

# Robyn Lauren Hall

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## EDUCATION

**Master of Library and Information Science** (January 2008-August 2009)  
University of Western Ontario, London, ON

**Master of Arts, Sociology** (September 2005-September 2007)  
University of Guelph, Guelph, ON

**Bachelor of Arts (honours), Social Anthropology** (September 2000-April 2004)  
Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Business Library Co-op Student** (August 2008- April 2009)  
Innis Library, McMaster University, Hamilton, ON

- Taught information literacy instruction classes to commerce students
- Designed instructional materials for course-integrated library assignments, database workshops and staff training sessions
- Provided front-line reference service in-person (14-18 hours weekly) and virtually using Meebo and Second Life (2-6 hours weekly)
- Created web-based pathfinders, annotated bibliographies and FAQs to support the needs of students, faculty, staff and library management
- Evaluated periodicals, reference materials and databases to assist with collection development

**Job Web Assistant** (April 2008- August 2008)  
Faculty of Information and Media Studies, University of Western Ontario, London, ON

- Formatted job advertisements for the web and posted them onto the faculty's employment Web site and bulletin board

**Research Assistant** (March 2006- June 2007)  
Rural Women Making Change Research Alliance, University of Guelph, Guelph, ON

- Compiled and maintained an online database of bibliographic materials relevant to issues on rural women in Canada and internationally

### Teaching Assistant (September 2005- April 2007)

Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Guelph, Guelph, ON

Undergraduate courses:

- Introduction to Anthropology (Fall 2005/Fall 2006)
  - Qualitative Observational Methods (Winter 2006)
  - Social Deviance (Summer 2006)
  - Social Anthropology (Winter 2007)
- Helped students with research, writing and course content during office hours and via email
  - Facilitated a variety of seminars, tutorials and online discussions
  - Assisted instructors with lesson planning and assignment design
  - Graded students' presentations, essays and assignments
  - Proctored exams

### Teaching Assistant (September 2007- December 2007)

University of Guelph-Humber, Toronto, ON

Undergraduate course:

- Research Methods for Social Science
- Led statistics tutorials and assisted with in-class assignments
  - Helped students with course content during weekly office hours
  - Evaluated students' assignments

## ACADEMIC ACTIVITY

### RESEARCH

**Individual Study:** *The Open Access Librarian: Educating and Advocating for Change.* (2009). Unpublished research paper, 30 pages. The University of Western Ontario, London, ON. Faculty supervisor: Dr. Ajit Pyati

**Major Research Paper:** *Making Beds, Making Change: Hotel Workers Rising in Toronto.* (2007). Unpublished research paper, 80 pages. University of Guelph, Guelph, ON. Advisor: Dr. Kerry Preibisch. Co-Advisor: Dr. Belinda Leach.

**Undergrad Thesis:** *The Lure of South Korea: Exploring the Contact Zones of Teaching English Abroad.* (2004). Unpublished research paper, 45 pages. Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS. Advisor: Dr. Pauline Gardiner Barber

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## PRESENTATIONS

**Poster session:** *Open Access Week and Beyond* (upcoming; February 2010)  
Ontario Library Association Super Conference, Toronto, ON

**Staff Roundtable:** *The Open Access Librarian: Educator or Advocate?* (April 2009)  
Mills Library, McMaster University, Hamilton, ON

**Conference Paper:** *Making Beds, Making Change* (May 2007)  
Canadian Anthropology Society-American Ethnological Society Conference, Toronto, ON:

**Conference Paper:** *Making Beds, Making Change: Proposal overview* (March 2007)  
Sociology and Anthropology Graduate Student Conference, University of Guelph, ON

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## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

**Session Convener:** Library as Place for LGBT Patrons: Responsibilities and opportunities  
(upcoming; February 2010)  
Ontario Library Association Super Conference, Toronto, ON

**Events Representative** (January-April 2008)  
MLIS Student Council, University of Western Ontario, London, ON

**Communications Officer** (September 2006-March 2007)  
Sociology and Anthropology Graduate Student Conference, University of Guelph, Guelph, ON

**Graduate Student Representative** (September 2006-April 2007)  
Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Guelph, Guelph, ON

**Council member/conference volunteer** (June-September 2006)  
Teaching Assistant Conference Advisory Council, University of Guelph, Guelph, ON

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## AWARDS

- **First runner-up, Canadian Library Association Student Essay Contest:** *Exposing Open Access (OA): In Support of OA Journals in Academic Libraries* (2009)  
Canadian Library Association, Ottawa, ON
- **Kim Prize for outstanding Major Research Paper:** *Making Beds, Making Change: Hotel Workers Rising in Toronto* (2008)  
Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Guelph, ON
- **Research Travel Award** (2007)  
Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Guelph, ON
- **Entrance scholarship** (2005)  
Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Guelph, ON
- **Renewable entrance scholarship** (2000-2004; 2006; 2008)  
J. D. Shatford Memorial Trust, Hubbards, NS

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## MEMBERSHIPS

- **Canadian Library Association** (2009-)
- **Librarians Without Borders** (2009-)
- **Ontario Library Association** (2009-)
- **Canadian Anthropology Society** (2006-2007)

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

**Applications:** Microsoft Office Suite, Word Perfect, EndNote, RefWorks, SPSS, Photoshop

**Operating Systems:** Microsoft Windows, MAC OS X, Linux

**Web Development:** HTML, XML, Dreamweaver, Drupal, Joomla, HTML Transit

**Instructional Technology:** WebCT/ Blackboard, Clickers, SMART Board

**Web 2.0 Technologies:** Blogging, Social bookmarking, Social networking, Wikis, Virtual worlds

## LANGUAGES

**Native English speaker**

**Low to moderate proficiency in oral/written French**