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## News

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### Welcome to our new affiliate researchers!

As approved by its board of directors, CIRM now counts six new members within its research-action axes: **Tassos Anastassiadis** (History and Classical Studies, McGill); **Claudine Déom** (Architecture, U. de Montréal); **Karim Larose** (French-Language Literatures, U. de Montréal); **Marie Leconte** (Ph.D. English Studies, Université de Montréal); **Caroline Loranger** (Literary Studies, UQAM); **Jess Reia** (Data Science, U. of Virginia); and a new resident scholar: **Kelsey Blair** (English, Concordia).

[Discover their expertises](#)

### Anouk Bélanger et Julie Auger appointed axis directors

Congratulations to our longtime member **Anouk Bélanger** (Social and Public Communication, UQAM), now director of our research-action axis “Digital culture, art, literature, and performance,” as well as **Julie Auger** (Linguistics and Translation, U. de Montréal), who joins CIRM both as associate member and co-director of the axis “Language, belonging, and plurilingualism.” Previously, the first axis was led by **Will Straw** (McGill) while the second was led by **Wim Remysen** (U. de Sherbrooke).

[Read the news item](#)

### *Policy on Children* report submitted

Last December, the advisory committee mandated to advise the City of Montréal on actions that could promote the fulfilment of children’s potential submitted a report entitled *Explorations des rôles possibles de la Ville de Montréal pour une politique de l’enfant* to the municipal administration. Led by CIRM and conducted with the collaboration of the city’s Department of Diversity and Social Inclusion, this project is the work of seven experts and

### Appointment of a communications coordinator

CIRM’s directors are pleased to announce the appointment of Julie Levasseur as Communications Coordinator. Julie is a doctoral student in political science at the Université de Montréal and has completed her master’s studies in literature and translation at McGill. She joined CIRM in 2020 as a research assistant and community manager.

their teams from three Montréal institutions: [Juan Torres](#), Isabelle Archambault, Sarah Fraser, and Sarah Dufour from the Université de Montréal, Anna-Liisa Aunio from Dawson College, and Jean-Marie Lafortune from UQAM. [Pascal Brissette](#), Delphine Collin-Vézina, [Nik Luka](#), [Stéphan Gervais](#), and [Daniel Weinstock](#) from McGill formed the advisory committee. Dissemination activities will be announced at a later stage.

[See the project description](#)

### New hire among our community managers

We are also pleased to announce the arrival of a new research assistant within our team: Antony Bell, who recently completed his B.A. in History with a minor in French Literature from McGill. As Community Manager, he will be actively involved in the dissemination and promotion of our activities. We wish him a warm welcome!

[Learn more](#)

### *Vivre tous ensemble* web series—season 2

Savoir Média and Eurêka! Productions, with CIRM's support, have produced 12 short videos relating the journey and experience of immigrants belonging to as many communities based in Montréal and throughout the province. This original web series offers an authentic foray into the heart of the immigrant experience. Our member [Tassos Anastassiadis](#) (History and Classical Studies, McGill) shares his expertise on the Greek diaspora.

[Watch the episodes \(in French\)](#)

Our increasing public activities called for the hiring of a coordinator who could prioritize and develop communications strategies that would best serve the centre and its members. We are extremely happy to be able to count on Julie's experience, expertise, rigour, and enthusiasm. We congratulate her collegially on this appointment!

[Learn more](#)

### *AI in the City* recordings made available

It is now possible to (re)watch the panel discussions held on February 10 during the *AI in the City: Building Civic Engagement and Public Trust* symposium with [Ana Brandusescu](#) (2019–2021 Prof. of Practice at CIRM / Geography, McGill) and [Jess Reia](#) (CIRM / Data Science, U. of Virginia).

[Access the recordings](#)

### Introductory workshops on computational text analysis

As part of the Data for Society Hub, our [Laboratory for Collective Narratives and Discourse Analysis \(LACONDA\)](#) currently offers seven introductory workshops on the methods and tools of computational text analysis. Conducted in French, they are specifically focused on the acquisition, structuring, manipulation, annotation, analysis, and visualization of textual data. The workshops are primarily intended for students and researchers in the humanities and social sciences but are open to all.

[See the full programming \(in French\)](#)

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## Upcoming Events

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### *Montréal as seen by...* Michael Farkas

**Wednesday, March 16** from 12:00p.m. to 1:00p.m.

The lecture series presented in collaboration with the McGill Institute for the Study of Canada, Québec Studies Student Association, and Québec Studies Program is back! Historian Mary Anne Poutanen (CIRM / Québec Studies, McGill) and undergraduate student Vadime St-Cyr (Political Science and Economics, McGill) will be in conversation with Michael Farkas, president of the *Roundtable on Black History Month* and director of *Youth in Motion*. [Details and registration \(mandatory\)](#).

*Nordicité fluviale montréalaise* conference-



experience

**April 2022**

To launch the second season of our *Montréalers and Islanders* series, **Nathalie Boucher** (CIRM / Urban Anthropology, R.Es.P.I.R.E) will host a guided tour in Verdun about the perceptions and uses of the St. Lawrence River in the winter. Date and guests to be confirmed; registration coming soon.



### *Photogenic Montréal: Activisms and Archives in a Post-industrial City seminar*

**April 2022**

**Anouk Bélanger** (CIRM / Social and Public Communication, UQAM) will host a multidisciplinary discussion about the latest book by **Martha Langford** and **Johanne Sloan**, both professors of Art History at Concordia University. Date and guests to be confirmed.

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## *Current Project*

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### **2022 planning of the Data for Society Hub (DSH)**

Since January, the coordination of the **DSH** has focused on the creation of two working groups dealing with data governance and the legal framework. Individual meetings with partners will take place in the coming weeks to take stock of the work done so far and to confirm their needs for the future of the project.

For its part, the **Laboratory for Collective Narratives and Discourse Analysis** team is carrying out the second iteration of a proof of concept related to food security. It is also planning knowledge transfer activities and the development of the data repository that will be integrated into the **Montréal Observatory of Social Issues**.

In parallel, the team behind the **Commun Axiom** software package is working on the deployment of the data sharing platform. The developers are busy designing the transformation tools for the **Commons** application, while the solutions architect is building the structure of the **Let's Agree** application.

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## *Reminders*

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### **2022–2023 BMO Postdoctoral Fellowship**

CIRM is now accepting applications for a \$45,000 postdoctoral fellowship (with a \$3,000 research budget) for the next academic year! The submitted projects must deal wholly or in part with Montréal and intersect with at least one of the centre's six research-action axes. You have until **May 9, 2022**, to submit your application. [Learn more about the fellowship and the selection process.](#)



### **Bi-faculty leadership and new associate director**

In addition to its original affiliation with the Faculty of Arts, CIRM is now attached to the Faculty of Engineering at McGill University. **Nik Luka**, CIRM Interim Director from 2020 to 2021, joins **Pascal Brissette** at the head of the centre. [Read the interview with both directors and the deans' reaction.](#)

### ***Montréalers and Islanders* podcast**

Our series of three guided tours about the St. Lawrence River and the metropolis is now available as a podcast! Hosted by **Nathalie Boucher** (CIRM / Urban Anthropology, R.Es.P.I.R.E), **Natalie Doonan** (CIRM / Communication, U. de Montréal), and **Jeanne-**



Hélène Jugie (CIRM), each episode provides an opportunity for collective reflection on the river issues of Montréal in terms of biodiversity, shoreline access, and maritime transport. [Listen to the three episodes.](#)

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**Event: *Vicoli et ruelles. Représentations de l'espace urbain dans la bande dessinée entre l'Italie et le Québec*** — submitted by Anna Giaufret

- Edited by Elisa Bricco, Johanne Desrochers, Anna Giaufret, Ferruccio Giromini, Franco Melis, and Greg Nowak
- In Genoa: Palazzo Ducale, March 4–20, 2022; in Montréal: Istituto italiano di cultura, April 28–May 31, 2022
- Exhibition of comic strips by 24 Québec and Italian artists, accompanied by a study day and two tours of authors and experts

**Event: Québec cinema at the *VII Muestra de cine francófono de Madrid*** — submitted by Carmen Mata Barreiro

- Edited by Carmen Mata Barreiro and Alain Lefebvre
- In Madrid and online, March 17–20, 2022
- Anaïs Barbeau-Lavalette's *La déesse des mouches à feu*, filmed in Montréal and Saguenay, will represent Québec.

**Event: International bilingual conference *Media and the Night/Les médias et la nuit*** — submitted by Will Straw

- Organized by Jess Reia and Will Straw
- Online, March 18-19, 2022

**Potential affiliation: *Cercle de sociolinguistique du Québec*** — submitted by Julie Auger

- Sociolinguists from all over Québec, Canada, and the world
- Biweekly virtual meetings focusing on a member's presentation or current issues in sociolinguistics
- Those interested in joining the group and receiving information about its activities can contact [Julie Auger](#).

**Publication: "*Música y coronavirus en el paisaje urbano español : espacios y ritmos*"** — submitted by Carmen Mata Barreiro

- Article written by Carmen Mata Barreiro
- Published in *ATeM: Archiv für Textmusikforschung*, December 2021

**Publication: *Voting in Quebec Municipal Elections: A Tale of Two Cities*** — submitted by Éric Bélanger

- Book written by Éric Bélanger, Cameron D. Anderson and R. Michael McGregor
- University of Toronto Press, March 2022
- CIRM contributed financially to the start of this research project in 2018 by supporting a conference held at McGill that brought together the contributors to this work.

**Publication: "*Everyday Forms of Cohabitation: New Methods for New Times*"** — submitted by Annick Germain

- Special issue edited by Annick Germain and Bob White
- *Journal of Intercultural Studies*, March 2022
- Article by Xavier Leloup about Montréal

*CIRM invites its members and partners to **submit** any call for papers or contributions, events, and book launches, related in whole or in part to Montréal and its issues, that they would like to see featured in this section.*



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