

## 2019–2020 President's Report

In many ways, this year of change and exceptional circumstances has been unique in our association's history. The CASCA Executive Committee had the opportunity to work on various matters and I was honoured to serve as President of our Canadian Anthropology Society. The presidency is truly a team effort and would be impossible without the participation of the Executive Committee, to which I extend my thanks, and the continued, diligent and indispensable work of Karli Whitmore.

We enjoyed an exceptional conference in 2019, in conjunction with the American Anthropological Association in Vancouver. The conference was a resounding success. Once again, I would like to thank the local committee in Vancouver and the event's co-chairs, Pamela Downe and Martha Radice, whose hard work played an instrumental role. My thanks also go to the co-chairs of the American Anthropological Association for their collaboration. We achieved a record 860 CASCA conference registrants and 1,173 members.

We also worked with the local organizing committee for the 2020 conference, Kim Clark, Andrew Walsh, Pamela Block, and Greg Beckett, from Western University's Department of Anthropology in London. The committee set up a very engaging conference, and the theme of "Faire-défaire / Doing-undoing" generated much interest and enthusiasm. This symposium was held in conjunction with the Congress of the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences. Unfortunately, because of the COVID-19 pandemic and related circumstances, we chose to cancel this year's conference, a decision also made by the federation. This was a heartbreaking decision that we did not take lightly, given the outstanding effort already put in by the organizing committee. I want to thank them sincerely for all their work.

Our next meeting will be in 2021 in Guelph, where we will be hosted by the Department of Sociology and Anthropology. The proposed theme is most stimulating: "Engagements and Entanglements / Engagements et Enchevêtrements." I know many of us already look forward to it with great enthusiasm.

Since we met in Vancouver in November 2019, we have continued our activities. We have worked on the *Anthropologica* Open Access Committee to give our journal the best possible positioning in the current context of scholarly publication. We are pleased to work with a new English Manuscript Editor, Susan Frohlick, who began her term in January 2020. She is working with Alexandrine Boudreault-Fournier, French Manuscript Editor and Editor in Chief. We have also worked to put resources in place to give our journal recurring structural support for an editing assistant. This will contribute to maintaining our solid foundation for the years to come.

We have adopted an important proposal to make sure that the speeches given by Weaver-Tremblay Award winners in plenary sessions can now be systematically translated, by allocating recurring funding to the local conference organizing committee for its translation. This is a major step in our Society's mandate to promote anthropology in English and French.

We issued a statement expressing our solidarity with the Wet'suwet'en Nation and other indigenous nations in their struggle to secure recognition and respect for their territorial sovereignty. Since then, we received a motion for a resolution on a statement of solidarity by

Elizabeth Fitting, Michael Asch and Marieka Sax. We thank the new and returning members of the Resolutions Committee, Heather Howard, Brian Noble and Bruce Miller, who received this proposal and recommended it to our members. The proposal was presented to you on April 17. You are now invited to vote on the proposal during our online annual general meeting.

I am pleased to announce that the recipient of the 2020 Weaver-Tremblay Award is Professor Bruce Granville Miller. We will have the honour of hearing his speech in Guelph in 2021. You can read his biography in the latest issue of *Culture*. This year we are honoured to award Emeritus Member status to Marie France Labrecque, Christine Jourdan, Dan Jorgensen and James Waldram. Congratulations! Hats off to the winner of the Salisbury Award Nicolas Rasiulis of McGill University. You can learn more about his work in the *Culture* archives.

You are invited to submit your monograph manuscript for the important Labrecque-Lee Award. CASCA is also pleased to introduce a new Teaching Award (for full-time as well as sessional instructors). The award will be administered by the CASCA Executive and the Network for Critical Pedagogy in Canadian Anthropology. We invite you to follow us thanks to the *Culture* bulletin or keep up on specific work through one of our networks.

Finally, I extend heartfelt thanks to Pam Downe, Past President, Marieka Sax, Anglophone Member at Large, and Éric Gagnon-Poulin, Communications Officer, for their fabulous work during their respective terms. Our President-Elect, Mary-Lee Mulholland, will become President and I am pleased to warmly welcome Maggie Cummings, Anglophone Member, Alex Oehler, Communications Officer, and Éric Gagnon-Poulin, our President-Elect.

I very much look forward to seeing you in Guelph in 2021. Thank you for your participation and support—you are the anchor and driving force of our Society.

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