

# ALUMNI In Focus

## Current Job:

### Archivist,

**Government of Canada**

*Library and Archives Canada*

*Indigenous initiative,*

*“Listen Hear Our Voices” project*

## What her job entails:

*Facilitating the process of digitizing audio-visual collections in outdated or endangered formats with content of Indigenous linguistic and cultural significance, helping organizations apply for funding to build their capacity for digitizing those collections, and developing a catalogue of already archived Indigenous language collections within the province.*

*Additionally I am a researcher working on developing an oral history centre for Northern Manitoba with UCN professor Henk Warnar-Brown.*

## Future Plans:

*Fall-2019 Pursuing a Master’s in Archival Studies degree at the University of Manitoba where I will hold a CGS-SSHRC grant I was recently offered.*

## How did your UCN Degree Program help launch your career?

*This program enabled me to start a career in research as an undergrad, taking contract positions to be a research assistant with various professors on different projects.*



**Delia**

**Chartrand**

**Bachelor of Arts,**

*Double Major, History & English*

**2014**

## How did your UCN Program help you achieve and advance your career goals to-date?

*An undergrad BA helped me build my competencies in academic writing and develop analytical skills, which I use in my day-to-day work as an archivist and researcher.*

*Additionally, taking the 4-year bachelor program prepared me for graduate studies so that I was eligible to apply for the current master’s program I am enrolled in.*

## What key competencies did you acquire?

*My degree gave me the background in research skills and procedures, which I then used to conduct and publish my own studies after graduation. The body of work from these studies gave me experience in the fields of exploring decolonizing methodologies towards displaying items of Indigenous cultural significance as well as developing oral history archives.*

*This experience made me a suitable candidate when I applied for my current position with Library and Archives Canada. My studies at UCN also built my capacity to work in archives through coursework in oral history methodologies, and Indigenous studies. In truth, my interest in archival work and oral histories was initially inspired by a UCN funded trip to the Hudson Bay Company Archives in Winnipeg. It was my first experience being in an archive and conducting history research using primary documents and it inspired a love for conducting archival research, which I now get to do for a living.*

## Anything else you would like to share to encourage prospective students?

*UCN offered me many opportunities outside of just coursework to build my personal and professional capacity. If you have the opportunity during your degree to apply for a research position, attend or present at a conference, or take a research trip the skills gained from these experiences can be invaluable to your future career goals.*