

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

ACMLA NEWS



June 11-14 | McMaster University | Hamilton, ON

McMaster University will host the 53rd annual CARTO conference of the Association of Canadian Map Libraries and Archives in Hamilton, Ontario from June 11-14, 2019.

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*Are map libraries obsolete?*

In her 1970 ACMLA conference paper by this title, Association member and McMaster University Map Librarian Kate Donkin foretold the rise of geospatial data and pondered the future of static maps—and the libraries containing them—in a digital environment. Nearly half a century later, many of Ms. Donkin’s predictions have been validated: the confluence of broadly-available geospatial data, large-scale digitization projects, and the maturation of user-friendly software for analysis and map visualization have ushered in what may be referred to as an “age of accessible cartography”.

Perhaps most interestingly, the implication suggested by the paper’s central question has not been realized: Map libraries have not become obsolete during the rise to prominence of geospatial data. Rather, map collections, their spaces, and the professionals working within them have evolved in diverse ways to meet the changing needs of researchers, students, government, and the public.

As we approach the 50th anniversary of such a provocative question, the community has an opportunity to reflect on it, and perhaps, ask it again. How have the roles of maps, map-related professionals, and the map library been transformed in the age of accessible cartography? How are map libraries adding value to modern-day scholarship? How might their role evolve over the next 50 years?

The Carto 2019 conference committee invites librarians, library staff, archivists, geographic information specialists and other interested individuals to submit proposals for papers, panels, posters, and workshops that explore this theme and others related to it.

Topics of interest include (but are not limited to):

- The application of domain and/or software expertise to add value to existing collections
- Innovative uses of modern or historical cartographic materials to support teaching and research
- New approaches for supporting the software training needs of researchers, students, and the public
- Considerations for acquiring, curating, and making available indigenous collections
- Creating geospatial data through digitizing and georeferencing collections
- Approaches for linking digital map collections to archival and other relevant materials
- Strategies and systems to improve the discoverability and reusability of cartographic materials and geospatial data
- New uses for physical space in map collections and libraries
- Innovative methods for geospatial data analysis and visualization
- Opportunities for map collections and their staff to collaborate with groups across the academic and public spheres
- Managing geospatial collections and research data, and addressing challenges associated with using, describing, archiving, preserving and providing access to this information.

Please submit an abstract (250 words) of your proposal in either French or English and brief biography using [this submission form](#). The deadline for submissions is **February 14th, 2019**. If you do not receive an acknowledgement of your submission or if you have any questions about the conference, please contact a member of the program committee.

The members of the organizing committee are:

- Marilyn Andrews, University of Regina
- Jason Brodeur, McMaster University
- Gordon Beck, McMaster University
- Kara Handren, Scholars Portal
- Christine Homuth, McMaster University
- Vivek Jadon, McMaster University
- Amber Leahey, Scholars Portal

## **Association of Canadian Map Libraries and Archives Awards**

The ACMLA Awards Committee is responsible for three awards given by the Association. We invite nominations for these awards and encourage members to participate in the selection of the awards for outstanding accomplishments in our field.

### **ACMLA Honours Award**

The Awards Committee invites nominations for the ACMLA Honours Award. According to the guidelines for the award, the nominee should be a person who has made an outstanding contribution in the field of map/GIS librarianship. The contribution may either be for a specific activity or for general services and contributions such as continued membership in the Association with active participation either as an executive officer, committee chairperson, or committee member. Normally, membership in ACMLA is a prerequisite; however, that does not preclude considering outstanding non-members.

Deadline : 30 April 2019

### **ACMLA Cathy Moulder Paper Award**

To be eligible for the Paper Award, which carries a \$200 monetary prize, a feature article of at least three pages in length, by one or more authors, must have appeared the ACMLA Bulletin during 2018. We are looking for articles that make a solid contribution to map librarianship, including carto bibliographies. Originality, uniqueness of subject matter and depth of research will be taken into consideration.

Deadline : 30 April 2019

### **ACMLA Student Paper Award**

As a reminder, the ACMLA Awards Committee would like you to encourage students to submit their papers for the Student Paper Award. The Association of Canadian Map Libraries and Archives encourages and supports activities that further the awareness, use and understanding of geographic information by Canadians. To this end, post- secondary students are encouraged to submit a paper for the ACMLA Student Paper Award competition.

The Student Paper Award will consist of a prize of \$250 and free membership in the Association for one year. The award includes an invitation to present the winning paper at the Annual Conference. The Association will waive registration fees and provide a travel stipend of up to \$250. The award will normally be given on an annual basis to a student from Canada or studying in Canada currently enrolled in a post-secondary institution (college or university). The essay will be original and unpublished and of no more than 3000 words. Primary consideration for the award will be given to the essay's originality and its contribution to new knowledge and insight. Other considerations include the author's demonstration of the relevance of the subject, the quality of the presentation and documentation, and the literary merits of the essay.

Deadline : 30 April 2019

**Prix de l'ACACC**

Le Comité des prix et mérites ACACC est responsable de trois prix décernés par l'Association. Nous invitons les nominations pour ces prix et encourager les membres à participer à la sélection des prix pour réalisations exceptionnelles dans notre domaine.

**Prix d'excellence de l'ACACC**

Le comité des prix et mérites invite les membres de l'ACACC à soumettre la candidature du membre qui, à leurs avis, est admissible au Prix d'excellence. Selon les règles du concours, l'heureux(se) élu(e) sera toute personne dont le nom a été retenue en vertu de sa participation considérable au développement de la profession de carto-thécaire. Sa contribution peut se quantifier de différentes façons: activités particulières ou générales, participation soutenue au sein de l'Association en tant que membre d'autres comités. Bien que ce concours s'adresse surtout et avant tout aux adhérents de l'Association, cependant, non-adhérent exceptionnelles peuvent être considéré pour le prix.

Date limite pour soumettre votre rédaction : le 30 avril 2019

**Cathy Moulder ACMLA Prix d'essai**

Selon les règles du concours, l'heureux(se) élu(e), qui recevra une bourse de 200 \$, devra avoir publié un article d'au moins trois pages au sein d'une édition du Bulletin de l'ACACC en 2018. Le comité recherché principalement les articles ou les carto-bibliographies, qui alimentent et soutiennent le développement de la discipline. Les articles seront jugés selon les critères d'originalité du thème choisi et du niveau de recherche.

Date limite pour soumettre votre rédaction : le 30 avril 2019

**Prix annuel de l'ACACC pour article étudiant**

Le comité des prix et mérites de l'ACACC tenons à vous pour encourager les étudiants à participer dans le Prix annuel de l'ACACC pour article étudiant. Le concours est admissible à toute personne originaire du Canada ou qui étudie au Canada et qui est présentement inscrite à un établissement post-secondaire (collège ou université). Les articles doivent être rédigés durant l'année scolaire en cours.

Le prix annuel de l'ACACC pour article étudiant et se composera d'un montant de 250.00 \$ et les droits d'adhésion à l'Association pour une année. Le prix inclus également une invitation présenter la communication lors de la conférence annuelle de l'ACACC tenue à la fin mai ou au début juin. Si le récipiendaire répond à cette invitation, il sera dispensé des frais d'inscription au congrès et l'Association lui allouera un montant jusqu' à 250.00\$, avec recettes, pour couvrir les frais de voyage. L'article doit être original et ne jamais avoir été publié. Il doit comporter moins de 3 000 mots. Les juges porteront l'attention en premier lieu sur l'originalité du sujet et sur son apport en nouvelles connaissances et idées novatrices. L'article sera également jugé sur la façon don't l'auteur démontre la pertinence du sujet, sur la qualité générale de la présentation et de la documentation ainsi que sur la qualité littéraire du texte.

Date limite pour soumettre votre rédaction : le 30 avril 2019

## Nomination Committee Looking for Members

Dear CARTO/ACMLA Members

The CARTO/ACMLA Executive is looking for 2-3 ACMLA members in good standing to join the Nominations Committee to coordinate and carry out the 2019-20 executive election. The committee's work will be completed by mid-April, when the election results will be announced at our Annual General Meeting in Hamilton. Meetings will take place over the phone and via email.

Duties include identifying and contacting potential candidates to run for open executive positions, accepting nominations for open executive positions, providing information to potential candidates about open executive positions, answering questions from members about the online voting procedure, and notifying both successful and unsuccessful candidates of election results.

Please contact Marcel Fortin ([marcel.fortin@utoronto.ca](mailto:marcel.fortin@utoronto.ca)), if you are not interested in standing for election and would be willing to serve on this committee.

Chers membres de CARTO,

Le Comité exécutif de CARTO est à la recherche de 2 à 3 membres de l'association pour se joindre au Comité des candidatures afin de coordonner et de procéder à l'élection des membres du Comité exécutif de 2019-20. Les travaux du Comité s'achèveront à la mi-avril, lorsque les résultats des élections seront annoncés à l'Assemblée générale annuelle qui aura lieu à Hamilton en mai 2019. Les réunions se dérouleront par téléphone et par courriel.

Les tâches consistent à identifier et contacter des candidats potentiels pour des postes au sein du Comité exécutif, recevoir les candidatures, fournir l'information sur les différents postes disponibles, répondre aux questions des membres au sujet de la procédure de votation en ligne et aviser les candidats sélectionnés ou non des résultats de l'élection.

Veuillez contacter Marcel Fortin ([marcel.fortin@utoronto.ca](mailto:marcel.fortin@utoronto.ca)) si vous n'êtes pas intéressé par un poste au Comité exécutif, mais que vous êtes tout de même disposés à participer au Comité des candidatures.