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PROFILE

I am a professional archivist completing my PhD dissertation on the creation of Indigenous archives, memory, and community identity in Northern Québec. I have more than ten years of experience working as an archivist and conducting archives-related research in both English and French. I am a co-applicant and collaborator on multiple research grants and projects.

EDUCATION

PHD | UNIVERSITY OF DUNDEE

CENTER FOR ARCHIVE AND INFORMATION STUDIES
2020

MASTER OF INFORMATION | UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

FACULTY OF INFORMATION, ISCHOOL,
ARCHIVES AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT
2011

HONOURS BACHELOR OF ARTS, HISTORY | COLLÈGE UNIVERSITAIRE DE SAINT BONIFACE

LA FACULTÉ DES ARTS
2009

HONOURS, AWARDS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

DOCTORAL AWARD | SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES RESEARCH COUNCIL OF CANADA (SSHRC)

\$20,000.00
2019

MARINELL ASH AWARD | THE STRATHMARTINE TRUST

£500.00
2017

ARTS AND HUMANITIES RESEARCH INSTITUTE SCHOLARSHIP | UNIVERSITY OF DUNDEE

£4,000.00
2016

LAURENT-G. DENIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP | UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO FACULTY OF INFORMATION

\$700.00
2010

BOURSE D'EXCELLENCE | COLLÈGE UNIVERSITAIRE DE SAINT-BONIFACE

\$2,000.00
2009

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**BOURSE D'ÉTUDES DE LA LANGUE MINORITAIRE
OFFICIELLE | COLLÈGE UNIVERSITAIRE DE SAINT-BONIFACE**

\$3,000.00
2003-2009

**BOURSE D'ADMISSION | COLLÈGE UNIVERSITAIRE DE
SAINT-BONIFACE**

\$2,000.00
2003

**BOURSE D'EXCELLENCE | COLLÈGE UNIVERSITAIRE DE
SAINT-BONIFACE**

\$2,000.00
2003

RESEARCH GRANTS

**SSHRC PARTNERSHIP GRANT, CO-APPLICANT | "ARCHIVE:
ACTIVATING CANADA'S MOVING IMAGE HERITAGE"**

\$2,499,000.00
2018-2024

**SSHRC INSIGHT GRANT, COLLABORATOR | "LGBTQ DIGITAL
COLLABORATORY 2.0"**

\$303,181.00
2020-2023

**SSHRC INSIGHT GRANT, COLLABORATOR | "ESTABLISHING A
FRAMEWORK FOR RECONCILIATION ACTION & AWARENESS
WITHIN THE CANADIAN ARCHIVAL SYSTEM"**

\$182,000.00
2018-2020

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR | THE ARQUIVES: CANADA'S
LGBTQ2+ ARCHIVES (FORMERLY THE CANADIAN LESBIAN
AND GAY ARCHIVES [CLGA])**

TORONTO, ON.
2016-PRESENT

**PROVINCIAL ARCHIVAL ADVISOR | COUNCIL OF ARCHIVES
NEW BRUNSWICK**

FREDERICTON, NB.
2015-2016

**ARCHIVIST/SENIOR ARCHIVIST | AANISCHAAUKAMIKW
CREE CULTURAL INSTITUTE**

OUJÉ-BOUGOUMOU, QB.
2013-2015

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DIGITAL ARCHIVIST | TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION
COMMISSION OF CANADA

WINNIPEG, MB.
2011-2013

ARCHIVIST (CO-OP) | LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES OF CANADA,
POLITICAL AND SOCIAL DIVISION/SOCIETY OF
GOVERNANCE BRANCH

GATINEAU, QB.
2011

RESEARCH ASSISTANT | UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO,
FACULTY OF SOCIAL WORK

TORONTO, ON.
2010-2011

LIBRARIAN/ARCHIVIST | MANITOBA DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION, CITIZENSHIP, AND YOUTH, EDUCATION
INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES LIBRARY

WINNIPEG, MB.
2007-2009

HISTORICAL INTERPRETER | PARKS CANADA, GOVERNMENT
OF CANADA, LOWER FORT GARRY NATIONAL HISTORIC
SITE

SELKIRK, MB.
2006

SERVICE

CO-CHAIR | ASSOCIATION OF THE CANADIAN ARCHIVISTS
SPECIAL INTEREST SECTION ON INDIGENOUS ARCHIVES

2016-PRESENT

MEMBER | STEERING COMMITTEE ON CANADA'S ARCHIVES
TASKFORCE TO RESPOND TO THE "CALLS TO ACTION"
REPORT FROM THE TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION
COMMISSION

2016-2020

MEMBER | ASSOCIATION OF CANADIAN ARCHIVISTS
EDUCATION COMMITTEE

2016-2018

MEMBER | ASSOCIATION OF THE CANADIAN ARCHIVISTS
SPECIAL INTEREST SECTION ON INDIGENOUS ARCHIVES

2011-2016

ASSOCIATION OF CANADIAN ARCHIVISTS MEMBERSHIP
AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE

2013-2016

COORDINATOR | ASSOCIATION OF CANADIAN ARCHIVISTS
MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

2014-2015

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**CHAIR | ASSOCIATION OF CANADIAN ARCHIVISTS,
UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO CHAPTER**

2010-2011

**VOLUNTEER ARCHIVIST | CANADIAN LESBIAN AND GAY
ARCHIVES**

2010-2011

**FIRST-YEAR REPRESENTATIVE | ASSOCIATION OF
CANADIAN ARCHIVISTS, UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
CHAPTER**

2010-2011

**VOLUNTEER ARCHIVAL ASSISTANT | LE CENTRE DU
PATRIMOINE: SOCIÉTÉ HISTORIQUE DE SAINT-BONIFACE**

2008-2009

**VOLUNTEER LIBRARIAN | EDUCATION INSTRUCTIONAL
RESOURCES LIBRARY, MANITOBA DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION, CITIZENSHIP, AND YOUTH**

2007-2008

VOLUNTEER | MANITOBA CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

2002-2006

PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

Swanson, R. (2019). The ArQuives. In G. Anderson (Ed.), *Mission Matters: Relevance and museums in the 21st century*. Row & Littlefield Publishers and the American Alliance of Museums. Book chapter, not peer-reviewed.

Swanson, R., & Graham, J. (2016). Aanischaaukamikw: A Cree Elders' vision expressed through a community institute. In C. Callison, L. Roy, & G. A. LeCheminant (Eds.), *Indigenous notions of ownership and libraries, archives, and museums*. IFLA Publications no. 166. Berlin: De Gruyter Saur. Peer-reviewed book chapter.

Swanson, R. (2015). Adapting the Brian Deer Classification System for Aanischaaukamikw Cree Cultural Institute. *Cataloging & Classification Quarterly*, 53(5/6), 568-579. Peer-reviewed journal article.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

Swanson, R. (2020, DATE). Establishing a framework for reconciliation action and awareness within the Canadian archival system [Paper presentation]. Archives Association of Ontario Online Conference.

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Hernandez-Read, E., Swanson, R., et al. (2020, June 10–12). Establishing a framework for reconciliation action and awareness within the Canadian archival system [Paper presentation]. Association of Canadian Archivists Annual Conference: 20/20 Vision: Seeing Archives Differently. Online Conference.

Swanson, R. (2020, January 29–February 1). Moving forward from legacy classification systems [Paper presentation]. Ontario Library Association Super Conference, Toronto, ON, Canada.

Swanson, R. (2019, October 21–25). Building trust, creating foundations: Canadian archivists respond to the TRC's Calls to Action [Paper presentation]. International Council on Archives: Designing the Archive. Adelaide, SA, Australia.

Swanson, R. (2019, June 27–29). The ArQuives: Changing our name to meet our mandate, a new chapter to our history [Paper presentation]. ALMS Conference: Queering Memory. Berlin, Germany.

Swanson, R. (2019, June 6). Hiring community: Community descriptions for community collections [Paper presentation]. Association of Canadian Archivists: Let's Start at the Beginning: Archival Origins. Toronto, ON, Canada.

Swanson, R. (2018, April 25–27). "Protecting the Ways": The creation of Indigenous community archives in Northern Québec and the building of community identities [Paper presentation]. CAIS: Memory, Identity and Trust. Dundee, Scotland.

Swanson, R. (2017, July 10–14). "Protecting the Ways": The creation of Indigenous community archives in Northern Québec and the building of community identities [Paper presentation]. Archival Education and Research Institute. Toronto, ON, Canada.

Swanson, R., & Pichette, J. (2017, April 26–28). Keeping our stories alive: LGBTQ2+ archives [Paper presentation]. Archives Association of Ontario: Come Together: Meaningful Collaborations in a Connecting World. Toronto, ON, Canada.

Swanson, R. (2016, October 20–22). Working with intangible heritage [Paper presentation]. Association Heritage New Brunswick. Saint John, NB, Canada.

Swanson, R. (2016). Museum Archives [Paper presentation]. Association Heritage New Brunswick. Saint John, NB, Canada.

Swanson, R., & Graham, J. (2015, March 24–27). Anischaaukamikw: Cree self-representation in Eeyou Istchee [Paper presentation]. American Indian Workshop: Knowledge and Self-Representation. Frankfurt, Germany.

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Swanson, R., & Petawabano, L. (2014, June 26–28). Eeyou Istchee Network: Working towards our ideal community network [Paper presentation]. Association of Canadian Archivists: Archivatopia. Victoria, British-Columbia, Canada

Swanson, R. (2014, June 26–28). Looking towards the future: Aboriginal archives in Canada and the United States [Paper presentation]. Association of Canadian Archivists: Archivatopia. Victoria, BC, Canada.

Swanson, R., & Huston, P. (2013, June 13–15). Documenting the residential school experience through oral history [Paper presentation]. Association of Canadian Archivists: Archives as Community, Community as Archives. Winnipeg, MB, Canada.

Swanson, R. (2011, March 4–6). Community archives: Gatekeepers to our history: Breaking the Boundaries of traditional ideas of archives: Boundaries, frontiers, and gatekeepers: iSchool Student Conference [Paper presentation]. University of Toronto Faculty of Information. Toronto, ON, Canada.

GUEST LECTURES

Swanson, R. (2019, December 2). Community archives. Guest lecture in PP8110, Cataloguing and Registration Methods. Invited by D'Arcy White and Chantal Wilson. Ryerson University, Toronto, ON, Canada.

Swanson, R. (2019, October). Community archives. Guest lecture in SMC300H1F, Special Topics in Book and Media Studies I: Libraries, Special Collections and Archives. Invited by James Roussain. University of Toronto, Toronto, ON, Canada.

Swanson, R. (2018, October). Community archives and the queer and trans community. Guest lecture in SMC300H1F, Special Topics in Book and Media Studies I: Libraries, Special Collections and Archives. Invited by James Roussain. University of Toronto, Toronto, ON, Canada.

Swanson, R. (2018, January 26). Indigenous community archives. Guest lecture in WDW235H1F, Introduction to Digital Humanities. Invited by Alexandra Bolintineanu. University of Toronto, Toronto, ON Canada.

Swanson, R. (2017, November 13). Indigenous community archives. Guest lecture in PP8110, Cataloguing and Registration Methods. Invited by Alison Skyrme. Ryerson University, Toronto, ON, Canada.

CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

Archives Association of Ontario Annual Conference Programming Committee. 2021. Sault Ste Marie, ON.
Association of Canadian Archivists Annual Conference Host Committee. 2010. Toronto, ON.

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INVITED PUBLIC LECTURES AND PANEL DISCUSSIONS

Swanson, R. (2019, June 19). Histories of LGBTQ+ movements and minorities in Europe and in Canada. Cultural and Scientific Service of the French Embassy in Canada. Toronto, ON, Canada.

Swanson, R. (2019, January 30). Digitization + access: Four case studies from art and media collections. Ontario Library Association Super Conference. Toronto, ON, Canada.

Swanson, R. (2018, September 28). Diversifying collections, then and now. York University Public History Symposium. Toronto, ON, Canada.

Swanson, R. (2017, December 7). Intangible heritage identity and cross-cultural exchange. Ontario Heritage Trust Dialogue on Intangible Heritage. Toronto, ON, Canada.

Swanson, R. (2017, June 22). "Can we really show this?": Ethics, representation, and social justice in sensitive digital space. Joint Conference on Digital Libraries. Toronto, ON, Canada.

Swanson, R. (2017, June 13). Archives and alternative narratives. Toronto Art Book Fair. Toronto, ON, Canada

FACILITATION AND DESIGN OF WORKSHOPS

Grant writing workshop for archivists. Toronto Area Archivists Group, Archives Association of Ontario. Online workshop, June 2, 2020.

Grant writing workshop for archivists. Toronto Area Archivists Group, Archives Association of Ontario. Online workshop, November 30, 2018.

Funding initiatives for archives. Association of Manitoba Archivists. Winnipeg, MB, Canada, February 23, 2018.

Organizing your museum's records. Association Museums and Built Heritage New Brunswick. Online workshop, March 1, 2017.

Introduction to digitization. Association Museums and Built Heritage New Brunswick. Online Workshop, January 20, 2016.

PARTICIPATION IN ROUNDTABLE AND WORKING SESSIONS

The Canadian Lesbian and Gay Archives Case Study: Myseum Intersections Event. Archives of Ontario Symposium: #GLAMsGetSocial: How Galleries, Libraries, Archives and Museums Use Social Media. Toronto, ON, Canada. March 4, 2019.

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Making inclusive space: Transforming the Canadian Lesbian and Gay Archives. Two Spirit and Queer People of Colour Call to Conversation with LGBT and Allies Conference. Winnipeg, MB, Canada. October 21, 2017.

Keeping our stories alive: LGBTQ2+ archives. LGBTQ+ Service Providers' Summit. Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. June 8, 2017.

Managing archives. Cataloguing and Registration Methods. Ryerson University. Toronto, Ontario, Canada. 2017.

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