

Awards

ACMLA Honours Award: Sherri Sunstrum



Nomination for the ACMLA Honours Award – The Association of Canadian Map Libraries and Archives (ACMLA) recognizes individuals who have made significant

contributions to map librarianship at the local, regional, national, and international levels through their granting of the Honours Award for outstanding achievement.

It is our honour to nominate Sherri Sunstrum, Cartographic Specialist and subject specialist for Earth Sciences and Geomatics at Carleton University's MacOdrum Library, for the ACMLA Honours Award.

Sherri has made exceptional and sustained contributions to the field of geographic information and cartography, both through professional practice and active engagement within the academic and research communities. In her role supporting disciplines such as Earth Sciences, Geography, Geomatics, Urban Studies, and Environmental Studies, she has consistently demonstrated a deep commitment to the advancement of geospatial knowledge and a passion for facilitating access to cartographic information.

Sherri's work has bridged multiple fields, enabling researchers and students alike to apply geomatics and cartographic principles to a wide range of interdisciplinary studies. She creates and delivers hands-on map labs

for various courses, regularly consults with researchers to locate cartographic materials on wide-ranging contemporary and historical topics, and has laid her hands on every single map currently in the Carleton Library's collection. Beyond the technical and intellectual excellence of her work, Sherri is known for being a collaborative and generous colleague—someone who brings people together, mentors emerging professionals, and strengthens institutional partnerships through service and expertise.

Searching Sherri's name in the Bulletin, yields many results, demonstrating her long and involved history with the ACMLA. She has stepped up for countless committees, working groups, and executive roles. Back in 2002, she served on the bibliographic control committee. In recent years she's served as the Vice President Communications & Outreach, and has played an invaluable role in conference planning for several years. She has also managed the payment of all our dues through Membee for over a decade. She's someone who has impacted each and everyone's experience as a member, and quite literally the reason we are all here today.

In keeping with the spirit of the ACMLA Honours Award, Sherri exemplifies the qualities this recognition seeks to highlight: outstanding achievement, leadership, and lasting impact on the geographic information field in Canada. We believe her nomination is both timely and well-deserved.

Nominators: Francine Berish & René Duplain,
 Seconder: Rebecca Bartlett

Cathy Moulder Paper Award: Larry Laliberté

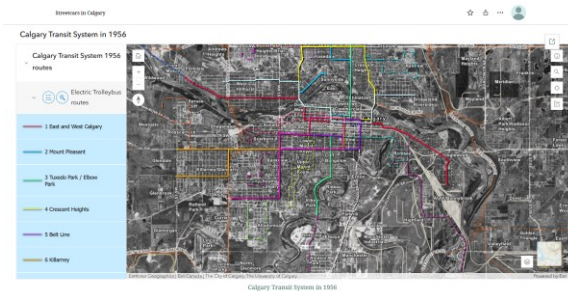


Ghosting Glaciers, Parks Canada (1981). Columbia Icefield: British Columbia-Alberta, Banff-Jasper National Parks.
<https://archive.org/details/NP041081>

Also included were University of Alberta campus maps, a spatial extent where most of the participants spend a large portion of their time. As a result, historical maps of the University of Alberta were included, showing "River Lot 5" as it was in 1874¹⁸, alongside a selection of official campus maps produced from 1910 to 2015¹⁹. Entitled *Campus Corpus* as *Canvas*, participants were encouraged to trace, and overlay their own mental maps representing their day-to-day interactions with the campus. Zooming out from the campus, the workshop also had maps of the Edmonton Region that captured Indigenous communities like Papaschase that were later removed, and erased from the map, alongside wooded areas long since fractured by exurban

Awarded to Larry Laliberté for his hauntingly good paper [Will-o'-the-wisp, map collection tours, hauntology and deep time spectres.](#) The topic of this paper is very relevant to the membership of the ACMLA and the audience of the *Bulletin*. Larry Laliberté invites the reader to reflect on map collections through the lens of hauntology, while also describing a novel approach to map library programming that could inspire future experiential learning opportunities at other institutions. For these reasons, we believe this paper makes a valuable and unique contribution to the literature of our field and recommend that it is awarded the 2025 Cathy Moulder Paper Award.

Student Paper Award: Jay Maudsley



Awarded to Jay Maudsley for his story map entitled "[Streetcars in Calgary: A short history of Calgary's early transit system](#)". The Awards Committee were impressed to see this independent project utilize ACMLA resources, make unique contributions with georeferenced maps and digitization, and package it in an intriguing story map showcasing this small but compelling piece of Calgary history.