

Memorandum

Re: Nomination for the CAUT Academic Librarians' and Archivists' Distinguished Service Award

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To: Members, CAUT Council

From: Tim Ribaric, Chair

The Academic Librarians' and Archivists' Distinguished Service Award was established in 1994 to recognize outstanding contributions by academic librarians and archivists and other academic staff to the advancement of the status and/or working conditions of academic librarians and archivists at Canadian universities and colleges. The CAUT Librarians' and Archivists' Committee is pleased to recommend that this award be given to Marc Richard from McGill University.

Mr. Richard first began his career as a librarian in 1983 at McGill University. Over the past 35 years his commitment to professional librarianship has been enduring. In 1996 – 1997 he played an integral role in the merger of the Association of McGill University Librarians to MAUT and served as the first chair of the newly created Librarians' Section. He again served as chair of the Librarian's Section during 2011 - 2012. It was during this period that CAUT launched an *Ad Hoc Investigatory Committee* on the working conditions of academic librarians at McGill.

In 2011 – 2012 Marc was instrumental in establishing the McGill Library Council, and was the leading force in writing the documentation that governs the composition and function of the group. His involvement with governance also includes contributing key revisions to several important documents including *Regulations Relating to the Employment of Librarian Staff*, the MAUT *Statement of Academic Freedom*, and McGill's *Statement of Academic Freedom*.

Marc Richard's ongoing work to improve the working conditions and collegial self-governance mechanisms of McGill Librarians is commendable. His contributions have made a lasting impact on his colleagues and his accomplishments are echoed in the numerous letters of support included

with his nomination. His career-long list of achievements demonstrates that he is an extremely deserving recipient of the CAUT Academic Librarians' and Archivists' Distinguished Service Award.