

Who's in the Rheum – CRA Staff Edition

Meet the Newest Members of the CRA Team!



Sarah



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Please describe your role at the CRA in one sentence.	I am the Board and Committees Coordinator, supporting a number of CRA committees to progress and fulfill their various initiatives.	As the Marketing & Communications Coordinator, I keep our members informed with the latest news and information.	As the Program and Membership Coordinator, I oversee membership, respond to all general inquiries, and connect residents with membership benefits and travel bursaries. I am also the main contact for sponsors and exhibitors.
How long have you been with the CRA?	Since August 2022.	Since October 2022.	Since July 2021.
What is your favourite CRA memory to date?	The gala at the most recent Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) in Quebec City. I enjoyed seeing the award winners receive their accolades from their peers and loved watching everyone on the dance floor!	My favourite CRA memory to date is definitely the ASM in Quebec City. It was wonderful being able to meet CRA members in person and celebrate their work.	The CRA ASM 2023 Gala night! It was such fun dancing, and meeting everyone in-person has been the highlight since I joined.
What are your summer plans this year?	A lot of gardening, hiking and paddleboarding; visiting family in the U.S.; and cottaging with friends on Georgian Bay.	I hope to spend as much time outdoors as possible and I'm crossing my fingers that a trip to Europe will work out.	I plan to do lots of fun outdoor adventures with my family, go to as many conservation parks as possible and a quick long weekend trip to either Montreal or Quebec.
Where is your next travel destination?	Traveling around Portugal in October.	My next two travel destinations are Florida and New York City, two places I have never been.	Grenada in August.
Can you share any of your hidden talents or hobbies?	I do papercutting (<i>Scherenschnitt</i>), cutting elaborate designs from a single piece of paper. It involves a high degree of patience and a very steady hand. My work has been displayed in a number of galleries.	None of my talents or hobbies are hidden, but I do have a knack for nail art and enjoy exercising daily.	I love to cook and bake. Dancing is my not hidden but favourite talent. I love dancing.
What are you watching or reading these days?	I usually read both a fiction book and a non-fiction book at any given time. Current fiction book: "The Deep" by Alma Katsu. Current non-fiction: "The Arbournaut: A Life Discovering the Eighth Continent in the Trees Above Us" by Meg Lowman.	I recently read "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens and have been watching "Down to Earth" with Zac Efron on Netflix, highlighting very interesting, healthy and sustainable ways to live.	Currently reading "Keep Your Love On" by Danny Silk.
What's your favorite 80s or 90s jam?	A lot of great music came out of the 80s and 90s — maybe "Wheat Kings" by the Hip, or "Free Falling" by Tom Petty.	I was born in the 90s so Britney Spears, NSYNC and the Backstreet Boys bring back fond memories!	"Girls Just Want To Have Fun" & "Un buen perdedor."