

4C—On Deprofessionalization

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Negotiating conditions of work for academic staff through collective agreements has allowed for important breakthroughs for academic librarians. In the course of this experience, academic librarians have posed challenges to the priorities of academic staff associations as well as to the perception of academic librarianship. What does this mean for deprofessionalization, professional practice, collegiality, and the power relations at work in universities and colleges? What can collective bargaining offer in the larger project of affirming the public nature of postsecondary education? The paper will also include a roundup of current developments at academic staff bargaining tables across the country