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2011 Canadian Association of Research Libraries (CARL) Research in Librarianship Grants Announced

OTTAWA, November 17, 2011 – The CARL Research Libraries Committee has selected two recipients for this year's competition in the Research in Librarianship Grant fund.

The CARL Research in Librarianship Grant is awarded to new and established librarians working in research libraries and who are actively conducting research. Students enrolled in any of Canada's graduate library and information studies programmes are also eligible for the grant. The CARL Research in Librarianship Grant is intended to support projects involving structured, evidence-based research in libraries that propose answers to real-world issues.

CARL is very pleased to support Leila Fernandez (York University) and Jane Burpee (University of Guelph) for their project entitled "A Study of Librarian Roles in Promoting Scholarly Communication within Canadian Research Libraries" and Max Neuvians (University of Ottawa LIS student) for his project "An analysis and interpretation of existing social media policies utilized by public information institutions"

"This is CARL's fourth consecutive year of awarding funding for such valuable projects." said Vivian Lewis, Associate University Librarian, McMaster University, and lead of the CARL Research in Librarianship Grant Working Group. "The research that our practicing librarians are conducting deals with issues that academic libraries all struggle with; CARL is proud to be able to support these projects that can have an impact on our profession at such a national level."

Leila Fernandez and Jane Burpee will be awarded \$2,000 to help develop an in-depth understanding of the roles that librarians play in promoting scholarly communication in academic institutions, and the organizational structure in which they operate. The study will explore how scholarly communication activities have an impetus in redefining librarians' roles and how these roles may evolve in the future.

Max Neuvians will be awarded \$2,000 to support his research into analyzing, interpreting, and understanding the existing body of social media policies utilized by public information institutions, as they relate to their employees. The project will provide an analytical overview of social media policy

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and propose recommendations for improved social media policy for the future, with a focus upon ethical and curatorial themes for both the workplace and the information profession as a whole.

For more information on the CARL Research in Librarianship Grant, visit the CARL website at <http://www.carl-abrc.ca/about/grant/grants-e.html>

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CARL—the Canadian Association of Research Libraries—is the leadership organization for the Canadian research library community. The Association’s members consist of 29 major academic research libraries across Canada together with Library and Archives Canada, the Canada Institute for Scientific and Technical Information (CISTI) and the Library of Parliament. CARL strives to enhance the capacity of member libraries to partner in research and higher education, and to seek effective and sustainable scholarly communication and public policy encouraging of research and broad access to scholarly information.

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