

Nomination for Honourary Member – Lorraine Dubreuil

The Association of Canadian Map Libraries and Archives (ACMLA) bestows an honorary life membership on a member who has made an outstanding contribution to the field of map librarianship or to a more significant understanding and appreciation of maps. To quote Heather McAdam (Honours Award recipient 2007), “these are individuals who have assumed leadership roles within the Association and have championed the Association beyond the confines of institutional walls.”

Lorraine Dubreuil received the ACMLA Honours Award for Outstanding Achievement in 1993. Lorraine served on the Executive for 6 years (1974-76, 1979-83), including 2 years as president. Between 1987 and 1989, Lorraine was *Bulletin* editor. She also held positions on the Publications, Map Users’ Advisory and National Union Catalogue, committees. Whenever McGill University hosted an ACMLA conference, she was there to organize the program and interesting field trip. Her list of publications is lengthy, including: *Directory of Canadian Map Collections* (2 editions); *Early Canadian Topographic Map Series: The Geological Survey of Canada, 1842-1949*; *Sectional Maps of Western Canada, 1871-1955: An Early Canadian Topographic Map Series*; *Canadian Fire Insurance Plans in Ontario Collections, 1876-1973*; *Catalogue of Canadian Fire Insurance Plans, 1875-1975*; *Standard Topographical Maps of Canada, 1904-1948*; *Canada’s Militia and Defence Maps, 1905-1931*; *Early Canadian Maps: The W. H. Pugsley Collection*.

Besides producing these very useful bibliographies of maps of importance to the history of Canadian cartography, Lorraine pioneered the creation of the Canadian County Atlas Digital Project website that was launched in 1999. This searchable database includes the property owners’ names which appear on the township maps of 43 county atlases. McGill’s Rare Books and Special Collections Division is fortunate in owning copies of many of the original atlases dated 1874 to 1881. In 2000, this website won 2 awards: Site of the Day through Family Tree Magazine and Family History favourite through Ancestry.com. Lorraine was awarded several grants through Industry Canada and Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. Under the Digital Collections Program at McGill, she established the W.H. Pugsley Collection of Early Canadian Maps website that includes 50 donated maps dating between 1556 and 1857. In 1971-1972, Dr. Pugsley, a McGill alumnus, donated these maps that show the discovery and exploration of North America.

At the international level, Lorraine acted as the ACMLA delegate to the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) from 1985-88, and 1989-93. During that time, she was editor of the *World Directory of Map Collections* (3rd edition, 1993).

Lorraine is a graduate of McGill University majoring in Geography and her M.L.S is from University of Maryland. While at McGill University, she was the map curator of the University Map Collection, Department of Geography from 1973-80; then map curator of the Map & Air Photo Library from 1980-89 and retired in 2003 after holding the position

of map curator, Rare Books & Special Collections Division since 1989. Lorraine was very active in the Association of McGill University Librarians which she was president of 1988-89. She is now recognized as Librarian Emerita.

The profession of map librarianship is a contagious passion that seems to capture us so whole-heartedly that we stay with it, very willingly, for most, if not all, of our career. It brings out a personal enthusiasm, commitment and dedication that is difficult to explain unless you have lived it. Lorraine is proof of this.

Nominated by: Cheryl Woods

Seconded by: Colleen Beard and Marcel Fortin