

MARY HEMMINGS

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Education:

LL.B./J.D. (University of Calgary, 2003)
M.A. Legal/Military History (University of Calgary, 1997)
M.L.S. (McGill University, 1980)
B.A. History (Concordia University, 1976)

Current Position:

Chief Law Librarian and Professor of Law
Faculty of Law, Thompson Rivers University

University of Calgary (1989-2011)

Law Library:

Assistant Director, Law Library, Sept. 2006-April 2007; July 2008-June 2011

Interim Director, Law Library, 2004; May 2007-July 2008

Head, Technical Services and Reference Librarian, Law Library, 1989-1995

Liaison Librarian, 1996-2006, 2010-2011

Interim Communications & Culture, 2010-2011

Geography, 1996-1998

English Literature, 1998-2006

French and Italian Literatures, 1996-2006

Spanish Literature, 1997-2006

Canadian Literature, 2006

Latin American Studies, 2006

Librarian-in-Residence, English Department (50% appointment), 2003-2006

(Including promoter of Gibson Collection of Speculative Fiction, 2002-2006)

Librarian-in-Residence, Communications and Culture Dept, (10%), January 2010-present

Co-ordinator, Reference Collection, MacKimmie Library (20% appointment), 2000-2003

Projects Manager, for Director of Information Resources (80% appointment), 1997-1998

Co-ordinator, Database Maintenance and Processing, Technical Services, 1995-1996

University Activities (Thompson Rivers University)

- Canadian Journal of Comparative and Contemporary Law: Special Advisor and Book Review Editor

University Activities (Calgary)

- Special assignment to draft content and assist in design of Intellectual Property Web page for Special Assistant to VP Academic (2002)
- Project Manager, for Director of Information Resources (1997-1998) - Drafted University Computing and Networks Policy
- Member, Library of the Future Task Force, 1997.
- Faculty Association: Library Representative, by election (various 1990-1995); Member of Pension Advisory Committee (2000); Member, Bargaining Advisory Committee (1995-1996); Member, Special Recognition Awards Committee (2003)
- Non-Academic Misconduct Committee, General Faculties Council (participated in adjudication of individual appeal cases) (1998-2001)
- General Faculties Council, elected representative (2003-2004)

McGill University (1985-1989)

Technical Services Librarian, Health Sciences Library (5FTE)

Concordia University (1980-1984)

Cataloguing Librarian

Professional Contributions:

Book Chapters:

- “Make ‘Em Laugh: Images of Law in Eighteenth Century Popular Culture” in Law, Culture and Visual Studies, Anne Wagner and Richard Sherwin, eds., Amsterdam: Springer, 2013 at 893.
- “Controlling the Popular: Canadian Memory Institutions and Canadian Culture” with Frits Pannekoek and Helen Clarke in How Canadians Communicate (3rd ed.) Athabasca University Press, 2010
- “Weird Tales: the Role of Women in Science Fiction, 1925-1945” in The Influence of Imagination: Essays on Science Fiction and Fantasy as Agents of Social Change, Lee Easton and Randy Schroeder, eds., (McFarland, 2008)

Articles:

- “Starting an Academic Law Library: in *Canadian Law Library Journal* (forthcoming)

Book Reviews (Recent):

Michael Asch, *On Being Here to Stay: Treaties and Aboriginal Rights in Canada* (University of Toronto Press, 2014) in *Law Library Journal*, v. 106:4 (2014) p. 595.

Richard Eakins, *The Nature of Legislative Intent* (Oxford University Press, 2013) in *Canadian Law Library Review*, v. 39 (2014) p. 137.

Laurence M. Olivo and Dee Ann Gonsalves, *Debtor-Crditor Law and Procedure* (4th ed) (Toronto: Emond Montgomery, 2012) in *Canadian Law Library Review*, v. 38 (2013) p. 27.

Carys J. Craig, *Copyright, Communication and Culture: Towards a Relational Theory of Copyright Law* (Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 2011) in *Canadian Law Library Review*, v. 38 (2013) p. 89-90.

Alan Brudner, *Punishment and Freedom: A Liberal Theory of Penal Justice* (Oxford University Press, 2009) in *Canadian Law Library Review*, v. 36 (2011) p. 83-84.

Constance Backhouse, *Carnal Crimes: Sexual Assault Law in Canada, 1900-1975* (Toronto: publ for Osgoode Society for Canadian Legal History by Irwin Law, 2008) in *Canadian Law Library Review*, v. 34 (2009) p. 254.

Justin T. Gleeson, Ruth C.A. Higgins, eds., *Rediscovering Rhetoric: Law, Language and the Practice of Persuasion* (Sydney, Federation, 2008) in *Canadian Law Library Review*, v. 34, (2009) p. 118-119.

Thomas Ahnert and Peter Schroder, Johan Gottlieb, eds., *Heinneccius: A Methodical System of Universal Law with Supplements and Discourse by George Turnbull*, in *Newsletter of the Legal*

History and Rare Books Special Interest Section of the American Association of Law Libraries, v. 14, no. 3, Fall, 2008 p. 40-41. www.aallnet.org/sis/lhrb/Lhrb-14-3.pdf

David Dyzenhaus, Sophia Reibetanz Moreau and Arthur Ripstein, eds., *Law and Morality: Readings in Legal Philosophy* (3rd ed), (University of Toronto Press, 2007) in *Canadian Law Library Review*, v. 32 (2007) p. 237.

Oonagh E. Fitzgerald, ed., *The Globalized Rule of Law: Relationships between International and Domestic Law*, (Toronto, Irwin Law, 2006) in *Canadian Law Library Review*, v. 33, (2008) p. 459-460; reprinted by permission in Manitoba Bar Association's, *Headnotes and Footnotes*, 2009.

Peter Wilson and Allison Taylor, *The Corporate Counsel Guide to Employment Law* (Toronto, Canada Law Book, 2003) in *Canadian Law Library Review*, v. 29, (2004) p. 200-201.

Ruth Sullivan, *Statutory Interpretation* (Concord Ont, Irwin Law, 1996) in *Canadian Law Libraries*, v. 22, (1997) p. 222-223.

Maureen Fitzgerald, *Legal Problem Solving: Reasoning, Research and Writing* (Toronto: Butterworth's, 1996) in *Canadian Law Libraries*, v. 22, (1997) p. 178-179

Book Reviewer:

Law Library Journal (American Association of Law Libraries), 2014-present
Canadian Law Libraries Journal, 1994-1999, 2004, 2007- present
American Reference Books Annual, 1993-1998
Automatome (American Association of Law Libraries), 1990-1995
Calgary Herald, 1989-1998
Cataloguing and Classification Quarterly, 1988-1995
Information Technology and Libraries, 1988-1993
Library Journal, 1980-1997
Newsletter of the Legal History and Rare Books Special Interest Section of the American Association of Law Libraries, 2008-2009

Presentations (Recent):

- Presentation, "Legal Research: Utilizing Lawyer-Run Websites and Blogs to Streamline your Practice", Canadian Bar Association, BC Branch (CBABC Women Lawyers Forum), Kamloops, BC, March 1, 2015
- Presentation, "Developing and Academic Law Library: 10 Easy Steps", Canadian Association of Law Libraries, Winnipeg, May 2014
- Panelist, "Free the Law on the Internet", Panel D: The Court of Tomorrow Chaired by Amy Ulveland (Panelists: Allie Laurent, Chief Law Librarian Mary Hemmings; Robert Fischer, Geoffrey Cowper, Q.C.; Students in Law Conference, TRU Faculty of Law, Feb 8, 2013).
- Presentation, "CanLII", Kamloops, Courthouse Library, February 2012
- Witness to Parliamentary Committee on Copyright Reform: Canadian Association of Law Libraries representative, Presentation to the Legislative Committee on Bill C-11
Meeting No. 8 CC11, Centre Block – 253-D, Tuesday March 6, 2012
<http://parlvu.parl.gc.ca/parlvu/ContentEntityDetailView.aspx?ContentEntityId=8608>
(cited: Janet Moss, Part III, Professional Contributions and Advocacy, *Canadian Law Library Journal* v. 38 (2013) p. 172)

- Webinar: Copyright Excess and Access, with, Howard Knopf (Chairman of the Copyright Policy Committee, Canadian Bar Association), Canadian Association of Law Libraries, November 22, 2012, 1-2:20 EDT
<http://www.callacbd.ca/en/content/2012-2013-webinar-archives>
- Presentation, Research Matters "Legal Visual Semiotics: Eighteenth Century Satirical Prints as Primary Sources", Canadian Association of Law Libraries, Calgary, May 2011
- Panelist, Science Fiction and Other Archives, Interaction WorldCon Association: World Science Fiction Conference, Glasgow, Scotland, August 2005
- Conference paper, "The Gibson Collection: The Problem of the Gift", Conference of the Book, Oxford, England, September 2005
- Conference paper "Women in SF: Weird Tales, 1925-1945" SF and Social Change Conference, Mt Royal College, Calgary, February 2004
- Panelist, Science Fiction Research Association Convention (SFRA), Guelph (2003) – Panelist with Liverpool and Toronto chief librarians
- Presentations, Science Fiction Convention, Calgary (2002 & 2003) (Gibson Collection)

Memberships & Associations:

Law Library Microform Consortium, Appointed to Digital Advisory Council, 2014
 CCH Canada, Customer Advisory Board, 2013-
 Canadian Association of Law Teachers, 2011-
 Canadian Association of Law Libraries, 1989-1996; 2004; 2006-present
 Chair, Copyright Subcommittee, 2010-2013
 British and Irish Association of Law Librarians, 2007-present
 Calgary Law Library Group, 1989-1996; 2006-present
 International Association of Law Libraries, 2008-present

Teaching:

- (TRU) Fundamental Legal Skills, Fall 2011; Advanced Legal Research, Winter 2014, Fall 2014.
- (Calgary) Sessional instructor, Fundamental Legal Skills (Law 405) Winter 2008:
- (Calgary) Sessional instructor, Advanced Legal Skills (Law 607) Winter 2008:
- (Calgary) As law librarian, provided sessions in legal research (2004-2007) as well as specialized instruction for law graduate students, moot teams, pro bono students and Alberta Law Review editors (2004-2007). Provided interdisciplinary sessions for legal approaches: Law and Society (Equality Rights); graduate Engineering (Project Management); Business (MBA)
- As liaison librarian (1996-2006) provided an average of fifteen research instruction sessions annually in French, Italian, Spanish and English Literature; Geography; History and Political Science
- As interim Communications and Culture librarian (January 2010-2011) provided instruction an average 20 sessions per term in topics such as Law and Society; Canadian Studies; Sociology of Law; Science and Society and others
- Completed university workshops (2006-2008) in Course Design; Research Focus; and Faculty Teaching Skills; Teaching Certificate, 2010

Law Highlights:

- Appointed (founding) Chief Law Librarian and professor, Thompson Rivers University, Faculty of Law, August 2011
- Fundamental Legal Skills, TRU, LAWF 3060, 75 students, 2011-2012

- Fundamental Legal Skills (Law 405) and Advanced Legal Research (Law 607) for the Faculty of Law, University of Calgary (January-May, 2008)
- Invited judge at Jessup International Moot National Rounds, Saskatoon, March 2008; Calgary, March 2011; University of Calgary Blackstone Debates, February, 2011
- Awarded James D. Lang Memorial Scholarship, Canadian Association of Law Libraries, May 2007 towards LLM studies; Awarded research grant (CALL) towards primary research at the British Museum, 2010
- Accepted as LLM candidate to Queen Mary College, University of London (Extension Programme). Terminated program, 2012
- Member of Student Legal Assistance (1999-2002)
Two criminal law court appearances, as agent; Wrote special report on police powers of "search and seizure"
- Attended Labour Arbitration and Policy Conference, Calgary, 2002
- Participated in a joint Law Faculty-MBA course (HROD 729), 2002
- Alberta Law Review; Assistant Editor (1999-2000); Associate Editor (2000-2001)
- Jessup International Law Moot Team (1999-2000); Team researcher
Team placed third in Nationals; third in Factums

Community Interests:

- Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 264, 2008-2011; Branch 052 (Kamloops), 2011-present
Attend regular branch meetings; participate in annual poppy drive; Kamloops:
serve on student bursary committee
- Aero Space Museum Association of Calgary, Board of Directors, elected, 2005-2008
Executive Secretary, 2007
Monthly Board & Executive Meetings and special projects (4hrs/wk)
- Calgary Humane Society, 2003-2011
Volunteered 2 hours weekly at the shelter (2003-2005); foster animals at home (2005-present)
- Union Cemetery Interpretive Tours (City of Calgary, Parks and Recreation)
Researched and led historical tours, 2003
- Parent Support Association, Calgary, 2003
Member and support parent
- Northwest Little League, Calgary
Canadian Division Commissioner, 1996-1998
Umpire Coordinator, Canadian Division All Stars, 1997

Languages:

- Good understanding of French, Polish and Russian (oral & written).
- Library collection-level understanding of Spanish, Italian and some Slavic languages.