



THE FUTURE IS OPEN:


An Open Research Symposium to Build Community Connections

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Here's what we'll be talking about

- What was this?
 - Process of organizing the symposium
 - Format and content of event
 - Feedback/reception
 - Lessons learned
 - Next steps
 - Questions/Contact
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An Open Research Symposium

- What's in a name?
 - Open Science vs. Open Access vs. Open Data vs. Open Research
 - Focus on building local community
 - Highlight library collaborations and support
 - Provide a forum for campus champions to share their work
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Organizing & planning

- Original pitch and administrative approval
 - Approval for space, affiliation and small budget
 - Logistics
 - Location (# of attendees, refreshments)
 - Timing (time of year, duration)
 - Spreadsheet of task and deadlines
 - Bi-weekly meeting
 - Outreach & Promotion
 - Leveraged existing connections and networks
 - Took advantage of all institutional communication channels
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Call for proposals

Are you a McGill researcher, student, or staff member involved in a project to promote or incorporate open research practices? The Organizing Committee invites lightning talk proposals for the inaugural McGill Library open research symposium: *The future is open: Building an open research community at McGill*. Lightning talks consist of a 5-minute presentation highlighting open research, cutting-edge practice, or both. We are hoping to feature a range of presentations representing many disciplines.

The deadline for submissions is Friday, February 10, 2023, at midnight EST. To submit a proposal, please click on the following link: [McGill Open Research Symposium Lightning Talk Submission Form](#).



Selecting Presenters

- Received 21 proposals for 8 slots
 - Each group member read all proposals and ranked their top 8 based on selection criteria
 - Relevance to symposium topic
 - Cohesiveness of proposal
 - Met to discuss rankings and reworked selection to include diversity in discipline, rank/position of presenter, topic
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The event: Schedule and Speakers

1pm: Welcome and Introduction

1:15pm Keynote

SEISMICA

Creating an Open Access Community:

Launching SEISMICA



Christie Rowe - McGill & the Seismica Board (seismica.org)

Media & Branding Team: Tran Huyhn, Jaime Convers, Ezgi Karasozen, Matthew Aguis, Quentin Brissaud, Shiba Subedi, Daniel Corona, Adam Pascale

www.seismica.org

The event: Schedule and Speakers

1:45pm Break

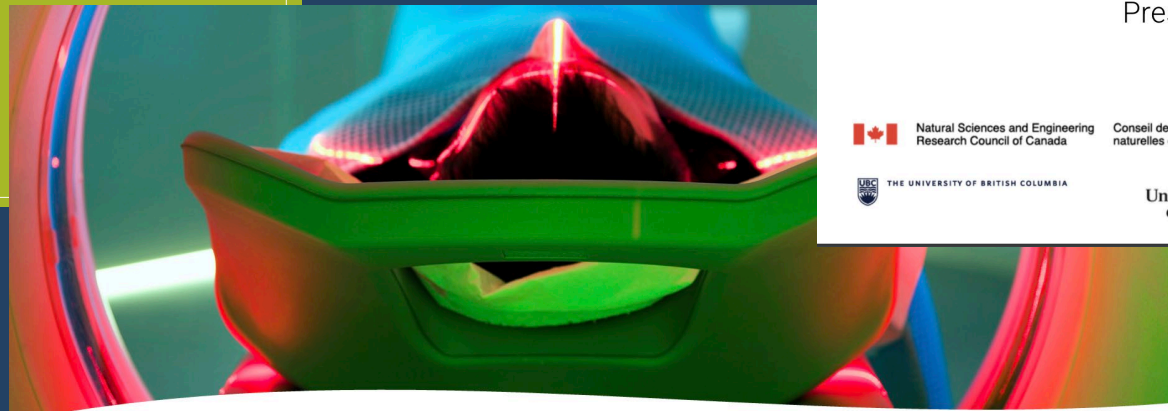
2-3:30pm Lightning Talks

3:30-3:45pm Closing Remarks

REGISTERED REPORTS IN PRACTICE

JK Flake

Department of Psychology



CONP Experiments
An open-source (neuroimaging)
experiment-sharing platform

Katie M. Lavigne, Ph.D.

Douglas Research Centre
Montreal Neurological-Institute Hospital
Department of Psychiatry, McGill University


April 4th, 2023
McGill Open Research Symposium

LIVING DATA PROJECT

Rescuing Ecological Data from Extinction

Presented by Samantha Straus, PhD
Postdoctoral Researcher

 Natural Sciences and Engineering
Research Council of Canada

 Conseil de recherches en sciences
naturelles et en génie du Canada

 Canada

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 canadian institute of ecology and evolution
Institut canadien d'écologie et d'évolution

 THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

 Université
de Montréal


 University
of Regina

 McGill



So how did it go?

- Great!
- Lots of audience engagement
- Generated lots of conversation and discussion amongst participants
- People keen to see other events like this in the future



"So many different departments, fields, and perspectives were represented and created an amazing energy. Everyone I spoke to was excited about what they'd heard and wanted more - more speakers, more time, more networking. I think you've really started something here."











Participant feedback

- Rated content 4.5/5
 - 5=excellent
 - What other topics did people want to hear about:
 - *"More deep-dive topics, such as copyright/ownership issues on research data"*
 - *"Open source software and open dataset and how McGill can help. Also founding possibility for open science."*
 - *"More about FAIR data"*
 - *"Ethics and data sharing, using university data or article repositories, communicating open science to students through classes"*
 - *"Seemed heavy on open access publications, maybe more breadth."*
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Lessons learned: Wins

- Low effort/high reward
 - Event required minimal planning/resources
 - Cost: \$70
 - 3 people to organize + 4 volunteers the day of
 - Leveraging existing connections key
 - Targeted communications to known stakeholders, departments
 - E.g., MNI, Douglas Research Centre, eScholarship depositors
 - End of term worked well
 - Format
 - Lightning talk + keynote
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Lessons learned: Improvements

- Drumming up presenters a challenge
 - We had 21 submissions for 8 spots
 - Hard to ensure variety of topics/departments
 - More time for reflection/discussion
 - Have a focus/theme
 - Derailed by open access at moments
 - Connect to library's values and mission
 - In opening remarks/program description
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Next steps

- Organize event annually (or bi-annually)
 - Include liaison librarians via library committees
 - RDM committee and Scholarly Communication committee will organize every other year
 - Coordinate with broader community efforts and events (e.g., as part of Open Access week, etc.)
 - Develop a CC-BY toolkit for others to use at their own institutions
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Questions? + slides

Open Research Symposium slides

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