

# Data Day 2017: Building a Community Report

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Data Day display, Stauffer Library

## Data Day Program

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Data Day was held on Thursday, May 11 in the 1966 Reading Room, Douglas Library. The program was scheduled from 9:00 – 1:15pm. It began with opening remarks from Heather McMullen, Associate University Librarian. Francine Berish, Geospatial Data Librarian, presented results from the three Research Data Management Surveys conducted over the last 2 years and the Keynote Speaker was Jeremy Geelen from SSHRC, who presented “Changes in the RDM Landscape: Funding Agency Policies”. There were two panels and a networking lunch concluded the day.

First panel:

Panel Moderator – Jeremy Heil, Digital and Private Records Archivist, Queen's University Archives

- Advance Research Computing at Queen’s – A well Kept Secret  
Don Aldridge, Executive Director of the Centre for Advanced Computing, and Senior Advisor  
Advanced Computing and Data Analytics
- Research Data at Risk of Cyber-Attack  
Denise Ernst, Information Security Officer, Information Technology Services (ITS)
- Human Participant Research and Secondary Use of Data  
Dr. Andrew Winterborn, Director, Research Ethics Unit, University Research Services (URS)
- RDM: News from the Frontlines  
Jeff Moon, Data Librarian and Academic Director, Queen’s Research Data Centre, Queen's  
University Library (QUL)

Second panel - Researcher Experience Panel

Panel Moderator – Jeff Moon, Data Librarian and Academic Director, Queen’s Research Data Centre

- Healthy Commuting: Archiving Longitudinal Journey-to-Work and Health Data from a Localized  
Population  
Patricia Collins, Geography & Planning
- Pan-Arctic Polar Bears: Addressing Challenges for Management of Cultural, Social and Genomics  
Data  
Stephen Lougheed, Queen’s University Biological Station
- Mapping Romanesque Eve: Art History and the Digital Humanities  
Anna-Maria Moubayed, Art History and Art Conservation
- Archiving Health Data  
Elizabeth VanDenKerkhof, School of Nursing

The full program is available in Appendix A.

## Logistics

### Partners/Sponsors

- Queen's University Library
- Office of the Vice-Principal (Research)
- Centre for Advanced Computing
- ITServices

### Organizing Committee

- Francine Berish, Geospatial Data Librarian, Library
- Alex Cooper, Data Technician, Data Services, Library
- Jeremy Heil, Digital and Private Records Archivist, Queen's Archives
- Heather McMullen, Associate University Librarian, Library
- Karina McInnis, Executive Director, University Research Services
- Jeff Moon, Data Librarian, Academic Director, Queen's Research Data Centre, Library

An [event website](#) was created and maintained by Jen Amos, Communications Coordinator.

A [Gazette article](#) about Data Day and highlighting Anna-Maria Moubayed's research was run prior to Data Day on May 5, 2017. Anna-Maria Moubayed was a presenter in the Researcher Experience Panel.

A Data Day display was set-up in Stauffer Library from April 25<sup>th</sup> until May 15<sup>th</sup> (one week before the event and one week after). See picture on p.1.

The program and presentations were archived in QSpace (<http://hdl.handle.net/1974/15947>). Previous Data Day programs and presentations will also be added to QSpace.

## Registration

Attendants were encouraged to register for Data Day. An email invitation was also sent to Library staff via the LIBSTAFF listserv. 92 people registered (36 Library staff accepted the email invitation and 48 registered online). Attendees were asked to sign in; 35 registered participants signed in and 29 Library staff signed in. There were 8 walk-ins.

Are you...?	
Librarian/Archivist	28
Staff	19
Faculty	15
Graduate Student	7
Library Technician	6
Undergraduate Student	4
Post-doc/Researcher	3
Other	10
Total	92

Faculty/Department	
Library	34
Faculty of Health Sciences	14
Queen's	13
Faculty of Arts and Science	13
Community	7
Outside University/College	5
Smith School of Business	3
Faculty of Education	2
Hotel Dieu Hospital	1
Total	92

## **Feedback Survey Results**

A Feedback Survey was sent on May 12, 2017 to the 72 participants who signed in. It was open until Friday, May 27, 2017. 29 responses were received.

Overall, Data Day was well received with 28 of the 29 respondents saying it met their expectations. A number of positive comments were received about the variety of content and the speakers. Respondents enjoyed learning about the different services offered, underlying policies, and the different perspectives presented. They liked the half-day format, including the networking lunch at the end, and the panels and researcher case studies. One respondent commented that they “learned way more than I expected”. Again this year, respondents agreed that May is a good time to hold Data Day.

It was noted that Jeremy Geelen’s presentation was a big draw for some attendees. Respondents also attended to learn about Queen’s resources available for research and to learn more about data management, both from a scholarship and administrative perspective. Other comments pointed to a number of returning participants and some who came because colleagues suggested it would be relevant and valuable. One person commented that Data Day was “a force of habit. I’ve never missed one and have always found them valuable.”

For future sessions, respondents suggested to continue with the update sessions, including the Tri-agency and funding agency requirements. Sessions on data and information literacy, geo-mapping projects, software/resource availability on campus, Statistics Canada (data availability and access), digital humanities, ORCID IDs, and open access data were suggested. Respondents would also like to see more time for questions/discussions with presenters. A poster session was also suggested.

A summary of responses to all the questions is provided in Appendix A.

## **Recommendations/Suggestions for 2018**

This was the 4<sup>th</sup> year that we have hosted Data Day. Mid-May is proving to be a best time to hold Data Day and the half-day format appears to be the best format. This year, we introduced a networking lunch at the end of the presentations at about 12:15. A number of attendees at Data Day and respondents to the Feedback Survey commented that this was a nice addition that wrapped up the day nicely.

Below is a list of observations from this year’s event and suggestions fro next year’s event.

### Planning/Organization

- Start planning much earlier – late October/early November 2017. This will allow for Marketing and Communications to be possibly be involved and design posters to better advertise the event. Also when choosing the date this early there will be less chance of conflicting dates with other conferences.
- Partners/Sponsors and Budget – having the partners in place earlier and knowing how much each will contribute to the budget will help with planning.

- Use 1966 or 1923 Reading Room, Douglas Library – these rooms provide flexible space for set-up for both the food and speakers and allows to participants to come and go through out the day without much interruption to the speakers.
- Screen – if using the 1966 or 1923 Reading Rooms, a larger screen would make it easier for participants to see the presentations. Also, moving the podium slightly to the left or right of the windows in the 1966 Reading room means the sun will not interfere with how well the screen can be seen.
- Networking lunch – this proved popular this year allowing for participants and presenters to continue discussions after the program
- Registrations/Signing in – this year we have someone at the door having people sign in. This made it easier to get an accurate count of how many people who registered actually came and a better idea of the cross-section of faculty, students, and staff, and departments who attended.

#### Program

- Researcher case studies have been popular with participants every year. Continue with the format of 4 researchers presenting about their research but make sure the session is a minimum of 50-60 minutes, limiting each researcher's presentation to no more than 10 minutes. This will allow for more time for questions and keep the session on time. One comment from this years Feedback Survey was the request for more time for questions.
- Panels – similar structure to the researcher case studies.
- Keynote speaker – schedule closer to end of day

#### Topics

- Continue with Tri-agency updates, ITS and CAC presentations
- Digital humanities session
- Geospatial session (Geo-mapping project was mentioned in comments)
- Data and information literacy
- Statistics Canada – availability of data files; how they can support research
- Archives/repositories available – Dataverse, QSpace, Portage
- Health Science focus – clinical research
- Ethical implications of data use in secondary studies

## Appendix A: Data Day Program

### Data Day 2017: Building a Community

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#### May 11, 2017, 1966 Reading Room, Douglas Library

9:00 – 9:30 [Arrival – Coffee and Tea](#)

9:30 – 9:40 [Welcome and Opening Remarks](#)

Heather McMullen, Associate University Librarian

9:40 - 10:20 [Panel Discussion](#)

Panel Moderator – Jeremy Heil, Digital and Private Records Archivist, Queen's University Archives

- **Advance Research Computing at Queen's – A well Kept Secret**

Don Aldridge, Executive Director of the Centre for Advanced Computing, and Senior Advisor  
Advanced Computing and Data Analytics

- **Research Data at Risk of Cyber-Attack**

Denise Ernst, Information Security Officer, Information Technology Services (ITS)

- **Human Participant Research and Secondary Use of Data**

Dr. Andrew Winterborn, Director, Research Ethics Unit, University Research Services (URS)

- **RDM: News from the Frontlines**

Jeff Moon, Data Librarian and Academic Director, Queen's Research Data Centre, Queen's University  
Library (QUL)

10:20 – 10:35 [Coffee and Conversation](#)

10:35 – 11:15 [Researcher Experience Panel](#)

Panel Moderator – Jeff Moon, Data Librarian and Academic Director, Queen's Research Data Centre

- **Healthy Commuting: Archiving Longitudinal Journey-to-Work and Health Data from a Localized Population**

Patricia Collins, Geography & Planning

- **Pan-Arctic Polar Bears: Addressing Challenges for Management of Cultural, Social and Genomics Data**

Stephen Loughheed, Queen's University Biological Station

- **Mapping Romanesque Eve: Art History and the Digital Humanities**

Anna-Maria Moubayed, Art History and Art Conservation

- **Archiving Health Data**

Elizabeth VanDenKerkhof, School of Nursing

11:15 – 11:30 [Research Data Management \(RDM\) Survey at Queen's University: Findings](#)

Francine Berish, Geospatial Data Librarian

11:30 – 12:10 [Changes in the RDM Landscape: Funding Agency Policies](#)

Jeremy Geelen, Social Science and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)

12:10 – 12:15 [Networking Lunch Introduction](#)

Heather McMullen, Associate University Librarian

12:15 – 1:15 [Networking Lunch](#)



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## Appendix B: Feedback Survey Responses

### 1. Why did you attend Data Day?

- To keep up to date on Queen's resources and activities. SSHRC speaker was a big draw.
- To learn about new projects and info re data management
- To understand more about what's going on in the world of data management.
- Selection of topics and positive experience at previous Data Day
- A desire to keep current with services, procedures, issues, and researcher projects.
- Members of my team attended last year and really enjoyed it.
- always interesting presentations
- The learn more about research data management and future directions.
- Very interested in the management of data, both scholarly and administrative.
- Colleagues suggested it and I felt the topics covered would be relevant and valuable.
- Wanted to learn more about RDM resources on campus and how it can benefit researchers
- I see it as a great opportunity to find out more about University Resources available for researchers as well as trends and requirements in the field of Research Data Management.
- I am a quantitative researcher and was interested in learning about available databases and data management services.
- To keep up to data on relevant aspects.
- Interested in applications of utilizing data.
- As an Ref assistant, I felt it imperative that I go and hear the latest on Data, and what is happening across campus. It helps me answer Ask Us questions too.
- Interested in topics
- I attended Data day because the add sounded very interesting and I wanted to learn more about it. I am glad I was there and listen the speakers, all of them were well prepared. I enjoyed being there.
- to meet some people :)
- Interest in the different presentations.
- Force of habit ;-) I've never missed one and have always found them worthwhile.
- interested in the topics that listed on the event agenda
- Sounded interesting.
- To learn more about research data management.
- To see what resources are available on campus, and to hear about interesting quantitative research projects currently going on at Queen's.
- I am new to Queen's and wanted to learn about resources/infrastructure that the university offers
- Because the Library's role in the preservation of data is expanding, and I want my knowledge on data management practices of the Library to be current.
- To hear about ethical implications of data use in secondary studies

### 2. Is this the first time you have attended Queen's Data Day?

No	12
Yes	17



3. Did Data Day meet your expectations?

No	1
Yes	28

4. How did it meet/not meet you expectations?

- Learned more about Centre for Advanced Computing and Library initiatives, plus Tri-Council plans.
- we talked about data management!
- Excellent selection of research topics, short presentations to keep interest high, appropriate duration of Data Day (1/2 day)
- There was a variety of content and the speakers were very engaging
- Really enjoyed the following guests and their presentations: Stephen Lougheed, Denise Ernst, Don Aldridge
- Interesting sessions, new information, differing perspectives.
- I would say it exceeded my expectations - the talks were very informative and interesting.
- I was unaware of the various sources available as well as the underlying policies to be aware of
- good variety of topics have been presented, information was brief but useful.
- I learned about services available on campus and beyond that will be very helpful to me in my research moving forward.
- I found all the presentations very interesting. The cyber security information was useful and something we should all know. Being from an Arts background, I find the digital humanities very interesting as well.
- I learned lots from the speakers, which met my expectation
- sandwiches were not fresh
- Very pleased with the array of different kinds of data research. Eg, from polar bears to Roman history. A good variety.
- We enjoy seeing what Queen's is doing as one of the most organized pan-campus data services.
- get some ideas about data management/archiving
- interesting speakers
- Screen was a bit small for the size of the room
- Both of my goals for the day were met.
- Nice range of speakers and topics. Liked hearing about services offered by Centre for Advanced Computing
- I really enjoyed the presentations by researchers who have used the Queen's Library Data Management service. It gave me a good insight into how the service is used by patrons of the library.
- Learned way more than i expected!

5. How did you find out about Data Day? (Choose all the apply)

Colleague	14
Email listserv	10
Events calendar	1
Invitation	1
Library website	5
One of the speakers	1
Personal contact	1
Queen's Gazette	3
Queen's website	3
University Research Services/Vice-Principle Research website	1

6. Would you attend another Data Day?

Yes	28
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7. What types of sessions, outcomes or action would you like to see in the future?

- Continue with library updates and Tri-Council involvement. Continue to keep presentations short. Half day is good.
- geo-mapping projects -- However, I really enjoyed learning about the varied uses of DataVenue - very impressive.
- I prefer the 15-minute talks to the longer ones. Perhaps at lunch you could facilitate interaction by having certain speakers from the morning host a table.
- I thought that this year's sessions were very much on point - please continue!
- I would like to see more researcher perspectives on data management
- Data and information literacy. Now that data is being made more readily accessible and open - what new skills should be taught for individuals and organizations to understand and consume the data?
- I would like to have more time for open questions/discussion with the presenters.
- A discussion of publicly available datasets from StatsCan and others. It can sometimes be difficult to know what is available and what StatsCan's obligations are regarding access. There have been times I have requested data from StatsCan only to be told by one staff member that I am not permitted to access it, and then by another that I am.
- Any and all that provide practical insight on current and future initiatives from a cross spectrum of stakeholders in this area.
- More digital humanities. More about using ORCID IDs, Open Access data. How faculty get their data in. Maybe more about Portage and Dataverse.
- The talks: the presenters and the modernizers were very interesting.
- Similar presentations that hold your attention easily.
- Session on how Queen's is meeting the challenge of providing data services in the era of big data.

- any possibilities to schedule a poster session, which can last for few days. Then, people who does not get a chance to attend the event can also get some ideas about relevant researches and services.
- Continue to discuss funding agency requirements as they develop.
- Software availability/resources on campus
- Enhanced clinical research focus

8. Data Day was held on May 11, 2017. Was this a good time of year for you to attend?

Yes	29
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9. Would there be a better time of year for you?

- no
- it's good in May
- none
- no
- Spring term
- Spring term
- when ever they presente it
- Spring term
- Nope.
- Not really.....it's before the start of conference and congress seasons
- Fall term
- Spring term

10. Department?

Library	8
Other	6
Faculty of Health Sciences	5
Faculty of Arts and Science	3
Office of the Vice-Principal (Research)	3
Outside Queen's	2
ITS	2

11. Are you...?

Librarian/Archivist	8
Staff	7
Research Administrator	4
Faculty	3
Library Technician	3
Community member	1
Graduate Student	1
Other	2

12. Other comments or suggestions?

- So grateful to all those who put Queen's at the forefront of research data management - thanks library staff.
- Keep up the good work!
- If it could start at 8:30 end right at noon (or 11:50) this would be preferred.
- Great job - very interesting and well-organized!
- Great day - thank you!
- Great workshop! Also I enjoyed networking with researchers and colleagues during lunch.
- As someone who is not active in research, I found the keynote address boring and drawn out. Just being honest, though I know it was very relevant to the theme of the day - only thing I can come up with as a comment other than the day was amazing!
- I liked the way it was presented.
- Good coffee :)
- It was a great event. thank you for organizing!
- Well done! Thank you!
- Very interesting mix of speakers from both the RDM side and the researcher side.

## **Appendix C: Communication Plan for 2017**

### **BACKGROUND**

The fourth annual Data Day will be held on Thursday May 11 in the 1966 Reading Room, Douglas Library, with a program featuring local services and national initiatives for managing, linking and promoting research data.

### **Program**

**9:00 – 9:30:** Coffee and Tea

**9:30 – 9:40:** Welcome and Opening Remarks

- Heather McMullen, Associate University Librarian, Queen's University Library

**9:40 – 10:20:** Panel Discussion - We Can Help! Lay of the Land

- Don Aldridge, Executive Director of the Centre for Advanced Computing, and Senior Advisor Advanced Computing and Data Analytics
- Denise Ernst, Information Security Officer, Information Technology Services (ITS)
- Dr. Andrew Winterborn, Director, Research Ethics Unit, University Research Services (URS)
- Jeff Moon, Data Librarian and Academic Director, Queen's Research Data Centre, Queen's University Library

**10:20 - 10:35:** Break

**10:35 – 11:15:** Researcher Experience Panel

- Panel Moderator – Jeff Moon, Data Librarian and Academic Director, Queen's Research Data Centre
- Patricia Collins, Geography & Planning
- Stephen Lougheed, Queen's University Biological Station
- Anna-Maria Moubayed, Art History and Art Conservation
- Elizabeth VanDenKerkhof, School of Nursing

**11:15 – 11:30:** What we've heard from researchers: Queen's RDM survey findings

- Francine Berish, Geospatial Data Librarian, Queen's University Library

**11:30 – 12:10: Keynote** -- Changes in the RDM Landscape: Funding Agency Policies / Portage / DMP

- Jeremy Geelan, Social Science and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)

**12:10 – 12:15:** Networking Lunch Introduction

- Heather McMullen, Associate University Librarian, Queen's University Library

**12:15:** Networking Lunch

**Partners:** Queen's University Library, Office of the Vice-Principal (Research), and the Centre for Advanced Computing, ITSservices

## **Organizing Committee**

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- Alex Cooper, Data Technician, Data Services, Library
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- Jeff Moon, Data Librarian, Academic Director, Queen's Research Data Centre, Library

## **PURPOSE**

Our goal is to promote our schedule of events and encourage members of the Queen's and Kingston community to participate.

## **TARGET AUDIENCE**

- Faculty
- Students (undergraduate and graduate)
- Post-doctoral fellows
- All staff (QUL and University-wide)
- Kingston community

## **OBJECTIVES**

### **High level communication objectives:**

1. Ensure our communications have a clear, consistent and strategic voice.
2. Ensure that potential attendees have access to timely, accurate and relevant information.

## **HOW WE WILL MEASURE SUCCESS**

- Feedback from staff, and faculty and students

## **KEY MESSAGES**

### **Data Day 2017: [A statement of theme and description of the events. Here is what we said last year: Maximize the Impact of Your Data**

Please join us for Queen's University's third annual Data Day. You will learn about evolving Queen's data services, national guidelines (e.g. Tri-Council), and national and international initiatives for managing, linking and promoting your research data. You will hear from Queen's researchers about their experiences in data management and learn more about digital scholarship across disciplines.]

- Registration and the program for Data Day 2017 are available [here](#)

### Twitter Information:

- Queen's University Library: @QueensULibrary
- Office of the Vice-Principal (Research): @queensuResearch

**ACTIVITIES/PRODUCTS**

<b>Activity/Product</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Status/Notes</b>
Queen’s events calendar	Jen	Friday April 7	<a href="#">Complete</a>
“Hold the date” emails	Library - Heather URS, KGH, Hotel Dieu – Karina RMC Library Ontario Data Community – Alex RDM survey Respondents – Alex Personal contacts - All	Friday April 7	Complete
Program and registration emails to Library Heads, SGS (Colette Steer) and Post docs lists (Rebecca Hügler)		April 24	
Email to advisory committees	Heather to send, Who to draft	Week of April 24	
Add data Day to Libstaff calendars	Francine (?)	Week of April 24	
Library news item (Same text as program and registration email)	Jen	Week of April 24	<a href="#">Complete</a>
Short message for LNN screens in Library	Jen	Week of April 24	Complete
Poster (this year informational, next year, designed by marketing)	Jen	Week of April 24	
Gazette Article	RDWG group member and Jen	Week of May 1	Underway (Anna-Maria Moubayed, Art History and Art Conservation)
Social Media	Jen	Beginning week of April 24, and continuing to May 11	
Event Reminder: Library news	Jen	May 8	
<b>DATA DAY</b>		May 11	
Wrap-up: Gazette, linked to by Library news		Week of May 15	

## **RESOURCES**

### **Documents needed:**

- Event Announcement: Advance emails
- Event Announcement: Library news
- Poster
- Event Announcement: Gazette

## **QUESTIONS/NEED TO KNOW**



## **Appendix D: Data Day Registration Form**

The registration form was created and sent with Office 365 Forms. Below are the questions included in the survey.

Data Day will take place on Thursday, May 11, 2017 in the 1966 Reading Room, Douglas Library

1. Name
2. Email
3. Faculty/School/Department
4. Are you...?
  - Faculty
  - Post-doc/Researcher
  - Librarian/Archivist
  - Graduate Student
  - Undergraduate Student
  - Library Technician
  - Research Administration
  - Staff
  - Other

## Appendix E: Data Day Feedback Survey

The Feedback Survey was created and sent with Office 365 Forms. Below are the questions included in the survey.

Thank you for taking time to complete this survey. If you have research data or would like to learn more about research data management please feel free to contact us at [academic.services@queensu.ca](mailto:academic.services@queensu.ca).

13. Why did you attend Data Day?
14. Is this the first time you have attended Queen's Data Day?
  - Yes
  - No
15. Did Data Day meet your expectations?
  - Yes
  - No
16. How did it meet/not meet you expectations?
17. How did you find out about Data Day?
  - Queen's Gazette
  - Library website
  - University Research Services/Vice-Principle Research website
  - Queen's website
  - Events calendar
  - Colleague
  - Email listserv
  - Other
18. Would you attend another Data Day?
  - Yes
  - No
19. What types of sessions, outcomes or action would you like to see in the future?
20. Data Day was held on May 11, 2017. Was this a good time of year for you to attend?
  - Yes
  - No
21. Would there be a better time of year for you?
  - Spring term
  - Fall term
  - Winter term
  - Other
22. Department?
23. Are you...?
  - Faculty
  - Post-doc/Researcher
  - Librarian/Archivist
  - Graduate Student

- Undergraduate Student
- Library technician
- Research Administrator
- Staff
- Other

24. Other comments or suggestions?