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“Shifting Landscapes: Exploring the Boundaries of Academic Librarianship”

The boundaries of academic librarianship are shifting. At its inaugural conference the Programme Committee of the Canadian Association of Professional Academic Librarians (CAPAL)/ L'Association canadienne des bibliothécaires académiques professionnels (ACBAP) is seeking to engage the community around key issues. We aim to create a program that will challenge current thinking about professional issues, promote the exchange of ideas and enhance communication among our members, and forge new relationships with other organizations that share our goals and values. We also aim to provide a venue to present research and scholarship.

THEME AND TOPICS

The conference theme “Shifting Landscapes: Exploring the Boundaries of Academic Librarianship” speaks to a desire to bring together challenging perspectives relating to academic librarians while acknowledging the core values of academic librarianship. Potential topics for exploration around which participants will share ideas, knowledge, experience and research include (but are not limited to) the following:

- *Academic Freedom in a Litigious Age*
- *Emerging Areas of Research and Scholarship*
- *Advocacy and Mobilization*
- *Promoting Diversity, Equity and Social Justice*
- *Evolving Roles and Professional Identity*

Keynote Speakers

The Programme Planning Committee is pleased to announce the following keynote speakers for the 2014 Conference:

Dale Askey, Associate University Librarian at McMaster University & Administrative Director of the Lewis & Ruth Sherman Centre for Digital Scholarship

Dale Askey currently serves as an Associate University Librarian at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, where he also occupies the role of Administrative Director of the Lewis & Ruth Sherman Centre for Digital Scholarship. He has filled a wide range of roles in libraries, primarily in collection development, public services, Web services, and information technology management. After starting out in libraries and IT at Washington University in St. Louis, he embarked on his professional library career at the University of Utah, with subsequent stays at Yale University and Kansas State University before joining McMaster in 2011. In 2009-2010, he was a visiting professor in electronic publishing and multimedia at the University of Applied Sciences in Leipzig, Germany, teaching in their library science, publishing, and museum studies programs. His ongoing research project is to document the cultural manifestations of the German-speaking minority that remained in the Czech and Slovak Republics after the 1946 expulsion decrees. He publishes and speaks frequently in Germany on various topics from the North American library world, and is currently translating the standard work on German libraries into English for publication in 2014.

Dr. Stephen Bales, Assistant Professor and Humanities and Social Sciences Librarian at Texas A&M University Libraries

Stephen Bales is Assistant Professor and Humanities and Social Sciences Librarian at Texas A&M University Libraries in College Station, Texas where he works as subject specialist for philosophy, religion, anthropology, and communication & journalism. He holds both a Masters in Information Science and a Ph.D. in Communication & Information from the University of Tennessee. His current research interests include the history and philosophy of libraries and librarianship, librarians and professional identity, and the academic library as an ideological institution. Stephen has recently published articles on tenure and intellectual freedom, novice academic librarians' perceptions of their profession, counter-hegemonic academic librarianship, and has a forthcoming book chapter considering the academic library as a "crypto-temple." Considering successful academic librarians to be transformative public intellectuals, he is currently working on a monograph, *The Dialectic of Academic Librarianship: A Critical Approach*, to be published by Library Juice Press. The book will provide a materialist framework for understanding the effects of the academic library as a sociocultural force and will serve as an "ABC of transformative librarianship" for encouraging positive social change.

Dr. Roma Harris, Professor in the Faculty of Information and Media Studies at the University of Western Ontario

Roma Harris is a Professor in the Faculty of Information and Media Studies at The University of Western Ontario. Known for her work on gender relations and technology in librarianship and for her studies of abused women's search for information, Harris is the author of *Librarianship: The Erosion of a Woman's Profession* (Ablex, 1992) and, with co-author Patricia Dewdney, *Barriers to Information: How Formal Help Systems Fail Battered Women* (Greenwood, 1994). Recently, Harris' work has focused on health information behaviour. In addition to leading the 'Rural HIV/AIDS Information Networks Project', she is co-editor, with Nadine Wathen and Sally Wyatt, of the books *Mediating Health Information: The Go-Betweens in a Changing Socio-Technical Landscape* and *Configuring Health Consumers Health Work and the Imperative of Personal Responsibility* (Palgrave MacMillan, 2008, 2010) which explore the significant assumptions that underpin the idea of personal responsibility for health, consider how these assumptions attach to changing information technologies, and discuss their influence on emerging forms of health 'work', especially the often invisible health-related work (including health-informing work) that is increasingly expected of lay citizens. Currently, she is working on two projects concerning the implications of organizational performance measurement and auditing practices on the shape and scope of work in publicly-supported services, including libraries and shelters for abused women.

Mark A. Puente, Director of Diversity and Leadership Programs, Association of Research Libraries

Mark Puente directs all aspects of the Association of Research Libraries' diversity recruitment and leadership development programs, and serves as the ARL staff liaison to the ARL Committee on Diversity and Leadership. Mark advises the ARL ClimateQUAL Team on diversity issues. He is also responsible for the ARL Career Resources and services, designs and directs the annual ARL Leadership Symposium, and leads the planning of the National Diversity in Libraries Conference (NDLC), offered biennially. Mark has been actively involved with diversity and leadership issues since the beginning of his library career. He was a 2003 ALA Spectrum Scholar and continues to be engaged in the coordination of and programming for the Spectrum Scholar Leadership Institute. He is also a graduate of the Minnesota Institute for Early Career Librarians (MIECL) and the Harvard/ACRL Leadership Institute. Mark's research interests are centered on diversity and leadership issues, particularly in the context of academic/research libraries and performing arts librarianship. He has presented at regional and national conferences on topics such as networking, minority recruitment strategies, diversity and inclusion in the workplace, and residency programs in academic libraries.

Members of the Programme Committee: Juliya Borie, Jennifer Dekker, Dean Giustini, Dave Hudson, Leona Jacobs, Rhiannon Jones, Mary Kandiuk, Harriet Sonne de Torrens

For more information and ongoing updates about the 2014 Conference please see:

<http://capalibrarians.org/2014-annual-conference/>

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