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# USING THE DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES

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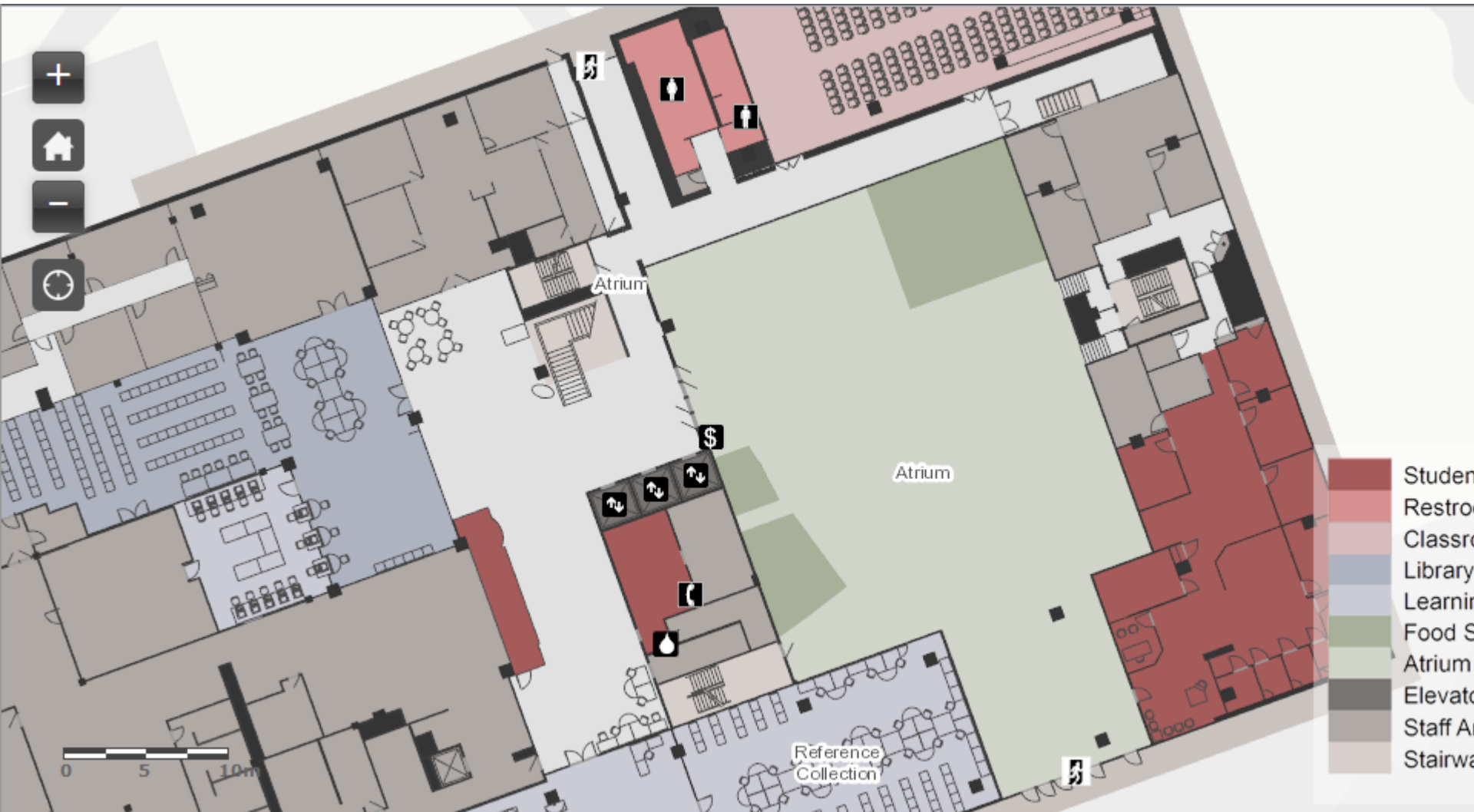
# AGENDA

- Introduction to Dalhousie Libraries
- Introduction to Dalhousie University Archives
- Online Research Tools
- Archives Catalogue and Online Collections Demo

# DALHOUSIE LIBRARIES



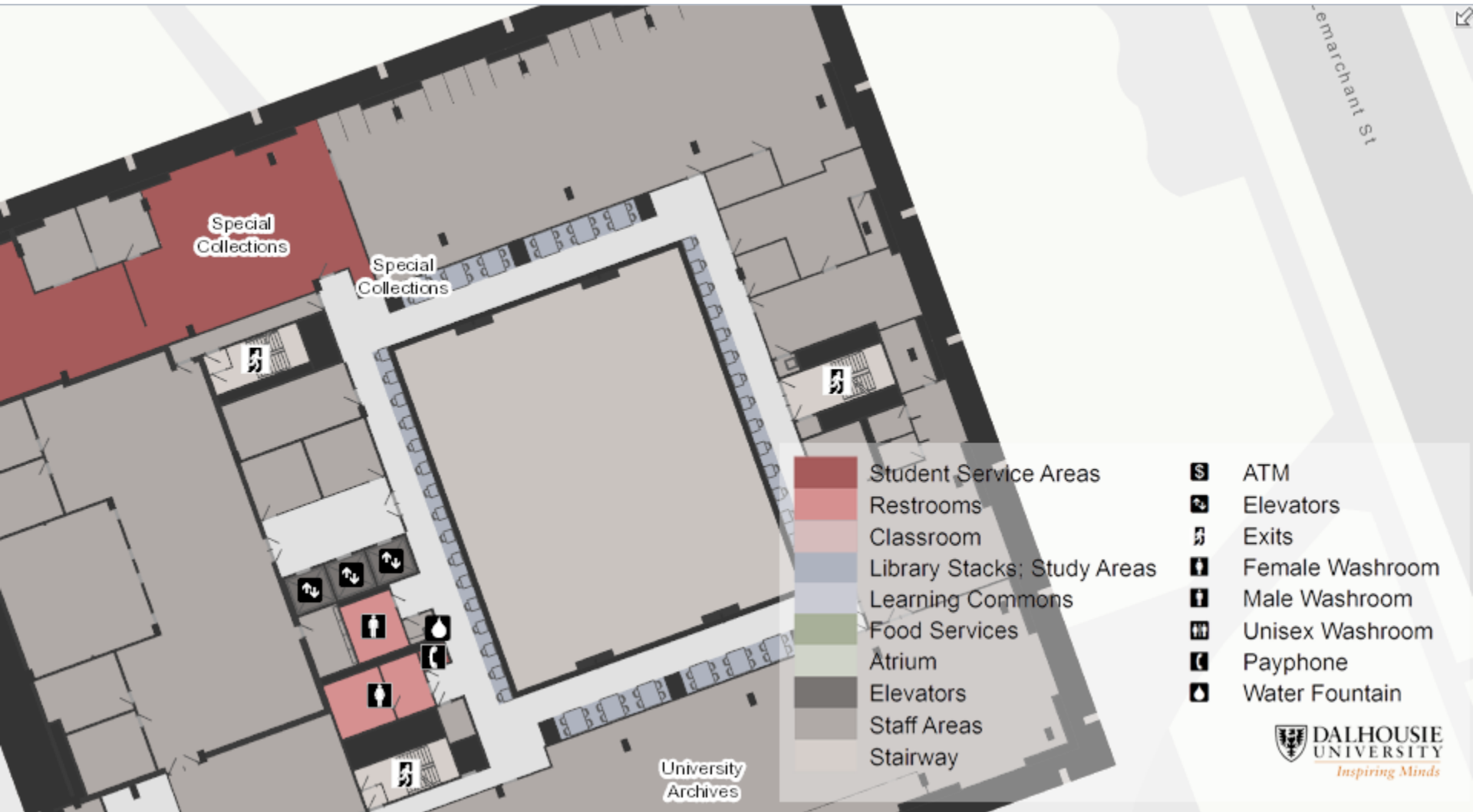
# KILLAM MEMORIAL LIBRARY



# YOUR FALL TERM “TO DO” LIST

- ✓ [Register your DalCard](#) with the Libraries
- ✓ Come study in the [Archives and Special Collections Reading Room](#) in the Killam Memorial Library
- ✓ Use the [Archives Catalogue](#) to find a primary source
- ✓ Check out the [online Subject Guides](#)

# UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES



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- Reference desk and reading room on 5<sup>th</sup> floor of Killam Memorial Library
- Stacks are “closed” and staff must retrieve material for you
- Archival material does not circulate
- Open Monday-Friday 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

# ARCHIVAL MATERIAL

- Types of records
  - Text (papyrus, parchment, pulp, etc.)
  - Sound recordings (vinyl, cassette, etc.)
  - Moving images (film, video, etc.)
  - Still images (tintype, print, negative, etc.)
  - Maps
  - Technical drawings
  - Research data
- Advanced notice may be required
- Surrogates or alternative sources may be provided



# SOUND RECORDINGS



# ONLINE RESEARCH TOOLS AT THE UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES

- Guide to [Major Research Collections](#)
- [Guide to Archival Research](#)
- [History of Dalhousie University](#)
- [“Raiders of the Lost Archives” Guide](#)

# University Archives

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## MAJOR RESEARCH COLLECTIONS

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Citizen Action Groups

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Historical Maps

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Maritime History Archives

Visual and Performing Arts

Women's Archives



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# DEFINITIONS

- **Fonds**: The entire body of records of an organization, family, or individual that have been created and accumulated in the course of that creator's functions or activities.
- **Collection**: A grouping of documents of any provenance intentionally assembled on the basis of some common characteristic.

# DEFINITIONS

- **Provenance**: The person(s), family (families) or corporate body (bodies) that created and/or accumulated and used records in the conduct of personal or business life.
- **Reference code**: the unique identifier used to request archival material. Reference codes are assigned based on provenance.

# FINDING AIDS

- Archives create “finding aids” for each fonds or collection
- Dalhousie finding aids are fully searchable online
- The level of detail varies widely
- Some finding aids contain “embedded” digitized material

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## Visual and Performing Arts

The University Archives collects materials to support learning and teaching in the visual and performing arts



**Dalhousie University Archives**

Yesterday at 10:30am

Meet our Summer Archives Intern, Mariah Blackmore. Check the LibVine for profiles of all the Libraries' summer interns.



Intern Profile of B...

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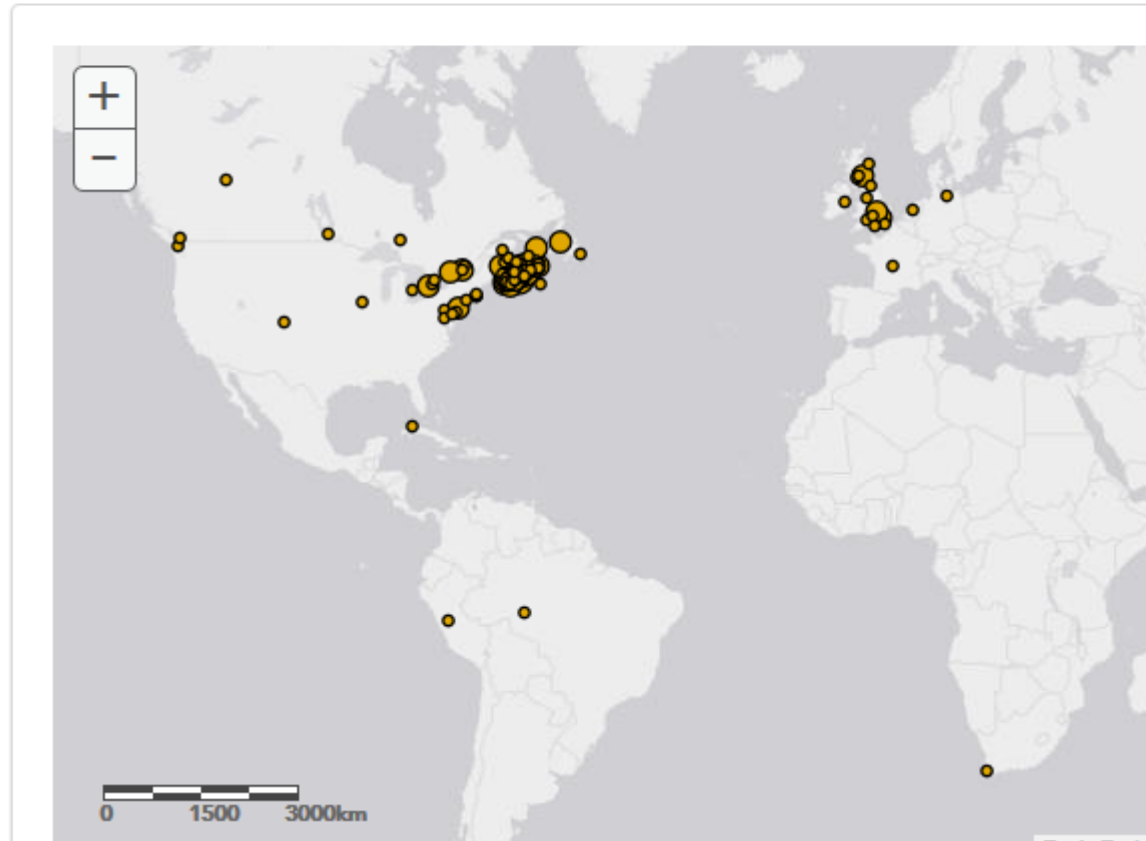
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- Repositories
- Titles
- Names
- Subjects
- Geographic locations
- Digital Objects

## Popular this week

- Elisabeth Mann Borgese fonds **52 visits**
- Linda Moore **40 visits**
- Oland family fonds **33 visits**
- Dalhousie University Archives **32 visits**
- Donna Morrissey fonds **31 visits**
- Guestbook for exhibits held between 2000 - 2001 **31 visits**
- A. M. Smith and Company fonds **28 visits**
- Correspondence between Elisabeth Mann Borgese, Rideau Hall, and others regarding the Order of Canada **24 visits**

## Search the Archives Catalogue and Online Collections





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# CONCEPTS IN YOUR RESEARCH QUESTION

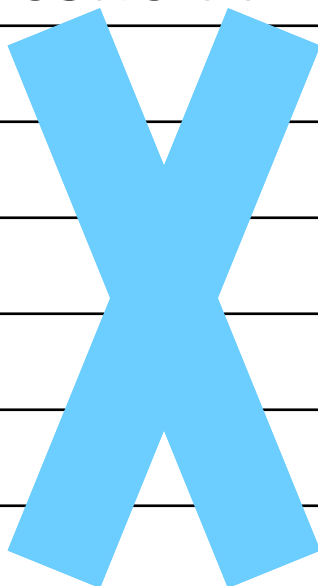
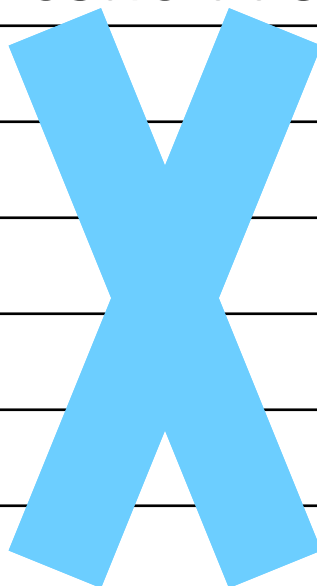
**Example:** Did landlocked states influence the Exclusive Economic Zones established by the UN "Law of the Sea"?

	CONCEPT 1	CONCEPT 2	CONCEPT 3
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NARROW

# CONCEPTS IN YOUR RESEARCH QUESTION

**Example:** Does the Dalhousie University Archives have any records on Burlington, Ontario?

	CONCEPT 1	CONCEPT 2	CONCEPT 3
Keyword			
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