

## Michael E. Sinatra

### Biographical Note

- Institution:** Université de Montréal
- Position sought:** Director, Research Dissemination
- Nominated By:** incumbent, nominated by the Nominating Committee for a second two-year term
- Highest Degree:** PhD English (U Oxford) 2000
- Current Position:**
- Professor of English
  - Past-President (French), Canadian Society for Digital Humanities / Société canadienne des humanités numériques (CSDH/SCHN) (2009-2015)
  - Member of the executive council of Humanistica, association francophone des humanités numériques (elected Canadian representative)
  - Founding director, Centre de recherche interuniversitaire sur les humanités numériques (2014- )

### Biography

#### Board Experience:

Sinatra currently serves as the director of research dissemination. In that capacity, he has contributed to the Federation's position statements on cyberinfrastructure and open access, as well as organizing panels at Congress and the annual AGM. Sinatra was previously the treasurer of the Canadian Comparative Literature Association, then the secretary-treasurer of the Canadian Association of Learned Journals, and President (French) of the Canadian Society for Digital Humanities for two terms. Before being elected director of research dissemination, Sinatra served on the board of the Federation as representative of small associations in 2010-2 (during which time he was involved in the sub-committee on site selection for Congress 2015), and then the Chair of the Research Dissemination Advisory Committee.

#### Current Research:

After earning a D.Phil. at Oxford and a period as Research Associate at the Northrop Frye Centre, University of Toronto, Sinatra joined the Université de Montréal in June 2001. His work on new forms of research dissemination began while a graduate student when he founded in February 1996 the first open access electronic journal devoted to British Romantic literature (*Romanticism and Victorianism on the Net*), which expanded into the Victorian period in 2007 and is funded by SSHRC. His interest in the impact of technologies on knowledge transfer in the social sciences and humanities led to his leading the CFI-funded project *Synergies: The Canadian Information Network for Research in the Social Sciences and Humanities*, between 2007 and 2012, which involved 22 universities and over 40 researchers from coast to coast. Sinatra was one of the researchers involved in three SSHRC-funded Knowledge Synthesis on the Digital

Economy consultation: “Lasting Change: Sustaining Digital Scholarship and Culture in Canada” (Brown, *et al.*), “Digital Technology Innovation in Scholarly Communication and University Engagement” (Lorimer, *et al.*), and “Le livre universitaire numérique: Pour un foyer d’expertise et une infrastructure de stature mondiale” (Boismenu, *et al.*). His latest contribution to exploring new directions in scholarly publishing with an OA orientation is the collection “Parcours numériques” (Presses de l’U de Montréal), launched in the spring of 2014.

**National & International Affiliations:**

Sinatra is a former University of British Columbia Summer Scholar in Residence. He served as a member of the executive committee of the Alliance of Digital Humanities Organisations (ADHO), and CenterNet: An International Network of Digital Humanities Centers, and he was also an elected member of the Modern Language Association (MLA) Committee on Information Technology.

**Languages Spoken and Written:**

English and French fluently

**Statement of Intent**

I am grateful to the CFHSS nomination committee for putting my name forward for a second term as director of the research dissemination portfolio. During my first term, I have worked on complex issues for SSH researchers such as open access, fair use in copyright, and archiving and sustainability. These issues have been at the center of my research and professional activities for nearly two decades. I would welcome the opportunity to continue championing the way our members innovate in the dissemination of their research in our current digital society. I look forward to working with our members and SSHRC on the impact of the tri-council OA policy, as well as contributing to enhancements to the congress in terms of a wider dissemination of the research shared (be it live or remotely during the event, as well as through innovative forms of outreach). I would also continue working hard to represent the specific SSH needs in terms of research infrastructures in current and future investments by the government. On that front, I am already actively involved as representative of the Federation on the board of the newly formed Leadership Infrastructure Council.