

# Department of Geography

# Undergraduate Student Orientation

- Tuesday August 26<sup>th</sup>2025
- **11:00am to 12:30pm**
- P Burnside Hall, room 306

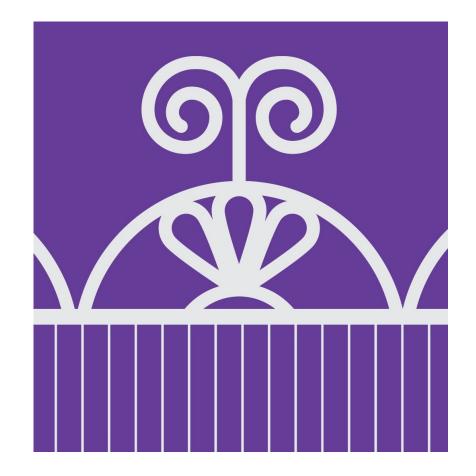


An info session to help you get your bearings and start your undergraduate studies on a good foot!

# Land Acknowledgement

McGill University's downtown campus is located on land which has long served as a site of meeting and exchange amongst Indigenous peoples, including the **Haudenosaunee** and **Anishinaabeg** nations. We acknowledge, respect and thank the diverse First Peoples whose footsteps have marked and whose presence continues to impact and define this territory on which peoples of the world now gather.

- Montreal, also known as **Tiohtiá:ke** (where the people split or parted ways, where the currents divide/unite), is the unceded territory of the **Kanien'kehá:ka** (people of the flint) who are one of the six Nations of the <u>Haudenosaunee Confederacy</u> (people of the longhouse).
- The Anishinabeg also have historical ties to the area and know this land as Mooniyang.
- Learn more about Indigenous lands upon which McGill University campuses and research stations are located, as well as its First Peoples on McGill's Indigenous Initiatives website.



# Outline



#### Introductions:

Department Chair Program Directors



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Department Advisor Advising services



#### **Spaces & resources:**

Departmental spaces
Geographic Information
Center (GIC)



#### **Spaces & resources:**

Library spaces & resources
Liaison Librarian services



### Other relevant services & opportunities:

Student Services
Summer Research
Awards
Internships
Field Study Semesters



#### **Student Associations:**

McGill Undergraduate Geography Society (MUGS)

Student Association of Sustainability, Science and Society (SASSS)

I co-teach **GEOG 216** Geography of the World Economy and teach **GEOG 311**Economic Geography!

# **Department Chair**

Professor Sebastien Breau sebastien.breau@mcgill.ca
Burnside Hall, room 417



I co-teach **GEOG 217**Cities in the Modern World and teach **GEOG 325** New Master-Planned Cities, **GEOG 425**Southeast Asia Urban Field studies, and **GEOG 475**Contested Cities and Urban Activism!

# Geography Undergraduate Affairs Committee Chair

**Professor Sarah Moser** 

sarah.moser@mcgill.ca

Burnside Hall, room 413



I teach

GEOG 360 Analyzing

Sustainability and co-teach

GEOG 290 Local

Geographical Excursion and

GEOG 398 Field Studies in

Human Geography!

# Sustainability, Science & Society Program Director

**Professor Brian Robinson** 

brian.e.robinson@mcgill.ca

Burnside Hall, room 432



I teach **GEOG 315**Transportation Geography and **GEOG 494** Urban
Field Studies!

# Urban Studies Program Director

Professor Kevin Manaugh

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Burnside Hall, room 424A



I completed both my undergraduate and graduate degrees at McGill!

# Geography Undergraduate Program Advisor

Michelle Maillet (MA Geography)

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michelle.maillet@mcgill.ca

Burnside Hall, room 322



# Departmental Advising Services

If you have questions about your program requirements, opportunities available to you as a Geography, Sustainability or Urban studies student, or need help with course registration, **reach out to Michelle as your primary point of contact**!

Michelle is available to support students via **email** (see introduction slide), **regular in-person drop-in office hours** and **virtual appointments**.

### **Drop-in office hours:**

Mondays and Wednesdays from 1pm to 4pm

### **Geography Advising Office:**

Burnside Hall, room 322

### Virtual appointments\*:

\*Virtual meetings are held on Microsoft
Teams. Download the app in advance and login with your McGill email and password.
A link to the booking system can be found in Michelle's email signature as well as the Geography Advising Office website!





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### Geography Undergraduate Advising Office Undergraduate Advisor

Michelle Maillet, the Department's Undergraduate Advisor, can help you plan your degree. She is available to answer your questions by email, by virtual appointment, or in-person office hours.

Michelle is responsible for <u>all undergraduate programs that fall under the Department of Geography</u> (including majors, minors, honours, joint honours, and Interfaculty programs). She holds a wealth of knowledge about navigating the McGill bureaucracy and can help you be strategic with your undergraduate studies. Do not hesitate to contact her for any Geography-related or general questions that you may have. If she is not the right person to answer your question, she can connect you with the appropriate person/office/service. Scroll down this page to view the drop-in office hours schedule and access the virtual appointment booking system.

For more information on the role of the advisor, how they may be of service, and what they expect of the students they advise, see the <a href="https://doi.org/10.2025/2026/nc.2026/n

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Schedule Change Alert

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Office hours are cancelled Monday September 29th.



#### **Email**

advisor.geog@mcgill.ca

Current students: To protect your privacy, the Geography Undergraduate Advising Office will only reply to you at your official McGill e-mail address. Always include your student ID number. Please check your McGill e-mail regularly to ensure that you don't miss important messages.



### Virtual Program Advising



**Book a Virtual Appointment** 

If prompted, login with your McGill email and password to access the booking site. New appointment slots become available on the Thursday and Friday for the end of the

### Resources for New Students



Resources and FAQ

New to McGill or Geography in general? Access the Geography Advising Office's Resources and Frequently Asked Questions page for new students to help get your bearings.

#### Undergraduate Research



Research Opportunities

Learn more about research opportunities for undergraduate students with Professors in the Department of Geography, including Honours programs, Independent research courses

#### Student Association Degree Planning Resources





SASSS Degree Planning Resources

Access the degree planning resources from our two Departmental student associations, the McGill Undergraduate Geography Society (MUGS) and the Student Association of Sustainability, Science and Society (SASSS) for helpful guidance from your peers to make the best of your time at McGill. You may use these resources for degree planning purposes, but keep in mind that you should always verify your degree requirements and degree plan with your Department and Faculty-level Advisors to ensure that your plan is consistent with Faculty policies and overall degree requirements needed to graduate.

#### Faculty of Science and Faculty of Arts Advising Offices

Science Office for Undergraduate Student Advising (SOUSA)

Arts Office of Advising and Student Information Services (OASIS)

Faculty Advisors (or Degree Advisors) oversee students' overall degree requirements and manage Faculty-level degree policies including Exchanges and Study Away as well as Degree transfers. Access your Faculty's advising office website to learn more about Faculty advising services and Faculty policies that apply to your degree. SOUSA supports BSc and BA&Sc degree students, while OASIS supports BA degree students.



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#### Science Internship and Field Studies Office (IFSO)



McGill Field Study Semesters

Faculty of Science Internship Program

The Science Internship & Field Studies Office promotes field studies and internships to interested students seeking hands-on experience. The office coordinates the field study semesters offered through the Faculty of Science and open to all degree students, and provides valuable information on the Science Internship program for B.Sc. and B.A.&Sc. degree students.

#### **Arts Internship Office** (AIO)



Faculty of Arts Summer Internship Postings

Find your own Internship

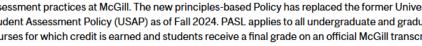
Faculty of Arts Internship Awards

Are you a B.A. or B.A.&Sc. degree student looking to gain firsthand professional or research experience and enrich your academic studies through an internship? Discover a multitude of internship opportunities all around the world or find your own internship with our guidance.

#### McGill Policy on Assessment of Student Learning

McGill Policy on Assessment of Student Learning (PASL)

The Policy on Assessment of Student Learning (PASL) is intended to provide a framework for assessment practices at McGill. The new principles-based Policy has replaced the former University Student Assessment Policy (USAP) as of Fall 2024. PASL applies to all undergraduate and graduate courses for which credit is earned and students receive a final grade on an official McGill transcript.





#### McGill Student Wellness Hub



Student Wellness Hub Website

Local Wellness Advisors (LWAs)

Telehealth Services

Workshops

The Student Wellness Hub provides a range of services to support the well-being of McGill Students with a focus on *awareness*, *prevention*, *and early intervention*. Follow <a href="mailto:@HealthierMcGill">@HealthierMcGill</a> for updates on Hub services, wellness tips, and upcoming events.



#### McGill Career Planning Service (CaPS)

Career Advising

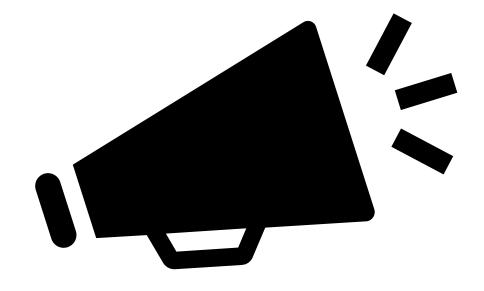
Job Search Skills and Resources

Graduate School Resources

myFuture Portal

CaPS, McGill's Central Career Services, supports student career and leadership development through career counselling and advising, skills development workshops, experiential learning and career exploration programs, mentoring, and career and networking events. CaPS provides and oversees a wide variety of resources and tools to help students search for part-time / summer jobs, internships and post-graduation opportunities, including the myFuture platform and the Co-Curricular Record, with the goal of helping students become career-ready now and for their future.

# Join the Geography Advising Office mailing list!





Scan to access the sign-up webform!

(if prompted, login with your McGill email and password)

- Stay in the loop with opportunities and events of interest to Geography, Sustainability and Urban studies students!
- Receive important news and announcements about advising services, courses, degree planning resources, and more!



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# Faculty Advising Offices

**Department Advisors** collaborate with your **Faculty Advisors (also called Degree Advisors)** to help support you throughout your degree. Department Advisors are primarily responsible for overseeing that program requirements are met and provide course registration support, while the Faculty Advisors oversee:

- Foundation program requirements.
- University and Faculty regulations and policies.
- Study away/exchanges.
- Final exam issues (e.g. implications of deferring an exam).
- Interfaculty transfers
- Readmission.

# Faculty Advising Offices

#### **Bachelor of Arts:**

Arts Office of Advising and Student Information Services (Arts OASIS).



P Dawson Hall, ground floor.

#### **Bachelor of Science:**

Science Office for Undergraduate Student Advising (SOUSA).



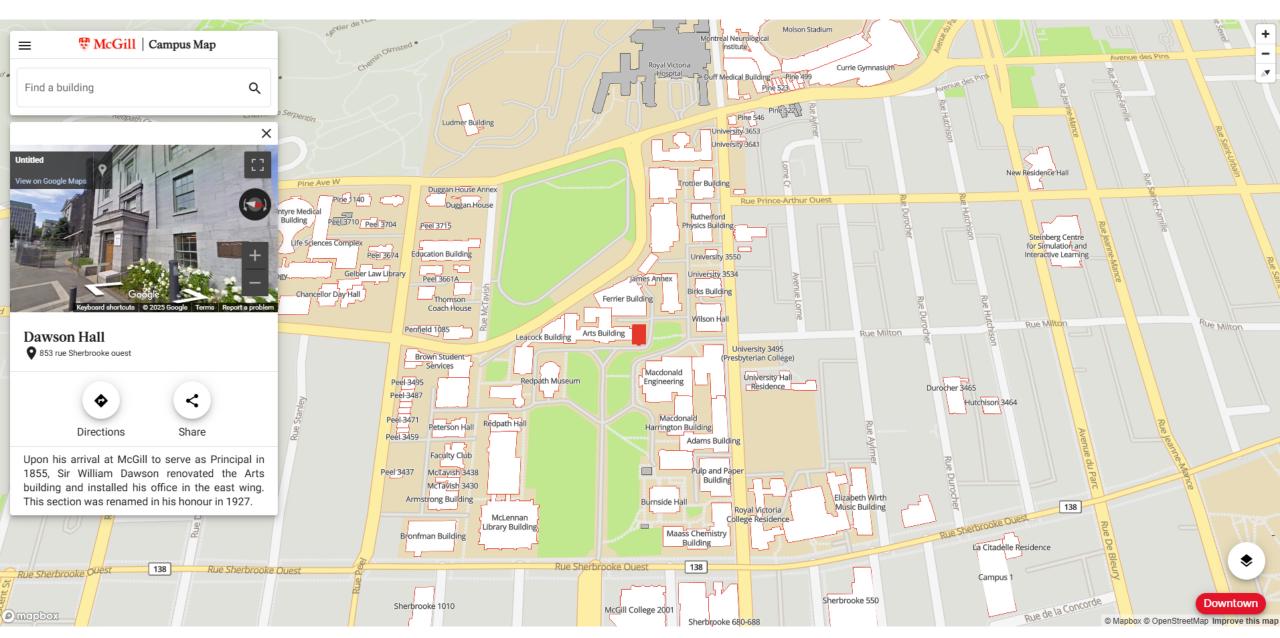
Adams Building, room 23.

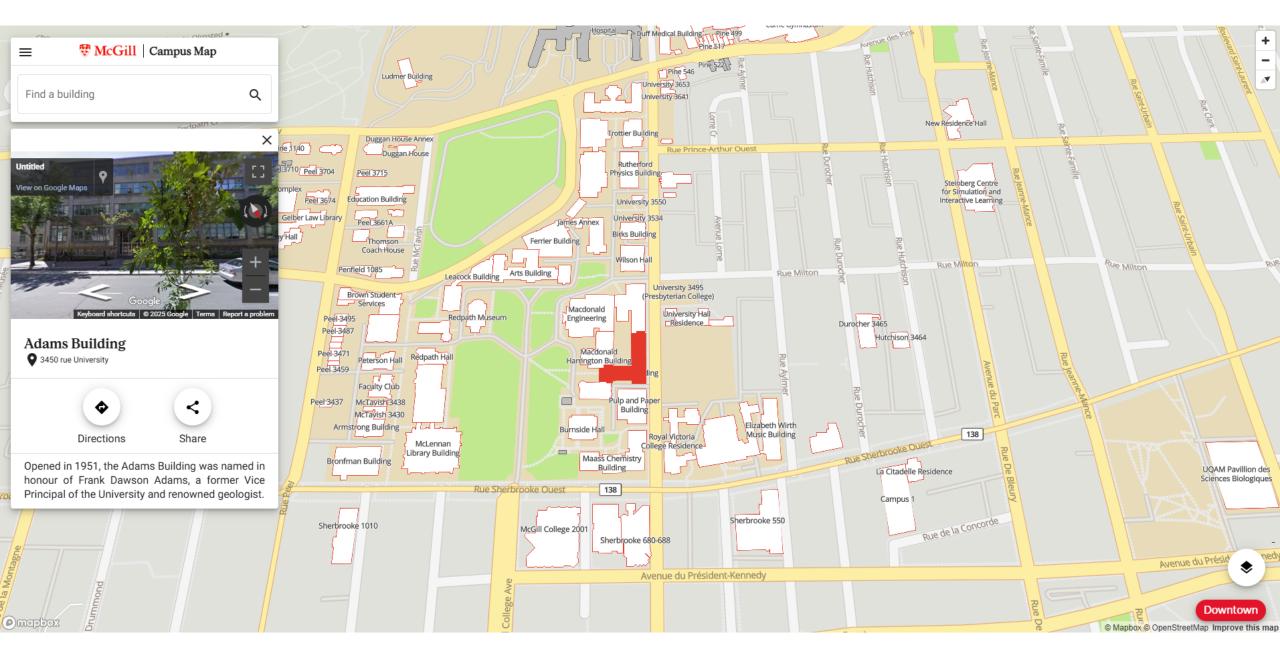
#### **Bachelor of Arts & Science:**

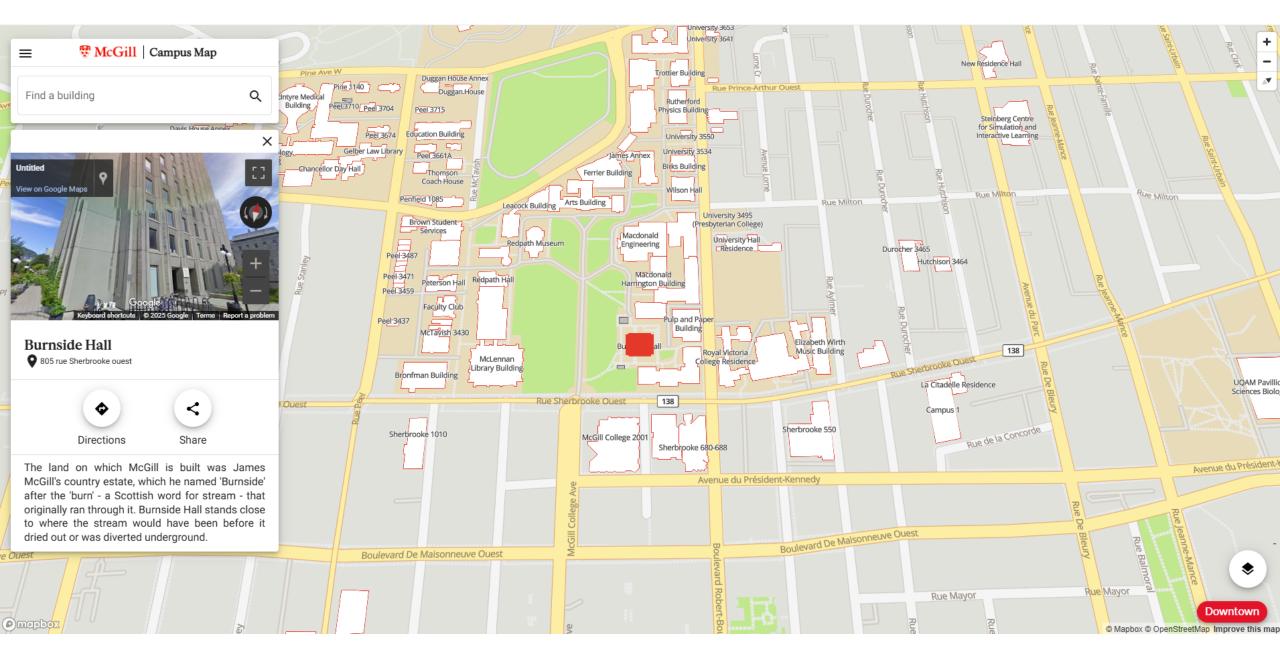
Degree Advisor Tania Raggo, based at SOUSA.

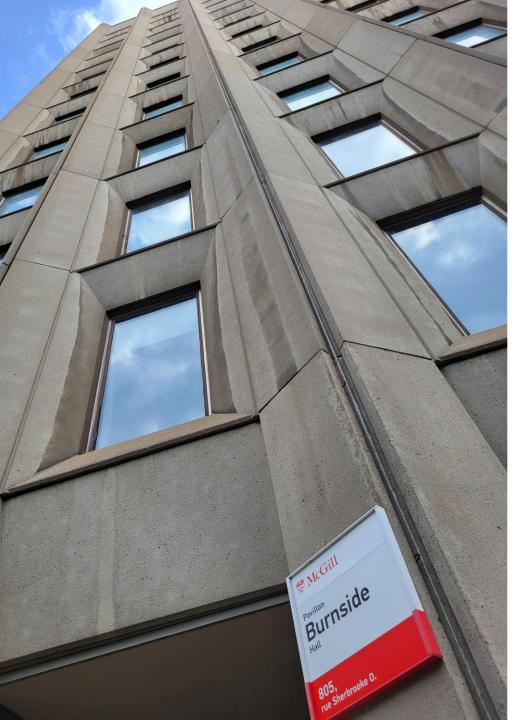












# Department of Geography

- P Burnside Hall, floors 3 to 7
  - Classrooms (rooms 306, 308, 426 and 429)
  - Undergraduate Student Lounge (room 312)
  - Undergraduate Advising Office (room 322)
  - Administrative Office (room 305)
  - Geographic Information Centre (5<sup>th</sup> floor)
  - Computer lab (room 511)
  - Physical Geography laboratories (6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> floors)

Newly renovated study spaces, and gender neutral/accessible bathrooms located in the Burnside basement.



# Geographic Information Centre (GIC)

### Home of Geospatial Data Science at McGill

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### What?

### Home of Geospatial Data Science at McGill

Support in all questions regarding geospatial data sciences
Geographic Information Systems
Remote Sensing
R / Python / PostGreSQL

for all of McGill community
researchers
students
staff

# So, what specifically?

### Public computer area

40 well-equipped workstations, plus 10 further workstations remotely accessible

### Open work space

lots of space & power outlets

#### Seminar room BH512

book it when you need it

#### Workshops

every week (during term, starting Sept.) R, ArcGIS, QGIS, Python, SQL, ...

### GeoAnalytics Lab

8 even better equipped workstations, also accessible remotely

### Individual geospatial support

six front desk students, one research assistant, one GIS technician, and the director

Map making services

Plotting services

Equipment lending

tablets & cameras for field work, GNSS receiver

### Drone flying services

get aerial images for your research project



## Who?







Ruilan Shi, Senior GIS technician



Isaac Wong, Research Assistant



six front desk students (here: Noé, Matt, Hannah, Brian)

## When?

### In person

during term (as of 2<sup>nd</sup> week)

Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

front desk: 12 hours

Saturday and Sunday, 12:00 to 6:00 p.m.

front desk: 6 hours

### Through Zoom

Go to our Booking page at www.gic.mcgill.ca



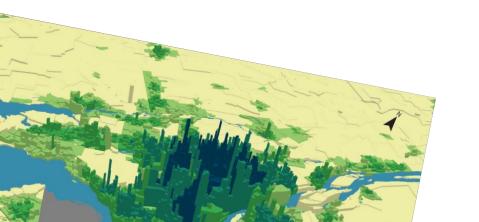
# GIS Day at

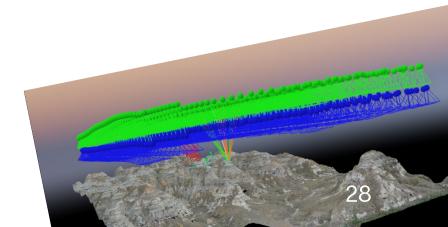


Save the date!

Wednesday, Nov 13 in the afternoon

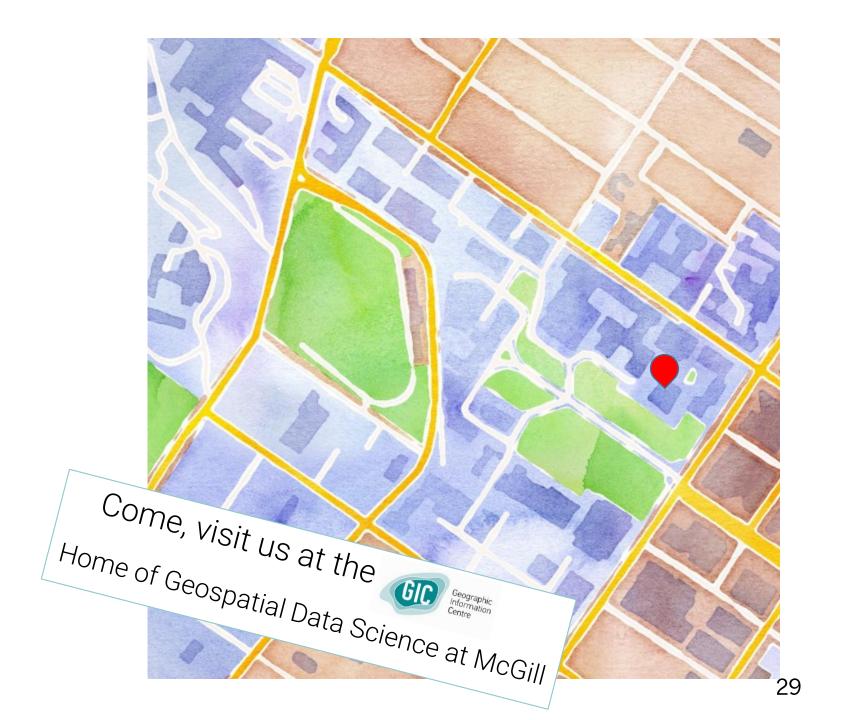
Learn about the latest and greatest in GIS, Remote sensing & geospatial data science





## Where?

gic.mcgill.ca
Burnside Hall
5<sup>th</sup> floor



# Welcome Bienvenue



# MCGILL LIBRARIES ORIENTATION

Schulich Library
McGill University Libraries
August 2025

# Schulich Library

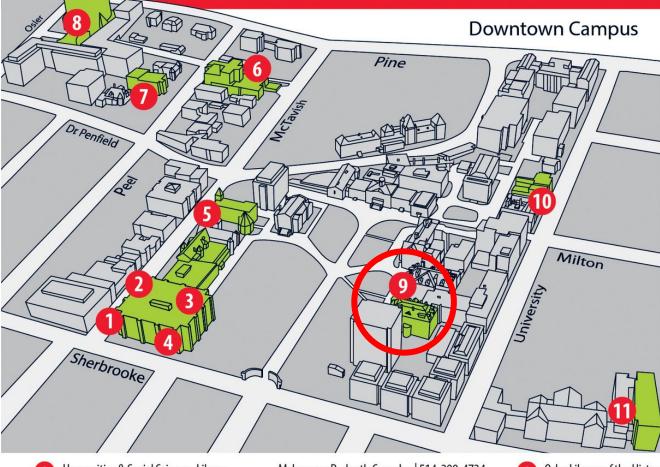
Liaison Librarians at the Schulich Library

### ○ We can help you

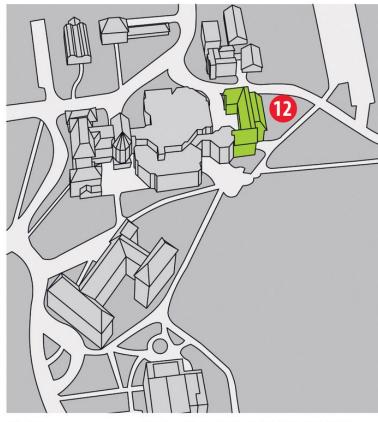
- Use the library's collections, services, and spaces.
- Search for research literature.
- Manage and cite references.
- Manage research data.
- Answer questions related to copyright, scholarly communications and more.

email: Schulich.library@mcgill.ca

#### Library Branch Map



#### **Macdonald Campus**



- 1 Humanities & Social Sciences Library
- Rare Books & Special Collections
- McGill University Archives
- Visual Arts Collection
- Islamic Studies Library
- 6 Education Curriculum Resources Centre
- Nahum Gelber Law Library

McLennan-Redpath Complex | 514-398-4734 McLennan Library Bldg, 4th flr | 514-398-4711 McLennan Library Bldg, 4th flr | 514-398-4711 McLennan Library Bldg, 4th flr | 514-398-1859

Morrice Hall | 514-398-3662

Education Bldg, 1st flr | 514-398-5726 3660 Peel St | 514-398-4715

- 8 Osler Library of the History of Medicine
- 9 Schulich Library of Physical Sciences, Life Sciences, and Engineering
- 10 Birks Reading Room
- Marvin Duchow Music Library
- 12 Macdonald Campus Library

McIntyre Medical Bldg, 3rd flr | 514-398-4475 ext. 09873

Macdonald-Stewart Library Bldg | 514-398-4769

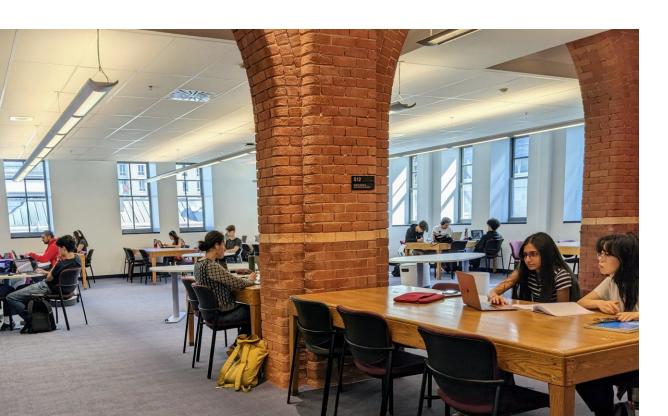
William and Henry Birks Bldg, 2nd flr | 514-398-4127

Elizabeth Wirth Music Bldg, 3rd flr | 514-398-4695

Barton Bldg, 2nd flr | 514-398-7881

# Schulich Library

- Over 800 seats.
- Mix of quiet and group study space.
- 3D printer service.





<u>Check the website</u> for opening hours, which change throughout the semester!



# Schulich Library Tours

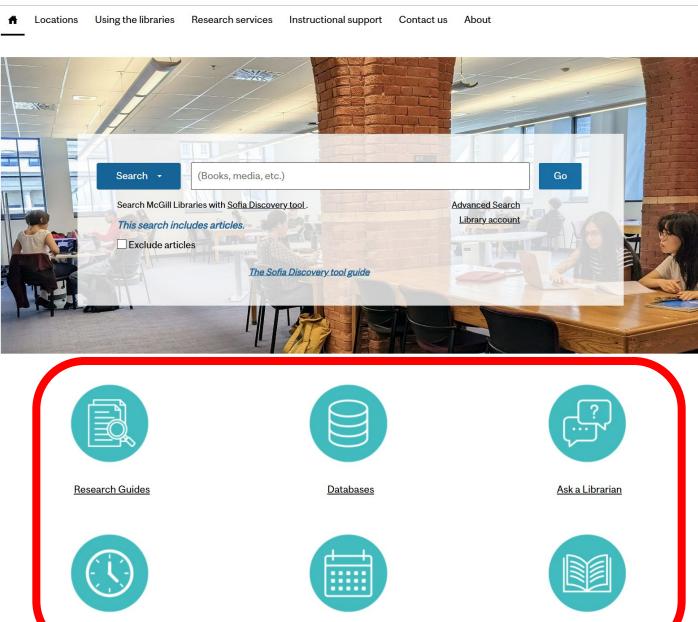
A number of 45 minute tours offered over the next few weeks, come see what the Library has to offer!

Schedule and sign up on the McGill Libraries Workshops page!



Hours

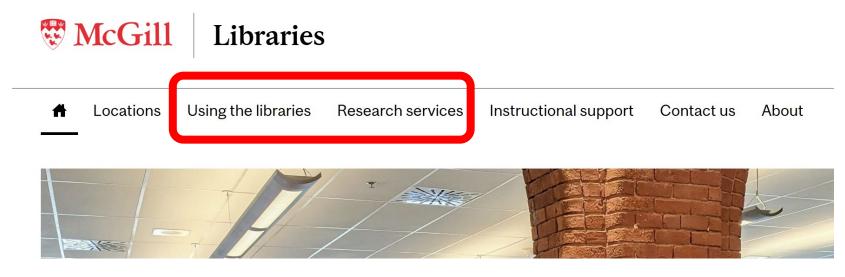




Room Booking

Course Reserves

# Additional information



#### Links under 'Using the libraries' include...

- Accessing online resources.
- Borrowing from McGill.
- Course reserves and readings.
- Interlibrary loan.
- Course guides and citation guides.
- And more!

#### Links under Research services include...

- Collections.
- Open Access.
- Research data services.
- Workshops and tours.
- eScholarship.
- And more!



# Geography subject guide

#### Geography

This subject guide offers resources on both human and physical geography.



#### Welcome to the Geography subject guide!

This subject guide recommends useful resources for research in both human geography and physical geography. Resources are categorized by the type of material. Use the tabs on the left menu to explore them. Feel free to email or book an appointment with me if you have a question.

If the Library doesn't have the articles or books that you need, you may request them through <a href="InterLibrary Loan">InterLibrary Loan</a> (ILL) or email me the suggestion. We may be able to purchase a copy for the Library.

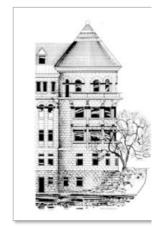
If you need to access McGill Library's electronic resources, such as e-books, e-journals or article databases from off-campus, use either <u>EZproxy</u> or <u>VPN</u>.

#### Library of Congress classification numbers for Geography

Geography studies physical environments and human habitats. It deals with people and places and covers a wide range of issues, such as global warming and climate change, food and water resources, management of ecosystems, human health, regional economic disparities, urban infrastructure, native land claims, and permafrost problems. You can browse the shelves using the following classification numbers. Note that a significant part of the Library's collection is in electronic format. Please use the <u>Library Catalogue</u> to explore our full collection.

- DE23-31 [Historical] geography [world. European countries]
- E179.5 Historical geography [of America]
- G1-922 Geography (General)

#### Schulich Librarians





Schulich Library of Physical Science Sciences, and Engineering 514-398-4769



Need help? Ask us!



# Citation management

- Store references and PDF full text.
- Generate bibliographies.
- Works with LaTeX.
- Free of charge for McGill users.
- Downloadable on this page: <u>Citation guides & software | Libraries -</u>
   <u>McGill University</u>

Schedule and sign up on the Library Workshops page!







## More on Orientation





Welcome to the McGill Libraries | Libraries - McGill University





## Beyond Books

#### News & events

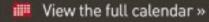






Find News, Workshops and Events offered by the Library at: News & events | Libraries - McGill University

Take your research skills to the next level with workshops or discover the Library's rare & special collections through unique events and exhibitions.



# BOOKMARK WORTHY SITES

#### Libraries homepage and catalogue

Libraries - McGill University

#### Geography subject guide

libraryguides.mcgill.ca/geography

#### **Orientation page**

Welcome to the McGill Libraries | Libraries McGill University

#### **Questions? Ask us!**

Questions? Ask a librarian! | Libraries - McGill
 University

#### Social media accounts

Follow the Libraries! | Libraries - McGill University

#### Health and wellness at the Library

Health and wellness | Libraries - McGill University





# Thank you Merci!



## **Student Services**

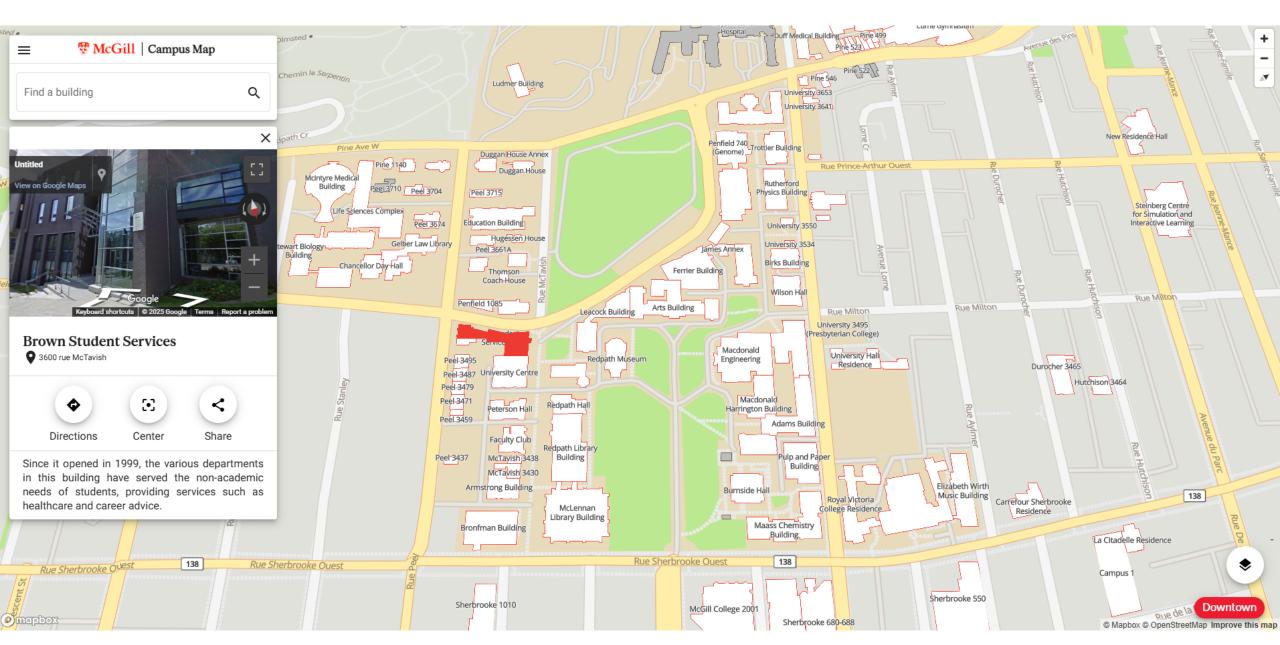




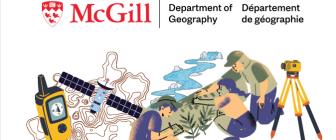
Refer to the <u>Student Services website</u>, or ask Michelle to learn more about services available to help promote and support your wellbeing and academic success:

- Campus Life & Engagement.
- Career Planning Service.
- International Student Services.
- Office of Religious & Spiritual Life.
- Student Accessibility & Achievement.
- Scholarships & Student Aid.
- Student Wellness Hub.
- Office of the Dean of Students.
- First Peoples' House.





## Opportunities to enrich your degree!



The Faculty of Science offers an internship program and summer research awards for BSc and BA&Sc degree students. Applications for the research awards are due in February for the coming summer.

Learn more about these opportunities by scanning the QR codes below to access the SURA, URSA, SIP websites!

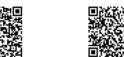


Program (SIP),



Research Awards (SURA)

\*Open to BA students from Science Departments with some restrictions



Research Awards







Internship Awards (ARIA) Awards (AIA)





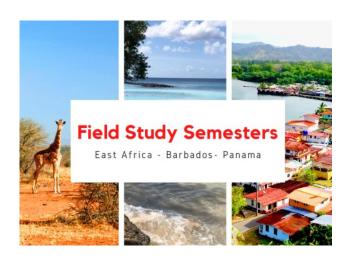
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#### **Arts internship Office (AIO)**



P Leacock buildings, room 370

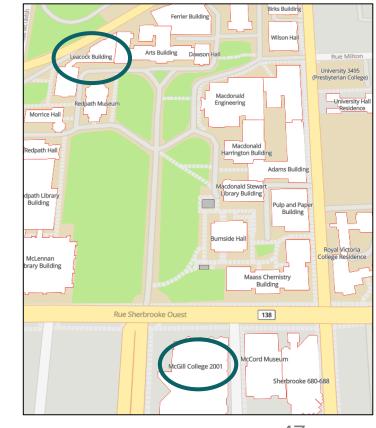
## Science Field Studies and Internship Office (IFSO)



9 2001 McGill College, room 646B\*

\*Accessible by appointment only







# Students' Association of Sustainability, Science, and Society

## Who are we?



Ava Kleban- Co President



Adele Valero- VP Comms



Cristina Gandasegui-Co-President



Bella-Mai McNulty- VP Events



Emet Shifrin- VP Finance



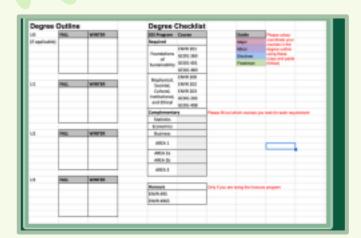


Capucine Parvery- Lower Year Representative



Syona Vashisth- VP Communications







### **Our Resources**







- Degree Guides
- Degree Plans
- Alumni Programs and Meet-Ups!

## Join SASSS!



#### **VP Academic**

- -Liaison to MUGS
- -Manage academic resources
- -Host study sessions/academic events!

#### Stay tuned for Winter 2026 positions!

- **-VP Events**
- -VP Comms





## Where to find us?

Instagram: mcgill\_sasss

Email: mcgill.sasss@gmail.com



Our meetings! Check our Instagram or email us for the time and place! Open to all SSS students!