval Room

Panel

British Columbia, Newfoundland and Labrador, and Quebec have chosen three different business models for the organization and management of their archives. Provincial Archivists Gary Mitchell, Greg Walsh and Carol Couture will be discussing how these provincial archives have embraced change under their leadership. You are invited to participate in a lively discussion with these speakers. After a short presentation from each speaker, moderator Fred Farrell will be inviting questions from the audience, offering a unique opportunity to interact with leaders in the archival profession.

Chair: Fred Farrell, *Provincial Archives of New Brunswick* **Speakers**:

- Carol Couture, Bibliothèque et archives nationales du Québec
- Gary Mitchell, British Columbia Archives
- Greg Walsh, Provincial Archives of Newfoundland and Labrador

4c. Trust Me, I'm an Archivist: Accountability and Archival Documentation

Location: Alberta Room

Traditional session

This session explores the issue of archival accountability in terms of the archivist's responsibility to adequately document archival holdings and archival processes and the need to ensure the trustworthiness of both. The first speaker, Heather MacNeil, assesses the capacity of standardized description to provide an account of the records sufficient for presuming their authenticity and demonstrating archival accountability. Catherine Bailey then examines the need for and evolution of appraisal documentation within a government archives, and considers what constitutes an appropriate level of contextual information on appraisal decisions. Jennifer Meehan closes the session by exploring what documentation is necessary to adequately account for the role of the archivist, and the nature and impact of arrangement and description processes.

Chair: William Landis, Yale University

Speakers:

- Heather MacNeil, *University of Toronto*, Trusting Description
- Catherine Bailey, Library and Archives Canada, Trust Me, It's All Good Stuff: Appraisal Documentation
- Jennifer Meehan, Yale University, Grounds for Trust: Arrangement and Description Documentation

Saturday, May 16

9:00 - 10:00 am

5. Plenary: Truth and Consequences: The Changing Role of National Archives

Location: Alberta Room

This session explores the intended and unintended consequences of changing legislative and policy frameworks on the role and functions of national archival institutions around the world. Graham Dominy will examine the state of records and archives management in South Africa, considering issues such as the impact of truth and reconciliation commissions and the introduction of access legislation. Sarah Tyacke will offer international examples of the "unintended consequences" of legislation, including archives, privacy and access laws, on the delivery of archival services, considering how those laws may conflict with or reinforce traditional approaches to records and archives management and the delivery of public services.

Chair: Laura Millar, Consultant

Speakers:

- Graham Dominy, *National Archives of South Africa*, Anchoring Archives in the Cross-currents of the Human Rights Debates: The View from South Africa
- Sarah Tyacke, International Records Management Trust, The State We're In: Assessing the Work of National Archives

10:00 - 10:30am

Refreshment Break

Location: Turner Valley

Sponsored by Northwest Territories Archives and Yukon Archives

10:30 am - noon

6a. Improving Access to Canada's Memory: The BCAUL/ICA-AtoM Project

Location: Marquis Room

Panel

In 2008 the AABC began a project to upgrade the BC Archival Union List using International Council on Archives Access to Memory software, with partners Artefactual Systems, Library & Archives Canada, and SFU and UVic Archives. ICA-AtoM is fully web-based, open-source, multi-lingual archival description software, an alternative to commercial or other open source products. Speakers will: describe the fiscal concerns and social responsibilities behind the AABC project; situate the project within Canadian archives' current human resource, financial and technical capacities; discuss archives' beta testing; describe the technology, project results and potential impacts for the archival community and the public.

Chair: Tim Hutchinson, *University of Saskatchewan* **Speakers:**

- Lara Wilson, AABC / University of Victoria, Charting a course: The AABC & ICA-AtoM BCAUL pilot project
- Ian Forsyth, CCA / Simon Fraser University, ArchivesCanada.ca: A National Catalogue for a National Archival Collection
- Peter Van Garderen, Artefactual Systems, Technical Overview of the ICA-AtoM Software and BCAUL Pilot
- Jane Morrison, University of Victoria, Proofing the Pudding: ICA-AtoM Beta-testing at UVic Archives

6b. Reconciliation, Reparation and Recordkeeping in Australia - Practice from the Past, Lessons for the Future Location: Oval Room

Panel

This session explores the impact of past recordkeeping practices on policy formulation and implementation of reparation schemes in Australia, and questions what recordkeepers have learned from these pasts.

Case studies from three Australian States relating to reparation schemes for Aboriginal people will be discussed. The cases raise questions about the impact of historians' understandings of the recordkeeping skills of administrators on contemporary policy formulation and appraisal practices, issues relating to the search for evidence to support claims for repayment of controlled monies, and challenges faced where the paucity of surviving evidence results in a failure of claims for repayment.

Chair: Jonathan Lainey, *Library and Archives Canada* **Speakers**:

- Joanna Sassoon, *State Records Office of Western Australia*, Mr. Neville's Recordkeeping: The Impact of Past Recordkeeping Practices on Policy Development in Western Australia
- Margaret Reid, *Queensland Department of Communities*, A Stitch in Time: Dormitory Records and the Yarrabah Mission Quilt
- Christine Yeats, *State Records New South Wales*, Tracking the Evidence of Past Government Action: The Operation of the NSW Trust Fund Repayment Scheme

6c. Confidentially Speaking: The Effect of Access and Privacy Legislation on Archives

Location: Alberta Room

Traditional session

As records and archives play an increasingly significant role in society, providing access to records while protecting privacy becomes ever more challenging. This session considers the effect of access and privacy legislation on governments, universities and churches in Canada and the United Kingdom. Elizabeth Shepherd reports on research into the impact of the UK FOI Act on public-sector records management, especially for local governments. Deirdre Bryden examines challenges at Queen's University Archives to determine retention schedules for human rights records in light of the implementation of Ontario's access and privacy legislation. Anthea Seles considers the impact of privacy legislation on the operations of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Vancouver.

Chair: Paulette Dozois, Library and Archives Canada

Commentator: Daniel German, Library and Archives Canada

Speakers:

- Elizabeth Shepherd, University College London, Freedom of Information and Records Management: The UK Experience
- Deirdre Bryden, *Queen's University Archives*, Passage of Time vs. Personal Privacy The Fight for the Retention of Human Rights Case Files at Queen's University
- Anthea Seles, Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Vancouver, Personal Information and Religious Archives

Noon – 2:00 pm

Awards Luncheon

Location: Crystal Ballroom Sponsored by Ancestry.ca

2:00 - 3:30 pm

7a. Portrayal or Betrayal? Archives and Digitization

Location: Alberta Room

Traditional session

Are archival digital resources meeting current expectations of evidence? Many archival institutions are launching digital projects as more citizens expect to conduct their research electronically. Are these resources being constructed in accordance with standards of information accountability that public policy dictates? What are the responsibilities of the archivist to provide clear context and to fairly represent all voices found within the records? Archivists are increasingly architects of presentation, and must consider their own bias as well as public response. Further, they must also consider the legitimate historical accounts of under-represented groups found within collections otherwise opposed to these groups.

Chair: Dorothea Funk, *Saskatoon Public Library Local History Room* **Speakers:**

- John Lund, Red Deer & District, Representation of Homosexuality in the Alberta Report Photo Collection: Reading Between the Lines
- Mark Vajcner, University of Regina, Evidence and Accountability: Digital Archives and Public Policy

7b. Conflicting Loyalties? Government Records & Public Trust

Location: Marquis Room

Traditional session

This traditional session will examine archival responsibility and the impact on citizens and society when archivists take new approaches towards records management and appraisal. Tina Lloyd will explore the conflicting loyalties of archivists owing allegiance and responsibility to citizens, society, and government. Lack of storage space has resulted in recent decisions to re-appraise records, meaning that archivists have had to struggle to identify the best archival record. What is the impact on stakeholders? Kerry Badgley's paper will argue that archivists need to take the concerns of a wide variety of communities (geographic and other) into account when making decisions on what remains and what disappears from collective memory. Sean Darcy will discuss how the traditional approach to archives can threaten the ability of both Aboriginal groups and the Crown to resolve Aboriginal land claims.

Chair: Marion Beyea, *Provincial Archives of New Brunswick* **Speakers:**

- Tina Lloyd, Library and Archives Canada
- Kerry Badgley, Canadian Food Inspection Agency
- Sean Darcy, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada

7c. Funding Good Works / Good Funding Works!

Location: Oval Room

Roundtable

Some believe that because archives do "good work" they should receive external funding with no strings attached. In reality, whether received from government, foundations, or individual donors, there are usually specific criteria tied to the money, reflecting the funder's interests, goals, or agenda. As many archives depend on external funds to support their operations, does the influence of such funding affect institutional priorities? Are archivists aware of this potential impact? If so, should they try to influence the nature of these programs? Beginning with a brief history of archives funding, panelists will discuss the need to address this important issue.

Chair: Bryan Corbett, *University of Alberta* **Speakers**:

- Shelley Sweeney, University of Manitoba,
 Pennies from Heaven: Public Funding for Archives in Canada
- Robin Keirstead, CCA / University of Western
 Ontario
- Fred Farrell, CCA / Provincial Archives of New Brunswick
- Sean Berrigan, Library and Archives Canada
- Miriam McTiernan, Archives of Ontario

3:30 - 4:00 pm

Refreshment Break

Location: Turner Valley Sponsored by the Atlantic Canada Provincial Archivists

4:00 - 5:30 pm

Meeting: Archives Society of Alberta AGM
Location: Oval Room

Meeting: ACA Members' Input Session

Location: Marquis Room



Jerry Fuller and his Lake Louise Orchestra, Palliser Hotel, ca. 1938-1940. The band played at CPR hotels including the Palliser, Banff Springs, and Chateau Lake Louise in the late 1930s and early 1940s. After the war, the band was taken over by Bruce Bristow (back row, fifth from left) and played for dinner dances at the Palliser.

Courtesy Glenbow Archives, NA-4030-13

Sunday, May 17, 2009

9:00 - 10:00 am

8. Plenary: Engendering Trust, Managing Processes, and Measuring Performance

Location: Alberta Room

Creating and maintaining an atmosphere of trust in archives benefits from transparency in how processes are carried out and documented, and from how we measure the performance of services we provide and use these metrics to improve our processes. In this paper Dr. Ross looks at the processes surrounding digitization and the handling of digital objects and the role of iterative assessment of practice. He identifies weaknesses and project areas where new approaches and tools are either emerging or still needed. This paper draws on the author's more than twenty years experience with digitization and digital preservation practice and research.

Chair: Dr. Tom Nesmith, *University of Manitoba* **Speaker**: Dr. Seamus Ross, *University of Toronto*

Sponsored by the Archives Society of Alberta

10:00 - 10:30am

Refreshment Break and Poster Session

Location: Turner Valley

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Displays:

Janice Galloway, *The Alberta Library*,

Know Alberta - Preserving Our Stories

A portal site, set to be launched in summer 2009, Knowalberta will provide aggregation services for memory institutions including libraries, archives, historical societies and museums.

• Hea Lim Rhee, *University of Pittsburgh*,

In Pursuit of History: Historians' Information-Seeking Behavior and Archivists

Attention should be paid to the research processes of historians in order to improve archival services.

• David Meurer and Bill Kennedy, York University,

Artmob CMS: Arts-Oriented Digital Archiving Software

An open source digital archive and collection building tool developed at York University.

• Sharon Smith, Library and Archives Canada,

The Recordkeeping Initiative in the Government of Canada: The Directive on Recordkeeping

As part of the work on a new Directive on Recordkeeping, the LAC has developed a Recordkeeping Assessment Instrument, currently being piloted by a small group of departments and agencies.

• Ricardo Punzlan and Trond Jacobsen, University of Michigan,

Invoking Collective Memory: Mapping the Emergence of a Concept in Archival Science

An analysis of how academic archivists use the concept of collective memory.

10:30 am - noon

9a. Historical Reordering: Identity and Civil Society

Location: Marquis Room

Traditional session

This is a traditional panel composed of three speakers who will discuss their research projects, each of which examine identity in civil society. Marcel Barriault examines how some non-Natives in the Maritime provinces have attempted to use the

scant historical sources and the absence of archival records to claim aboriginal roots, in their efforts to tap into recently awarded aboriginal treaty rights. He charts the evolution of the use of Acadian archives since the turn of the present century and examines how genealogy as a hobby has been completely transformed in this quest for new rights. Raymond Frogner will review how survey maps, correspondence, reports, and other documentary sources are a memorial to a particular kind of civil society based on land ownership and constitutional rights. The expression and evidence for such a concept may be traced back to the origins and evolution of English common law. Dara Price will discuss the centrality of archives and archival evidence in the imperial ordering of public affairs in British India. She will examine how the British sought indigenous archives and archivists to provide documentary evidence of local law and custom, and how, in the absence of these, the rulers set out to create bodies of authoritative records which would serve to underpin civil society.

Chair: Kerry Badgley, *Canadian Food Inspection Agency* **Speakers**:

- Marcel Barriault, Library and Archives Canada, "Becoming" Métis in Acadia: The Search for Aboriginal Bloodlines
- Raymond Frogner, *University of Alberta*, The Enormous Condescension of Cartography
- Dara Price, *Library and Archives Canada*, Discerning the Upstart Gentleman from the Princely Thief: The Quest for an "Authentic" Civil Society in Imperial India

9b. Give Me Back MySpace: Access and Privacy in the 21st Century

Location: Alberta Room

Panel

Even as society in general is holding public institutions, especially archives, to greater account in terms of protecting personal information through access to information and privacy legislation, and the development of regulatory bodies to manage such legislation, individuals are revealing more and more about themselves on social networking sites and identity theft is a growing problem worldwide. What will the future hold for social historians and researchers, when census records are subject to privacy and individuals reveal so much about themselves on Facebook, MySpace, and YouTube? This session will discuss various facets of this dichotomy, and the archival challenge.

Chair: Carolyn Heald, *York University* **Speakers**:

- Jim Burant, Library and Archives Canada
- Elizabeth Denham, Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada

9c. Movin' on Up: Building Sustained Support Through Outreach and Advocacy Initiatives

Location: Oval Room

Panel

This session will consider how archivists can best frame their outreach and advocacy initiatives to secure the requisite support for archives. Michael Gourlie will discuss the process of building awareness and support for new community archives. Crista Bradley will explore the process of enhancing awareness and support for archives and records management in an academic setting. Leslie Latta-Guthrie will draw on her experience as a senior administrator in the Alberta Government to provide an overview of the process of building awareness and use of her institution across Alberta.

Chair: Cameron Hart, *Saskatchewan Council for Archives and Archivists* **Speakers**:

- Michael Gourlie, Archives Society of Alberta
- Crista Bradley, University of Regina
- Leslie Latta-Guthrie, Provincial Archives of Alberta

Noon - 1:00 pm

Buffet Lunch

Location: Crystal Ballroom Sponsored by the Archives Society of Alberta Poster session continues in Turner Valley

1:00 - 2:30 pm

10a. Archives in the Spotlight: Records and Public Controversies

Location: Marquis Room

Traditional session

The speakers in this session will shed light on the challenges and opportunities associated with the use of archives in matters of public controversy. Diana Moore will discuss the role of records at her institution in overturning Erin Michael Walsh's murder conviction, including commentary on the associated practical and political challenges. Cynthia Kent will explore the loss and subsequent efforts to rebuild trust in the Canadian blood supply system from an archives/record keeping perspective. Julia Hendry will speak about the challenges associated with a media firestorm that resulted from the discovery of records relating to Barack Obama at her institution.

Commentator: Rand Jimerson, *Western Washington University* **Speakers**:

- Diana Moore, Provincial Archives of New Brunswick, Hiding Our Light Under a Bushel: An Untold Archives' Success Story
- Cynthia Kent, Canadian Blood Services, Ten Years Of Trust Building History: Transforming Canada's Blood System
- Julia Hendry, *University of Illinois at Chicago*, Obama in the Archives: How Minimal Processing Landed us on the Rush Limbaugh Show

10b. At Home in the World? Raising Our Voice in the Public Sphere

Location: Oval Room

Traditional session

This session explores archivists' efforts to "raise our voice" in various public forums on human rights issues, access to information and privacy policies, and a variety of other public issues, including the transition from Apartheid in South Africa and Tibet-China relations. The international panel of speakers will discuss how archivists address these key concerns within and on behalf of archival associations, such as the International Council of Archives and the Association of Canadian Archivists, through other institutions, such as the South African History Archive, through archival institutions, such as the Nelson Mandela Centre of Memory and Dialogue and Library and Archives Canada, and in relations with the media.

Chair: Joanna Sassoon, *State Records Office of Western Australia* **Speakers:**

- Verne Harris, Nelson Mandela Centre, Memory is Dialogue
- Gabrielle Nishiguchi, Library and Archives Canada
- Dermod Travis, Canada-Tibet Committee
- Terry Cook, *University of Manitoba*, The Census Wars: Principles Meet Harsh Realities in Archival Advocacy

10c. More Than a Matter of Trust: Archivists Debate the Challenge of Electronic Records

Location: Alberta Room

Focused debate

The long-term preservation of digital records in a society that has embraced digital records and information continues to be of interest and relevance in the conduct of public affairs and the governance of Canadian Democracy. Archivists continue to try to come to grips with records in this new environment but achieving success remains elusive. Even measuring progress can be a challenge. Are archivists doing everything that needs to be done to identify and preserve digital records?

Following standard debating rules, session participants will debate the proposition that "Archivists have what they need to preserve digital records right now." They will define the terms of the proposition while developing their respective cases. This polarized representation of digital archiving issues will enable the audience to clarify where they stand in developing real solutions, where they may lack necessary resources and where priorities lie in relation to gaps.

Commentator and "judge" Barbara Craig will draw on her experience as an archivist and educator to assess the arguments presented. The real winners of the debate will be determined by the informed discussion of the audience which follows.

Moderator: Jan Liebaers, *University of Northumbria* **Judge**: Barbara Craig, *University of Toronto* **Speakers**:

- Greg Bak, Library and Archives Canada
- Brian Beaven, Library and Archives Canada
- Vicki Lemieux, University of British Columbia
- Evelyn McLellan, Artefactual Systems

Endorsed by the Special Interest Sections on Electronic Records and on Government Records.

2:30 - 3:00 pm

Refreshment Break

Location: Turner Valley Sponsored by the Archives Society of Alberta



Centre Street Bridge collapsing during the 1915 Flood Courtesy City of Calgary, Corporate Records, Archives, CalA 910604051

3:00 - 4:00 pm

11. Plenary: You Must Remember This...

Location: Alberta Room

Ian Wilson, Librarian and Archivist of Canada Emeritus, will draw on forty years of experience in the archival community in Canada and around the world to reflect on the issues and themes raised throughout this year's conference, which has focused on the changing role of records and archives in an era of increased awareness about and concern for rights, responsibilities, and trust.

Chair: Dr. Terry Cook, University of Manitoba

Speaker: Ian Wilson, Librarian and Archivist of Canada Emeritus

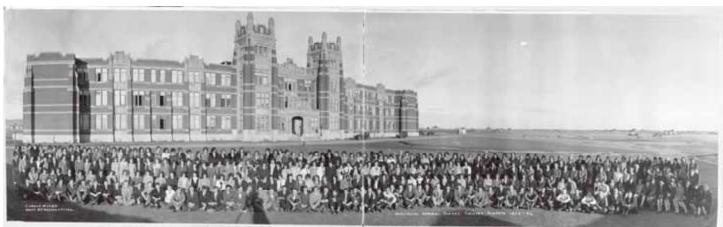
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4:00 - 6:00 pm

Meeting: ACA Annual General Meeting

Location: Marquis Room

Sponsored by Jewish Archives & Historical Society of Edmonton & Northern Alberta



Provincial Normal School, Calgary 1928-29 Courtesy University of Calgary Archives, 2008.054/1.01

Social Activities

Tuesday, May 12, 2009

Golfing Opportunities

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

With your ACA colleagues...meeting locations to be announced.

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Blackfoot Crossing

9:00 am - 5:00 pm - Meet in the Lobby at 8:45 am

Full-day bus tour. Join us for a day trip to Blackfoot Crossing National Historic Site. Historian and archivist Dr. Hugh Dempsey will accompany the group on a scenic drive to the Siksika (Blackfoot) First Nation Reserve, to share the history of the signing of Treaty 7. Old Sun College, a former residential school, will be visited en route, followed by a tour of the excellent Siksika-run Blackfoot Crossing museum, and a walk to onsite excavations with University of Calgary archaeologist Brian Kooyman. Transportation is by motor coach and lunch is provided. Limited to 44 participants. Cost \$55.

Thursday, May 14, 2009

First Timers / Mentorship Reception

5:00 pm - Penthouse

If this is your first ACA Conference or you are a participant in ACA's mentorship program, please plan to attend this reception where you will meet the members of the ACA Board of Directors, and your Conference Program and Host Chairs. Take in the panoramic views of Calgary from the Penthouse while you enjoy the refreshments and learn two or three tips on having a great experience at the conference.

There is no charge for this reception; please pre-register to assist us with the preparations. Limited to 70.

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Spouses Welcome

6:00 pm - Colonial

If you are accompanying a conference delegate, the ACA 2009 Host Committee invites you to come and meet other like individuals and to learn about attractions in and around Calgary. We'll have leaflets, maps and other useful handouts and coupons to help plan your stay in Calgary. There is no charge; please pre-register to assist us with the preparations. Limited to 35.

The Century is Half Full, Not Half Empty!

6:00 - 7:00 pm - Oak Room

Are you an ACA member "of a certain age"? Do you and Barbie share a birthday? When you were born, were John Diefenbaker and Dwight Eisenhower sharing insights about how to run their respective countries? Are you wondering how fifty years went by so fast? If so, come join a select and very special gathering of semi-centenarians at this year's ACA to hoist a glass in honour of this momentous occasion (at least in the minds of those of us who cannot accept the truth and need to share their disbelief with someone!) Buy your preferred celebratory libation and raise a glass to...the next 50!

Welcoming Gala

7:00 pm - Railway Pavilion

Be welcomed to Calgary at this reception in the distinctive Canadian Pacific Railway Pavilion. Greet old friends and new colleagues over wine and hors d'oeuvres. Delegates will have the opportunity to tour the vintage Royal Canadian Pacific trains (www.royalcanadianpacific.com/heritage.html) during the reception. This event is open to delegates and registered guests. Limited to 200 participants. No charge. Pre-registration for this event is requested to assist with preparations.

Sponsored by the University of Calgary Libraries and Cultural Resources

James Joyce Pub

8:30 pm - 114-8th Avenue SW

Join your colleagues after the Welcoming Gala at the James Joyce Pub to sample local or not so local brews. The pub is located just one block north of the Fairmont Palliser on historic Stephen Avenue (8th Avenue SW) and offers a wide-ranging menu with reasonable prices.

Friday, May 15, 2009

Visit to the Calgary Zoo for Spouses

10:00 am - 12:00 pm - Meet in the Lobby at 9:45 am

For the first time at an ACA conference, the Host Committee is pleased to offer spouses and children of delegates an organised day out to a local attraction. Please join a member of the Host Committee on a visit to the Calgary Zoo, Botanical Garden and Prehistoric Park. Participants will pay their own costs for transit on the C-Train, entrance to the zoo (\$18 adults; \$10/\$12 kids; free for kids aged 2 and under); and lunch.

SLAIS Alumni Reception

5 - 7 pm - Bottlescrew Bill's Pub, 140 10 Avenue SW (just behind the Palliser Hotel)

SLAIS Alumni are invited to eat, drink, and be merry at a pub famous for its extensive beer selection. The reception program will include updates on SLAIS and UBC Arts Co-op. Sponsored by the University of British Columbia School of Library, Archival and Information Studies (SLAIS), UBC Arts Co-op, and the SLAIS Alumni Association

Tour of the Palliser Hotel

5:15 - 6:15 pm - Meet in the Lobby at 5:00 pm

Join ever-popular local historian, archivist and author Harry Sanders and Palliser Hotel staff on a tour of the conference hotel, the historic Fairmont Palliser. Built in sandstone in the "Edwardian Commercial" architectural style at a cost of \$1.5 million, the Palliser opened its doors in July 1914 and has remained one of Calgary's landmarks ever since. Participants will get an insider's view of this beautiful hotel while enjoying Harry's informative commentary on the building and its history. Limited to 40 participants.

Letters from Battle River

7:30 - 10:00 pm - Glenbow Museum, 130 - 9th Avenue SE

This evening's entertainment will include a reception in the foyer of the Glenbow Museum and a presentation of "Letters from Battle River: The Adventures of Dr. Mary Percy Jackson," a one-woman, one-act play. A young British doctor travels to the Alberta frontier in 1929. Her letters home reveal courage, humour and determination - and a brilliant snapshot of the era. Director David Cheoros and archivist/dramaturge Karen Simonson collaborated to create this "engaging and enthralling" one-woman play based on Dr. Jackson's letters which are housed at the Provincial Archives of Alberta. Karen Simonson will share her experiences of how the play was created in a short talk before the play is presented. An experience not to be missed! There is no charge for this event; pre-registration is requested to assist us with the preparations. Limited to 225 participants.

Reception sponsored by Preservation Technologies Canada

One-act Play sponsored by Canadian Council of Archives, Council of Archives New Brunswick, College & Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta, and Royal BC Museum – BC Archives

Saturday, May 16, 2009

East / West Baseball Game

6:00 pm - Meet in the Lobby at 5:45 Venue: Ball field at Crescent Heights

Come out and play for your team, or stand on the sidelines and cheer them on to victory! This is sure to be the West's big year. Hotdogs and soft drinks will be available at the ball field for a nominal cost.

Sponsored by Carroll and Associates

Walking Tour of Historic Calgary

6:00 pm - Meet in the Lobby at 5:45 pm

For those of you who thought that Calgary is a city too new to have a history, come and join one of our two local guides for a walking tour of the historic downtown core. Put on your walking shoes and enjoy a journey into the past with archivists Harry Sanders or John McIsaac and your fellow delegates.

Registration required. Limited to 80 participants.

Archival Film: Headless Valley

7:00 - 9:00 pm - Alberta Room

If ballgames and walking tours are not your thing, we have a special event to offer you: *Headless Valley*, "an adventure film with aspects of comedy and also a love story and just an amazing, charming film!"

In the time before satellite phones and helicopter rescues, Calgarians Mel and Ethel Ross fought severe isolation, insect swarms and terrifying rapids during a two month canoe expedition up the South Nahanni River in the Canadian North. Come and experience their journey through Headless Valley, the 1957 independent film they filmed, produced, acted and edited which now resides in the Provincial Archives of Alberta. Film archivist Marlena Wyman will provide an introduction to the film and its creators. Limited to 100 participants.

Sunday, May 17, 2009

Cocktail Reception

6:30 pm - Crystal Ballroom Foyer

Closing Dinner and Dance

7:30 - 12:00 am - Crystal Ballroom

Always a highlight, and not just because it is a wrap up to the conference, this event provides the opportunity to catch up with the people you only waved to while rushing between sessions. Enjoy an evening with friends, old and new, a relaxing meal, your favourite dance music from past and present, and maybe some local flavour as well! This is your last chance to see colleagues from far and wide until next year, so unless you plan to stay up all night, don't book that 6:30 am flight on Monday.

Sponsored by the Provincial Archives of Alberta

Pre-Conference Workshops

Tuesday, May 12, 2009

Conquering Fear of Film (and Video and Sound Recordings)

9:00 am - 4:00 pm - 909 MacKimmie Library Tower, University of Calgary

Most archives will have some film, video and sound recordings lurking somewhere in their collections. Rather than allowing them to languish, or feeling horrified or frustrated by them, this workshop will help you to become familiar and perhaps even become friends with these fascinating media.

A copy of the National Film Preservation Foundation's book *The Film Preservation Guide*: *The Basics for Archives, Libraries, and Museums*, will be provided for each workshop participant.

By the end of this two-day workshop, participants will be able to:

- Perform basic identification of film, video and sound formats and evaluate their condition and contents;
- Gain an awareness of equipment used for playback of film, video and sound materials, including accessibility of the equipment;
- Understand basic archival appraisal and selection criteria for film, video and sound materials;
- Set preservation priorities for film, video and sound materials and locate costs and sources for preservation work
- Gain an awareness of digitization options for media collections; and
- Begin thinking of film, video and sound materials as important and approachable parts of your holdings.

Speakers:

- Marlena Wyman, Provincial Archives of Alberta
- Terry O'Riordan, Provincial Archives of Alberta

Outreach: Interpretation and Ethics

9:00 am - 4:00 pm - 12th Floor, MacKimmie Library Tower, University of Calgary

This full day workshop on the ethics of outreach will combine a discussion of the role of archivists in the interpretation of archives for a range of audiences and purposes, with an exploration of the practical issues involved in managing effective and ethically sound outreach programmes. The workshop will be delivered through a mixture of discussion, facilitated by the leaders, informed by current archival and museum theory and practice.

Topics for discussion will include:

- The power of public interpretation as a means of explaining the relevance and value of archives.
- The impact of local and national political, social and economic sensitivities.
- The need to protect the physical and intellectual integrity of archival collections.
- The potential for and the consequences of mis-interpretation / representation.

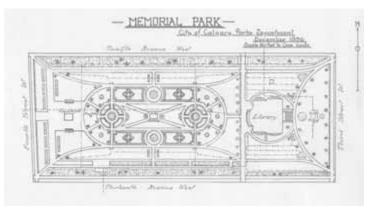
These discussions will be developed in the second part of the day by practical group case studies on these issues and how they impact on the development of outreach programmes.

The workshop will be relevant to a wide range of archivists and records managers who are interested in examining the ethical and theoretical issues relating to outreach and their impact on practice. The audience will be invited to actively participate through group discussion, to provide suggestions and offer feedback and to reach a consensus on the key issues.

The workshop will be led by Patricia Whatley and Caroline Brown, from the Centre for Archive and Information Studies at the University of Dundee, Scotland, who are both experienced practitioners and archival educators. They are currently managing the Investigating the Archive project, researching the role of archives in the creation and interpretation of memory and identity. They are also guest editing two volumes of Archival Science, containing publications from the recent `Philosophy of the Archive' conference.

Speakers:

- Patricia Whatley, *University of Dundee*
- Caroline Brown, *University of Dundee*



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