Toward a Critical Optimism: Enacting Access, Inclusion, and Democracy in Difficult Times

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AE Google Hangout Tomorrow (Thursday)

Hi,

Just a reminder that there is a Google Hangout tomorrow morning.

Thursday – 2/18 – 9am PST / 10am MST / 11am CST / 12pm EST

Let us know if you did not receive an invite to the event in via your Google account.
“I think there’s definitely value in the more traditional forms of LIS research and scholarship, but it is a sometimes-limiting box that we’ve drawn around ourselves, and I’m glad to be thinking on other ways to work.”

-- Maura Smale, New York City College of Technology --
Examines culture
Considers the self in social context
Moves between experience & theory
Shows the meaning attached to experience
Balances rigor and creativity
Wants to make the world a better place
“I want to retain a distinction between saying our work is selective, partial, and contestable and saying that the impossibility of telling the whole truth means you can lie.”

-- Carolyn Ellis, *Composing Ethnography*, 1996
Learning in community
Discussion questions:

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LEARNING FROM A LOCKOUT

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Learning from The Past

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“If we have had no past, it is well for us to look hopefully to the future -- for the shadows bear the promise of a brighter coming day.”

--Letter from Frances EW Harper, July 26, 1867
During difficult times, the library is a quiet oasis where we can catch our breath, learn, and think about what to do next. Please help keep our oasis peaceful and serene. Thank you!

Ferguson Public Library, August 2014
Wilfred "Boomer" Harding 1915-1991

Auto Club ‘6’ Prepares
To Use Negro Forward

Boomer Harding, of Detroit, Ont., may see action in the International Amateur Hockey League. It is expected that he will be the forward line.

Boomer will be pitted against the St. Louis Blues, who are expected to win. Right now it seems that Adam Brown of the York team, who saw Harding play for the Canadian army, is the favorite.

Hockey has never been played in Detroit, but the three players in the Queen's University League are the Carney and McIntyre, who play for theDrawing... line for Shaw... There just isn't enough colored hockey in Georgia or we would have had a more colored hockey game.

When Boomer makes his debut in the International League, will living up to its name. When Boomer

Goodfellows’ Windsor, Ont., was the first in the history of hockey to score the hat trick in a game. His colleagues in the Goodfellows’ Windsor, Ont., were his colleagues in the Goodfellows’ Windsor, Ont.”
Wilfred "Boomer" Harding & the Chatham Coloured All-Stars (1932-1939)

Breaking the Colour Barrier: Wilfred "Boomer" Harding & the Chatham Coloured All-Stars is one of several projects related to the Boomer Harding (1915-1991) scrapbooks donated to the University of Windsor. This website tells the story of the Chatham, Ontario baseball team who became the first black team to win a provincial Ontario Baseball Amateur Association championship in 1934. In collecting oral histories from family and friends of these players, newspaper documentation of the 1934 season, artifacts about the K-12 teachers and a traveling storyboard exhibit, this project conveys a rich and vital story about race, courage, and community in Southwestern Ontario in the early 20th century.

"Breaking the Colour Barrier" is a partnership between the Harding family, the University of Windsor's Department of History, the Liddy Library's Centre for Digital Scholarship, and the Chatham Sports Hall of Fame. It was generously funded by an Ontario Trillium Foundation grant in 2016-2017.

Read more.

Updates

We're thrilled to announce that Breaking the Colour Barrier was awarded a Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Award for Excellence in Conservation through the Ontario Heritage Trust! (February 15, 2018)
The Chatham Coloured All-Stars: A comic in 4 panels. By Scott Chantler (2016)
### Analyzing a Primary Source

**Photograph of the 1934 Chatham Coloured All-Stars**

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<td>Even though it is a coloured team, it does not look like it is separating any of them.</td>
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<td>2. What type of photo is it?</td>
<td>A photo that makes history, as the first integrated team.</td>
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<td>3. Who do you see?</td>
<td>I see men of all sorts of colour, together as one.</td>
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<td>4. What objects do you see?</td>
<td>Bats, Balls, (blue)</td>
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<td>5. What is going on?</td>
<td>They're taking a team picture</td>
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<td>6. In one sentence, summarise the photo.</td>
<td>After a long time, men can finally come together to end white discrimination in sports.</td>
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<td>7. Who do you think took this photo? Why?</td>
<td>The coach, to emphasize the efforts of team work and integration</td>
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<td>8. Why do you think this photo was taken? Use evidence to explain.</td>
<td>I think this photo was taken to show what everyone is equal.</td>
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<td>9. When do you think it was taken?</td>
<td>Taken in 1934.</td>
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<td>10. What did you find out from this photo that you did not know before?</td>
<td>The All-Stars shocked the crowd as they were the first black team to win the provincial championships.</td>
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<td>11. What questions do you have?</td>
<td>How long until other teams started to integrate?</td>
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<td>12. Give this photograph a caption.</td>
<td>&quot;A Team United, Stronger as one.&quot;</td>
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The All-Stars did not set the ball in white fans bringing them from town. They used it as a field of play, the best game they could.

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As the All-Stars obtained more and more points, the crowd was astounded.
First Nations hockey team subjected to racist taunts, slurs at Quebec City tournament

Players ages 13 and 14 were called savages, told to go home

Susan Bell, Betsy Longchamp, Corinne Smith - CBC News
Posted: May 23, 2018 2:38 PM CT | Last Updated: May 31

The First Nation Elite Bantams AAA team was subjected to racist taunts and slurs at a Quebec City tournament. (Submitted by Tommy H. J. Neeposh)

A team of First Nations hockey players say they were subjected to racist taunts and treated unfairly by referees at a recent spring hockey tournament in Quebec City.
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LEARNING FROM AN ELECTION

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- Message to a friend, night of October 16, 2017
COUNTDOWN TO A NEW LIBRARY
MANAGING THE BUILDING PROJECT
SECOND EDITION
JEANNETTE WOODWARD
WINNING ELECTIONS AND INFLUENCING POLITICIANS FOR LIBRARY FUNDING

PATRICK "PC" SWEENEY AND JOHN CHRASTKA
Libraries are sacred places: they contain the hard-earned lessons of the past and the seeds of a better future.

~ Lois Hole
What Would Lois Do?

A conversation with Kate Pearce - Lois Hole's granddaughter.

When? Tuesday, October 3 at 7:00 pm

Where? The Enjoy Centre in St. Albert

Free and open to all! Contact the Yes team for more info: yesforthelibrary@gmail.com or on Facebook

“Our libraries require all the love and care we can give them, for libraries don’t just preserve the wisdom of the past; they contain the seeds of a better future.”

- Lois Hole

Vote Yes for the Library
NO to the
PROPOSED LIBRARY
NO TO 5% TAX HIKE & LEVY
Vote October 16

DEcratchinal RIGHTS PROTECTION

“Voters should decide if we build a
2nd library”

VOTE
Cam MACkAY
FOR MAYOR

RESPONSIBLE LEADERSHIP

St. Albert Library Petition

Mark Cassidy shared a link.

October 11, 2017

Scathing engineers report by Frank Vagi against the prolibrary crowd shows there is no need for a new stand alone library which confirms my advocacy of a "NO" vote!

A cold Eyes Review of the library utilization information.pdf

Shared with Jumpshare
Are you in favour of the City proceeding with further planning of a branch library?

YES: 36.8%
NO: 63.2%
And if they try to slow you down
Tell em all to go to hell

The House that Heaven built
Japandroids

October 2017, Edmonton
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