

**Surfacing Knowledge, Building Relationships: Indigenous Communities, ARL, and York University Libraries** Stacey Allison-Cassin (York University); Anna St. Onge (York University)

“Reconciliation and Social Justice in the LAM Community through Collaboration with Indigenous Communities in Wikimedia Projects” is a project sponsored by the Association of Research Libraries and led by York University Libraries. We are using a case study approach to model community collaboration in the creation of linked open data for archival and special collection materials related to Indigenous communities in North America.

In this talk we will discuss our goals to bring problematic aspects of library and archival professional practice into conversation with Wikimedia community practices to demonstrate how a more inclusive and community-engaged approach can more accurately tell stories about Indigenous communities’ notable accomplishments and impact in the world. We’ll also discuss our work to build relationships of mutual respect and trust with Indigenous communities through different aspects of the project.

Through this project we are working to create heightened awareness around the politics and ethics of metadata, and especially linked data and through Wikidata account for traditional knowledge structures as valid conceptual frameworks with a focus on provisions to respect and defend the agency and authority of individuals, families, and communities to exercise their right to not participate, or have their information used in linked data initiatives.

We’ll also discuss our initiatives to test how Wikipedia and Wikidata platforms enable community involvement with the support of research libraries and within the research library context such as workshops, meet-ups, and community events to foster trust, facilitate discussion and support training and reciprocal education.