

Nomination for the ACMLA Honours Award – The Association of Canadian Map Libraries and Archives (ACMLA) recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to map librarianship at the local, regional, national, and international levels through their granting of the Honours Award for outstanding achievement.

It is our honour to nominate Sherri Sunstrum, Cartographic Specialist and subject specialist for Earth Sciences and Geomatics at Carleton University's MacOdrum Library, for the ACMLA Honours Award.

Sherri has made exceptional and sustained contributions to the field of geographic information and cartography, both through professional practice and active engagement within the academic and research communities. In her role supporting disciplines such as Earth Sciences, Geography, Geomatics, Urban Studies, and Environmental Studies, she has consistently demonstrated a deep commitment to the advancement of geospatial knowledge and a passion for facilitating access to cartographic information.

Sherri's work has bridged multiple fields, enabling researchers and students alike to apply geomatics and cartographic principles to a wide range of interdisciplinary studies. She creates and delivers hands-on map labs for various courses, regularly consults with researchers to locate cartographic materials on wide-ranging contemporary and historical topics, and has laid her hands on every single map currently in the Carleton Library's collection. Beyond the technical and intellectual excellence of her work, Sherri is known for being a collaborative and generous colleague—someone who brings people together, mentors emerging professionals, and strengthens institutional partnerships through service and expertise.

Searching Sherri's name in the Bulletin, yields many results, demonstrating her long and involved history with the ACMLA. She has stepped up for countless committees, working groups, and executive roles. Back in 2002, she served on the bibliographic control committee. In recent years she's served as the Vice President Communications & Outreach, and has played an invaluable role in conference planning for several years. She has also managed the payment of all our dues through Membee for over a decade. She's someone who has impacted each and everyone's experience as a member, and quite literally the reason we are all here today.

In keeping with the spirit of the ACMLA Honours Award, Sherri exemplifies the qualities this recognition seeks to highlight: outstanding achievement, leadership, and lasting impact on the geographic information field in Canada. We believe her nomination is both timely and well-deserved.

Thank you for your attention, and please join us in congratulating Sherri on this well-deserved award.

Nominators: Francine Berish & René Duplain
Seconders: Rebecca Bartlett