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[President's Update](#)

Spring greetings! To paraphrase L.M. Montgomery, March comes in that winter like the meekest and mildest of lambs, bringing days that are crisp and golden and Association of Canadian Archivists' news. The last months has been very busy for the ACA Board and Leadership Team...

Speaking of L.M Montgomery, ACA 2021 will be 30 June – 3 July, 2021 at the Delta Hotels Prince Edward by Marriott in Charlottetown, PEI. Grant Hurley, the Program Chair, has developed a draft theme for the conference and will soon be recruiting committee members. Stay tuned for more information including L.M Montgomery quotes and Anne puns!

Recent ACA Board Activities include:

- The Board and Directors-Elect held their regular monthly meetings on 21 January, 20 February and 8 March.

- The ACA Executive Director and President attended a Library and Archives Canada Stakeholders' Forum in Toronto on January 28.
 - The ACA Executive Director, President, and Director-at Large attended meeting of the Steering Committee on Canada's Archives (SCCA) meeting on January 28. The SCCA is now being chaired by the Chair of the Canadian Council of Archives.
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Governance Update

ACA Bylaws: The ACA Governance Committee has been focused on review and renewal of the ACA's bylaw. The new bylaw will accomplish several tasks:

- Clarify and codify existing practices
- Remove outdated language and policy provisions
- Better align with model bylaw recommended by the *Canadian Not-For-Profit Act*
- Allow for full participation of members through virtual meetings and online voting
- Provide greater benefits to institutional members

We aim to present the new bylaw to members in April and then put it to a vote in June.



Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

Update on the progress of the ACA's Strategic Plan:
Forward Together

The Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Task Force is up and running! See [here](#) for details about the activities of the Task Force and its membership.

Elections

The ACA is looking for new leaders. In the next few weeks, there will be a call for nominations for the Board positions of President, Treasurer, and two Directors-at-Large.

The incumbents will serve a two-year term from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2022. Consider serving on the ACA Board. It is a tremendously rewarding experience.



[News from *Archivaria*](#)

The next volume of *Archivaria* will soon be out to all members. Remember to indicate via your membership profile if you would like a print copy or you would like to access the online version. We are working to integrate *Archivaria* into the new website using OJS3. Thank you to Emily Sommers for her her work on this project. Thank you to all the [editorial board members](#), Fiorella Foscarini, General Editor and Shylla Seller, Managing Editor.



2018 winner, [Devon Mordell](#) at ACA 2019

***Archivaria* Prizes**

The deadline for nominations for the Dodds' prize is June 30th, 2020.

Please see [here](#) for prize details.

***Archivaria* Volunteers**

Call for Editorial Board Members

Call for a Senior Associate Editor. For responsibilities and a description of duties, [see here](#).

**Volunteer for
Archivaria**

[ACA Foundation Update](#)



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Ancestry Continuing Education Award

\$1200 annual award for Indigenous peoples undertaking professional training in the archival or records management fields.

Deadline of March 31, 2020
at midnight Pacific Time

Sponsored by Ancestry.ca
and the Association of
Canadian Archivists

What does the award provide?

The value of the scholarship is up to \$1,200. The award also includes membership in the Association of Canadian Archivists for one year and the opportunity to participate in the ACA's mentorship program.

How will the scholarship be chosen?

A selection committee appointed by the Association of Canadian Archivists Foundation (ACAF) Board of Directors will assess written applications.

Why has the ACAF established this award?

The ACA Board and the broader Canadian archival community recognize the significance of the report that resulted from the work carried out by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Bringing greater diversity to the Canadian archival system by increasing the number of Indigenous archivists is one way in which the process of reconciliation could be advanced.

How will the committee select the awardee?

The successful applicant must: be Indigenous, defined as First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples of Canada (in accordance with Canada's 1982 Constitution); show interest in and commitment to a career in archives and records; and show that they have the potential to complete their chosen course of study.

Where can I get further information?

Criteria for the Ancestry Continuing
Education Award



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Deadline for Ancestry Award is March 31, 2020.

English

In 2015, the ACA entered into a five-year sponsorship agreement with [Ancestry](#). Part of this agreement

Application

includes an annual scholarship that is developed and overseen by the ACA Foundation. The Foundation Board of Directors was unanimous in its decision to direct this scholarship towards the Indigenous community in Canada and to award it to a recipient studying in the field of archives or records management. For more information, click [here](#).

French Application

Volunteer with the ACA and ACA Foundation

The **ACA Foundation** is looking for three Directors to serve for a period of two years. The **Finance Committee** is also looking for two committee members.

Volunteer with the ACA Foundation

[In the Field: The ACA Blog](#)

This winter, the Association of Canadian Archivists launched *[In the Field: The ACA Blog](#)*. The field of archives engages contemporary archivists in a multiplicity of environments. *In the Field* seeks to become a place where discussions about the scope of archives, archival education, and archival interventions happens.

See February's Blog by Chris Hives and Paige Holman: [ReBuilding a Regional Digital Repository in British Columbia](#)

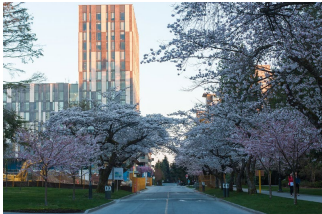


**Submit a Blog for
the ACA**

Call for blog contributors: We want to hear from you. Did you work on an interesting project or are you working with a particular fonds that you'd like to share with others? Have you visited an archival institution abroad – or across the road – and want to share your journey? Read more about how to submit a post [here](#).

ACA 2020 and 2021 Conferences: The 2020 ACA Annual Conference “20/20 Vision Seeing Archives Differently” will be held at UBC 10-13 June 2020. The program-at-a-glance has been posted and conference registration opened on March 1. Here's to an educational, fun, and memorable conference.

[ACA 2020 Conference Updates](#)



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Call for Session Chairs - see [here](#) for more details. The deadline to submit your interest is April 1, 2020.



Early Bird Registration is now open!
<https://archivists.ca/event-3486526>

For more details about accommodation click [here](#) to reserve your room.

Conference at-a-glance now available: Click [here](#) to read and is updated periodically. The conference app will soon be available.

Association of Canadian Archivists (ACA)'s Sound and Moving Image Special Interest Section

We are now accepting proposals to be part of the archival screening night at this year's conference in Vancouver. See [here](#) for the call for submissions for ACA 2020's archival screening night.



On March 10th, 2020, Loryl MacDonald, ACA President sent out a message to the archival community related to COVID-19 and the conference. Read her statement [here](#).

Advertise | Sponsor

Advertise in the Conference Program or Sponsor the ACA 2020

The Conference will attract over 350 individuals working in the archives and information community across Canada, the USA and internationally. The Conference sponsorship allows you to reach this influential group of professionals, leaders and decision-makers.

Exciting marketing opportunities are provided that will enable your organization to:

- Obtain valuable exposure and prominence with current and potential clients
- Increase corporate visibility
- Show your company's commitment to support the Canadian archival community and the important work it does in preserving the records of today for future generations.

Trade Show Exhibitors - Register

The ACA is hosting its 45th Annual Conference at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC with formal conference sessions taking place June 10th to 13th, 2020. The premiere event for archivists in Canada, our 2020 conference theme is **2020 Visions: Seeing Archives Differently**. This year, we are expecting strong participation with at least 350 delegates and guests from across Canada and internationally including the United States, the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand.

If your products or services are valuable to the practising archivist, we encourage you to consider participating either as an exhibitor at the trade show or an activity sponsor (see Sponsorship Opportunities). Archivists are consumers of consulting and architectural services, records management services and materials, electronic records management software, digital imaging and micrographics, conservation and preservation supplies.

[Member News](#)

Head, University of Manitoba Archives and Special Collections: Heather Bidzinski

We are happy to announce that Heather Bidzinski is the new Head, University of Manitoba Archives & Special Collections beginning February 16, 2020.

Heather is currently employed at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights where she works as Head of Collections. She holds a Master of Arts degree in Archival Studies and a second Master of Arts degree in Ethnomusicology from the University of Manitoba. Heather has presented widely on archives in all formats at venues such as the ABC Copyright Conference and the Association of Canadian Archivists Conference and is currently working on a research project on deconstructing colonial frameworks in museum practice.



'All Shook Up'

From ACA President, Loryl MacDonald: "I am very pleased to report that ACA and Society of America Archivists has co-published *'All Shook Up': The Archival Legacy of Terry Cook*, edited by Tom Nesmith, Joan Schwartz, and Greg Bak. We hope to launch the book at the ACA 2020 Welcome Reception in Vancouver."

There will also be a book launch at Congress in London, Ontario on 2 June.

Membership Renewals

One year ago, the ACA moved to a new website and membership management system. We continue to work to improve this system and to leverage the technology to improve communications. Unfortunately, recently a mass email was sent to Individual Members intended for our Institutional Members. Thank you for those who let us know. We have identified the issue within our system and will work to avoid this error in future. The ACA has an annual membership and we are also working to synchronize your join date and renewal date. Please contact [the office](#) with any questions or concerns.

Job Postings



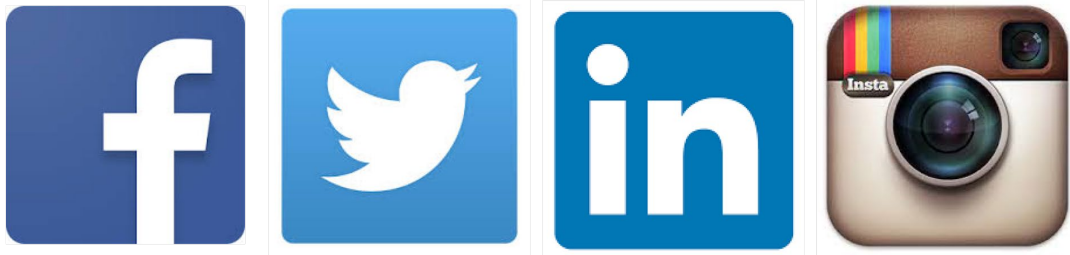
Submit your [job opportunity here](#) and it will be posted to the ACA website. We will also share this opportunity on our social media channels.



See opportunities advertised with the [The Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada](#), [Royal British Columbia Museum](#), [College of North Atlantic-Qatar](#), [Canadian Centre for Architecture](#), [City of Winnipeg](#), [Thunder Bay Archives](#), [Simon Fraser University Library](#) and [Wayne State University](#).

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This issue of the newsletter was delayed but is planned for the first Tuesday of each month. If you have any comments or feedback, please contact the [Communications Committee](#).

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