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CNSA 2017 Conference at a Glance
Facilitating Accessibility; Celebrating Diversity
May 11-12, 2017

Day 1: Thursday, May 11, 2017	
8:30 – 9:00am	Registration and Coffee
9:00 – 9:15am	Welcome
9:15 – 10:45am	<p>Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity, and Positive Spaces</p> <p>The workshop will provide an opportunity to develop greater awareness of diverse sexual orientations, sexes, and gender identities and expressions, including inclusive and affirming language. An overview of the Government of Nova Scotia’s Positive Spaces Program and <i>Guidelines to Support Trans and Gender Variant Employees</i> will be provided. This will support participants to begin to identify opportunities within their organizations to build more welcoming, inclusive, and affirming spaces and experiences for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, and queer (LGBTIQ+) employees, volunteers, and the public.</p> <p>Speaker: Laura Barbour, Senior Consultant, Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity at the Public Service Commission with the Province of Nova Scotia</p>
10:45 – 11:00am	Refreshment break
11:00 – 12:00pm	Accessing the inaccessible: digital forensics at the Dalhousie University Archives

	<p>Digital forensics is a branch of forensic science focused on the recovery and investigation of data found in digital storage devices. Digital forensic tools and methods are primarily used by law enforcement and private firms but archival repositories are increasingly adopting these capabilities to assist with the acquisition, analysis, and preservation of digital archival material. This talk will provide an overview of how archivists are adapting and developing digital forensics to support core archival functions. The talk will present digital forensic tools and workflows used in archival settings and highlight recent initiatives at the Dalhousie University Archives, including a comprehensive collection assessment that identified almost 3,000 digital storage devices at risk of obsolescence and the launch of a small Digital Forensics Lab that allows the Archives to recover and analyze archival material acquired on hard drives, floppy disks, and other digital storage devices. Preliminary results from the first acquisition processed in the lab will be presented.</p> <p>Speaker: Creighton Barrett, Digital Archivist, Dalhousie University Archives and Lecturer, Dalhousie School of Information Management</p>
12:00 – 1:30pm	<p>Lunch & CNSA AGM</p> <p><i>*Sponsored by Preservation Technologies</i></p>
1:30 – 2:45 pm	<p>CNSA Member Show & Tell</p> <p>Join us to hear from members about recent projects and conference/educational experiences!</p>
2:45 – 3:00 pm	<p>Refreshment break</p>
3:00 – 4:30 pm	<p>Seeing Beyond Vision Loss: simple strategies for improving accessibility</p> <p>In this interactive presentation, the speakers will discuss different types of eye conditions, and how lighting, magnification and colour contrast can help with accessibility; what to do when you meet someone with vision loss (describing the room, tell them when you are leaving the</p>

	<p>room, etc.); and clear print guidelines (reader-friendly font choices, size, paper stock) and how to make documents more accessible to people with vision loss.</p> <p>Speakers: Johanna Stork, Orientation & Mobility Specialist, CNIB; Rhiannon Verran, Low Vision Specialist, CNIB; Catherine Kieran, Communications Manager, CNIB.</p>
4:30 – 6:30 pm	<p><i>Wine and Cheese Reception / CNSA Awards</i></p> <p>Chase Gallery, Nova Scotia Archives</p> <p><i>*Sponsored by the Public Archives of Nova Scotia Board of Trustees</i></p>
Day 2: Friday, May 12, 2017	
8:30 – 9:00am	Registration and Coffee
9:00 – 10:15am	<p>Reaching out from an Afrocentric place</p> <p>Késa Munroe-Anderson, Halifax’s African Nova Scotian Affairs Advisor will encourage us to approach our archival work from a perspective that centres African Nova Scotian lived experiences while incorporating the strengths and talents available in African Nova Scotia communities. She will help us understand what Afrocentricity is and how it can help us better serve African NS communities and our shared history.</p> <p>Speaker: Késa Munroe-Anderson, African Nova Scotian Affairs Advisor</p>
10:15 – 10:30am	Refreshment break
10:30 am – 12:00 pm	Cost Effective Accessibility Tools

	<p>Want practical tips and tools to help make your digital archival material more accessible for people with different disabilities? Lisa Snider will talk about how people access your material, and where to start when making materials, such as documents, audio, video and websites, more accessible. This information will help with the potential upcoming legislative requirements in Bill 59 (Accessibility Act).</p> <p>Speaker: Lisa Snider, Senior Consultant, Access Changes Everything</p>
<p>12:00 – 1:00 pm</p>	<p>Lunch (provided) & update from CCH / NSA</p> <p><i>*Sponsored by Nova Scotia Archives</i></p>
<p>1:00 – 2:00 pm</p>	<p>Autism NS</p> <p>In this presentation, the speakers will share four programs: Ready, Willing and Able (RWA), a national partnership of the Canadian Association for Community Living (CACL), the Canadian Autism Spectrum Disorders Alliance (CASDA) and their member organizations; CommunityWorks Canada, an after school pre-employment program for teens and young adults with ASD who are attending high school; EmploymentWorks Canada, an employment program for adults with ASD who are out of high school, up to age 29; and Transition Readiness & Autism Community Employment (TRAACE) curriculum, a school-based program that offers skill building modules to support social, communication and vocational skills development and a peer supported co-op experience to youth with ASD ages 15-21 who are currently attending high school.</p> <p>Speakers: Chrystal Tushaus, Marcia MacInnis, Jamie-Lynn Hill, Autism NS</p>
<p>2:00 – 3:30 pm</p>	<p>Treaty Education</p> <p>Join us for a discussion with Jaime Battiste, celebrated Mi'kmaq historian and activist, and John MacLeod, senior government records archivist. Jaime will discuss the history and modern context of the treaties of peace and friendship, while John will discuss the</p>

	<p>Nova Scotia Archives' role in the preservation and conservation of, and access to, the physical treaties.</p> <p>Speakers: Jaime Battiste, Treaty Education Nova Scotia; John MacLeod, Nova Scotia Archives</p>	
3:00 – 3:30 pm	<i>Closing remarks</i>	