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Please enjoy this update of the MHSO's recent events, activities, and projects.



Julia Lum (left) and Britt Braaten (not pictured) leading a workshop for Toronto elementary school teachers, January 2010.

Chinese Canadian Women, 1923-1967

Work on the project *Chinese Canadian Women, 1923-1967: Inspiration - Innovation - Ingenuity* continues. We have completed **thirty-three oral history interviews** with Chinese Canadian women and their descendants in Ontario, British Columbia, Alberta, Quebec and Nova Scotia. We are delighted to announce that two highly-esteemed scholars have agreed to serve as academic reviewers: **Dr. Anthony Chan**, professor at University of Ontario Institute of Technology, and author of *Gold Mountain: Chinese in the New*

Along the right-hand side of the page is a small selection of the hundreds of images that we have collected for the project *Chinese Canadian Women, 1923-1967: Inspiration-Innovation-Ingenuity*.

The images are available courtesy of (from top): Dow Fong, Shirley Chan, Susan Chew, Alice Yeh, Ruth Lor Malloy and Anita Wong.

World; and **Dr. Lisa Rose Mar**, assistant professor at the University of Maryland, currently working on the book *Brokering Belonging: Chinese Vancouver, 1920-1960*.

Oral History Workshops

The MHSO has developed a new instructive, hands-on workshop. Participants learn how to conduct oral history interviews by listening to examples from our collection and practising for themselves. We have received excellent feedback from recent participants, including students from York University and teachers from the Elementary Teachers of Toronto. *Anyone whose organization would like to take part can contact us at 416-979-2973. Please note that the workshop can be tailored to suit your project needs.*

Simon Fraser University:

Multicultural Canada 2010

On March 23, 2010, Simon Fraser University hosted the launch of the new Multicultural Canada website (www.multiculturalcanada.ca). The MHSO was pleased to contribute approximately 100 hours of oral history interviews and 121 photographs for the **Italian Canadian Women Collection**.



Athabasca University:

“Connecting Canadians”

The MHSO was pleased to partner with Athabasca University for the project *Connecting Canadians: Canada’s Multicultural Newspapers* (www.connectingcanadians.org). This searchable website features early newspapers and learning activities. The collection includes newspapers from a range of ethno-cultural groups including Croatian, Estonian, Finnish, Hungarian, Polish, Serbian, Ukrainian, Yugoslavian, Latvian and Lithuanian.

Ontario Curriculum Update

The MHSO has been invited to provide input into the upcoming Ontario history curriculum redesign. This is a valuable opportunity to ensure that students in Ontario are exposed to the **historical importance of ethno-cultural diversity** in Ontario. We look forward to seeing the results of this provincial initiative.

Encyclopedia CD-ROM

The Encyclopedia of Canada’s Peoples is now available on CD-ROM. It can be easily searched by keyword, or browsed by topic. It is available for **\$20.00**, plus postage and handling. Please contact Pasang at MHSO.KellyLibrary@utoronto.ca for more information.

Archival Research

After three years of location troubles, the MHSO Archives is adjusting to its home on the 5th floor of the Kelly Library, thanks in large part to the friendship of the University of St. Michael’s College. Though this location has some challenges, the MHSO archives are now open to researchers. So far in 2010, thirty-one researchers have accessed the MHSO collections for projects on **African Canadians, Armenian Canadians, East Europeans, Greek Canadians, Iranian refugees, Jewish Canadians, Ukrainian Canadians**, immigration history and MHSO history.

2009 Archival Acquisitions

The MHSO Archives added to its archival collection in 2009 with donations relating to Caribana (donor: Carl Thorpe), Finnish culture (donor: Finnish Canadian Grand Festival), Jean Lumb (donors: Dora Nipp and Arlene Chan), and folklore (donor: Storytellers School of Toronto).

MHSO and Friends
News and Announcements

Welcome!

The MHSO would like to welcome **Jonathan Bengtson** as the newest member of the Board of Directors. Jonathan is the Director of Library and Archives at the University of St. Michael’s College at the University of Toronto. His experience with libraries and archives makes him an exceptionally valuable addition to the Board.



Jonathan Bengtson

Congratulations!

We would like to offer our congratulations to **Lynn Copeland** on her retirement from the position of University Librarian and Dean of Library Services at Simon Fraser University. Lynn has been an outstanding “friend” of the MHSO over the past six years. We wish Lynn well in all her future endeavours.



Lynn Copeland

Good luck!

Congratulations to the MHSO’s Manager / Curator **Jennifer Harrington**, who is expecting her second child this summer. She will be on maternity leave starting in May, 2010. Best wishes for mother and child!



Jennifer Harrington

Thank you!

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to **Diana Harney**, who has recently provided us with a photocopier.