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## President's Message

Dear Archival Colleagues,

Happy New Year to you! I hope you were able to find rest and enjoyment this past holiday season, however, and with whomever you were able to spend it.

The onset of a new year is often marked by a period of transition, and this year is no different for the ACA. On January 1, Loryl MacDonald stepped down from her role as ACA President. Please join me in thanking Loryl for her tremendous work over the past two years and for her ongoing leadership and dedicated support to the ACA as its President (2019-20; 2011-2014), Vice President (2008) and Director at Large (2005-2007).

Thank you to Corinne Rogers who has completed two plus terms on the Governance Committee and has been part of their work to help the ACA have online elections and a review of ACA Bylaws. I'd also like to thank Leah Sander, who is stepping down from her position as Communications Committee Chair. Leah oversaw the successful implementation of the new monthly *Scope and Content* newsletter and the *In the Field* blog. Please also extend a warm welcome to Karen Suurtamm who will be stepping into the position of Chair of the Communications Committee.

The next several weeks will be a busy time as the ACA Board approves committee work plans that will reflect the [Equity Commitments](#) unanimous approved by the Board in September 2020. We will also be issuing a call for nominations for three Board positions: Vice-President, Secretary and Director-at-Large. This year, the elections will take place online in advance of the AGM. In the coming weeks, we will be issuing a call for volunteers for both the Awards Committee and the Advocacy Committee so please look out for that call as well. See this link to volunteer: [Volunteer with Us](#)

### **Department of Canadian Heritage:**

On Dec. 2, 2020, I attended a Roundtable of Libraries and Archives organized by Library and Archives Canada at the request of the Minister of Canadian Heritage. The Roundtable was attended by Parliamentary Secretary Ms. Julie Dabrusin who listened as attendees discussed the most pressing issues affecting their professional communities as a consequence of COVID-19 restrictions. Attendees were also encouraged to submit funding proposals which might mitigate the effects of some of these consequences on our respective professional communities – I will keep you informed as to developments on this front.

That's it for this month's update. Until next month, wishing you and yours health and happiness.

Best regards,

Erica Hernández-Read, ACA President

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## **ACA signs onto ICA Tandanya - Adelaide Declaration: Challenging and Decolonising the Archive**

At its December 2020 meeting, the ACA Board endorsed the International Council on Archives (ICA) declaration, [Tandanya - Adelaide Declaration: Challenging and Decolonising the Archive](#).

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## Membership

**Institutional Working Group:** The work of the Institutional Working Group is continuing. Just a reminder that each institutional member should designate a contact who can volunteer with the ACA and vote in the spring election.

**Membership renewal:** Thank you to all who have renewed their membership, and congratulations to all of the early-bird renewal members!

### Early bird renewal prize winners! Thank you for your support!

Kelly Ferguson, Emily Sommers, Heather Bidzinski, Donna Kynaston, Marthe Brown, Luciana Duranti, Karen Teeple, Krisztina Laszlo, Jordan Ethier, Chihiro Tajima, and Lydia Huey.

As we are all navigating challenging terrain at home and in our places of learning and work, we appreciate you making time to ensure your membership is up to date.

### Membership Renewal

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### Conference Updates

**2021 Conference Update:** The 2021 Conference Program team was able to meet over the holidays so be sure to look for a draft program in the coming weeks! The ACA is still looking for a member to lead the ACA 2021 Virtual Host Team activities. Please contact [Erica Hernandez-Read, ACA President](#) if you are interested in learning more about this engaging role. The Education Committee will also be meeting soon to identify the workshops that will be associated with the conference, as well as, those that will be offered throughout the year.

**2021 Conference: Call for Student Submissions:** The ACA Program Committee has issued its [call for submissions to the ACA 2021 Student Voices session](#). Are you an archives or information studies student with an idea that you want to share with the community? Have you written a paper or conducted research you would like to take to the next level? Do you want to build your skills in public speaking and improve your resume? The ACA 2021 Program Team wants to hear from you! The deadline for submissions is **February 8, 2021**.

**2022 Conference Update:** A warm welcome to Krisztina Laszlo, Rare Books and Special Collections, UBC Library who will Chair the ACA 2022 Conference Program Team – thank you Krisztina!

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## Call for New Special Interest Sections

Interested in forming a New SIS? The ACA welcomes the creation of new [special interest sections](#) to address the needs of its members. If you wish to form a new special interest section, please contact [Gillian Dunks, Director at Large](#).

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## Call for Submissions to the ACA Blog

*In the Field* seeks to become a place where discussions about the scope of archives, archival education, and archival interventions happens. **We want to hear from you.** Do you want to share a particular initiative that will enlighten the archival world? Highlight new strategies and collaboration that facilitated access to a particular funds or collection? Or raise issues regarding archival practices and theoretical paradigms? Consider [submitting to the ACA blog](#).

In line with the *ACA's Strategic Plan and Progress toward A Diversity & Inclusion Action Plan*, the ACA blog focuses on publishing posts that explore “frameworks, strategies, initiatives, programs and actions” undertaken across the archival realm to “address issues of inclusion, access, diversity, multiculturalism, and regional, national, global and intercultural engagement.” We especially encourage submissions from students and those new to the profession.

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## Member News



### Guy Berthiaume appointed Member of the Order of Canada

On December 30, 2020, the Governor-General announced [new appointments](#) to the Order of Canada. Guy Berthiaume, former Librarian and Archivists of Canada, was appointed a Member of the Order. Congratulations on this prestigious honour, Guy!

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## In Memoriam

The ACA would like to acknowledge the passing of [Thomas H.B. Symons](#). As has been noted by many in the community, much of his work championed and advocated for the central role of archives in understanding Canada, understanding Canada, including in [To Know Ourselves: The Report of the Commission on Canadian Studies](#) (1975, digitized courtesy of the University of Manitoba Archives & Special Collections). This work was commented on in the following *Archivaria* publications:

- Caya, Marcel ["The Commission on Canadian Studies"](#), *Archivaria* 2 (Summer 1976): 60–64.
- ["Canadian Archives: Reports and Responses: The Symons Report, 1975"](#). *Archivaria* 11 (Winter 1980–81): 3-11.

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## 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.

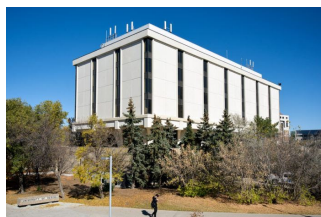


[Librarian & Archivist, Vancouver Maritime Museum](#)

Deadline: January 16, 2021

[University Archivist, Dr. John Archer Library, University of Regina](#)

Deadline: February 15, 2021 (preferential consideration)



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