



McGill Community for Lifelong Learning

*For people who want to learn
for the joy of it!*

October 2023 eBulletin

Are we ready for fall?



***This issue has a number of ways to get involved and we
begin by calling on all volunteers....***

Can you help create a database?

Each semester, MCLL organizes members to act as a conversation partner for someone from a different organization who wants to improve their conversation skills in a second language. The search is on for a volunteer interested in creating a database which would include a list of MCLL participants and the partnerships in which they have been involved. This would allow us to be able to quickly identify the availability and status of volunteers each semester. For more information contact **Lorne Huston** at: lhuston137@gmail.com

Another volunteer opportunity

Do you want to learn about nutrition?

Sought: an MCLL member who might be willing to meet once or twice a week to help a student in the English for Professional Communication program speaking English. The student is high-level English as a second language speaker who would like to improve her fluency through conversation practice. Her background is in health sciences and nutrition, and her goal is to pass an English proficiency test to be able to go to university to further her studies. So the exchange would be language skills for nutrition info! Anyone interested should contact the academic program coordinator of English for Professional Communication, **Margaret Levey**: margaret.levey@mcgill.ca

And also.....

Have you ever thought of co-moderating?

Attention Moderators and Moderators-to-be seeking help to develop your good ideas for new study groups! In addition to contacting your Liaison at the Curriculum Committee, you can publish your request for help here! Send in a simple description of your idea, with the topic and target session for a new Study Group and your coordinates. We will gladly publish your announcement in the next edition of the e-Bulletin. Or reach out to **Francois Labonté** - at flabonteca@yahoo.ca - for more information.

Here's an example:

COURSE CO-MODERATOR WANTED

As a Toronto resident who's been a member, Zoom host and co-moderator at MCLL since COVID hit, I have been thinking I'd like to present an online course next year called, "*The Quiet Revolution & the Birth of Modern Quebec*." We would watch and discuss news films from the years 1960 to 1980 ([click here](#)), and/or listen to presentations prepared and made by members of the group. Participation would be in both French and English. The partner I'm looking for would ideally be a Francophone history buff with moderating experience. My qualifications as a co-moderator are that I have led twenty study groups at three later life learning organizations since retiring twelve years ago. This has always been with a partner, who chaired the meetings while I looked after content design and technical support. My knowledge of the subject comes from attending McGill and Laval Universities and vacationing in Montreal, Quebec City and rural Quebec during the period in question and from keeping on top of developments in the province since then. If you're interested in becoming a co-moderator and would like to discuss, please contact me - **Frank Nicholson** - at fnicholson@rogers.com or 1.416.488.6131.

Give it some thought!



Be a partner in your health

Monday, October 30, 2023

12:00pm - 1:30pm - Presenter: Francesca Frati

This is an online event.



We are each in charge of our own health and well-being and having the right information can help us stay healthy and recover when we are not well. This lecture, given by **Francesca Frati**, a McGill Health Sciences librarian, will provide some tips for how to find and evaluate health information.

[Register here](#)

Language Improvement Anyone?



A workshop to practice your French

Want a conversation exchange?

MCLL has partnered with a community group of seniors from the Plateau (Projet Changement) to offer a conversation exchange service. If you are interested in improving your French, we will pair you up with one of their members who wants to improve their English. The two partners will arrange between themselves when and how they will meet (in person or otherwise) for one hour of conversation per week, alternating between French and English. Many participants enjoy this activity because, in addition to practicing a second language, they find it interesting to converse with people from a different background. To register, go to [MCLL Lectures | MCLL - McGill University](#) and look for

French-English Conversation Exchange (YCLML 695). Or for more information, contact **Alain Lessard** at convex.mcll@mcgill.ca

Partenariat francophone MCLL-SCS

Bénévoles francophones recherchés

En partenariat avec l'École d'éducation permanente de McGill, nous jumelons des bénévoles à des étudiants inscrits au Certificat de français pour la communication professionnelle. L'objectif? Contribuer à l'apprentissage du français. Le moyen? S'engager à converser librement 1 hre/semaine avec des adultes d'origines diverses vivant à Montréal. Quand? Début-octobre à la fin de novembre. Modalités? Le plus souvent virtuellement, dates et heure selon les besoins des partenaires. Bénéfice? Le plaisir de partager un peu de la culture francophone avec quelqu'un qui y fait ses premiers pas. Pour plus d'informations, n'hésitez pas à communiquer à l'adresse suivante: **Danielle Duhamel**; mcll.scs.fr@mcgill.ca

Lovely lunch. Lots of people. Lots of food.



Photos by Linda Sidel

What can be better than good food, a warm August afternoon and good friends (old and new)...? More than 50 MCLL members gathered to celebrate the start of a new season, and the terrace of Le Duc du Lorraine Restaurant was the perfect place to enjoy each other's company. (To enlarge the pictures hold down the CTRL button and move the roller on your mouse).

New! Our Lecture Recording Site!!

Missed any MCLL lectures???? The new **Lecture Recording site** gives you access to a video library of selected lectures delivered between Spring 2022 and Spring 2023 where you can stream video recordings of lectures that you have already enjoyed anytime and anywhere - or missed. This library is restricted to current MCLL members. Just click on [this link](#) for the Catalogue! (Remember to activate your McGill email address).

List of Indigenous Events for October

Months of September and October 2023
Garden of Lights – A Rendez-Vous with Wonder – At the First Nations Garden
Montreal Botanical Gardens - in person [INFO & TIMED TICKETS](#)



Tuesday, October 3
Lecture Me: Healing and Indigenous Films
[CLICK HERE FOR ZOOM RESERVATION](#)



Friday, 6 October and Saturday, 7 October
Connected Nations: Indigenous Rights and the Royal Proclamation of 1763
[CLICK HERE FOR ZOOM RESERVATION](#)



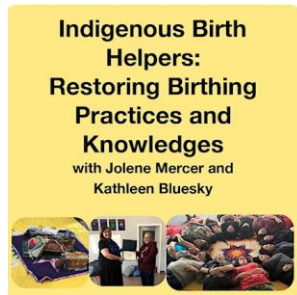
Thursday, October 12
Truth and Reconciliation Commission Workshop
[CLICK HERE FOR ZOOM RESERVATION](#)



Thursday, October 12

Indigenous Birth Helpers: Restoring Birthing Practices and Knowledges

[CLICK HERE FOR ZOOM RESERVATION](#)



Thursday, October 12

Digital Stewardship: Supporting Indigenous Communities through Allyship

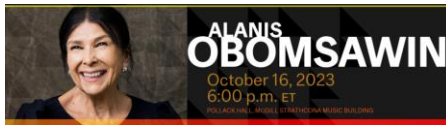
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Monday Oct 16th

Alanis Obomsowin - McGill Annual Beatty Lecture: In person - TICKETS ARE SOLD OUT

[INFO](#)



Monday, October 16

How to Cover Indigenous Stories as a Non-Indigenous Journalist

[CLICK HERE FOR ZOOM INFORMATION](#)



Wednesday, October 18

One Earth, Many Stories: Indigenous Storytelling, Knowledgeways, & Ecology

[CLICK HERE FOR ZOOM INFORMATION](#)



Last Chance for Current Course Info.....

Study Group Schedule Fall 2023

Unless otherwise indicated, study groups are 10 weeks in duration and started early September:

<https://www.mcgill.ca/mcll/study-groups>

MCLL Fall 2023 Outings (O), Workshops (W), and Lectures (L):

<https://www.mcgill.ca/mcll/lectures>

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