



Newsletter

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English-speaking Communities of Quebec to be Theme of May Colloquium in Sherbrooke

Program for "Quebec's English-speaking communities: A new research agenda" available online

On May 10 and May 11, 2011, a colloquium on the English-speaking Communities of Quebec, organized jointly by the ETRC and the Quebec English-speaking Research Network (QUESCEN), will be held as part of the 79^e Congrès de l'Association francophone pour le savoir (79th Acfas Congress).

The 79th Acfas Congress will be hosted by Bishop's University and Université de Sherbrooke in Sherbrooke from May 9 to May 13. The ETRC and QUESCEN colloquium, entitled *Quebec's English-speaking communities: A new research agenda*, will unfold on the Bishop's campus on the Tuesday and Wednesday of that week.

This represents the second colloquium jointly organized by the ETRC and QUESCEN as part of the annual Acfas Congress, the first having taken place in 2010. This time the two organizations are also partnering with Townshippers' Association and the Équipe de recherche interuniversitaire sur la littérature anglo-québécoise (ÉRILAQ).

The event will bring together some 45 academics, researchers, government policy makers, and community organizers to further the knowledge-building that was begun in 2010. Eight sessions will take place over the two days, each on a different topic and most comprising several presentations. Session topics include: defining the English-speaking population of the Townships region; education and identity; history; writing the Townships; language and linguistics; community vitality; socio-economic development; and health and social services.

The colloquium program, with full details of session topics, locations, times, and participant names and presentation titles, is available online (in French) [here](#). For information about registering to attend, see the bottom of the same web page.

Funding Available for Experiential Learning Projects Conducted in the Eastern Townships Community

Does your community group, charity, or small business operate in the Eastern Townships and have a promising summer internship idea that would be carried out at a distance from Lennoxville? The Experiential Learning Internship Grant Fund ([ELIGF](#)) could help defray the travel costs if your intern is a Bishop's student.

Has your organization developed an interesting student employment project for which it lacks the funds to obtain the needed supplies and equipment? Money from an ELIGF grant could be used to buy these things; at the project's end, the materials purchased would revert to Bishop's University.

Are you a Bishop's student who must take the bus to the location of your practicum? Or a student planning to work on your independent study project this summer and wishing you could afford to attend a professional development session or a conference? You too may be eligible for help from ELIGF.

Are you a researcher conducting a study in the Townships who would like to be able to obtain data from distant Townships locations with student help? The fund could help with covering research assistant travel.

Moneys remain in ELIGF for this year that can be used to help defray the costs of travel, equipment, or other expenses associated with Bishop's students' experiential learning. The funds are available for projects associated with any student's independent study, internship, or practicum course identified as such in the Bishop's Academic Calendar, as well as for any project registered as an Experiential Learning Course (ELP 300). Each Bishop's student whose experiential learning project is funded is required to be overseen by a Bishop's professor and a supervisor from the host organization. A host organization must be a community group, charity, or small business to qualify. Projects may be initiated and submitted by students, faculty members, or potential host organizations. Please note that costs associated with salaries/wages and with supplies/equipment for the benefit of the host organization will *not* be considered for funding. The maximum amount that can be granted per project is \$2 000.

If you would like to propose a project, please don't hesitate to contact the ETRC's Executive Director [Jaroslava Baconova](#). Or visit the [Experiential Learning page](#) at the ETRC's website and the [ELIGF page](#) at the Bishop's website. Applications must be received by May 31, 2011. We will continue to consider applications while funds remain.

News from the Archives Department

Nifty new scanning equipment! Bishop's University recently purchased a digital microfilm reader/scanner and the book2net kiosk. They are available for use by researchers and students in the Old Library. The book2net kiosk is a book scanner that is also capable of scanning oversize documents. The machine captures a digital image from above the book. This significantly reduces the handling of books and makes copying much faster. Both the book2net kiosk and the digital microfilm reader/scanner make digital images that are saved on a USB key. Don't hesitate to visit us and check them out during the Old Library open hours (Monday to Friday, 9 am-12 pm and 1 pm-4:30 pm).

The ETRC Archives Department would like to remind readers that we are always interested in receiving new donations from the community and abroad. We are particularly interested in documents, photographs, correspondence, etc., that relate to the economic vitality, geography, colonization, and social life of the English-speaking community in the Eastern Townships. If you have items that could be of interest, please do not hesitate to contact the Archivist, Jody Robinson, at 819-822-9600, ext. 2261, or etrc2@ubishops.ca for more information.

Employment Opportunity

The ETRC is looking for candidates to manage its accredited Archives Department. It is a 54 week contract (maternity leave replacement) for a part-time position (at least 25 hours/week). Application deadline is May 20th, 2011.

For more information, please visit the ETRC website to view a detailed job posting:

<http://www.ETRC.ca/archives-department.html>.