



# *Building A Twenty-First Century Research Library*

*Vision: The Shannon Library is the preeminent  
Catholic College Library in Western Canada.*

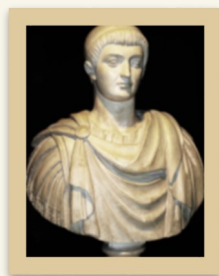
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## *STM Showcase Library*

The new library research space is well underway. The thematic design of bronze and copper is premised upon the iconic Lionel Thomas copper doors, of which the college has four sets. These doors are legacy pieces and are reflective of the heritage of St. Thomas More College. They represent entry into our Catholic tradition as seen on the front doors of the chapel on College Ave. as well as in the interior of the College. It is our vision to refurbish some of these doors now in storage and place them in the library to reflect an entry way into the world of knowledge and education.



Lionel Thomas Copper Doors



3 foot majestic bust  
of Constantine the  
Great



Dr. Alan Reese  
Coin Collection



Charlemagne

The copper doors will stand well with the Library's plan to bring classic pieces from the **Museum of Antiquities**, some shown here.

# Annual Statistics

DEPARTMENTAL: 40%	30 Faculty	ALLOCATION
Economics	2	\$394.00
English	4	\$788.00
History	3	\$591.00
Languages and Linguistics	1	\$197.00
Philosophy	4	\$788.00
Political Studies	3	\$591.00
Psychology	5	\$985.00
Religion and Culture	5	\$985.00
Sociology	3	\$591.00
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>\$5910.00</b>
General	30%	\$4,427.00
Catholic Tradition	20%	\$2,951.00
Distinctive STM Programs	10%	
Campus Ministry		\$211.00
CMRS		\$211.00
Engaged Learning		\$211.00
Jewish and Christian Studies		\$211.00
Social Justice		\$211.00
Spanish		\$210.00
Ukrainian		\$210.00
<b>Distinctive Programs Subtotal</b>		<b>\$1,475.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$14,763.00</b>

Collection and Circulation Data	
Books weeded	1,374
Books damaged in Flood	432
Physical items discarded (many were uncatalogued)	6,262
Journal titles at Crown	172
Boxes sent to Crown off-site storage	507
Physical items at Crown off-site storage	11,357
New Acquisitions: ( 214 in 2015-16 )	304
Circulation Transactions	3,201
<b>Total Items in Collection:</b> In 2015-16: 56,712	55,902

**Book Budget:** Departmental Formula: 40% / 30 Faculty = apr. \$197.00 per faculty member. Rounded Off.

Dorothy Abernethy was hired in 1970 as a Sessional Lecturer in the English Department at STM College. Dorothy has a Master's Degree in English, specializing in John Donne and 17 Century British Literature. Dorothy left the province in 1975, and upon her return to Saskatoon, again taught English from 1983 to 1997. In 1990, Dorothy was hired full-time as the Library Assistant in the STM Shannon Library. Since 1990 to present, Dorothy served as the recording secretary on the Library Committee, on the Women's Advisory Committee and on the Strategic Plan for Work Environment. During her time at STM, Dorothy worked with Campus Ministry taking on the role of leading the Rosary for Peace. Dorothy also served as Library Administrator in 2007-2008 and 2014-2015 while the STM Library Director Donna Brockmeyer was on sabbatical.

Dorothy was awarded the STMSU *Heart of STM* Award in 2010-2011, which is a student selected award. Dorothy has supervised many desk assistants over her 27 years in the library, and some of them remain in close contact with her, sending her post cards when they travel abroad. Among Dorothy's greatest achievement while working in the library was to learn the U of S Library Automation system, so that when the catalogues were merged, she was instrumental in enabling the merge to work smoothly. Dorothy has witnessed many changes in the college during her tenure here, and has often served as the college memory. She will be greatly missed, but we wish her well as she sets off on her travels throughout Europe, and her pilgrimage with her husband Dwight on the Camino de Santiago, in Spain.



English Department, 1973



Library, 2013

*The Library Committee: Dean Arul Kumaran, Dr. Bohdan Kordan, Dr. Michael Cichon, Brooke Kincart (Student Representative), Dr. Donna Brockmeyer (Chair), and Mrs. Dorothy Abernethy (Recording Secretary).*

**The Mission** of the Shannon Library is to support, through its collections and services, the inherent values, vision and culture of St. Thomas More College. The Library offers optimum service for research, teaching and learning, and provides an inspiring and welcoming environment that supports creative discovery, reflection, synthesis and application of knowledge. This service is supported by a research librarian and trained staff. The library is one of the most important tangible assets of the Catholic intellectual tradition within the College. We honour our term of stewardship of this valuable cultural resource as we build for the ages.

# Super Annual Statistics!

*STM Faculty 21<sup>st</sup> Century Research contributed to  
Post-Secondary Institutions Strategic Investment Fund of \$1,060,000.00*

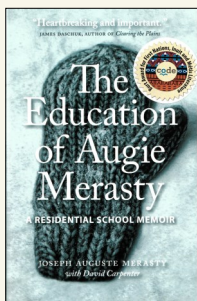
**21<sup>st</sup> Century faculty research contributed to the successful administrative funding application of \$1,060,000.00 from the federal Strategic Infrastructure Funding Program which supported the library renovation under Annex C: “Research library expansion and renewal.”**

Donna Brockmeyer describes STM faculty research focus as that being on, and contributing to, 21<sup>st</sup> century research.

Research areas include, but are not limited to: Globalization, technological change and productivity, energy prices and macroeconomic performance, natural resources and economic growth, Green living, eco-justice, ecological ethics, child hunger and sustainable food systems, eating and mood disorders among youth, justice in legal processes, ageing, living with dementia, death and dying, equity and social justice, racial and ethnic stratification, computer applications to archeological research, human rights, restorative justice, economic parity, multiculturalism, immigration, Canadian provincial politics, law and collective bargaining, social democracy, and bilateral agreements between the provincial and federal governments. Many, if not most of these, impact the Canadian economy; many are related to Canada’s First Peoples.

The St. Thomas More College library supports that research. The Library is lead by a research librarian with a doctorate in educational leadership; she builds collections and offers services to support that research. The research profile continues to grow and is well respected on the University of Saskatchewan campus as a highly rated research library with specialized holdings in certain areas (unique to western Canada in some cases). The holdings are widely used by researchers, faculty, and graduate students. The library’s renewal project provides improved access to in-house and extensive digital holdings made available through our integrated catalogue and extensive bibliographic databases with the University of Saskatchewan Libraries. Underpinning all research – lab based, original, or documentary – the library offers state of the art access to research resources. These libraries have historically collaborated to develop areas of specialization. STM library resources are available for use by the entire University of Saskatchewan community of researchers, so we are doing our part to contribute to the research base. Given the proliferation and expense of information sources, there are no longer defined graduate or undergraduate collections; libraries, STM among them, are working together to make access to collections seamless. Seamless access is enabled by supporting wireless technologies, and computer infrastructure.

The need to support 21<sup>st</sup> century research, strong Catholic foundational collections, improved physical access, and enhanced computer access resulted in the successful bid to the Post-Secondary Institutions Strategic Investment Fund. The application was initiated by senior administration: the CFO provided data about energy loss through compromised air efficiencies, traffic flow, space needs, etc.; the Library Director described the research needs of faculty based on 21<sup>st</sup> Century research needs and access to collections; and the President expressed the unique provincial needs of Indigenous communities. Working together, and in collaboration with each other, this was a successful venture that resulted in a grant in excess of \$1,060,000.00. It will enable the college to bring its 1950s era library into the 21<sup>st</sup> century by offering additional research spaces and improved access to all collections, both in print and digital.



## *One Book, One Province. The Education of Augie Merasty: A Residential School Memoir.*

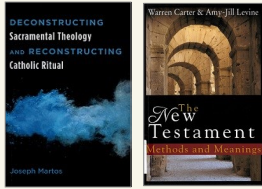
Donna Brockmeyer was on the steering committee of the One Book One Province program. The initiative encouraged all people of the province to read this BURT Award nominee for First Nations, Inuit and Metis Literature written by Dr. David Carpenter and the late Joseph Auguste Merasty. The book relays the experiences and subsequent consequences of the life of Augie Merasty who attended St. Therese Residential School in Sturgeon Landing, Saskatchewan, from 1935 to 1944. The book jacket describes this as “the story of a child who faced the dark heart of humanity, let loose by the cruel policies of a bigoted nation.” It is a book well worth reading; there are copies in the Shannon Library.

**Amanda Gieni.** Amanda played a vital role this year in editing the catalogue, creating lists, and compiling statistics for the moved, weeded and flooded books. She was the mastermind for the complex task of transferring books to off-site storage so that they could be expeditiously retrieved; her system was well used this past year and will serve well into the future. Amanda continues to manage acquisitions, cataloguing, database maintenance, archives and special projects. Additionally, Amanda worked on the Newman Player’s production *Fools* in the Fall as a stage manager, and contributed to the set design for *Excalibur!* in the Spring.



# A Few New Acquisitions by Department

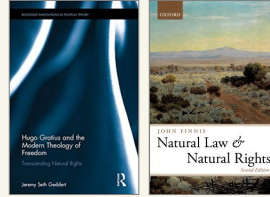
## Catholic Higher Education



Joseph Martos.  
*Deconstructing Sacramental Theology and Reconstructing Catholic Ritual*

Warren Carter.  
*The New Testament: Method and Meanings*

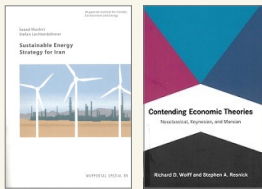
## Philosophy



Jeremy Seth Geddert.  
*Hugo Grotius and the Modern Theory of Freedom: Transcending Natural Rights*

John Finnis.  
*Natural Law and Natural Rights*

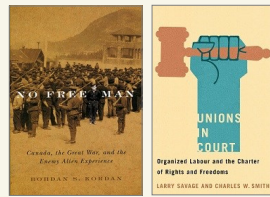
## Economics



Dr. Saeed Moshiri.  
*Sustainable Energy Strategy for Iran*

Richard D. Wolff.  
*Contending Economic Theories: Neoclassical, Keynesian, and Marxian*

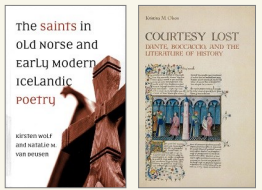
## Political Studies



Dr. Bohdan S. Kordan.  
*No Free Man: Canada, the Great War, and the Enemy Alien Experience*

Dr. Charles W. Smith.  
*Unions in Court: Organized Labour and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms*

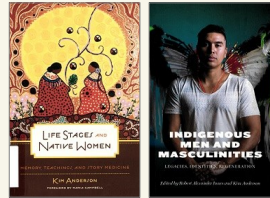
## English



Kirsten Wolf.  
*The Saints in Old Norse and Early Modern Icelandic Poetry*

Kristina Olson.  
*Courtesy Lost: Dante, Boccaccio, and the Literature of History*

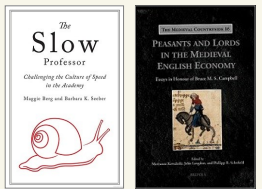
## Psychology



Kim Anderson.  
*Life Stages and Native Women: Memory, Teachings, and Story Medicine*

Robert Alexander Innes (ed.)  
*Indigenous Men and Masculinities: Legacies, Identities, Regeneration*

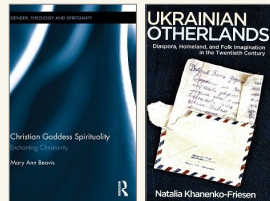
## History



Maggie Berg.  
*The Slow Professor: Challenging the Culture of Speed in the Academy*

Maryanne Kowaleski (ed.)  
*Peasants and Lords in the Medieval English Economy*

## Religious Studies



Dr. Mary Ann Beavis.  
*Christian Goddess Spirituality: Enchanting Christianity*

Dr. Natalia Khanenko-Friesen.  
*Ukrainian Otherlands: Diaspora, Homeland, and Folk Imagination in the Twentieth Century*

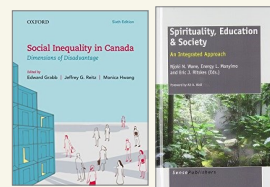
## Languages, Literatures, and Cultural Studies



Kristoffer Nyrop.  
*Grammaire Historique de la Langue Française: Tome Premier*

Dr. Cheryl Soulodre.  
*Marie-Anna Adèle Roy, maîtresse d'école et écrivaine de l'Ouest canadien*

## Sociology



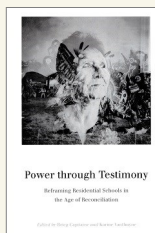
Dr. Monica Hwang.  
*Social Inequality in Canada: Dimensions of Disadvantage*

Njoki N. Wane (ed.)  
*Spirituality, Education & Society: An Integrated Approach*

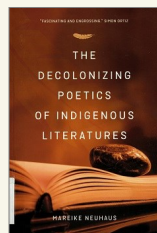
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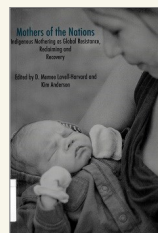
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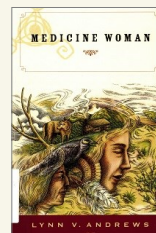
Power through Testimony



The Decolonizing Poetics of Indigenous Literatures



Mothers of the Nations



Medicine Woman

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