

4C—On Deprofessionalization

Learning from Others: The Risks of Deprofessionalization as Seen in Museums, Sarah Vela (University of Saskatchewan).

The deprofessionalization of librarianship is a pressing threat that may have a profound effect on the future of our field. As we plan for or fight against these changes, studying our fellow library, archive, and museum institutions can provide an insight into the potential consequences. This presentation will examine the poor professionalization in museums, how it came about, and the effects it has on their records and activities. In particular, it will address the poor implementation of standards and the results thereof. By understanding these risks, libraries can prevent the quality of our organizations from decaying as the result of deprofessionalization.