

~ Beyond the Page—New Platforms, New Realities ~

ISC/SCI CONFERENCE 2019 PROGRAM

Ottawa, Ontario

Friday, May 24, 2019

8:00 am Registration begins (breakfast provided)

8:45 am Welcome

9:00–10:00 Edit Your Index Without Pain

Anne Fifer doesn't subscribe to the philosophy of "no pain, no gain" in anything she does. For the indexing process that pain can be that "final" edit just before you send the index off to the editor or publisher. The first step in efficient yet painless editing starts as soon as the first entry is made. Anne shows you how to continue from there, using strong structure and consistent and continual editing, while making the best possible use of the features of our indexing software.



Anne Fifer began freelance indexing in 2008 and has been full-time since 2011. She indexes trade books, encyclopedias, and medical books of various levels. She served on the committee to write ASI's Best Indexing Practices. She currently serves on the Board of Directors and as Treasurer of the American Society for Indexing. She lives and works in North Carolina.

10:00–10:15 Break

10:15–11:15 Accessing Parliamentary Information: From Traditional Indexes to a Database Integrated Management System

Since the House of Commons launched its integrated system to record, publish, and manage parliamentary information, traditional subject indexes have been replaced by a continuously evolving information retrieval platform. In this case study, we will discuss the impacts and changes in the design of indexes through time; those that have come from the integration of a controlled vocabulary and from combining in-text and metadata search capabilities. We will illustrate how, driven by technological changes, the analysis and business processes adapted to this transforming informational environment, how indexing became (known as) information management, and what challenges we face going forward.



Alexandre Grandmaître is the Authority List Specialist of the Information Management Unit within the Parliamentary Information Directorate at House of Commons since 2017.



Martine Rocheleau is the Manager of the Information Management Unit within the Parliamentary Information Directorate at House of Commons since 2017. The Unit is responsible for indexing and providing access and retrieval to Parliamentary publications and information.

11:15–11:30 Break

11:30–12:30 Brilliantly Structured Indexes Redux: New Realities in Index Structure

For years, indexers have been told to "mirror the structure of the text" in the index. But the reality is we're never told what that means or how exactly we're supposed to do that. This session explores the characteristics and benefits of well structured indexes, along with one specific process for creating them. That process is grounded in the use of structural index entries based on the table of contents and chapter-level structures. Along the way we will discuss user-friendly metatopic entries, pan-granularity, and units of structure.



Fred Leise has indexed scholarly works in the humanities for over 20 years. He is a founder of the Institute of Certified Indexers and is one of the instructors for the University of California Berkeley online indexing course.

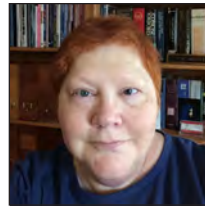
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12:30–1:30 Lunch

1:30–2:30 Beyond the Subject Index: The Index Locorum

It translates as “Index of Places,” but you won’t find Ottawa or New York or Paris in an index locorum—the places are specific citations to a text or texts relevant to the work you are indexing. Tables of biblical citations, lists of law code sections, and indexes of classical works are the most common forms. Demand for indexes locora is on the increase, and publishers are finding it hard to locate indexers able and willing to construct these finicky documents. Want to find out how to translate “Cic. *de or.* 1.3.45” or “Vienna bib. nat. MS 2056, fol. 6r-10v” into a cogent and useful index entry? This session will introduce you to a whole new profitable world of indexing.



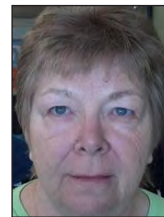
Kate Mertes is sole proprietor of Mertes Editorial Services, providing indexing, information retrieval, and editorial expertise for complex, challenging projects in law and the humanities. Kate is a winner of both the Hines Award and the ASI award for excellence in indexing.

2:30–2:45 Break

2:45–3:45 Above and Beyond: The Experts Help You Get the Most from Your Indexing Software



Maria Sullivan started indexing in 1988 and found Cindex shortly thereafter. Maria is the go-to person for converting existing indexes for use with your indexing software.



Gale Rhoades, in addition to being the North American publisher of the Macrex Indexing Program, is a consultant who specializes in making the use of computers more like toasting bread than rocket science.

Representatives for the major indexing software programs **Maria Sullivan** (CINDEX) and **Gale Rhoades** (Macrex) will be available to answer your questions, in a small-groups session. SKY Index users may also meet at this time to exchange tips.

3:45–4:00 Break

4:00–5:30 Annual General Meeting

6:15 Banquet and Awards at Signatures Restaurant, 453 Laurier Avenue East

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Saturday, May 25

8:00 am Registration begins (breakfast provided)

8:45–10:00 A Behind-the-Screen Look at the Indigenous Knowledge Materials Classification Scheme (IMCS) Implementation during the Creation of National Film Board's Indigenous Cinema

The TRC Calls to Action ignited the conversation on decolonizing our mainstream cultural memory institutions by addressing embedded structural systems of oppression that perpetuate power inequities and reinforce problematic descriptions of Indigenous peoples, place names, societal roles, and historical events which reinforce racial stereotypes. How can we develop relationships with Indigenous communities to ensure that Indigenous voices, knowledge, and histories are portrayed accurately, and naming protocols honoured? A case study of how the National Film Board of Canada (NFB) utilizes the Indigenous Materials Classification Schema (IMCS) to create respectful and accurate access points for Indigenous Cinema will be described and examined for possible widespread use and adaptation.



Camille Callison, a member of the Tabltan Nation, is the Learning & Organizational Development Librarian and PhD student (Anthropology) at the University of Manitoba. Camille is an Indigenous Partner on the Canadian Truth and Reconciliation Commission Taskforce on Archives and a member of the National Film Board of Canada Indigenous Advisory Group.

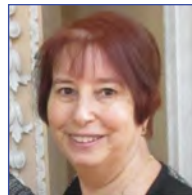


Katherine Kasirer is Senior Librarian at the National Film Board of Canada. She manages information about the NFB film collection and provides research services for filmmakers. She is currently a member of the CFLA-FCAB Indigenous Matters Committee.

10:00–10:15 Break

10:15–11:15 Scholarly Indexing of Books: Go Deep

Enid L. Zafran will give a presentation created especially for this conference on indexing scholarly books. The field of scholarly indexing encompasses many diverse disciplines and is one of the most “brain-challenging” types of work for indexers. Authors can wander, repeat, and be obscure as they write for others in their subject specialty. How does the indexer approach this work? The importance of author relations and the future of this niche will be discussed as well.



Enid L. Zafran, an indexer for over 40 years, is giving the final presentations of her career at the 2019 ISC/SCI conference. She has written numerous articles, edited several books, and presented at indexing events in both the United States and Canada.

11:15–11:30 Break

11:30–12:30 BreathwoRx for Deskworkers

“Breathwork for desk workers” is a breath-focused practice, combining breathing techniques, movements, and stretches as a means to relieve stress, re-energize, and become more mindful in your working day. All the exercises we’ll be doing can be done at your desk and incorporated into your daily lives. No special clothing/equipment required.



Ruth Paulauskas is a registered yoga teacher who specializes in Restorative, Yin, and Therapeutic Yoga. She is also a certified Hypopressive Breathing Level 1 coach. Her primary focus is leading workshops in breathwork for stress management; spinal and pelvic floor health; and restorative yoga.

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1:30–2:30 Indexing Lives

In this presentation we will take a look at the various types of biographical material that an indexer may encounter, discuss the different challenges presented by this material, and explore options for effectively indexing the information contained in life stories.



Kendra Millis began indexing in 2008. She has served as a director at large and as president for ASI. Her educational background is in Russian literature and social philosophy.

2:30–2:45 Break

2:45–3:45 Beyond Sole Proprietorship: Growing an Indexing Business

Are you considering incorporating your company? Are there advantages to doing so and what are the costs and obligations involved? Pier 28 Consulting Inc. has been incorporated since 2010. Pierre Joyal will inform the participants on the incorporation process in Canada, the obligations attached to a federally incorporated company, document retention, subcontracting for other companies, and liability insurance. Pierre Joyal is applying nearly 30 years of work experience in records and information management, indexing, and taxonomy to build a profitable business venture.



Pierre Joyal is a knowledge and information management consultant focused in records and information management, taxonomies, and indexing. He has indexed Committee proceedings of the Canadian House of Commons and books in the fields of social sciences, marketing, education, and art.

3:45–4:00 Break

4:00–5:00 Ethical Choices: Thinking Beyond the Page

In this interactive session, a panel of practitioners will explore ethical issues faced by today's indexers using both questions submitted and questions gleaned from online indexing forums. The differing perspectives of the panel members—an indexer, an editor and a publisher—will illuminate the variety of facets indexers need to consider as they seek to resolve ethical dilemmas in their work.



An indexer, editor, and writer for almost 40 years, Heather Ebbs has written hundreds of indexes in a broad range of subjects and styles. She is a past president of both ISC/SCI and the Editors' Association of Canada.



Christine Jacobs is Chair of the Information and Library Technologies technician's program at John Abbott College in Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue, Quebec. She also teaches, primarily in the areas of cataloguing, classification, and indexing and abstracting.



Anne Louise Mahoney is a freelance editor with 30 years' experience in the world of book editing. She has worked on everything from kids' books and curriculum materials to academic publications and autobiographies. She lives in Ottawa.



Currently Managing Editor / Responsable d'éditions at University of Ottawa Press, Elizabeth Schwaiger started in book publishing as a researcher and translator for an artist's biography. Since 1994 she has worked as a translator, as an editor and proofreader, and as a teacher of modern languages.

Sunday, May 26

9:00–4:00 Workshop with Enid Zafran: Names, the Challenge of Indexing

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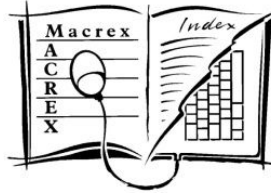
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