

Interactive Workshop Aging Activisms Media Capsules

Telling, recording & sharing our activist herstories



April 29th- May 2nd, 2016

Concordia University
1442 Rue Mackay
Montréal, QC



Welcome and Thanks

Welcome! We are thrilled to be gathering with you this weekend! This workshop has its genesis in the Aging Activisms Symposium that was held at Trent University in Peterborough, Ontario in October of 2015. Aging Activisms brought together four generations of women, activists and academic, to showcase and understand the many ways women work for change throughout their lives. At the end, participants expressed a clear desire to continue these conversations. This led May Chazan (from Trent) and Kim Sawchuk (from Concordia) to join together – along with a number of their talented grad students and associates – to dream up this interactive workshop – an event that would not only reconvene some among the Aging Activisms community, but also provide a way to share our stories more widely.

Our goal this weekend to is to co-create a series of media capsules (or digital stories) that record our individual histories with activism. We will work through a process of interviewing each other, recording these interviews, editing these together with visuals and photographs, and then sharing these online – creating an accessible archive of our diverse stories.

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Most of all, we would like to thank YOU. Thank you for being part of this, for sharing your experiences, and for all that you do toward creating a fairer, more compassionate, and more sustainable world.

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Friday, April 29th, 2016

Concordia University's EV building-- Room EV 11.705

6pm-7:30pm: Opening reception and registration

Dinner of hors d'oeuvres, canapés, and wine will be served
Tea and dessert will be enjoyed during the evening program

7:30pm: Evening program

- **7:30pm – 7:40pm: Welcome and introduction to the weekend**, May Chazan and Kim Sawchuk
- **7:40pm -7:45pm: Spoken word poetry performance**, Carole Tenbrink
- **7:45pm - 8:15pm: Media show - The Power of Stories**, Maddy Macnab and Melissa Baldwin (Featuring Project Revision, RECCA "In Their Own Words," Older Women Live, Aging Radically)
- **8:15pm-8:30pm: Closing poem**, Carole Tenbrink

9pm: End

Saturday, April 30th, 2016

Concordia University's EV building-- Room EV 11.655 & 11.705

9am-10am: Warm Up

Welcome and housekeeping: Dave Madden and May Chazan
Ice Breaker: led by Sadeqa Siddiqi and Anne Caines
Roundtable: led by May Chazan, What stands out as a politicizing moment for you/ how did you first become an activist?

10am-10:30am: Coffee, tea, fruit available

10:30am-12pm: Training workshop, led by Dave Madden and May Chazan

Training for interviewers, photographers, and interviewees

12pm-12:45pm: Lunch (provided)

1pm-2:30pm: Production workshop 1, Dave Madden

We will record and photograph the material for our first 6 media capsules.

The following questions to guide our interviews:

- What drew you into the work of social change?
- Has your activism changed at different times in your life? In what ways?

- What has sustained you in your work?
- What form/s does your activism currently take?

Interviewee	Interviewer	Photographer	Space
Marietta	Emma	Elizabeth	1
Peggy	Eugenia	Nadine	
Christina	Joanne	Kate	2
May	Sharon	Anne	
Kim	Sadeqa	Patricia	3
Wendy	Jesse	Rose Marie	

2:30pm-3pm: Coffee, tea, snacks available

3pm-5pm: Fifteen-minute walk to Musée des beaux-arts to see the "Her Story Today" exhibit. This is free of charge. We will walk together.

5:30pm-7pm: Dinner at **Branzino Restaurant** 1800, rue Sherbrooke Ouest
This is a ten-minute walk. We will walk together.

Sunday, May 1st, 2016

Concordia University's EV building-- Room EV 11.655 & 11.705

9am-9:30am: Gentle yoga, Jana Lackman
No special clothing or mats required. This yoga will suit every body.

9:30am-9:45am: Warm-up led by Sharon Swanson and Peggy Edwards

9:45am-10am: Housekeeping for the day

10-10:30am: Coffee, tea, fruit provided

10:30am-12pm: Production workshop 2, Dave Madden
More production! Producing materials for 6 more capsules.

Interviewee	Interviewer	Photographer	Space
Emma	Elizabeth	Marietta	2
Nadine	Peggy	Dave	
Joanne	Kate	Christina	3
Sharon	Anne	Christina	
Sadeqa	Patricia	Melissa	1
Jesse	Rose Marie	Patricia	

12pm-1pm: Lunchbox theatre (provided)

During lunch we will view a short film created at University of Graz last summer. It includes reflections on identity, temporality, and what it means to age.

1:15pm-1:45pm: Rabble-rousing with the Montreal Raging Grannies: Interactive protest song workshop and sing-a-long

2pm-3:30pm: Production workshop 3, Dave Madden

More production. Producing materials for our final 6 media capsules!

Interviewee	Interviewer	Photographer	Space
Elizabeth	Marietta	Maddy	3
Eugenia	Nadine	Peggy	
Kate	Christina	Joanne	1
Anne	May	Sharon	
Patricia	Melissa	Sadeqa	2
Rose Marie	Sadeqa	Melissa	

3:30pm-4pm: Coffee, tea, snacks

4pm-5pm: Closing sharing circle, May Chazan

Monday, May 2nd, 2016

For those who wish to stay on as editors, *Concordia University's EV building-- Room EV 11.655*

9am- 2pm: Training workshops and production of first four media capsules, led by Dave Madden

Breaks throughout the day and lunch provided

Proposed groups for the day are roughly:

Computer	Group
Melissa (on Dave's computer)	Elizabeth, Peggy
Jesse	Nadine
Maddy	Sharon, Rose Marie
Emma	Anne

(Note: this is subject to change, depending on whether we get access to an editing lab – in which case we might work in groups of two.)



Description of Roles

We are aiming to have as many participants as possible in all three roles: interviewer, interviewee, and photographer. The groups we have created allow for relationship-building across generations, while blurring academic-community positions. All equipment will be provided, and participants will be trained as needed.

Interviewer:

Interviewers will conduct and record the interviews. Each interview should take 20-25 minutes.

Interviewee:

Interviewees will have time to prepare. **Please wear bright clothing, as it looks better on camera. Please bring a few choice artifacts from your activism to be photographed.**

Photographer:

Photographers will be photographing the interview process, with particular attention to the interviewee, aiming for 10 to 20 usable photographs.

Editor:

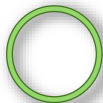
Using iMovie, editors will select photos and edit the audio using Audacity, thus putting together the capsules. Media capsules will be 3–6 minutes in length.

Logistical Information

Map of Concordia Sir George William Campus and Parking



Indicates Engineering, Computer Science and Visual Arts Integrated Complex, the location of the Weekend Workshop (Room EV 11.705) There will be signs indicating where to go once you are in the building!



Indicates parking availability: Operating Hours & Parking Rates

<p>Monday to Friday: 6 am- Midnight \$5.50 per hour</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$11.00: Exit before 6:00 p.m. • \$ 6.75: Entry after 5:00 p.m. • \$13.25: Daily Maximum
<p>Weekends Saturday: 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 pm Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 pm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$ 6.75 flat rate

HOTEL: Le Meridien Versailles, 1808 Rue Sherbrooke Ouest (corner St. Mathieu)

DIRECTIONS TO CONCORDIA EV BUILDING FROM HOTEL

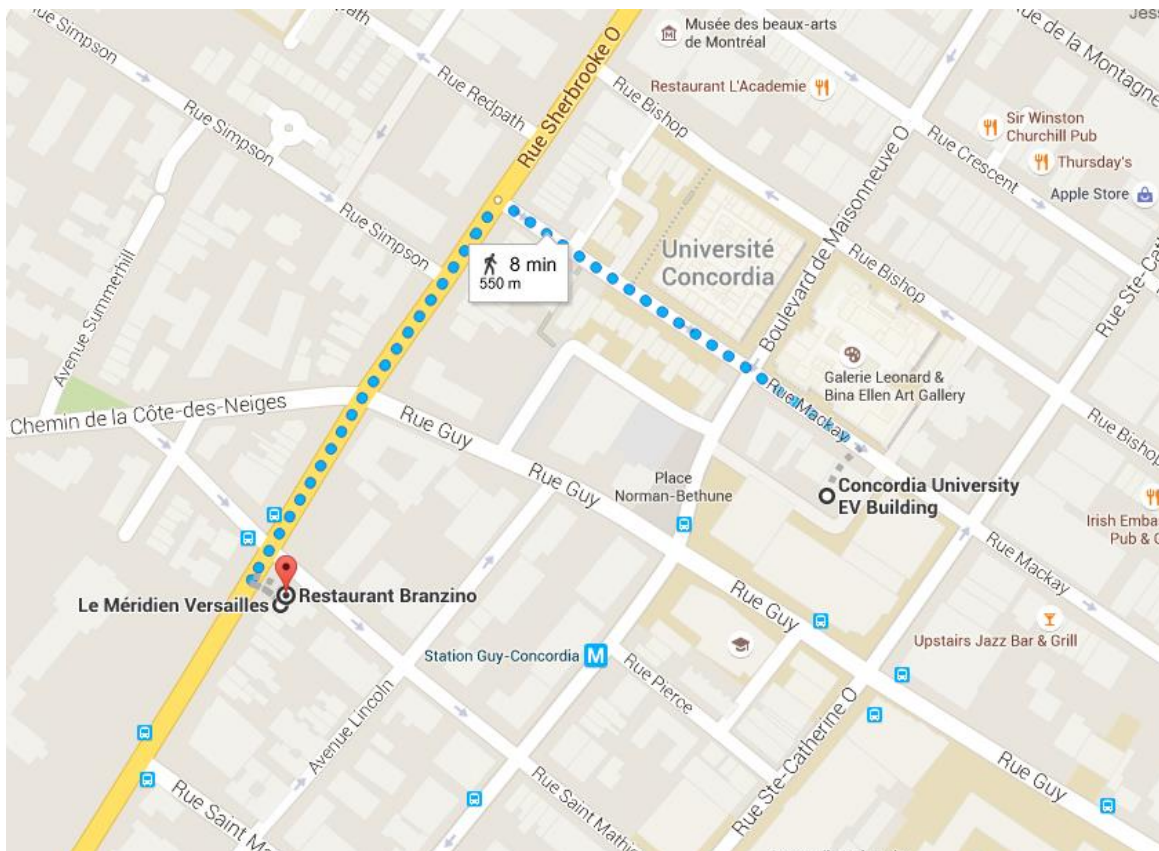
- Head east on Sherbrooke Street two blocks, turn right onto Rue Mackay

SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER AT BRANZINO RESTAURANT

Directly beside Le Meridien Versailles Hotel

1800 Sherbrooke Ouest, 514-904-1900

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