

## **DSA report to Faculty Council – March 1, 2018**

### *PhD Research Days*

PhD research days will be held on April 19-20. We are excited to have Lilly Irani with us for the event, where she will give a keynote talk and host a workshop. Approximately 30 PhD students will be presenting their work over the course of the two days from all stages in the program, from first year to recently defended. Students will either deliver full length talks, lightening talks and some have formed panels. We hope to see lots of faculty out

### *Truth and Reconciliation Working Group*

The TRC working group held a successful event “Decolonization Through Story Telling- in conversation with Lee Maracle, on February 13. We were glad to have a full house, with over 50 people attending the event. The group intends to plan more events in the coming months. Thanks to the Faculty of Information for supporting and helping to fund this important DSA endeavor.

### *Support for iShool print collection staying in the Inforum*

The DSA would like to express its concern over the removal of the print collection from the Inforum. The Inforum's collection includes books that we regularly use for our work. Maintaining a dedicated collection of the books directly related to Information Studies, particularly in the fields of archival studies, library studies, and museum studies, and information systems design ensures that we have access to the resources to support our doctoral research, as well as information required for research assistantships and course reserves for teaching assistantships - and these resources are not easily locatable elsewhere in the University of Toronto Libraries system, especially as our diverse research interests often span across the multiple disciplines by which other UTL libraries are organized. Moving the collection will not only make our access to these resources more difficult, but will mean the pursuit of research in these fields will not be as clearly supported . Additionally, having staff and librarians who are subject experts in these areas is of great importance to our doctoral students.