

## U Arctic Thematic Network on Arctic Law (TNAL)

### Subgroup on Arctic Archives

#### Newsletter #6

6<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Welcome to the sixth newsletter for the *Arctic Archives* subgroup of the U Arctic Thematic Network on Arctic Law. Feel free to share this newsletter with any colleagues that may be interested and direct them to the [website](#) for more information and remind them that it is open to all who have an interest in the topic (see more below).

The subgroup on Arctic Archives now has 71 members and is open to all those interested in the topic. Please see the ultimate section of the newsletter on how to join the subgroup.

#### New Publications

One reason for the gap between newsletters is that Arctic Archives members were finalising the first major deliverable to the subgroup: a nine-chapter anthology on [International Law and Displaced Archives in Arctic Countries](#). The full text, edited by members Rachael Lorna Johnstone and James Lowry, contains contributions from a total of eleven scholars – Romain Chuffart, Melis Yuksel, Njörður Sigurðsson, Bjarni Már Magnússon, Rebecca Bourgeois, William T D Wadsworth, Thomas D Andrews, Apostolos Tsiouvalas, Giorgio Baruchello and the two editors. The book is in production and publication is expected in July 2026. Congratulations to the subgroup!

Raymond Frogner, Senior Director of Research and the Head of Archives for the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation, published an article in *Archivaria* on [“Red Jenkinson: Tracing Indigenous Influences on Canadian Archival Theory”](#) on cognitive imperialism and the persistence of Indigenous knowledge models. The article develops some of the ideas presented at the May 2024 seminar held at DIIS in Copenhagen, organised by Arctic Archives members. If you missed the seminar, click [here](#) to watch the recording!

Arctic Archives member Rebecca Bourgeois has just published an article, [Tłjchq nàowòè hoghàseètq: learning a strong like two research methodology through the exploration of community-centered curation practices](#) in *AlterNative: An International Journal of Indigenous Peoples*. The article discusses the methodology for conducting research on an equal basis with Indigenous experts, in this case, the Tłjchq Elders. You can read the article in full by clicking the hyperlink – and read more about Rebecca’s work on the Tłjchq archives in the aforementioned anthology, [International Law and Displaced Archives in Arctic Countries](#)!

#### Online Resource

Arctic Archives members may be interested in the UK-based Collections Trust’s website on [“Decolonising the Database.”](#) Collections Trust helps develop documentation standards and

connections collections information from different museums. The new resource provides insights, commentary and tools to aid more equitable classification in collections databases.

## Recent events

### 18<sup>th</sup> Polar Law Symposium, 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025 Ilisimatusarfik, Nuuk, Greenland

Arctic Archives members took part in the [18<sup>th</sup> Polar Law Symposium](#) in Nuuk, 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025. Six of the contributors to the aforementioned anthology, *International Law and Displaced Archives in Arctic Countries*, presented their work and reminded everyone in the audience of why they need to buy and read the book! Over 150 participants attended the symposium.



## Publication and Conference Opportunities

### 18 Yearbook of Polar Law: Call for Papers

The call for submissions for the 18<sup>th</sup> Yearbook of Polar Law, the corollary to the aforementioned symposium, passed on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026. However, if you ask the special editor *very nicely*, she might agree an extension. Email Rachael: [rlj@unak.is](mailto:rlj@unak.is).

### Canadian Polar Data Workshop VI: Call for Abstracts

The [Canadian Polar Data Workshop VI \(CPDW6\)](#) is now open for abstract submissions until 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026. Abstracts for both oral presentations and posters will be accepted on a wide variety of data, information, and knowledge related topics. The event will be held from June 8–12, 2026, in Waterloo, Ontario at St. Jerome’s University, located at the University of Waterloo. Find out more [here](#).

Abstract submissions will be accepted until **March 13<sup>th</sup> 2026**

### Other Publications, Events and Initiatives

Please send news of recent publications on Arctic archives from our members and any forthcoming events, initiatives or grant calls that could be of interest to Rachael for inclusion in future newsletters: [rlj@unak.is](mailto:rlj@unak.is).

### Membership of the Subgroup on Arctic Archives

If you are not yet a member or would like to invite colleagues to the subgroup please send the following information to Rachael at: [rlj@unak.is](mailto:rlj@unak.is). The subgroup is non-hierarchical and does not require any academic or professional qualifications or affiliations. We ask only that all members uphold the [Basic Standards of Mutual Respect](#) as outlined on the home page.

By joining the subgroup, you are automatically included in the main Thematic Network on Arctic Law and will also receive periodic updates by email from them.

By completing this information, you consent to receive emails with news of opportunities, events and publications by other members in the subgroup. The mailing list is managed by Rachael Lorna Johnstone at the University of Akureyri. You may withdraw from the list by emailing [rlj@unak.is](mailto:rlj@unak.is) at any time. There are no other rights or obligations attached to membership.

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