

## CALL/ACBD Committee to Promote Research

Annual Report 2015-2016

May 2016 – Vancouver, BC

**Committee Chairs:** Susan Barker and Elizabeth Bruton

**Members:** Marianne Rogers Kim Clarke, Catherine Cotter, Helen Heerema, Vicky Jay Leung, Michel-Adrien Sheppard.

The committee continues its work to promote research among members of CALL/ACBD by managing the Research Grant application process and recommending awards to the Executive, by proposing programs for the conference, and by maintaining and updating the committee's web pages with information about awards and projects and links to web sites and organizations involved in the research process and resources.

### Member News

At the May 2015 meeting, Marianne Rogers stepped down as Committee Co-chair. The committee wishes to thank Marianne for her many years of invaluable service as Committee Chair. We are pleased she is continuing as a committee member to share her years of accumulated wisdom with us all.

Elizabeth Bruton came on board as co-chair of the committee

### Committee Work: Research Grant

We advertised for the 2016 Research Grant on the web site, by email to members and CALL-L, in the newsletter *In Session* and in *Canadian Law Library Review*, with applications due March 15.

The Committee received one application which after review and consultation we recommended to the executive for approval. The Committee accepted our recommendation and the Research grant will be awarded to Sooin Kim for her research project "The Open Access Impact on Legal Scholarship" in which she will examine to the impact of open access on the use of law journals for research. This study will gather information which evaluates the value of the provision of free access to resources in a stable digital environment. This information may be used as evidence in arguing for developing an institutional open access repository. From a practical standpoint this type of research will enable all law librarians and legal researchers to develop a framework for evaluating their collections in a climate of shrinking budgets, by assessing the availability of open access journal articles online and contrasting the value/cost of these journal articles to pay-for-use journals.

**Committee Work: Conference Programming**

In 2015 at the Conference in Moncton the committee presented Part II of “*Express yourself: Getting Published*” which focused on contributing to books in the form of editing, chapter writing or other collaboration. The session was resented by: Susan Barker, Kim Clarke, Shaunna Mireau and Ruth O. Kuras and moderated by Marianne Rogers.

For the 2016 conference in Vancouver, the committee proposed a session entitled *Gathering Evidence: Practical Uses of Research Methodology to Inform Your Library Practices and Prove Your Library's Worth* with presenters Shaunna Mireau, Kim Nayyer and Michel-Adrien Sheppard, and moderated by Susan Barker.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Barker and Elizabeth Bruton

Co-Chairs

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