

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**  
**CASCA'S PRESIDENT'S REPORT, 2018-19**

This has been a busy and productive year for CASCA. It has been an honour to serve as President of our national professional society. My work this year has focused in four main areas:

First, I am CASCA Co-Chair (with Past President Martha Radice) for the 2019 AAA-CASCA conference in Vancouver. This has been a major undertaking: meeting with the AAA in Arlington, Virginia in June 2018 and 2019; establishing, and collaborating with the Local Organizing Committee (chaired by Julia Murphy); co-chairing the Executive Programs Committee (with AAA Chair, Nicole Peterson and CASCA Co-Chair, Martha Radice); establishing, and working with the CASCA Scientific Review Committee (chaired by Charles Menzies); preparing the SSHRC Connections grant submission (with Pam Stern, SFU)); and engaging in ongoing dialogue with the AAA. And it's only May! We have six months of work ahead of us!

Second, I am spear-heading a proposal to establish CASCA's first Teaching Award. Many other professional societies in Canada recognize teaching excellence. At our business meeting in November, I will be asking CASCA members to endorse an initiative for us to do the same. This is an initiative being undertaken in tandem with the establishment of a Critical Pedagogy Network in CASCA, led by Maggie Cummings (U of T) and incoming President-Elect, Mary-Lee Mulholland (Mount Royal).

Third, I have represented CASCA in the "The Collaborative" initiative (lead by the Federation of Humanities and Social Sciences). This initiative aims to expand the public recognition and reach of our work in the social sciences and humanities. CASCA's Communications Officer, Éric Gagnon Poulin and I attended a meeting of The Collaborative in Hamilton, Ontario, in early May 2019. The focus of the two-day meeting was: (1) engagement and impact, and (2) collaborative skills and graduate student training.

Fourth, Anglophone Member-at-Large, Marieka Sax, and I are working to develop an Harassment and Safety policy for CASCA. We hope to have these completed in time for discussion at our meeting in November.

In addition to these four areas of focus, I have also: represented CASCA on the World Council of Anthropological Associations; facilitated support for Anthropologist David Scheffel who has been imprisoned in Slovakia; facilitated CASCA's co-sponsorship of the 2019 annual meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology in Portland; provided feedback on Canada's Tri-Council Data Repository Policy; and chaired the Weaver-Tremblay Awards Committee. On this last point, one of the highlights of my term as President was to announce Dr. Noel Dyck as the 2019 recipient of our national award.

There is so much more to celebrate. The work of CASCA's six networks is continuing apace. Our Richard F. Salisbury Award Committee received and adjudicated many excellent applicants. The announcement of this Award will be made by Past-President, Martha Radice. The Labrecque-Lee Book Awards Committee, led by Nathalie Boucher, will be making the inaugural award at the meeting in November. We have enjoyed a wonderful working relationship with the *Anthropologica* editorial team, led by Editor-in-Chief Sonja Luehrmann. Collaboration with the Canadian Archaeology Association has been established in anticipation of the 2022 annual meeting. And, we have a record-high membership.

All of this work is made possible by a dedicated and diligent CASCA Executive as well as CASCA Manager, the incomparable Karli Whitmore. Three Executive members are completing their term and I extend my deepest gratitude to them: Past-President Martha Radice, Secretary Charles Menzies, and

Francophone Member-at-Large Van Troi Tran. Our current President-Elect, Sabrina Doyon, will be assuming the Presidency and we welcome incoming Executive Members President-Elect Mary-Lee Mulholland, Secretary Millie Creighton, and Francophone Member-at-Large Marie Michèle Grenon. Udo Krautwurst will complete his term as CASCA's Treasurer in November at which time Tad McIlwraith will assume that role.

I look forward to seeing everyone in person at CASCA's business meeting at the AAA-CASCA meetings next November. Thank you all for making CASCA the successful and vibrant professional society that it is!

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