



McGill ACA Student Chapter Fall 2008 Newsletter

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THE SELFLESS DEVOTEE OF TRUTH

"What we preserve and maintain, what we inherit from our predecessors and what we add ourselves are all part of the communication process. Each generation asks questions about its past, depending on its concerns about its future. To me, archives are essentially about the future."

-Ian Wilson in The UNESCO Courier, Number 9, 2008

Fall 2008 Memories...

Creation of the 4th Universe

All things "Boomsian"

Bug Death Chemical Co.

Magical InMagic

Passing the Torch

The Association of Canadian Archivists McGill Student Chapter is happy to bring you this newsletter to spread the word about what we've been up to and give you the inside scoop on what's coming your way next term.

Executive Member Elections

Our first order of business was to elect this year's Executive Committee:

Coordinator	Elaine Radman
Treasurer	Jennie Ferris
Secretary	Vanessa Sparks
Webmaster	Rosanne Lester
1st Year Representative	Gina Gönczi
2nd Year Representative	Trecia Schell
Communications Officer	Mary Haberle

Happy Hour at Thomson House

After we took care of business, Professor Gordon Burr helped us kick off the year by joining us for drinks and conversation at Thomson House. We had an excellent turnout with representation from both first and second year students whose tongues were loosened by their passion for archival practice if not by the spirits.

Redpath Museum Tour

Elaine organized a fabulous tour of McGill's own Redpath Museum, a stunning museum in the Victorian tradition built in 1882. The museum's collection represents the fields of paleontology, zoology, mineralogy, and ethnology. Participants were fortunate enough to get an insider's look at the museum from our knowledgeable host, Ingrid Birker. Copies of *Tea and Fossils* were distributed by the Museum.

Speaker: Rob Fisher of the ACA and LAC-BAC

Rob returned to SIS to welcome the new archival studies students and say hello to some familiar faces. He gave us an overview of the advantages of joining our parent association and informed us of the opportunities that exist to get involved at the national level. Alanna MacNevin won a free ACA student membership. Congratulations!

Stay Tuned!

We are excited to bring you an even fuller schedule of speakers and local archives tours next semester AND a new wiki that everyone can use to start a dialogue about all things archives. Here's a taste of what's in store next semester:

- 2nd Annual Curling Bonspiel at the Royal Montreal Curling Club!
- Tours of Local Archives including the *Médiathèque* at the *Musée d'art contemporain*
- SIS Archival Student Colloquium: *Unconventional Archives: Breaking out of the Box*