



MRFA Weekly Bulletin

November 14, 2022

Parking on Campus with Hardpacked Snow

(Sent on behalf of the MRFA representatives on the Parking and Transportation Advisory Committee) With heavy snowfall on campus we're experiencing hardpacked snow in some parking lots, making it difficult to see lines for each parking stall. While the University is doing its best to remove snow and keep lots clear, please be mindful of how you park with limited visibility and avoid blocking other cars into a space. If you are blocking another vehicle, the Parking & Transportation team may contact you to move your vehicle to ensure optimal traffic flow in and out of campus lots.

Upcoming MRFA Events

- **Members Rejuvenate on Friday Afternoons** - weekly Socials every Friday in the Faculty Centre from 3:30 - 7:00pm
- **Notice of November Regular and Special Meeting: Nov 28, 10:00am - 12:00pm.** The agenda for the Regular and Special meetings will be distributed on November 15, and Members can register in advance [here](#).
- **Social Night - November 18, 3:30 - 7:00pm** (family members welcome) in the Faculty Centre See the [event poster](#) for more information
- **PDC Get Cracking at Brunch on Peer Evaluations** - Discuss best practices, policies, and what it feels like to be the faculty member being evaluated. **November 18, 9:30 - 11:00am.** [Register Here.](#)
- **Pre-GFC Drop in Sessions - Online and in-person (in the Faculty Centre - Peggy Brydon Room) on Wednesdays 1:00 - 1:50pm** (see mrfa.net/calendar for links): **November 23**, January 18, February 15, March 15, April 19, and May 17
- **Breakfast / Brunch with the MRFA Executive Board**, (*Rescheduled from November 15*), **December 9, 8:30 - 10:00am in the Faculty Centre** and **January 6, 10:00 - 11:20am in the faculty centre.** Come meet, eat, and discuss items of interest to you with members of your MRFA Executive Board. Register [here](#)
- **End of Semester Party - December 9, 1:00 - 7:00pm** (family members welcome and a range of activities planned - stay tuned for details) in the Faculty Centre

Please take a picture of your Fair Employment Week door hanger or poster and send it to facultyrelations@mrfa.net. Thank you for supporting this initiative!

- [Slides from the Contract Faculty Hiring Information Session](#) held last week
- Event [notes from Panel on Supporting Students](#) from the Fall PD day (page 1 is a summary of key takeaways from this session)

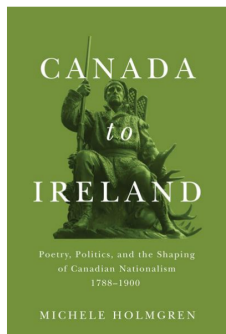
[View the MRFA Event Calendar](#)

MRFA Policies out for Consultation

The following policies are out for member comment until **December 14, 2022**. Thank you for taking the time to review these policies and submit your comments [here](#). There are other policies still out for comment (linked in previous bulletins and available [here](#)).

- [Annual Review of Association Operations](#)
- [Association Policy Development and Review](#)

MRFA Book of the Month:



November 2022

Canada to Ireland: Poetry, Politics, and the Shaping of Canadian Nationalism, 1788-1900

Canada to Ireland explores the poetry and prose of twelve Irish writers and nationalists in Canada between 1788 and 1900, including Thomas Moore, Adam Kidd, Lord Edward Fitzgerald, Thomas D'Arcy McGee, James McCanoll, Nicholas Flood Davin, and Isabella Valancy Crawford. Many of these writers were involved in Irish political causes, including those of the Patriots, the United Irish, Emancipation, Repeal, and Young Ireland, and their work explores the similar ways in which nationalists in Ireland and Indigenous and settler communities in Canada retained their cultural identities and sought autonomy from Britain. Initially writing for an audience in Ireland, they highlighted features of the landscape and culture that they regarded as distinctively Canadian and that were later invoked as powerful unifying symbols by Canadian nationalists. Michele Holmgren shows how these Irish writers and movements are essential to understanding the tenor of early Canadian literary nationalism and political debates concerning Confederation, imperial unity, and western expansion.

Canada to Ireland convincingly demonstrates that Canadian cultural nationalism left its mark on both countries. Contemporary decolonization movements in Canada and current cultural exchanges between Ireland and Indigenous peoples make this a timely and relevant study.

Available from the MRFA Bookshelf and the MRU Library.

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MRU Events

these are included in this weeks bulletin in accordance with the MRFA's Communications Policy

New Contract Faculty Orientation

Thursday, January 5, 2023 (breakfast at 8:30, program 9 AM – 3:30 PM).

[Register to attend](#)

MRU Mental Health Expo

Keynote - Thursday November 24, 10.00-11:15 AM in Ross Glen Hall

The MRU Mental Health Expo on Nov. 24 will feature a variety of mental-health related events and activities. Register [here](#) to attend the keynote presentation by [Mark Henick](#), author of *So-called Normal - A Memoir of Family, Depression and Resilience*,

[Register to attend](#)

MRU Holiday Mix and Mingle

Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2 - 4 p.m., Ross Glen Hall.

Connect with colleagues and friends as the Mount Royal community reflects on 2022 and looks forward to 2023. (Registration not required)

Question of the Week

This Week's Question

Earlier in the semester, members indicated a higher workload than last fall. Now that we are reaching the end of the semester, please indicate your ability to manage your current workload (1 being totally manageable and 5 being completely unsustainable).

Last Week's Results

73% of respondents were unsatisfied with the implementation of the new Student Code of Conduct Policy. Thank you to members who responded and provided comments. Related questions will be raised at GFC for follow-up.



- [Lunch Service](#) is available Wednesday – Friday, 11:00am – 2:00pm
- [Appetizers](#) available on Fridays 3:00 - 7:00pm

- Dinner Service (same as lunch menu) available on request on Fridays 4:00 - 6:00pm (email facultycentre@mrfa.net)
- Sign in your guests [online](#)
- In a hurry? Order ahead using the [MRFA Bistro Takeout Order Form](#)
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