



MRFA Weekly Bulletin

December 19, 2022

In Memoriam



We are saddened by the passing of our treasured colleague, Mircea Atanasiu. Mircea was respected by all who worked with him during an impressive 26-year career teaching at MRU in both Chemistry & Physics and Mathematics & Computer Science. I, along with Mircea's coworkers and the entire Faculty of Science and Technology, we wish to express our deepest condolences and our heartfelt support to Mircea's family and friends at this incredibly difficult time.

~ Lee Easton, MRFA President.

CAUT Survey

CAUT's inaugural **State of the Post-Secondary Academic Profession Survey** will build longitudinal information about issues and needs faced by academic staff at Canadian universities and colleges. This data will help CAUT and its member associations advocate for members' interests. If you have any questions about the survey, please contact Caroline Lachance, Research Officer, at lachance@caut.ca. **The deadline for completion is January 16th, 2023.**

The survey covers the following topics:

- attitudes towards the PSE sector;
- attitudes towards the workplace;
- employment conditions / work activities; and

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Complete this important survey by January 16, 2023

MRFA Retreat Proposal Deadline Extension

Given this busy time of year, the MRFA's PD Committee has decided to extend the deadline for submission of 2023 retreat session proposals. The final deadline to submit a proposal is Jan 11

[Submit a proposal here](#)



MRFA 2023
SPRING RETREAT
CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Looking Backward / Looking Forward: Be the Change!


Proposals are now being accepted for the 2023 Retreat which will be held in Kananaskis on April 24-25, 2023.

All proposals must

- contribute to the professional development of MRU colleagues,
- relate to the theme of the retreat, and
- align with the Association's member-approved mission statement.

**Proposal Submission Deadline
January 11, 2023
mfa.net/retreat-2023**

This annual event is co-sponsored by the Mount Royal Faculty Association and Mount Royal University, and is organized by the MRFA's Professional Development Committee.



MRSA PD Days - Call for Faculty Speakers

The Mount Royal Staff Association is in need of a few experts who are willing to present to MRSA members either in-person or virtually during the MRSA PD Days on March 8-9 and April 18-20, 2023. They are seeking expert speakers on the topics of health and wellness, personal finance, leadership, interpersonal communication, or EDI.

If you are interested in this paid opportunity, please email Kelsey Santiago (ksantiago@mtroyal.ca) no later than January 31, 2023.

[Submit your input here](#)

Upcoming MRFA Events

- **Marking in the Faculty Centre with Snacks, December 12 - 22, 2022**
- **Deadline for Retreat Calls for Proposals - December 21, 2022.** Submit proposals [here](#).
- **Faculty Centre Closure:** December 22 at 2:00pm - January 3, 2023 (inclusive)

2023 MRFA Meeting and Event Schedule

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- January 10, 1:00 - 1:50pm, MRFA Tenure and Promotion Series Info Session - **Important Considerations when Applying for Promotion** [Register here.](#)
- January 11, 2023: **Proposal submission deadline for the 2023 Spring Retreat.** Submit your proposal [here.](#)
- January 13, 10:00 - 11:30am : **Brunch with the Board** [Register here](#)
- January 18, 1:00 - 1:50pm: **Pre-GFC Drop in Session** - Online and in-person (in the Faculty Centre - Peggy Brydon Room) (see mrfa.net/calendar for links - other dates are February 15, March 15, April 19, and May 17)
- January 20, 11:30-2:00: **Envision your Year (with Lunch)** - [Register here.](#)
- January 31, 1:00-3:00 – **Regular Meeting:** *Lincoln Park Room/J301 & Zoom**
- February 17, 4:30 – 7:00pm: **Family Day Weekend Dance** - [Register Here](#)
- March 1, 10:00 – 12:00 – **Regular Meeting:** *Faculty Centre Lounge & Zoom**
- April 5, 12:00 – 2:00 – **Regular Meeting:** *Lincoln Park Room/J301 & Zoom**
- April 24-25 - **Annual MRFA Spring Retreat** - Submit a proposal [here](#)
- April 25-27: **Writing Residency** (details to follow)
- May 12, 9:30 – 1:30 – **MRFA Annual General Meeting:** location TBD and Zoom
- May 25, 11:00-1:00: **Member and Staff Appreciation BBQ** (registration not required)
- June 9, 12:00-7:30: **Recreational Day**

[View the MRFA Event Calendar](#)

Question of the Week

This Week's Question

During the Fall Exam period, the Question of the Week will be on hiatus. The next Question will be in the January 9, 2023 *Weekly Bulletin*. **Thank you to all members for your input throughout the year.**

Have a question you would like us to ask?
Email it to facultyrelations@mrfa.net

Last Week's Results

Last week the Question of the week was on hiatus for the exam period. We invited members to submit their questions, but none were received. It is sure a busy time of year! We hope that all of our members are getting through their marking and that all have a good break before the next semester begins!

[Let us know what questions you think we should be asking](#)

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- ***Note Lunch service is not available until the centre reopens on January 4, 2023***
- [Lunch Service](#) W – F, 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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