

## October 2021 eBulletin

### GETTING READY FOR COOLER DAYS!



**You are needed on our committees!** MCLL is managed by a dedicated group of volunteers. Moderators, hosts, committee and council members ensure that the rich program of study groups and lectures is maintained. If you are interested in participating in any of these areas, do not hesitate to offer your help. Renewal is key to the well-being of this community and we are very keen to hear from you. A list of committees and their members, as well as committee mandates, are posted on the website at [mcgill.ca/mcll](http://mcgill.ca/mcll). Contact **Sandra Baines**, the chair of the nominating committee ([sandrajbaines@gmail.com](mailto:sandrajbaines@gmail.com)).

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**Using surveys and stats to improve MCLL's functioning:** The **Planning and Membership Committee** is looking for new members to work on interesting projects. Committee members keep a close eye on how our organization is running and where improvements are needed. They also keep track of who our members are, and how they feel about their experience with us. Some examples of what the committee does — With the advent of COVID-19, we saw a drop in moderators, so last fall the PMC conducted a survey of moderators to see where the problem lies, and how it can be remedied. Last spring the committee produced a comprehensive statistical report dealing with membership numbers, demographics and study group and lecture attendance figures, to determine the state of our membership, and to facilitate decision-making. From now on the committee will issue a report annually. To learn more, please contact **Alice Sidorow** ([alicesidorow@hotmail.com](mailto:alicesidorow@hotmail.com))

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**How McGill made the pandemic into an opportunity:** In case you missed it, you can still view a recording of the [Homecoming Flipping the Switch Event: Connection and Learning in a Time of Self-Isolation](#), where our past president **Sandra Baines** and **Ana Milic**, MCLL program administrator, joined Katherine Hanz, associate dean, user services, McGill Library and Angel Hebert, student navigator, to talk about our quick, creative, and extensive responses to the pandemic, and how we met the differing needs of our respective communities. Participants looked at how we transformed a period of isolation into an opportunity for connection and learning. The recording is available here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jG\\_xjopspfU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jG_xjopspfU)

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