

# ARLIS/NA

ART LIBRARIES SOCIETY of NORTH AMERICA

## Annual Report 2019

### ARLIS/NA Ontario Chapter

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### ARLIS/NA Ontario Chapters Officers:

#### 2019 Chapter Officers:

- **Chair:** Kate Johnson, Innis College, University of Toronto
- **Vice-Chair/Chair Elect:** Paulina Rousseau, University of Toronto Scarborough
- **Treasurer:** Amy Furness, Edward P. Taylor Library & Archives, Art Gallery of Ontario
- **Secretary:** Shelley Woods, Sheridan College
- **Student Representatives:**
  - Michelle Johnson, University of Toronto
  - Maria Napigkit, Western University
- **Past Chair/ARLIS-ON Canada Representative:** Evan Schilling, University of Waterloo
- **Member-at-Large/Fundraising:** Margaret English, University of Toronto

#### 2019-2020 Chapter Committees:

- ARLIS/NA Ontario Chapter Travel Award Committee for ARLIS 2020:
- Lesley Bell, Margaret English and Amy Furness (chair)

#### 2020 Incoming Chapter Officers:

- **Chair:** Paulina Rousseau, University of Toronto Scarborough
- **Vice-Chair/Chair Elect:** Michelle Johnson, Canadian Film Centre, Master of Information Program, Faculty of Information, University of Toronto
- **Treasurer:**
  - Amy Furness, Edward P. Taylor Library & Archives, Art Gallery of Ontario (Jan-Apr 2020)
  - Max Dionisio, Bishop White Committee Library of East Asia, Royal Ontario Museum (Apr-Dec 2020)
- **Secretary:** Shelley Woods, Sheridan College
- **Student Representatives:**
  - Delaney Sweep, University of Toronto

- Maria Napigkit, Western University
- **Past Chair/ARLIS-ON Canada Representative:** Kate Johnson, Innis College, University of Toronto
- **Member-at-Large/Fundraising:** Margaret English, University of Toronto

## Chapter Business Meetings:

### Spring Business Meeting 2019

Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019

2 Sussex Avenue, Innis College and Museum of Contemporary Art, Toronto

- 7 members total in attendance
- Several attendees and a guest experienced a staff guided tour of the Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA) exhibits, including *An Index*. An Exhibition Showcasing Artists from the Museum's Akin Studio Program. ARLIS-ON attendees had the chance to view the work of outgoing class of MOCA's Akin Studio Program and meet several of the artists. This program provides affordable studio space to more than 30 visual artists and cultural practitioners in the Museum's new home on Sterling Road. The Program is open to student, emerging and professional art practitioners, curators and writers living in Toronto.
- [Spring Business Meeting Minutes can be viewed here.](#)

### Fall Business Meeting 2019

Friday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019

[Daniel Spectrum Artscape](#), 585 Dundas Street East Toronto, On M5A 2B7

- 13 members total in attendance
- Attendees took part in Business meeting at Centre of Social Innovation [CSI Regent Park](#). The day's event included: a presentation on [Canada Comics Open Library](#) (CCOL) by President, Rotem Diamant, a tour of CCOL space and collection, a tour of [ArtHeart Community Art Centre](#) and a visit to the [Daniels Spectrum Hallways Galleries](#).
- [Fall Business Meeting Minutes can be viewed here.](#)

## Activities of the Chapter:

ARLIS-ON Chapter is incredibly proud to recognize the participation of two of its members in [ARLIS/NA 2019 Conference](#) in Salt Lake City, Utah:

- Amy Furness - Museum Library Futures (Panel)
- Evan Schilling - Diversity Forum "The Art of Belonging: Intersectional & Anti-Oppressive Practices in Art Librarianship"
- Evan Schilling - In Process: Subverting and Dismantling Institutional Hegemony in Libraries (Round Table) - "Indigenization/Decolonization of Instruction, Collections, and Spaces at the Musagetes Architecture Library"

Under the leadership of Michelle Johnson, ARLIS-ON UofT Student Group organized two tours in collaboration with Special Libraries Association's UofT Student Group in 2019:

- February 19<sup>th</sup> - Tour of the Art Gallery of Ontario's E.P. Taylor Library & Archives with lunch afterwards at Village Idiot Pub in Toronto. (12 attendees)  
<http://ontario.arlisna.org/2019/04/10/uoftstudentgroup-librarytour-ago>
- December 19<sup>th</sup> - ROM MEGA-TOUR to go behind the scenes at the Royal Ontario Museum, visiting the institution's fascinating libraries and archives. Afterwards there was an informal meetup for attendees at the Bedford Academy in Toronto. (15 attendees)  
<http://ontario.arlisna.org/2020/02/27/students-and-professionals-delighted-by-arlis-na-sla-rom-mega-tour>

Under the leadership of Maria Napigkit, ARLIS-ON UofT Student Group coordinated several events over 2019:

- March 3<sup>rd</sup> - Museum London Archives & Vault Tour + Talk with Art Registrar and History Registrar; DNA Art Gallery Visit
- March 29<sup>th</sup> - McIntosh Gallery Exhibition Tour with Curator & Career Discussion with Alumni
- April 6<sup>th</sup> - End-of-Term Trip: - TIFF Reference Library - University of Toronto, Department of Art Library - Royal Ontario Museum, Bishop Committee East Asia Library - Mixer/Dinner with UofT/ARLIS-ON members

ARLIS-ON Chapter is striving to develop a mentorship program to build great community connections within our Chapter and Arts Communities. The first call for Mentor participants was shared with ARLIS-ON members and our extended mailing list. The ARLIS-ON Mentorship Program hope to organize a social mixer to enable potential Mentors and Mentees to connect with one another.  
<http://ontario.arlisna.org/2019/11/07/call-for-mentors>

### **Travel Award:**

Though a Travel Awards Committee was formed for 2018-2019, and a call for application was sent out, the committee members elected not to award it. There was only application submitted and did not meet requirements (neither an ARLIS/NA nor a chapter member and did not mention Ontario). The chapter will hold onto money and put it towards the travel award for another year (St. Louis conference), or towards Montreal in 2021(to support multiple people that year).

### **Membership Report:**

In 2019, the Chapter had 24 paid members (20 regular, 1 retiree and 3 student memberships), up from 20 in 2018. We were pleased to have Ontario College of Arts & Design (OCAD) University reconnect with ARLIS Ontario to arrange for memberships for staff members.

