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**Honorary Member Award:
Barbara Znamirowski**

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Barbara Znamirowski | Head, MaDGIC Trent University Library and Archives was nominated by Colleen Beard, Librarian Emeritus, Maps, Data, & GIS Library, Brock University and seconded by Marcel Fortin, Head of the Map and Data Librarian, University of Toronto Libraries.

From their nomination letter:

This award is bestowed on a member who has, “made a distinguished contribution to their profession and whom the Association chooses to honour.” This award is presented on an irregular basis. Honorary members receive a lifetime membership.

With the recent announcement of Barbara’s retirement, she will have been involved with ACMLA and the OCUL Geo and Data Communities since 1983. One notable success early in Barbara’s career was her exhaustive work with SSHRC to secure significant ongoing funding for the

Association for several years. Subsequently, members were able to participate in conferences and meetings through travel funding where otherwise not possible. Her exceptional grant writing skills resulted in several funding awards.

During her tenure Barbara authored several articles for the Bulletin that reflects cutting edge technologies, practices, and shared knowledge - one that earned her a best paper award in 2015, "A New View From Space: Making Terrasar-X Data Accessible To The Canadian Research Community". Her co-authored chapter in Historical GIS Research in Canada, "Stories of People, Land, and Water: Using Spatial Technologies to Explore Regional Environmental History", is also a noteworthy contribution to map librarianship and GIS applications. Her publication record is indeed extensive. More recently, Barbara was editor of the regular Bulletin feature "GIS Trends" (2015-2022) – writing several articles for this column herself.

Barbara's unwavering display of professionalism, dedication, and leadership to raise the awareness of maps, data, and GIS at all levels, especially bridging relations with government partners, is evident through her many years of participation in ACMLA/CARTO. Her contributions through committee work, extensive publication activity, conference presentations and workshops, and mentorship, makes her an excellent recipient for the ACMLA Honorary Member Award.

Congratulations Barb, from all of us.