

7C—Critical Reflections on Professional Issues

Changing Professional Roles in Academic Libraries: Structures and Relationships, Lisa Shamchuk (MacEwan University, presenting), Norene James (MacEwan University, in absentia), Katherine Koch, Denis Laplante (University of Alberta, in absentia).

Investigators conducted a survey in February 2014 that captured perceptions from library technicians and librarians across Canada about the changing roles and dynamics of work relationships. Focused on results from the academic library sector, this paper will share how work responsibilities, professional roles, and relationships between the professions are perceived to be changing. Results will be of interest to academic librarians who seek evidence on changing professional roles, relationships between professions, issues of power and hierarchy in the workplace, as well as the need to mindfully reinvent organizational structures and culture.