

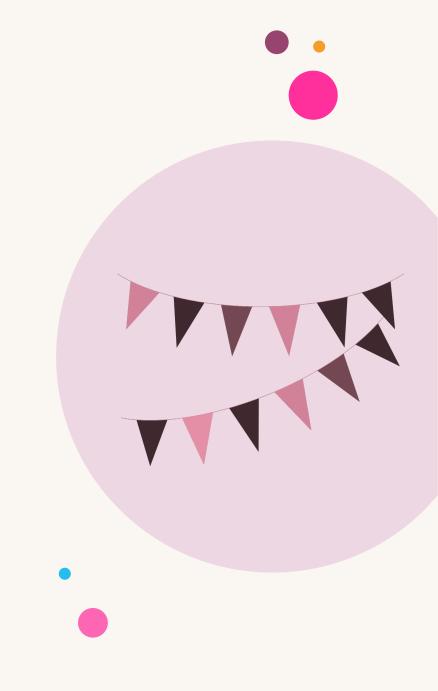
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. Objectives

By the end of this 30 minute presentation, you'll have a roadmap for transforming an author celebration that includes:

- Critical reasons for program change
- Best practice tips
- Key tools

Background & Context



What are Author Celebrations?



Identify, honour, and promote faculty, student, staff, librarian, alumni, and retiree publications.



Highlight library collections.



Engage with the campus community.

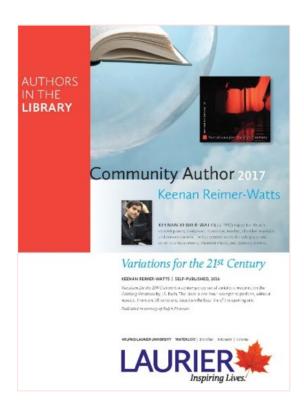


Facilitate learning and dialogue across disciplines.



Traditional Author Celebrations

- Laurier Library's Community
 Author event has been popular.
 - A wine & cheese in the Robert Langen Art Gallery
 - Well attended by faculty and students at our mid-sized institution
 - Authors appreciate the posters that were created for each publication
 - Focused on books





. Why Change the Program?

Non-traditional scholarly and creative endeavours fly under the radar.



What About Public Scholarship?

<u>Ketchum (2022)</u> describes benefits and barriers of engaging in public-facing scholarship.

BENEFITS

- Facilitates greater access to research
- Creates accountability to different audiences
- Leads to robust scholarship and invites public participation
- Combats harmful "post-truth era" dynamics

BARRIERS

- Rarely paid
- Involves learning new skills
- Makes researchers vulnerable to doxing and online attacks
- Barely accounted for in tenure and promotion

We also don't celebrate it like we celebrate traditional research output.

Speaking of Tenure & Promotion ...

Discussions about research
assessment in review, promotion,
and tenure increasingly
acknowledge the need to look
beyond peer-reviewed
publications (Alperin et al., 2019;
Rice et al., 2021;
Miller, 2022;
Shatz, 2022;
Alperin et al., 2023).

Author recognition programs still tend to focus on traditional output such as books and journal articles.

These programs are part of the larger conversation around how we recognize different forms of scholarship.

Scholarly Podcasting
Open Peer Review Project

Expanding Horizons

What would happen if we incorporated more major works (podcasts, reports, art exhibits, etc.) into author celebration programs?

Acknowledge a greater diversity of achievements.

Develop a more inclusive program.

Foreground form, genre, production to inspire deeper learning.

Build awareness of different forms of scholarship across disciplines.

. Collaboration is Key!

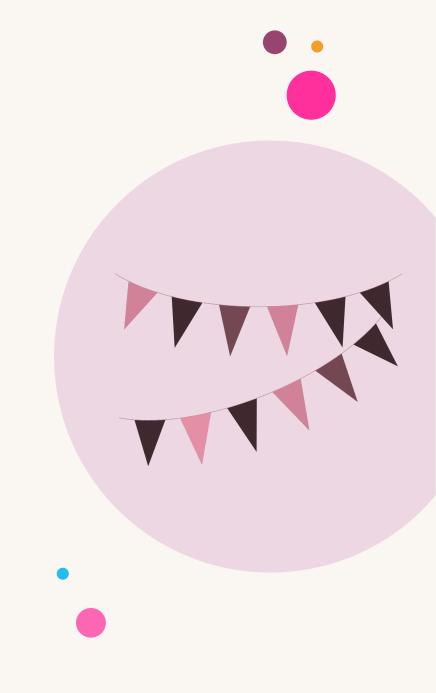


With author celebrations, it's common to collaborate with the campus bookstore.

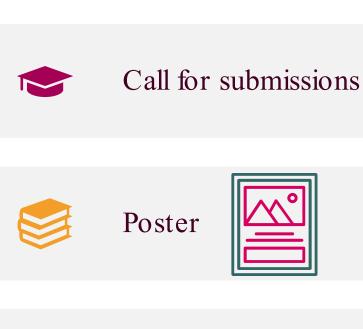


By expanding the program, we can also expand the collaboration to include another critical stakeholder, the research office.

The New Program



What are
Elements of
Celebrating
Laurier
Achievements?





Video





Event









Program Goals

- Identify, honour, and promote publications major works
- Highlight library collections
- Engage with the research community
- Internal and external community building/communications

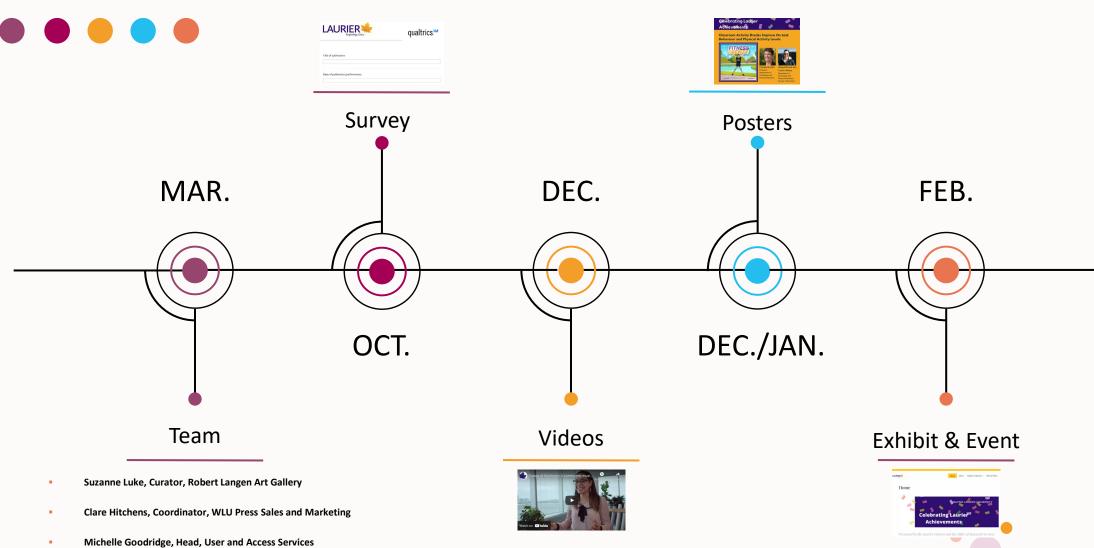






Rewriting the
Narrative on
Homelessness
in Mid-Sized
Canadian Cities

Timeline



. Outcomes & Feedback

GOALS	OUTCOMES
Identify, honour, and promote major works (books, films, reports, websites, podcasts, etc.)	 148 survey submissions 148 posters, 24 videos created 527 pre-event engagements with social media promotional posts
Highlight library collections	• 356 exhibit visits (Mar. 22)
Engage with the research community	 Representation across all faculties and campuses 200 registrants, 161 event attendees

The best way to spend part of a Friday afternoon.

Made my week! Thanks to all who made it happen.

~ Dr. Steve Sider, Faculty of Education

Multi-pronged program



Event

Panel discussion

Performances live & recorded

Launch of online showcase

Internal and external celebration



Showcase

Posters on website
Videos of selected submissions
Sharable
Explorable

Omeka Posters



Home

About

Explore Collections

Browse Videos

Browse by Faculty

Search

Search

Scholarship

Higher Education

General Interest

Explore Collections

The Scholarship, Higher Education, and General Interest collections organize showcase content to make navigation easier. They function like bookstore categories, but the "shelves" hold many different types of works (e.g. books, podcasts, reports, performances) that are interconnected by campuses and faculties.











Event

Conversation: What does your event look like? What/who is included? Hybrid approach? Live?

Provide a snapshot of achievement

Who is included and how to highlight all submissions in one event.









Amid the pandemic, we all needed to celebrate and remind ourselves of the impact our research has on the world around us... They turned what could have been a boring awards ceremony into a memorable event.

~ Dr. Jonathan Newman, VP Research

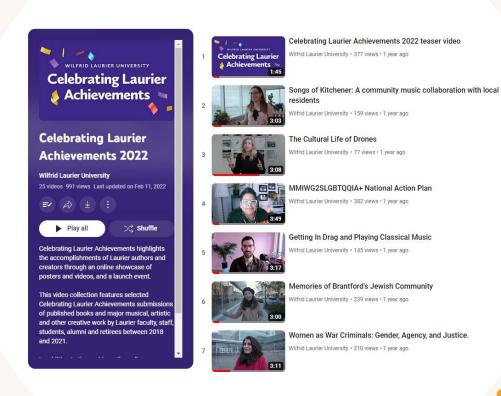


Event: Panel Discussion

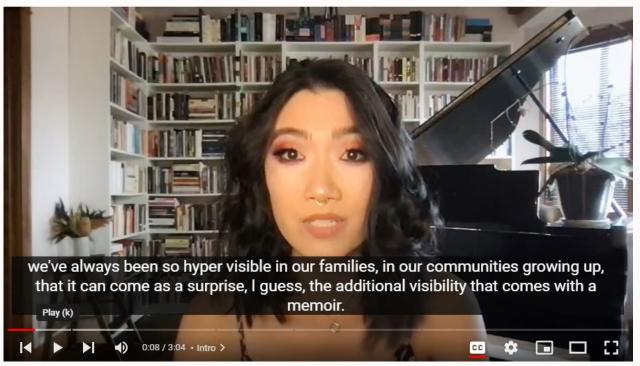
- Siobhan McMenemy, Senior Editor, WLU Press, Co-director, Amplify podcast network
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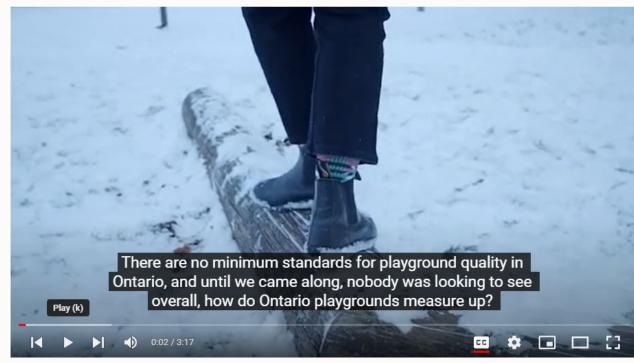
Videos

- Videos chosen by CLA team and faculty members who self-nominated when submitting their scholarly work.
- EDI and External Relations Review
- 991 views Feb 2022 May 2023
- Most popular video: 651 videos for <u>Decolonizing</u> <u>Educational Assessment: Ontario Elementary</u> <u>Students and the EQAO Test</u>
- link to full playlist



. In-person and virtual video interviews





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. Branding



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Best Practices

- Approvals take time (external & internal)
- Practical issues: copyright, text, approvals, consent
- Categories: for this project
- Use institutional tools that are available (e.g. Omeka)
- Communications

Reflections

- What is a "major work"?
- How do you choose who gets a video?
- Open call for presentations at event.
- Team wrap up: communications plan implementation, award nominations & feedback, presentations.
- Internal linkages.

. Key Tools & Templates

Google drive

- General Templates: Gannt chart (click up), project promotional pdf to Deans
- Event Templates (virtual event): save the date, registration, event planning document, event welcome powerpoint, event powerpoint, master script, final program/agenda
- Poster Templates: description of task, student hiring and interview forms, poster acceptance email, sample poster.
- Video templates: procurement document, lighting and audio instructions, sample questions, staff and student consent forms

Shout outs to the Whole Team

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