

ACMLA/CARTO bestows an honorary life-membership to a member who has, as described in the by-laws, “made a distinguished contribution to their profession and whom the Association chooses to honour.” This award is presented on an irregular basis. Honorary members receive a lifetime membership at no charge and have the right to vote. This year, Cheryl Woods of Western University was awarded this prestigious award.

CARTO/ACMLA attribue le titre de membre honoraire à vie à un membre qui a, comme il est décrit dans les règlements de l'association, «apporté une contribution éminente à la profession et que l'association a choisi d'honorer». Ce prix est décerné de façon irrégulière. Les membres honoraires reçoivent une adhésion à vie sans frais à CARTO et ont le droit de voter. Cette année, Cheryl Woods de l'Université Western a reçu ce prix prestigieux.

Cheryl retired in the spring of 2020 after a brilliant career in Map Librarianship at Western University where she started work under Map Librarianship pioneer Serge Sauer, and eventually came to manage one of the most important and largest map collections in North America. She also built and curated an impressive and beautiful collection of Globes at Western University, that is not rivalled anywhere in Canada.

Cheryl was a member of the ACMLA for over thirty years and served in several roles on the executive and in several association committees. She was ACMLA President in 1988-1989, Vice President in 1986-1988 and Secretary in 1985-86. Cheryl was also the long-time editor of the *New Cartographic Resources: Maps, Atlases and Books* for the ACMLA Bulletin.

Cheryl contributed and led many important map projects at the provincial and national levels, including the ACMLA Historical Map Facsimile Program and the Historical Topographic Maps Digitization Project. She is also been a long time co-lead and contributor to the Ontario Historical County Maps Project with Marcel Fortin and Lorraine Dubreuil.

She along with Lorraine Dubreuil published, through the ACMLA, the canonical book containing the Fire Insurance Plan holdings of most post-secondary institutions in Canada. The publication is one of the most important books about Canadian map collections in 2002, and continues to be used in Map Libraries and Special Collections across the country.

Throughout her career, Cheryl was dedicated to map communities at the local, provincial and national levels. Cheryl has been an important mentor to many Map and GIS Librarians and technicians now active in the GIS and Map Library world.

Cheryl has an irreplaceable store of knowledge of maps that will be missed by colleagues across Canada and has acted as a “go to” reference source for map advice. Her willingness to share her wisdom and knowledge has known no bounds.

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