

Exploring Wikidata “Archives At” at U of T

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PCC Wikidata Pilot
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- Largest academic library system in Canada
- 42 libraries across 3 university campuses
 - 300 graduate programs
 - 700 undergraduate degrees programs
 - 70 professional programs
- Information Technology Services (ITS)
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Areas of exploration

Archives at

Buildings

Indigenous
subject headings

NACO records

Tamil thesaurus

**UofT Scarborough Library
Digital Scholarship Unit**

Timeline



Discover Archives introduction

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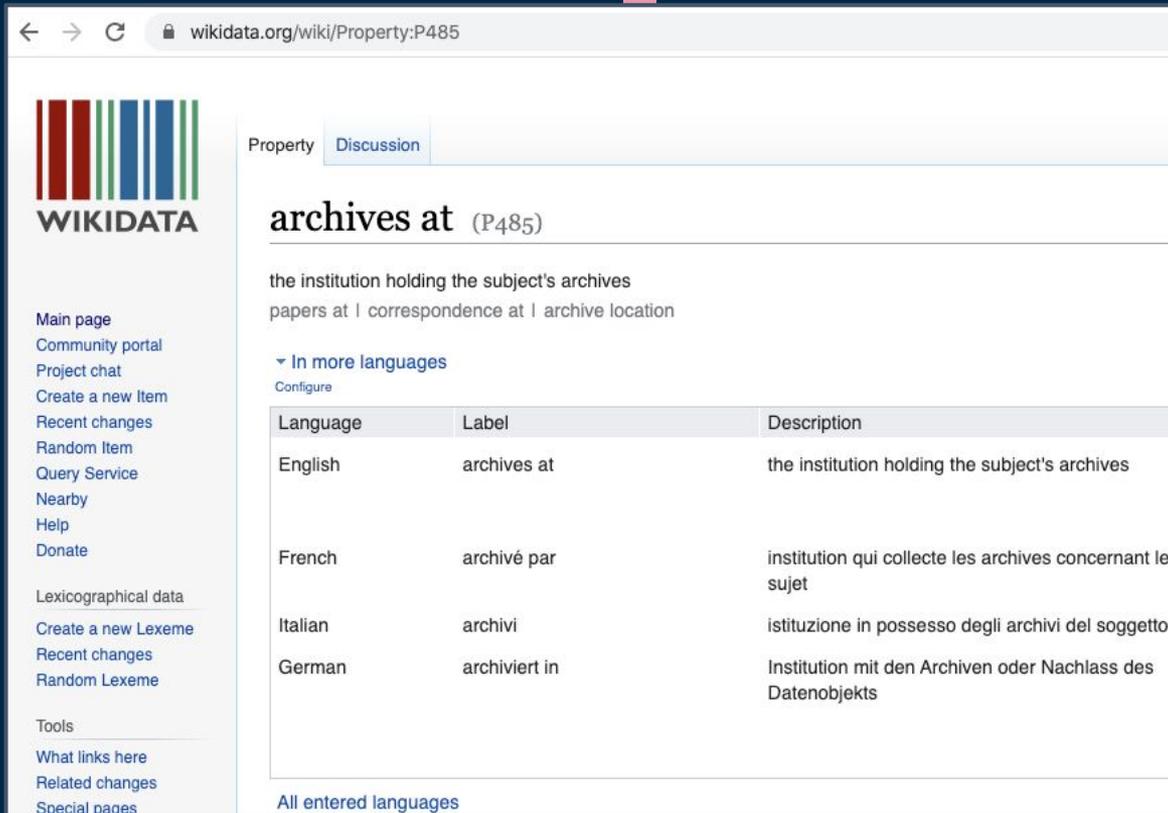
Discover Archives:
<https://discoverarchives.library.utoronto.ca/>

Uses the AtOM platform
(<https://www.accesstomemory.org/en/>)

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Adding “archives at” statements

- Initial goal: learn about the powers of Wikidata
- Chose to start with adding “archives at” statements to Discover Archives holdings because McGill and York had well documented workflows already
- ITS discussed with archivists at monthly meetings for opinions and updates



The screenshot shows the Wikidata page for Property:P485. The page title is "archives at (P485)". The description is "the institution holding the subject's archives". Below the description, there is a section for "In more languages" with a "Configure" link. A table lists the property in various languages:

Language	Label	Description
English	archives at	the institution holding the subject's archives
French	archivé par	institution qui collecte les archives concernant le sujet
Italian	archivi	istituzione in possesso degli archivi del soggetto
German	archiviert in	Institution mit den Archiven oder Nachlass des Datenobjekts

At the bottom of the table, there is a link for "All entered languages".

Adding “archives at” statements

archives at CC0 University of Toronto Archives & Records Management Services edit

inventory number	B1996-0004
	B2015-0005
described at URL	https://discoverarchives.library.utoronto.ca/index.php/ursula-martius-franklin-fonds
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Ursula Franklin

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Ursula Martius Franklin CC0 Ont FRSC (16 September 1921 – 22 July 2016) was a German-Canadian **metallurgist**, research **physicist**, author, and educator who taught at the **University of Toronto** for more than 40 years.^[1] She was the author of *The Real World of Technology*, which is based on her 1989 *Massey Lectures*; *The Ursula Franklin Reader: Pacifism as a Map*, a collection of her papers, interviews, and talks; and *Ursula Franklin Speaks: Thoughts and Afterthoughts*, containing 22 of her speeches and five interviews between 1986 and 2012. Franklin was a practising **Quaker** and actively worked on behalf of pacifist and feminist causes. She wrote and spoke extensively about the futility of war

and justice.^[2] Franklin received numerous honours and awards, including the Governor General's Award in Commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of Confederation for her work on behalf of women in Canada and the **Pearson Medal of Peace** for her work in advancing human rights. In 2012, she was inducted into the **Fame**.^[3] A Toronto high school, *Ursula Franklin Academy*, has been named in her honour.^[4]

Franklin's work focused on the political and social effects of technology. For her, technology was much more than machines, gadgets or electronic transmitters. It was a way of life, a set of procedures, organization, "and most of all, a mindset".^[5] She distinguished between *holistic* technologies used by craft workers or in a division of labour in large-scale production. Holistic technologies allow artisans to control their own work from start to finish. In contrast, prescriptive technologies are a sequence of steps requiring supervision by bosses or managers.^[6] Franklin argued that the dominance of prescriptive technologies in modern society had promoted "a culture of compliance".^[7]

Franklin was influenced by the tradition of **Harold Innis** and **Jacques Ellul** who warn about technology's tendency to suppress freedom and endanger civilization.^[8] Like them, as well as to several other thinkers including **Lewis Mumford**, **C. B. Macpherson**, **E. F. Schumacher**, and **Vandana Shiva**.^[9] This was largely absent of women.^[10] In addition to the Philosophy of technology, she believed that science was "severely impoverished" because of its lack of participation in the exploration of knowledge.^[11]

Archives at

Location	University of Toronto Archives & Records Management Services
Identifiers	B1996-0004, B2015-0005
Source	Ursula Franklin fonds

[How to use archival material](#)

Ursula Franklin
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Franklin in 2006 during the launch of *The Ursula Franklin Reader* at Massey College in Toronto

Born	Ursula Maria Martius 16 September 1921 Munich, Germany
Died	22 July 2016 (aged 94) Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Overview of the process

1. Created items for 12 archives and special collection institutions within Discover Archives
2. First added “archives at” statements to already existing Wikidata items
3. For new items, created a very simple data model to prioritize adding items into Wikidata instead of creating a full authority record – chose Wikidata statements that had that information in the bio

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"MVP" data models

Dates of existence 1921-2016

History Dr. Ursula Martius Franklin is a scholar, pacifist and feminist who taught in the University of Toronto's Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science. Academically, she is best known for her contributions to engineering and the application of her knowledge in metallurgy and physics to the field of archeology. She is recognized as one of the pioneers of the field of archaeometry, which uses modern material science techniques to investigate ancient artifacts and thus bring greater meaning to archaeological finds. She is responsible for more than a hundred papers and 4 books on a variety of subjects, including engineering, science, physics, feminism, peace, technology, museums, public policy, and faith.

Dr. Franklin was also a very active feminist and pacifist, especially as a Quaker and member of the Voice of Women (VOW). She has been involved in countless efforts by the Canadian peace movement: to promote disarmament, diplomacy and peace, and fight against nuclear warfare, chemical and biological weapons, and the fear that promotes warfare in the first place.

Dr. Franklin is also well known for her work on the social and political implications of technology, as synthesized in her 1989 Massey Lectures, *The Real World of Technology*, which were broadcast on CBC and later published in 2 editions.

Data model purposely scoped small

Data Model [\[edit \]](#)

Person - Basic Statements

Property ↕	Value ↕	Notes
Label	Person's name	Format: "First Name Middle Name Last Name", no dates or distinguishers needed
Description	to help differentiate - ex. [Country] + [Occupation], "Canadian artist"	Should be 2-12 words, starting with a lowercase letter unless it is a proper noun, no initial articles "an" or "a" or "the". Description shows up in search results
Alias	Alternative(s) to Person's name	Variations including middle name, middle name initials, or no middle name. Alias will also be included in search results. Particularly useful for authority control; the most common name for a human may be different from the fonds' name
instance of (P31)	Instance of	The class of the item. E.g. "human" (Q5) or "faculty" (Q180958)
date of birth (P569)	Date of birth	Add if recorded in authority record. Can be just year. Careful with PII (Personal Identifiable Information) for living persons. Format: YYYY. If using QuickStatements for importing, use format: +1967-00-00T00:00:00Z/9 or +1967-01-17T00:00:00Z/11
date of death (P570)	Date of death	Add if recorded in authority record. Can be just year. If using OpenRefine for importing, use format: YYYY or YYYY-MM-DD. If using QuickStatements for importing, use format: +1967-01-17T00:00:00Z/11 (See Help:QuickStatements for more details)
country of citizenship (P27)	Country	Add if known from the Actor's History. Value needs to be an existing Wikidata item. Property used retroactively for Riel existed before Canada became a nation, but he is considered a citizen of Canada. (See Property_talk:P27)
sex or gender (P21)	Sex/gender	Add if known from the Actor's History. While a fraught topic, it can be helpful in creating a SPARQL query to restrict results to a specific gender (ex. in the Actor's History) do not guess. Feel free to leave blank but if the biography includes a pronoun, this property should be used. Nonbinary genders, since the latter are historically underrepresented in Wikimedia. See the property notes for more details.
occupation (P106)	Occupation	Add if known from the Actor's History. Can focus on just the UoFT related occupations. One human can have multiple occupations.
archives at (P485)	Archives at	Statement that is the impetus of these efforts and is specifically intended to describe the institution holding the records. Format: "described at URL".
VIAF ID (P214)	VIAF	VIAF identifier may be included in the Discover Archives authority export.

Person - Optional additional statements

Property ↕	Value ↕	Notes ↕
SNAC Ark ID (P3430)	SNAC Ark ID	
Library of Congress authority ID (P244)	Library of Congress Authority Control	
place of birth (P19)	Place of Birth	Can add if known
place of death (P20)	Place of Death	Add if known

Capacity building at UTL

- Collaborative approach from the onset - ITS had capacity to investigate Wikidata but Discover Archives work done in conjunction with archivists
- Hosted multiple introductory training sessions in Summer and Fall 2020
- External working groups: LD4 Wikidata and PCC Wikidata Pilot
 - Opportunities to learn from other institutions
 - Constant source of new ideas for future projects
 - Supporting others' projects and property proposals
- Led to internal working groups:
 - Wikidata Fridays
 - Research group on subject access in Discover Archives

Contact Us!

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Documentation:

- [Wikidata:WikiProject University of Toronto Libraries/Discover Archives](#)
- [Full one-hour LD4 presentation slides with notes](#)