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Dear alumni & friends,

I would like to introduce myself as the new Interim Director of the School. I took over the reins from Prof. Bouthillier in September 2015. Prof. Bouthillier is still part of our School but she is currently also the Associate Dean at Graduate and Post-Doctoral Studies here at McGill.

Other changes include the appointment of Prof. Catherine Guastavino as our Graduate Program Director of the PhD program, and the appointment of Prof. Karyn Moffatt as the Interim Graduate Program Director of our Master's program.

Our highlights include our three new graduate certificate degrees in Digital Archives Management, Information and Knowledge Management and Information Architecture. Our curriculum continues to grow and evolve with the addition of a fifth required course to be taken in the second year that serves to facilitate the transition from learning to working. We have also introduced new courses such as Information and Cognition, Information Architecture, Music Information Retrieval and Skills for Information Professionals.

The School continues to establish new research projects, and 2015 was no exception. In addition to new grants

obtained by faculty, Prof. Benjamin Fung was named the Canada Research Chair in Data Mining for Cybersecurity. SIS continues to consolidate its core research themes under the umbrella of human-information interaction which in turn offers our students not only new courses but opportunities to become involved as both TAs and RAs.

We are very proud of the number of awards our Master's and Doctoral students have received, including Fei Shu, a doctoral candidate in our School, who was awarded an iSchool fellowship.

You will find many more updates on our faculty, students and alumni in this issue. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you the best and to invite you to continue to stay actively connected with our community. We are always happy to hear from you and learn of new developments. Please send us your updates both the "old-fashioned" way and through participation in our social media networks.

Last but not least, your continued support is greatly appreciated and makes an enormous difference to the quality of learning and student engagement that we can continue to offer.

Sincerely,

Kimiz Dalkir
Director (Interim)

PROF. BENJAMIN FUNG APPOINTED CANADA RESEARCH CHAIR

Casey Scott



“It is in recognition of the contributions made by my research team, especially by my PhD students in SIS, and a result of close collaboration with researchers and practitioners in the healthcare and national defense sectors,” says Prof. Benjamin Fung of his 2015 appointment as Canada Research Chair in Data Mining for Cybersecurity.

Having come to Canada from Hong Kong at age 14, Prof. Fung obtained his BSc, MSc and PhD degrees in Computing Science from Simon Fraser University in B.C. and became a professional software engineer. He has been a member of the School’s faculty since 2013, where he teaches courses in data mining and information security and heads up the Data Mining and Security Lab.

His research involves analysis of emails to determine authorship, improvements to privacy protection of personal data, and data mining techniques to assist in cybercrime detection.

Finding patterns and associations in data has always been a challenge. With the increasing amount of data collected and stored due to advances in technological capabilities, innovative techniques are needed to mine these data to determine links and patterns. Data mining research seeks to discover new and efficient means of extracting information from the large volume of complex data available and make sense of this information.

Prof. Fung is currently developing a secure and privacy-preserving data sharing system in a cloud environment in collaboration with the McGill Department of Family Medicine. With his 12 years’ experience in this domain, he hopes to help healthcare agencies anonymize their data while maintaining effective mining capabilities for data recipients. Prof. Fung

is working to provide practical and feasible techniques to safely anonymize data without sacrificing knowledge discovery. The growth of cloud environments requires extra care with respect to data encryption, adding an additional challenge to this project.

In related cybersecurity work, Prof. Fung and his research team are developing a large-scale assembly code mining system for malware analysis. Malware, such as viruses, trojan horses, and worms, are software pieces that intend to perform malicious activities on computers. In collaboration with Defence Research and Development Canada (DRDC), this pioneering work will automatically characterize and detect malware in a scalable manner to accommodate terabyte-sized assembly code repositories.

Further research interests lie in “strengthening cyber critical infrastructures in smart cities – where information technology is used to enhance the daily life of citizens.” Prof. Fung foresees the possibility of attacks on the cyber infrastructures and says that “to prevent this, we need to secure the critical cyber infrastructure, which has as a trade off the loss of individual privacy.” His goal is to achieve balance between security and freedom.

SIS HISTORY SNAPSHOT: 50 YEARS AGO in 1965

- > The School’s name changes from “Library School” to the “Graduate School of Library Science.”
- > The School moves from the jurisdiction of the Faculty of Arts and Science to the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research.
- > The one-year Bachelor of Library Science (BLS) program is in its final year.
- > The two-year Master of Library Science (MLS) program is introduced, replacing the one-year BLS.

THREE NEW GRADUATE CERTIFICATES

The School is pleased to announce three new 15-credit graduate certificate degrees: Graduate Certificate in Digital Archives Management, Graduate Certificate in Information & Knowledge Management, and Graduate Certificate in Information Architecture.

Designed for students or professionals holding a bachelor's degree or higher, the certificates are comprised of five courses selected from a set of core and complementary courses. The programs may be completed in as little as two academic semesters (Fall/Winter), or up to a maximum of three years. We invite you to visit the School's website at www.mcgill.ca/sis to learn more about the Graduate Certificate programs.

Graduate Certificate in Digital Archives Management

Core courses:

- **Digital Curation**
- **Organization of Information**

Complementary courses:

- Enterprise Content Management
- Metadata and Access
- Archival Description and Access
- Preservation Management
- Multimedia Systems
- Database Design and Development

Graduate Certificate in Information & Knowledge Management

Core courses:

- **Knowledge Management**
- **Information Behaviour and Resources**

Complementary courses:

- Knowledge Taxonomies
- Knowledge Networks
- Intellectual Capital
- Competitive Intelligence

Graduate Certificate in Information Architecture

Core courses:

- **Information Architecture**
- **Information System Design**

Complementary courses:

- Web System Design and Management
- Usability Analysis and Assessment
- User-centered Design
- Information Retrieval
- Information Security
- Data Mining
- Multimedia Systems
- Database Design and Development

NEW MASTER OF INFORMATION STUDIES COURSES

The Master of Information Studies (MIS) program is constantly evolving, with five new courses offered this year:

INTEGRATING RESEARCH & PRACTICE

This new MIS core course provides students with opportunities for analysis of theoretical and applied research in information studies, reflection on implications for professional practice and achievement in a capstone project summarizing students' experiences in their studies.

SKILLS FOR INFORMATION PROFESSIONALS

Addresses four inter-related "people" or soft skills that information professionals require: communication skills, interpersonal abilities, leadership skills and ethical and professional conduct. Students will evaluate their current level of ability in these four areas to identify and address specific gaps. Topics include: how to present effectively, work collaboratively, lead and facilitate groups, and professional ethics.

INFORMATION ARCHITECTURE

Information Architecture (IA) is the process of analyzing, designing, implementing, and evaluating information spaces. The course provides an overview of use-design aspects of human information and computer interaction. Topics include: human factors in IA; IA and information systems (IS) design principles and methodologies; work, task, and process analysis; IS modeling, requirements gathering and evaluation; and information visualization.

MUSIC INFORMATION RETRIEVAL

Offers an overview of the foundation, terminology, and principles of Music Information Retrieval (MIR) with a focus on the users of MIR systems. The course includes an examination of recent developments and applications in MIR; a critical discussion of research methods and findings from user studies in MIR; and application to user studies in Music Information Retrieval.

INFORMATION & COGNITION

Provides an introduction to the cognitive aspects of human-information interaction. This course covers topics such as knowledge representation; tacit knowledge; decision making and problem solving; information encoding into, and retrieval from memory; information avoidance; information overload and dealing with uncertainty; how mental health issues affect information behavior; and the multimodal nature of the mind.

SHOWCASING LEARNING: CLASS OPEN HOUSES

MASTER'S PRACTICUM OPEN HOUSE

The three-credit *Practicum* (GLIS 699) provides second-year Master of Information Studies students with the opportunity to apply concepts and practices learned in coursework, and to strengthen skills by assisting in professional-level work under the guidance of a qualified information professional. The program remains one of the most popular electives at the School, with 47 enrolments in the Winter 2015 semester.

On April 7, 2015, the School opened its doors for a showcase of visual presentations of students' practicum projects in libraries, archives, and other information settings. A special thank-you is extended to practicum site supervisors for their involvement in this program. To enjoy more photos from the event, visit the 2015 Practicum Showcase gallery on the School's website.

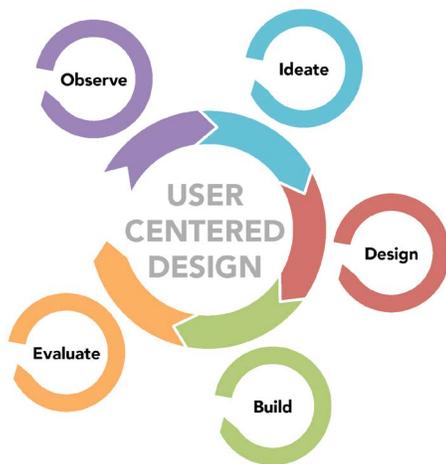


Daniel Míguez de Luca, MLIS'15, with practicum site supervisors Megan Chellew, MLIS'05 and Sarah Severson, MLIS'09.



R-L: Desmond Wong, MLIS'15. Amanda Watson, MLIS'15, and practicum site supervisor Julie Jones, MLIS'08. Savika Fowsar, MLIS'15.

USER CENTERED DESIGN OPEN HOUSE



This December, **Prof. Karyn Moffatt** hosted a *GLIS 627: User Centered Design* open house featuring students' final projects. The course provides students with skills to participate in the design of effective information system interfaces

through hands-on application of user-centered design principles. The open house showcased inventive and thought-provoking projects which sparked lively discussions between students and attendees.



R-L: Julie Lin, Christopher Marsh, and Casey Scott, MSt II students. Emile Forest, visiting student (far left) and Brian Arsenault, MLIS II student (upper right).

FACULTY UPDATES

APPOINTMENTS & PROMOTIONS

Prof. France Bouthillier was promoted to Associate Dean, McGill Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, on September 1, 2015. Dr. Bouthillier will continue to teach and perform research at the School.

Prof. Kimiz Dalkir was appointed as Interim Director of the School of Information Studies on September 1, 2015.

Prof. Catherine Guastavino was appointed as Graduate Program Director for the PhD program.

Prof. Karyn Moffatt was appointed as Graduate Program Director (Interim) for the Master of Information Studies (MIS) and Graduate Certificate programs.

Prof. Max Evans and **Prof. Ilja Frissen** were reappointed as Assistant Professors for a three-year term.

VISITING SCHOLARS, PROFESSORS, & AFFILIATE MEMBERS

Dr. Victoria Slonosky was invited as a Visiting Scholar from January 1 to December 31, 2016 by Dr. Eun Park. Dr. Slonosky, Director of the Canadian Climate Data Rescue Project and Coordinator of the DRAW project, will collaborate with **Prof. Eun Park** and others on the DRAW (Data Rescue: Archives and Weather) project. Read more about the DRAW project below.

Dr. Yan Bai, Associate Professor, Institute of Technology, University of Washington Tacoma was invited as a Visiting Professor from August to September 2015 by **Prof. Benjamin Fung**. Dr. Bai has recently begun a research collaboration with Prof. Fung in the area of information security and data privacy.

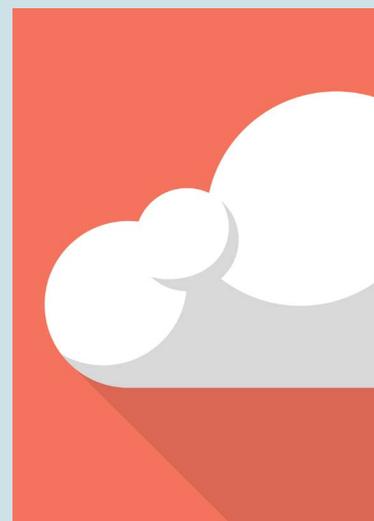
Dr. Farkhund Iqbal, Assistant Professor and Graduate Program Director, College of

Technological Innovation, Zayed University, United Arab Emirates was invited as an Affiliate Member from January 2016 to December 2018 by **Prof. Benjamin Fung**. Dr. Iqbal is an Assistant Professor and Co-Director of Advanced Cyber Forensics and Research Laboratory (ACFRL) in the College of Technological Innovation at Zayed University. Dr. Iqbal is working closely with Prof. Fung to develop security techniques to strengthen the next generation of critical cyber infrastructure in smart cities.

Dr. William Kwok-Wai Cheung, Associate Head & Associate Professor, Department of Computer Science, Hong Kong Baptist University, was invited as a Visiting Professor from April to July 2016 by **Prof. Benjamin Fung**. Dr. Cheung is a prominent researcher in the areas of machine learning and data mining. He will work closely with Prof. Fung in the areas of text mining and privacy-preserving data mining.

THE DRAW PROJECT: DRAWING ON CIVIC ENGAGEMENT TO DIGITIZE MCGILL'S ARCHIVAL METEOROLOGICAL DATA

The *DRAW (Data Rescue: Archives and Weather)* project aims to use the emerging technology of citizen science—also known as crowd-sourced science—to digitize meteorological data held in the McGill University Archive's Meteorological Observatory, making the vast store of historical meteorological, climatological, and environment information available for research and public use. The project is led by Visiting Scholar **Dr. Victoria Slonosky**, who will collaborate with **Prof. Eun Park** and an interdisciplinary team of researchers from the Department of Geography, Department of Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences, and the Centre for Interdisciplinary Research on Montreal (CIRM) at McGill. This pioneering project will further our understanding not only of weather and climate but also of citizen engagement with our scientific and cultural heritage.



Prof. Catherine Guastavino, William Dawson Scholar, received a 2016 Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) Engage Grant for a project with industry partner Applied Acoustics Systems. The award is \$25,000, plus \$11,160 in-kind from Applied Acoustics Systems. Doctoral student David Romblom from the Multimodal Interaction Lab will take a leading role in the project.

The objective of the project is to develop virtual acoustics models to enhance user experience with software musical instruments. In the same way that Applied Acoustics Systems makes physical models of acoustic instruments, the proposed research will develop physical models of the acoustic environments in which the instruments are typically played, heard, and recorded. The sense of space provided by virtual acoustics models developed through this research is expected to increase the quality of interaction with software instruments and enhance the naturalness of physically-modelled software musical instruments.

Prof. Guastavino is one of nine co-investigators with principal investigator Dr. Marcelo Wanderley of the Schulich School of Music, McGill and CIRRM (Centre for Interdisciplinary Research in Music Media and Technology) for a 2015 project “Live Expression “in situ”: Musical and Audiovisual Performance and Reception.” The award, totalling \$10,916,808, was funded by the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI).

The project involved the creation of a research hub designed to become the world’s leading research facility for the scientific study of live performance, movement of recorded sound in space, and remote, synchronous performance.

Prof. Guastavino has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$24,955 from the Institut de Tourisme et Hôtellerie du Québec for

the 2015 project “Influence de l’ambiance sonore sur l’expérience du mangeur en restauration gastronomique.”

Prof. Guastavino is also the principle investigator for the project “Perception of Aural and Visual Trajectories for 3D Audio Composition and Production,” which received a Mitacs Globalink Research Award (\$4,200). The award was used to fund a visit of doctoral student Justin Mathew from INRIA, the French Institute for Research in Computer Science and Automation in collaboration with Dr. Stéphane Huot (Co-PI.).

Prof. Karyn Moffatt was awarded a six-month Engage Grant of \$25,000 from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) for her project “Persuasive Game-Based Physical Therapy,” with industry partner Jintronix. **Dr. Rita Orji**, Postdoctoral Researcher in the Accessible Computing Technology (ACT) Lab, will take a leading role in the project.

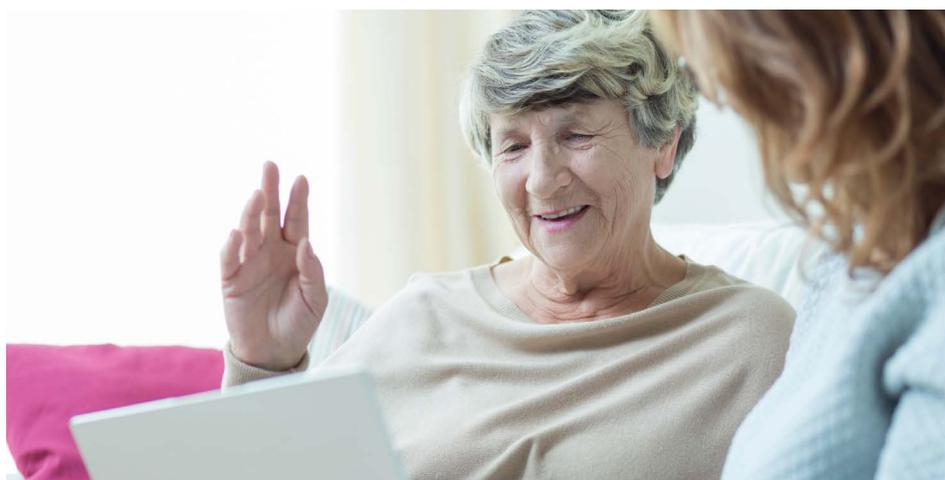
Game-based physical therapy—which harnesses the power of virtual games, motion tracking sensors, and evidence-based treatments—is an alternative way of delivering therapy services to clients. The objective of this project is to explore the design of persuasive interface elements for physical therapy tools to support long-

term adherence at home and outside of tightly-monitored therapy environments. This project is expected to further technological innovation in persuasive technology and improve the effectiveness of low-cost, home-based, healthcare solutions.

Prof. Moffatt is also a co-investigator, with Dr. Cosmin Munteanu (UofT Mississauga) and collaborators from UofT and SFU, on the “AGE-WELL Network of Centres of Excellence Project: CONNECT-CREATE” (Apr 1 2015–Mar 31 2018), which will design technological platforms to enable older adults to use digital storytelling as a means of communicating and socializing. This project has received \$377,651.00 (\$114,467.00 to McGill), with additional funds anticipated for 2016/17.

Digital storytelling is a unique means of communication that can be enjoyable, meaningful, and life affirming, and can assist older adults in continuing to learn, grow, and maintain cognitive abilities.

Prof. Moffatt and the research team will work with older adults to develop novel platforms and tools for creating digital stories covering significant events in their lives and/or their communities.



MASTER'S STUDENT AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Ching Yi (Christy) Lau, MIST II student, was awarded the 2016 Chinese American Library Association (CALA) scholarship, an award designed to encourage professional and leadership development in Chinese American librarianship. This past summer, Christy also received a Federal Diversity Internship from the Washington Centre to intern with the Office of Innovation at the National Archives and Records Administration in Washington, D.C.

Christina de Longhi, MLIS'15, was awarded the Anne M. Galler Award from the Special Libraries Association (SLA) Eastern Canada Chapter. This award is given annually to a student from each of

the three library and information schools in the Eastern Canada Chapter region in recognition of their achievements in a special library related course or activity.

Christopher Marsh, MIST II student and Co-President of the Canadian Library Association McGill Student Chapter (CLAMSC), attended the 2015 Canadian Library Association (CLA) conference in Ottawa, ON as McGill "Student to CLA" representative. Christopher had the opportunity to network with professionals and students from universities across Canada. His post-conference summary of the session "Leading Learning to Advance Canada's School Libraries" was published

on CLA's *Felicitator* blog on September 25, 2015.

Miria Olson, MIST I student, was awarded the Wapati Regional Library's Marion Sherman Bursary for Children's Librarians in recognition of her demonstrated interest in the field.

Xiaoqing Zhou, MIST II student, was awarded the Electronic Document Systems Foundation (EDSF) Board of Directors scholarship in July 2015, in recognition of her scholastic achievement and involvement in the area of document management.

PHD GRADUATION



Dhary Abuhimed, PhD'15, (right) with supervisor Prof. Jamshid Beheshti.

Thesis: An Investigation of Knowledge Transfer in a High-School Inquiry-Based Project: Transferring Students' Experiential Knowledge in the Form of Lessons Learned and Stories.



Irene Kitimbo, PhD'16, (left) with supervisor Prof. Kimiz Dalkir.

Thesis: An Empirical Analysis of Project-based Learning Practices.

PHD STUDENT AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Steven H. H. Ding, PhD student, was awarded second prize in the Hex-Rays Plug-in Contest 2015 for “Kam1n0,” a scalable data mining system for a range of computer security-related uses. The project showcases how big data research can make significant contributions to cybersecurity and software engineering communities. Kam1n0 is an ongoing collaborative research project with the Defence Research & Development Canada (DRDC).

Jesse David Dinneen, PhD student, was awarded a student grant by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) to attend the Autumn School in Information Retrieval & Foraging (ASIRF '15) in Katlenburg, Germany. Jesse is also a co-

organizer for the workshop on personal information management at CHI 2016, the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems.

Fei Shu, PhD student, was awarded the 2015 ASIS&T SIG/MET Student Paper Contest: “Evolution of iSchool Movement (1988-2013): A Bibliometric View” with Philippe Mongeon (University de Montreal). Fei presented the paper at the 2015 ASIS&T Annual Meeting. Fei’s paper “Twitter activity and scientific collaboration of LIS schools and faculty members,” co-authored with two other PhD students from EBSI, also won the Best Altmetrics Paper in the SIG/MET workshop at the 2015 ASIS&T Annual Meeting.

Daniel Steele, PhD student, was awarded a Faculty of Arts Graduate Student Travel Award and a Graduate Research Mobility Award to attend the Euronoise Conference in Maastricht, to give a guest lecture at the Hochschule Düsseldorf, and collect interview data from planners in the Netherlands, Belgium, and Germany. This research will be used in his thesis.

Trudi Wright, PhD student, attained her Certified Records Manager (CRM) designation in 2015. In addition, Trudi was awarded the Komal Gulich, CRM, IGP Memorial Reimbursement Award from the ARMA International Education Foundation (AIEF).



FEI SHU AWARDED PRESTIGIOUS iFELLOWSHIP FOR DIGITAL RESEARCH IN CHINESE BIBLIOMETRICS

This spring, PhD student **Fei Shu** was awarded an iFellows award through the iFellows Doctoral Fellowship program for his dissertation research. Fei’s proposal was selected from a pool of applicants from 65 iSchools across the world. As an iFellow, Fei will receive a stipend of \$50,000 USD over a two-year period. Fei’s research will advance the field of bibliometrics and improve understanding of Chinese research activities and impact.

MUSIKIOSK: SOUNDSCAPE RESEARCH IN THE HEART OF MONTREAL

Throughout the past year, PhD student **Daniel Steele** has been engaged as research lead for Musikiosk, an interdisciplinary research project focused on improving sound environments for residents and visitors to Montreal. The team is comprised of Daniel Steele, **Prof. Catherine Guastavino** and eight experts from McGill and ÉTS in acoustics, urban planning, and sociology. In August 2015, they embarked on the public phase of data collection, and installed an interactive, volume-controlled music system in Montreal’s Parc du Portugal. Passersby were invited to connect with their devices and share their favourite music pieces for approximately 30-minute durations. Survey data collected from the project indicated an increase in pleasantness and mood of visitors without affecting the calmness of the park. The project was awarded a Dean of Arts Development Fund Award. Daniel also received an individual student award for his contributions to the project from CIRMMT, the Centre for Interdisciplinary Research in Music Media and Technology. The project garnered significant media attention, including interviews with Radio Canada and CBC. *Learn more about Musikiosk at www.musikiosk.org.*



Credit: Milya Gabrahmanova

STUDENT GROUP ACTIVITIES

The School is home to eleven associations, professional association student chapters, and student groups. Below are just a few of the highlights from this past year.

MCGILL INFORMATION STUDIES STUDENT ASSOCIATION

The **McGill Information Studies Student Association (MISSA)** has had a busy year working on a number of new initiatives for the student body. In the Winter 2016 semester, MISSA hosted an all associations meeting in an ongoing effort to improve communication practices between student groups. MISSA surveyed the student body on two separate issues: the student experience at SIS as a whole, and the courses most important to MIS students. MISSA has also purchased a new fridge for the student kitchen in the SIS Mansion and has put in an order for branded Information Studies clothing.

ASIS&T MCGILL STUDENT CHAPTER

In the 2015-16 school year, the Association for Information Science & Technology (ASIS&T) McGill Student Chapter developed a new "Lunch Talk Series" given by postdoctoral researchers and PhD students at the School. This series of informal lunchtime talks aims to facilitate a scholarly culture at SIS and provide a platform for discussing works in progress. Speakers to date include: postdoctoral researcher **Dr. Rita Orji**, and PhD students **Fei Shu, Daniel Steele, Mohammed AlGhamdi, Steven H. H. Ding,** and **Kunsheng Zhao.**

CLA MCGILL STUDENT CHAPTER

In January 2016, the **Canadian Library Association McGill Student Chapter (CLAMSC)** organized a visit to Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC). The visit allowed students to learn about the work done by ECCC librarians and provided an opportunity to explore the newly renovated ECCC library and its collection. Fifteen students attended the visit and learned about what it's like to work in a government library.

ABQLA-CLA PROFESSIONAL PARTNERING PROGRAM

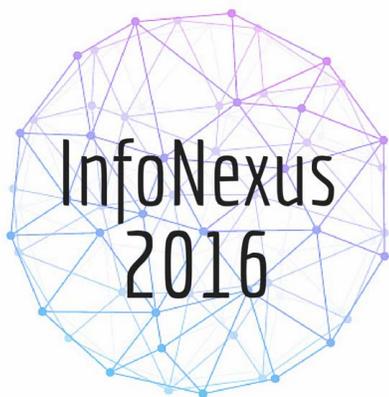
The **Canadian Library Association McGill Student Chapter** partnered with **CLA** and the **ABQLA (Quebec Library Association)** for the 2015/16 academic year to offer the ABQLA-CLA Professional Partnering Program (PPP).

The Professional Partnering Program is a flexible mentoring program run in partnership with Montreal-area professionals that connects SIS students to information professionals with similar professional interests. The School extends a warm thanks to all professional partners involved with the program this year.

STUDENT EVENTS

INFONEXUS

In 2015, the annual student-run “Web 2.0” conference was rebranded as “InfoNexus” to reflect the changing, multidisciplinary nature of the information studies field. InfoNexus 2015 was held on February 6 and was attended by 64 people. Speakers included: Nancy Naluz, Olivia Jarda, Patrick Brian Smith, David Heti, Herman Tumurcuoglu, **Nathalie de Preux, MLIS’14**, and Alexandra Carruthers. Kudos to organizers **Anastasia Prozorova, MLIS’15** and **Alexander Burdett MLIS’15**, (chief organizers) with **Emily Mackle, MLIS’15**; **Vastille Edma, MLIS’15**; **Rebecca Mahler, MLIS’15**; **Yiming Guo, MLIS’15**; **Yuning Hu, MLIS’15**; **Kayleigh Girard, MIST II student**; **Christy (Ching Yi) Lau, MIST II student**; and **Kristin Young, MIST II student**.



InfoNexus 2016 was held February 5 and featured speakers from libraries, archives, knowledge management and information technology, followed by a panel discussion on challenges, changes, and trends in the information field moderated by **Prof. Max Evans**. Speakers included Joel Alleyne; **Ed Bilodeau, MLIS’06**; **Sarah Severson, MLIS’09**; **Jean Archambeault, PhD student**; **Anton Stiglic, SIS sessional lecturer**; Lori Podolsky; and Kathleen Botter. Congratulations to the organizing team, including chief organizers **Christy (Ching Yi) Lau, MIST II student**; **Kayleigh Girard, MIST II student**; **Kristen Young, MIST II student**; and **Meghan Goodchild, MIST II student**; and co-organizers/ contributors **Liz Nash, MIST I student**; **Annette Li, MIST II student**; and **Patricia de Palma, MIST II student**.

EBSI-SIS SYMPOSIUM IN INFORMATION STUDIES

The 9th Annual EBSI-SIS Symposium in Information Studies was hosted by the ASIS&T McGill Student Chapter at the School on January 29, 2016. Formerly known as the EBSI-SIS Doctoral Symposium, the symposium invites the members of the School of Information Studies (SIS) at McGill and Université de Montréal’s École de bibliothéconomie et des sciences de l’information (EBSI) to present their work to their peers in a



2016 EBSI-SIS Symposium in Information Studies. Credit: ASIS&T McGill Student Chapter

nurturing environment. The symposium also provides an opportunity to discover research being done by the other community members and to make connections in areas of interest. The event is open to anyone with an interest in information studies research. The upcoming symposium will be held at EBSI in 2017.

MCGILL ASSOCIATION OF CANADIAN ARCHIVISTS WINTER COLLOQUIUM

The Association of Canadian Archivists (ACA) McGill Student Chapter held its 8th annual Winter Colloquium at the School on February 27. The well-attended event featured eight guest speakers who gave talks on archives and various employment avenues in the field. Guest speakers included Theresa Rowat; Lori Podolsky; **Matthew Bouchard, MLIS’15**; **John Richan, MLIS’15**; **Natasha Zwarich, PhD’13**; **Trudi Wright, PhD student** and SIS sessional lecturer; and **Prof. Eun Park.**

2015 CAREER FAIR

The 2015 Career Fair was held March 27 at New Residence Hall. Hats off to the MISSA Career Fair Committee in collaboration with students from ÉBSI for putting together this valuable networking event: **David Phung, MLIS’15** (Chair); **Magdelin Diaz Geronimo, MLIS’15**; **Guillermo Galdamez Barrera, MLIS’15**; **John Starkey, MLIS’15**; **Julie Lin, MIST II student**; **Thi Bao Tran Phan, MIST II student**; **Anne-Marie Smith, MIST II student**; **Grace Zell, MIST II student**; Mathieu Ayoub (EBSI); Sarah Cameron-Pesant (EBSI); Élizabéth Giroux (EBSI); Catherine Mongeau (EBSI); and Valérie Rioux (EBSI).



Concordia University Librarian and SIS sessional lecturer **Rajiv Johal, MLIS’03**, with **Ted Minett, MLIS’15**, and **Anouk Vigneau, MLIS’15**.

CONVOCATION 2015

On June 1, 2015, the School celebrated the 2015 class of graduating students receiving degrees in the master's and PhD programs. We extend a warm congratulations to all of our 2015 graduates and their families.

Visit our website gallery for more photos from the event!



Top: Graduate **Yufeng Guan, MLIS'15** (right), with friend.

Middle: Graduate **Mackenzie Clayton, MLIS'15** (right), with mother. Graduates **Yi-Jen Tu, MLIS'15**; **Kimberly Ryan, MLIS'15**; Prof. **France Bouthillier**; **Ted Minett, MLIS'15**.

Bottom (clockwise): Graduates **Yuning Hu, MLIS'15**; **Guillermo Galdamez, MLIS'15**; **Robyn Biggar, MLIS'15**; **Leann Ban, MLIS'15**, with Prof. **Kimiz Dalkir**. Graduate **Cheryl Bain, MLIS'15** (centre) with family.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: CHRIS LYONS



Credit: C. Lyons

Chris Lyons, MLIS'14, Head Librarian, McGill University Osler Library of the History of Medicine

Chris Lyons, MLIS'04, has been the Head Librarian of the Osler Library of the History of Medicine, McGill University since 2011. From 2004-2011 he was the Liaison Librarian for the same library.

The Osler Library was established in 1929 with a donation of close to 8,000 items from Sir William Osler (1849-1919), a former McGill medical student and professor who went on to found the Johns Hopkins' medical school and hospital before being named Regius Professor of Medicine at Oxford in 1905. The library has one of the world's best collection of rare books in the field of medicine, as well as deep holdings in scholarship on the history of the health sciences.

Earlier this year, Chris was elected to the Grolier Club, the oldest society for book collectors, scholars, and bibliophiles in the United States. Founded in New York in 1884, the club is dedicated to encouraging the study and collection of books, particularly through its publications,

exhibitions, lectures, and research library. Chris is the only active librarian in Canada to have been so honoured.

Chris also served as President of the Archivists and Librarians of the History of the Health Sciences from 2012-2014, and was editor of its publication, *The Watermark*.

His research is in library history and urban history. Chris is currently a guest editor of a special issue of the *Papers of the Bibliographical Society of Canada* featuring several articles based on collections in the Osler Library, forthcoming in Fall 2015. He is also working on the history of health and housing in Montreal, for which he has been granted a sabbatical in 2015-16.

LONNIE WEATHERBY HONORED WITH QUEBEC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION AWARD

Lonnie Weatherby, MLS'75, was the 2015 recipient of the Anne Galler Award for Outstanding Library Service presented by l'Association des bibliothécaires du Québec - Quebec Library Association. Lonnie is the Liaison Librarian for English, American, Canadian & Italian Literatures; Film and Cultural Studies; and Philosophy in the Humanities and Social Sciences Library at McGill University. Each year, the Quebec Library Association presents an award to a librarian for outstanding library service. This award recognizes an individual who has enriched librarianship in Quebec and made a lasting contribution to the profession. Congratulations, Lonnie!

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1970's

Mary Melfi, MLS'77, has published more than a dozen books of poetry, prose, and drama. She recently published a new novel, *Via Roma* (Guernica Editions). Source: *McGill News Fall/Winter 2015*.

1980's

Phyllis Rudin, MLS'80, recently published a novel, *Evie, the Baby, and the Wife*. Phyllis is an award-winning short story writer and her work has appeared in numerous literary magazines. Source: *McGill News Fall/Winter 2015*.

Dawn Kiddell, MLIS'89, is CEO and Chief Librarian at Cornwall Public Library in Cornwall, Ontario. Dawn will be celebrating 20 years with Cornwall Public Library in June 2016.

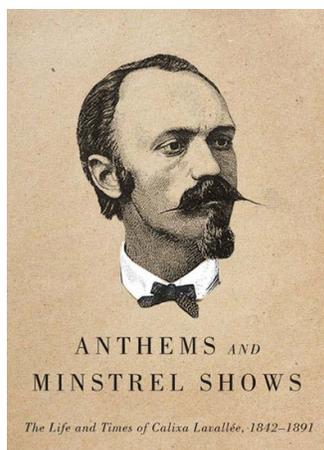
1990's

Nadia Lalla, MLIS'90, became the Associate Provost for Library and Student Services at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in September 2015.

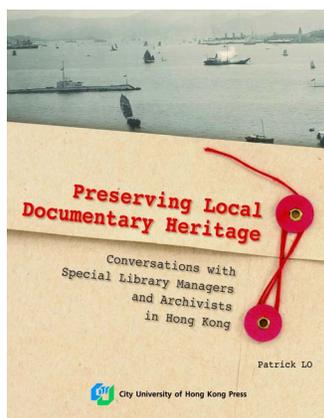
Lois MacDonald, MLIS'92, retired from her position as Reference Librarian at the University of Manitoba on March 31, 2015. After graduating from the program in 1992, Lois also worked part-time at the University of Winnipeg. The School congratulates Lois on her retirement.

Brian Thompson, MLIS'94, recently published his biography of "O Canada" composer Calixa Lavallée, entitled *Anthems and Minstrel Shows: The Life and Times of Calixa Lavallée, 1842-1891*, McGill-Queen's University Press. Brian teaches at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. His wife, **Gabrielle Wong, MLIS'95**, is the manager of the Learning Commons at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. They have two daughters:

Sophie (15) and Anna (12).



Anthems and Minstrel Shows: The Life and Times of Calixa Lavallée, 1842-1891 by Brian Thompson, MLIS'94



Preserving Local Documentary Heritage: Conversations with Special Library Managers and Archivists in Hong Kong by Dr. Patrick Lo, MLIS'94

Dr. Patrick Lo, MLIS'94, is serving as Associate Professor at the Faculty of Library, Information & Media Science, University of Tsukuba (Japan). Patrick has published his first book with the City University of Hong Kong Press. The book, *Preserving Local Documentary Heritage: Conversations with Special Library Managers and Archivists in Hong Kong*, was showcased at the Hong Kong Book Fair in July 2015.

2000's

Pascal Calarco, MLIS'95, was recently appointed University Librarian at the University of Windsor's Leddy Library. He will start his new position at Windsor in April 2016. Pascal is a graduate of the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) Library Fellows Program from the 2013-2015 cohort.

Dr. Brendan Edwards, MLIS '00, recently accepted the position of Department Head of Library and Archives at the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto.

Ahniwa Ferrari, MLIS'08, moved to a new position in August 2015 as the Associate Dean for Library, E-Learning, and Media Services at Grays Harbor College, a small community college located in Aberdeen, WA. In this role, Ahniwa is responsible for managing the campus library, the media services department, and all online and hybrid instruction taking place on campus. He continues to live in Olympia, WA—a one-hour commute—and has happily been using the time to catch up on his audiobooks.

Valerie Nessel, MLIS'02, PhD'09, was appointed Editor of the *Canadian Journal of Information and Library Science* in November 2015. Valerie is an Associate Professor, Department of Library and Information Studies, University at Buffalo (SUNY).

2010's

Marc-André Bernier, MLIS'11, was recently featured in the media for his work providing services to deaf clients as Quebec's first—and only—deaf librarian at the Montreal public library, Bibliothèque Le Prévost. Read more about Marc-André's work and contribution to the community in the recent *La Presse* article: *Un bibliothécaire sourd au service*

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de sa communauté, available online. An interview with Marc-André on TCF - La télévision communautaire de Montréal's "Coup de Chapeau" segment is also available online.

Amandine Pras, PhD'12, was appointed Visiting Assistant Professor, department of Creative Arts at Stetson University in DeLand, Florida in January 2016.

James Bone, MLIS'13, has relocated to Ottawa and is working as an archivist for Library and Archives Canada in Gatineau, Quebec. His areas of focus are evaluation, acquisition, and processing of private philatelic archives and philatelic collections.

Dr. Guillaume Boutard, PhD'13, was appointed as Assistant Professor at the Department of Library and Information Studies, University at Buffalo (SUNY), in August 2015.

Yoo Young Lee, MLIS'13, and her co-author, Eric Snajdr, received the Best Paper Award at the 4th International Conference of Asian Special Libraries held in Seoul, South Korea from April 22 to April 24, 2015. Their presentation was entitled *Connecting Library Instruction to Web Usability: The Key Role of Library Instruction to Change*.

Dhary Abuhimed, PhD'15, was hired as a Research Consultant for the Innovation & Economic Development department at King Abdullah University of Science & Technology (KAUST) in Thuwal, Saudi Arabia.

Kathryn Barrett, MLIS '15, moved to Toronto after graduation to work as the Virtual Reference Librarian at Scholars Portal, a department of the University of Toronto Libraries that acts as the digital services arm of the Ontario Council of University Libraries. She manages and coordinates the "Ask a Librarian" chat reference service, offered at 15 university libraries across Ontario and Quebec.

Joshua Chalifour, MLIS'15, is teaching in John Abbott College's Information and Library Technologies program.

Mark Mazumdar, MLIS '15, gave a guest lecture on the use of the flipped classroom model in information literacy instruction in November 2015 at the McGill School of Information Studies.

Adelaide McDonnell, MLIS'15, is currently working at the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto as the Library Services Assistant.

Courtney Morrison, MLIS'15, was hired in July 2015 by Bishop's College School, an English private school in Sherbrooke, QC. As head librarian, Courtney oversees all areas of the library such as budgeting, acquisitions, programming, events, website design, information literacy, and more.

Mathieu Pomerleau, MLIS'15, was hired after graduation as Reference Librarian at the Canadian Centre for Architecture. Obtaining this position was a notable accomplishment as it is a great synthesis

of the MLIS and his professional and academic background in architecture.

Kate Rozon, MLIS'15, was hired after graduation as a Senior Records Analyst at the Supreme Court of Canada (SCC). She is currently working on developing function based file classification plans for each of the Court's functions in preparation for a new electronic document and records management system (EDRMS).

Sydney Steele, MLIS'15, is on contract with the Halifax Regional Municipal Archives. She is working on a processing project where she is responsible for the appraisal, selection, arrangement, and description of a large accession of records. The records Sydney is working with are from the Mayor's and CAO's offices of the pre-amalgamation municipalities of greater Halifax (Bedford, Dartmouth, County of Halifax and the City of Halifax,) before it became the Halifax Regional Municipality in 1996.

April Colosimo, MLIS'05 (right), was awarded the 2015 McGill University Librarian Excellence Award. April is a Liaison Librarian at Schulich Library of Science and Engineering. Congratulations, April!



Credit: B. Ceccolini

UN BEAU RÊVE: CATALOGUING ALBERTO MANGUEL'S LIBRARY IN MONDION, FRANCE

Jillian Tomm, MLIS'02, PhD'13

From September 2015 through February 2016, **Jillian Tomm, MLIS'02, PhD'13**, led a team of librarians and other helpers in cataloguing the library of writer Alberto Manguel, recently named director of the National Library of Argentina. The rotating team lived in Mr. Manguel's home in the small village of Mondion, France, amidst fruit trees and flowers, and with the birds and other animals who make the ex-presbytery and its large walled garden their home.



Prof. Elaine Ménard

Team members included **Prof. Elaine Ménard**, Jocelyn Godolphin, previously Associate University Librarian for Collection Services at Concordia University and former instructor at SIS, and Jim Henderson, now retired from McGill University Library.

Mr. Manguel's library has for the last fifteen years been housed, used, and added to in a multi-room building reconstructed for the purpose from the ruins of a stone barn. The library proper consists of a large main hall and two "écritoires" or studies, but the full collection flows into every room of the house. Containing approximately 30,000 volumes, the collection is eclectic and deeply personal. It is particularly rich in English language literature, but includes substantial portions of literature in French and Spanish, as well as smaller groups in Italian, German, Portuguese, Hebrew, and other languages. Acquired over several decades, parts of the collection date from his years reading to Jorge Luis Borges as a teenager in Buenos Aires in the 1960s. Non-fiction sub-collections include, of course, books about books and libraries, but also sections on art, history, philosophy, and religion.

Illustrated volumes and author-inscribed editions abound, along with thousands of volumes carrying Manguel's annotations, letters from authors (including Canadian icons like Robertson Davies), and other personal markings and ephemera related to



Credit: J. Tomm

Jillian Tomm (centre) with Dominique Paquin (left) and Anne Frigon (right).

the books. Not surprisingly for such a living and loved library, books are everywhere interspersed with images and objects of all kinds, from statues to toys, with a thematic or personal - often whimsical - connection to the volumes sharing the shelf.

By day, team members worked to inventory and catalogue books, and in off hours they made more personal discoveries in the main library as well as among the thousands of mystery novels and the hundreds of titles on food and culinary life. Weekends were spent enjoying the rural beauty of the La Vienne region, and in the areas of historical interest in the Loire valley or nearby cities.

The library is currently en route to North America; this group was among the last to enjoy what was truly a paradise for readers.

The bulk of the library is catalogued, including its primary collections of English and French literature, but to fully inventory this enormous collection, work remains to be done. Once the books settle into a new home another team (perhaps from McGill?) will take up this inspiring task.

Visit a recreation of Manguel's Mondion library in the exhibit "The Library at Night: Great Libraries of the World in an Virtual-reality Universe," running at the Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec (BAAnQ) until August 28, 2016.

MCGILL HOMECOMING 2015: ALUMNI RECEPTION

It was a great pleasure to connect with alumni, former faculty, and the Interim Director of the Faculty of Arts to celebrate McGill Homecoming with an alumni reception at the School on Oct. 23, 2015.

A special thank you to volunteers **Christy (Ching Li) Lau**, MSt II student; **Liz Nash**, MSt I student; and **Xiaoqing Zhou**, MSt II student.

Visit the School's website for more photos from the event.

Save the date for the 2016 Alumni Reception, Friday October 28, 2016!



Top (L-R): Nicole Haché, MLIS'89; Karen Bleakley, MLIS'89. Prof. Kimiz Dalkir, Daphne Sanderson, MLS'79.

Middle (L-R): Jewel Lowenstein, BLS'64, MLIS'87; Marilyn Berger, MLS'83. Prof. Peter P. F. McNally (retired); Prof. Ilja Frissen. Paul Century, MLIS'95; Prof. France Bouthillier.

Bottom (L-R): Prof. Jamshid Beheshti, Jean-Marc Tremblay, MLIS'08; Gordon Burr, MLIS'98 and SIS sessional lecturer.

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Marie Kathleen Currie, BLS'48, passed away in Halifax on February 15, 2015. After graduating with her BLS from McGill, Kathleen began her career at the Brooklyn Public Library as a Children's Librarian. In 1950, she returned to Halifax to become the first supervisor of the children's department of the new Halifax Memorial Library. Kathleen went on to become the Acquisitions Librarian and Special Collections Librarian at Mount St. Vincent University. In the 1960's, Kathleen had a national television show on CBC. Later, Kathleen was appointed by the Canadian Library Association as the Children's Librarian at Montreal's Expo'67, the International and Universal Exposition. She was active throughout her life in many community organizations and activities. *Obituary: JA Snow Funeral Home.*

Esther Frayda Cohen, BLS'52, passed away in Montreal on September 7, 2014. *Obituary: The Gazette, Sept. 9, 2014.*

Naomi (Signer) Kahane, BLS'55, passed away in Montreal on February 20, 2015. Naomi was a Children's Librarian at Montreal's Fraser Hickson Library. She was an accomplished weaver and a co-founder of the Farfelu Artist's Cooperative in Knowlton, Quebec. Naomi also completed a master's degree in Applied Human Sciences and became a facilitator,

coach, and teacher. *Obituary: The Gazette, Feb. 23, 2015.*

Gerald Glass, BLS'62, passed away in Montreal on January 21, 2016. Gerald, also known as "Mr. Academic," founded Montreal's Academic Book Shop in 1963. In 1990, he published the book *Academic and General Book Shop (Montreal), Librairie Academique: A Brief History*. Gerald and his 40-year career with bookshop was featured in a 2007 *Senior Times* article: "Mr. Academic Reflects on His Bookstore," available online. *Obituary: The Gazette, Jan. 22, 2016.*

Joann Morris, BLS'62, passed away in Halifax on March 7, 2015. After completing her degree at McGill, Joann worked at the Nova Scotia Research Foundation, followed by 28 years as a Librarian at the Nova Scotia Community College, Halifax Campus. *Obituary: Chronicle Herald, Mar. 10, 2015.*

Kathleen (Kay) Foy, BLS'65, passed away in St. Sauveur, Quebec on August 24, 2015 in her 104th year. Kathleen was a Children's Librarian at the Town of Mount Royal Library, and at the Montreal Public Library. At 65, she became the Head Librarian of the Montreal Children's Library from 1976 to 1986, where she opened new branches and implemented new programs such as the Moms and Tots program, and

toy lending libraries. *Obituary: The Gazette, Sept. 5, 2015.*

Ruth (MacDonald) Miller, MLS'68, passed away in Sackville, New Brunswick, on November 24, 2015. After completing her MLS at McGill, Ruth moved to New Brunswick's Mount Allison University, where she served as a Reference Librarian and as Acting University Librarian several times.

Marion McLaren, BLS'50, MLS'77, passed away in Lachine, Quebec, on December 4, 2014. For many years, Marion was a Librarian at the McGill Library. Marion served as President of the Association of McGill University Librarians from 1973-74. *Obituary: The Gazette, Dec. 13-17, 2014.*

Janet Matyskiel, MLIS'90, passed away on March 22, 2015. *Obituary: Ottawa Citizen, Mar. 28, 2015.*

Marvin Orbach, BLS'65, MLS'66, passed away on February 8, 2015. Marvin was a Librarian at Concordia University's Vanier Library and an avid book collector.

In 2002, the **Marvin Orbach Collection of Canadian Poetry**, now exceeding 5,000 titles, was established at University of Calgary's Special Collections. This gift has been

recognized by the Canadian Cultural Property Export Review Board as being of outstanding significance and national importance. In 2015, Marvin's passion for collecting Canadian poetry was featured in the *Quill & Quire* feature, "Peace and Poetry Power: Marvin Orbach's Incredible Legacy," by Sue Carter, June 8, 2015. *Obituary: The Gazette, Feb. 10, 2015.*

DR. HANS MÖLLER, DIRECTOR 1981-1984

*Peter F. McNally, BLS'65, MLS'66, MA'77
Professor and Director, History of McGill Project*

Friends and graduates of the School of Information Studies will be saddened to hear of the death of former School Director **Dr. Hans Möller** (1918-2015) on September 7, 2015.

Born in Denmark at the end of World War I, Dr. Möller took part in clandestine spiriting of Danish Jews to safety in Sweden during World War II. After receiving his PhD in Danish Literature & Language from the University of Copenhagen in 1945, he began working in the Royal Library (National Library of Denmark), receiving his library diploma in 1950, and serving as Assistant Director from 1952 to 1955.

In 1955, Dr. Möller came to Canada to pursue his passion for film, working as an Executive Director at the National Film Board from 1956 to 1969, and as Vice-president of the Visual Education Centre in Toronto from 1969 to 1974.

Librarianship reclaimed Dr. Möller in 1974, when he became the University of Ottawa's Chief Librarian. In 1977, he came to McGill as Undergraduate Librarian, and also began teaching the "Audiovisual Materials" course in the Graduate School of Library Science, as the School was then called. From 1981 to 1984—during a vulnerable moment for the School, after it received conditional accreditation—Dr. Möller served as Director providing essential leadership, guiding the School towards a secure future.

From 1984 to 1986, he served as McGill's Acting Director of Libraries, and thereafter continued serving the Library in various capacities. Among other things, he was founding editor of both *Fontanus: from the Collections of McGill University* and the



Credit: McGill News

Fontanus Monographic series. He also taught Scandinavian Literature and organized several relevant exhibitions.

In the broader community, Dr. Möller served as President of the Canadian Association of Research Libraries (1976-1978) and was President of the Canadian-Scandinavian Foundation for many years. Writing an autobiography occupied his later years.

Our sympathies are extended to his widow, Jane Yaple-Möller, his step-son and caregiver, Derek Yaple-Schobert, and to his extended family in Canada, the USA, Denmark, and Norway. Dr. Möller also leaves behind a wide range of friends and admirers. A memorial service was held in Montreal in April, 2016.

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