

ASSOCIATION OF CANADIAN MAP LIBRARIES AND ARCHIVES  
**BULLETIN**

**Regional News**

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**Alberta**

**Edmonton Map Society  
David Jones**

Fascinating News from Abroad

Fourteen members of the Edmonton Map Society attended the Winter Meeting held on March 11<sup>th</sup> 2019. John Horrigan and David Jones were the speakers for the evening.

**David Jones** introduced attendees to the Brussels Map Circle, a very active map society currently celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Circle, originally known as the Brussels International Map Collectors Circle (BIMCC) aims to:

- 1) provide an informal and convivial forum for all those interested in maps, atlases, topographical views, etc. be they collectors, academics, antiquarians, students, etc.
- 2) organize lectures on various aspects of historical cartography, on archiving and conservation
- 3) arrange visits to exhibitions, private collections and map rooms of libraries or institutions.

The Circle maintains a webpage (<http://www.bimcc.org/>) with valuable links including: 'News', 'Events', 'Exhibitions' 'MAPS IN HISTORY', 'Gallery', 'History of Cartography', and 'Links'

Another interesting link, the 'History of Cartography' link, delivers you to:

- a Latin, Dutch, French & English lexicon of cartographic terms
- a timeline of the history of cartography (in 4 time periods)
- locations of major map collections, and lists of reference books published in

Belgium, the Netherlands, France, and Great Britain.

The MAPS IN HISTORY link connects to the society's publication of the same name. *Maps in History*, published three times per year with contributions from members and specialists, provides information on a wide variety of historical maps, and reviews of specialized books and exhibitions. Except for the three most recent issues the contents are available online in PDF format and are searchable.

**John Horrigan** gave an illustrated review of his recent trip to London and Majorca. Sites he visited:

- 1) [The National Maritime Museum](#) in Greenwich, England with a new [Tudor and Stuart Seafarers' exhibit](#).
- 2) [The Middle Temple Library](#) where John photographed incredible Molyneux Globes from the late 16<sup>th</sup> and early 17<sup>th</sup> centuries. These are on limited display at the Middle Temple Library and some London map dealers.
- 3) Palma, Majorca ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portolan\\_chart](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portolan_chart)), the place where many portolan charts originated. John showed many photographs taken which show both portolan charts and early maps. John commented on the large number of sundials he observed while in Majorica.

Another highly interesting meeting of the Edmonton Map Society is scheduled for May.

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## Ontario

**University of Waterloo**  
**Eva Dodsworth**

### 100 Years Visual Directory, Index and Accounts of Kitchener-Waterloo!

The Geospatial Centre is excited to announce the launch of a major team project this year, *Urbanizing Kitchener Waterloo: A Historical Geospatial Perspective*.

The aim of the project is to provide scholars, researchers, and the public with a one-hundred year visual directory, index and account of Kitchener-Waterloo's residential, business and community development. The project uses digitized city directories (1900-2000), collates them, and will offer the tens of thousands of individual geocoded entries as a single product in ArcGIS Online.

The searchable interactive online map will organize the advertisements, household and business entries by street address, enabling query and location specific searches, allowing researchers to conduct spatial analysis, gain new insights, ask new questions based on geographic proximities, and transform their research and teaching as it relates to urban structure and population geography. Using a combination of city directories with fire insurance plans and other historical resources, we have already discovered changes in street names and building numbers, adding an additional layer of complexity to the geocoding process.

This project wouldn't be possible without the Kitchener Public Library, the Ontario Genealogical Society, and members of the Ontario Historical Society, who have all offered their time and resources in scanning the resources that we need. This project is sponsored by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), as well as the University of Waterloo Library.

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## Saskatchewan

**University of Saskatchewan**

**Sarah Rutley**

**Data, GIS & Government Publications Librarian**

### Scholarships and Photographs

#### ESRI Scholarship

In March, the University of Saskatchewan sent its nomination to ESRI for the 2019 ESRI Canada GIS Scholarship Award. The evaluation committee (representing the University Library, Research Computing, and Social Sciences Research Lab) reviewed several excellent applications from students across campus, and while we can't announce our decision quite yet, we look forward to congratulating our winner!

#### Air Photo Project

The University Library holds over 100,000 aerial photographs, with coverage across Saskatchewan from 1920-1990. In January we initiated a collaboration with the USask Historical GIS (HGIS) Lab around digitizing and georeferencing these photos. Due to the size of the collection we are taking an approach that focuses first on geographic areas that align with HGIS and campus research interests, with an eye to developing a project infrastructure that can be re-engaged over time as resources become available.

HGIS faculty members have also expressed interest in digitizing and georeferencing the photos for the purpose of GIS instruction, so our hope is that in this way (and others) the project will mutually benefit multiple stakeholders.

We are currently in the very earliest stages of planning, so I'll add that input and advice from those who've walked this path before is always in season!