



CURRENT RESEARCH

I am currently working toward a PhD with the Faculty of Information at the University of Toronto, in collaboration with the Mark S. Bonham Centre for Sexual Diversity Studies. My research looks at community archives as sites for collective memory, activism and community development. I am particularly interested in emergence of memory institutions as convergent space and the use of digital technology to interpret and curate records of community experience.

EDUCATION

Master of Information Studies (MIS), iSchool, University of Toronto, 2009
Desktop Publishing Cert., George Brown College, 2003
Book + Magazine Publishing Cert., Centre for Creative Communication, 2001
BA, Women's & Gender Studies / Sociology, University of Saskatchewan, 1998

RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS

Research Assistant, Dr. Kwame McKenzie, CAMH, 2010-2012

I am currently assigned to the CIHR-funded project, "Pathways to Care", which investigates the ways in which young African, Caribbean and European immigrants enter care after experiencing first episode psychosis. I arrange and undertake quantitative interviews with participants using a Standard Clinical Interview Diagnostics (SCID) and encounter form. All data is entered into Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS) database.

Fellow, Social Aetiology of Mental Illness (SAMI) Training Program, 2010

Situated at the Centre for Addiction & Mental Illness (CAMH) and the University of Toronto, SAMI is a centre of excellence for the study of the social determinants of mental health and addictions issues and problems. I was one of three inaugural fellows to participate in a five-month training and mentorship program with SAMI. My final project was titled, "Investigating information acquisition by LGBT prospective parents during the adoption process."

Research Assistant, Prof. Wendy Duff, University of Toronto, 2009-2010

As an academic researcher, I was involved with several projects under the guidance of Prof. Wendy Duff. Two projects, "The Development, Testing, and Evaluation of the Archival Metrics Toolkits" and "A Survey of Graduates of a Museum Studies Program" resulted in published papers. I was also asked to participate in research for a report commissioned by Canadian Heritage Information Network (CHIN).

TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS

UNI255: Introduction to HIV/AIDS (Prof. Scott Rayter), Winter 2010; Winter 2011
UNI237: History of Sexuality (Prof. Scott Rayter), Fall 2010
INF1002: Representation & Classification (Prof. Lynne Howarth), Fall 2009
INF1330: Archives: Concepts & Issues (Prof. Heather MacNeil), Fall 2009
INF1331: Archives: Arrangement & Description (Prof. Laura Millar), Winter 2011
INF2175: Archives: Managing Org. Records (Prof. Fiorella Foscarini), Fall 2010

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Invigilator, Accessibility Services/ University Test & Exam Services, 2007-

Accessibility Services are provided to students with a documented disability, be it physical, sensory, a learning disability or a mental health condition, temporary or long-term. As an invigilator, I ensure that students who require special accommodations for tests and exams are provided with these accommodations. This might include setting up assistive technologies, establishing a calm environment, and acting as a reader or scribe.



Consultant, Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, 2008-2009

Delivered an assessment report regarding the document and information management practices and resources within the Infectious Diseases Surveillance Section (now the Public Health Surveillance Branch); Produced draft report on the Ontario management and mitigation of the 2008 listeriosis outbreak for the Acting Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. David C. Williams.

Researcher, Hackers Language Institute (Seoul, South Korea), 2004-2007

Produced English-language compositions for EFL student preparing to write the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) examinations; Researched new developments in EFL instruction and standardized language testing.

Communications Coordinator, Access Copyright, 2001-2004

Liaised with publicity and promotions consultants, including advertising agencies and event promoters; produced ad copy for print and Web promotions; produced and managed content for the agency Web site; led technology projects and evaluated outcomes.

PUBLICATIONS: ACADEMIC

Rebecka Sheffield. (2010). "Queer in the Archives: Canadian Lesbian & Gay Archives." *Newsletter of the Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender History*, 24(2). Washington, DC: American Historical Association.

Wendy M. Duff, Elizabeth Yakel, Helen R. Tibbo, Joan M. Cherry, Aprille McKay, Magia G. Krause & Rebecka Sheffield. (2010). "The Development, Testing, and Evaluation of the Archival Metrics Toolkits." *American Archivist* 73(2).

Wendy M. Duff, Joan M. Cherry & Rebecka Sheffield. (2010). "'Creating a Better Understanding of Who We Are': A Survey of Graduates of a Museum Studies Program." *Museum Management & Curatorship* 24(5).

Wendy Duff, Jennifer Carter, Costis Dallas, Lynne Howarth, Seamus Ross, Rebecka Sheffield, & Cassandra Tilson. (2009) "Museum Knowledge Workers for the 21st Century." Ottawa, Ontario: Canadian Heritage Information Network (CHIN).

Marcel Barriault & Rebecka Sheffield, editors. (2009). Guest Editors: Special Section on Queer Archives, *Archivaria* 68.

Rebecka Sheffield. (2009). "Smelly Knowledge: An Information Audit of the Sunnydale High Library in Buffy the Vampire Slayer." *FIQ/Faculty of Information Quarterly*. Vol. 1(5).

Rebecka Sheffield. (2009). "'We'd Lose Our Shirt!': How Canada's Cultural Policy Has Shaped the Canadian Literary Canon." *FIQ/Faculty of Information Quarterly*. Vol. 1(3).

PUBLICATIONS: TRADE

* All work published in South Korea was produced under the name Rebecca Hardy.

Rebecca Hardy & Naomi Kim. (2009). TOEFL Start Speaking. Seoul, South Korea: Bansok.

Rebecca Hardy & Naomi Kim. (2009). TOEFL Start Start Listening. Seoul, South Korea. Bansok.

Rebecca Hardy & Naomi Kim. (2007). Find TOEFL: iBT Speaking. Seoul, SK: Bansok.

Rebecca Hardy & Naomi Kim. (2007). Find TOEFL: iBT Listening. Seoul, SK. Bansok.

Rebecca Hardy. (2006). "Sherlock Holmes and the Speckled Band." *Classic Literature for TOEFL Practice II*. Seoul, SK: Little Fox, Co.

Rebecca Hardy. (2006). "Sherlock Holmes and the Red-Headed League". *Classic Literature for TOEFL Practice*. Seoul, SK: Little Fox, Co.

Rebecca Hardy. (2006). "Dracula." *Classic Literature for TOEFL Practice*. Seoul, SK: Little Fox, Co.

Rebecka Sheffield & Kate Ziemann, editors. (2005). *We're Here, We're Queer, We're Used to it*. Toronto, Ontario: homosaywhat? Press.



PRESENTATIONS

- "There's a Gay Archives?": Community Engagement at the Canadian Lesbian & Gay Archives (CLGA). Archives Association of Ontario Annual Conference. Thunder Bay, ON. June 17, 2011 [accepted].
- "Investigating Information Acquisition by LGBT Prospective Parents During the Adoption Process." Social Aetiology of Mental Illness Conference. Toronto, ON. November 19, 2010.
- "To Begin in the Archives: Queer Archives as Tactics of Pleasure", Queer Studies Now conference. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. October 23, 2010.
- "Rainbow Holinger Boxes: Outreach and Advocacy at the Canadian Gay & Lesbian Archives", American Library Association Annual Conference, Washington, DC. June 27, 2010.
- "There's a Gay Archives?": Outreach and Advocacy at the Canadian Gay & Lesbian Archives", IA3C Graduate Conference at the University of Toronto, Faculty of Information, March 23, 2010.
- "'We'd Lose Our Shirt!': How Canada's Cultural Policy Has Shaped the Canadian Literary Canon," Housing Memories conference, University of Toronto, Faculty of Information, 2009.
- "Confidential Pride: Balancing Access and Privacy in Queer Archives," Association of Canadian Archivists conference, Fredericton, NB, 2008.

COMMITTEES & SERVICE

- Member, Canadian Lesbian & Gay Archives Community Engagement Committee, current.
- PhD Co-Chair. Queer @ iSchool, a student group for LGBT students and allies. current.
- Curator, Queer@ischool, An Exhibit Celebrating the Contributions of LGBT Information Professionals. Toronto, ON. January 20-February 28, 2011 at the Faculty of Information Inforum.
- Member, 2011 Program Committee, Association of Canadian Archivists annual conference. Toronto, ON. June 2-4, 2011.
- Member, 2010 Program Committee, Association of Canadian Archivists annual conference. Halifax, NS. June 7-10, 2010.
- Student Representation (Technology Fund). Doctoral Students Association, Faculty of Information. 2009-2010.
- Secretary, Master of Information Student Council. 2008-2009.
- Vice President, Master of Information Studies Student Council. 2007-2008.
- Community Mentor, Click! Supporting Out Youth, 2007-2010.
- Coordinator, Seoul Sisters, a peer support and social group for English-speaking queer women living in South Korea, 2004-2007.

REFERENCES

Just ask. I have several!