## Where Can UVic English Take You? An Interview with Brittany Vis (BA 2012)

### What is your job?

I am the Executive Director at the Maritime Museum of BC.

# What led you to pursue an interest in library and archival studies?

Ultimately, it was my love for reading and for stories. I loved the idea of always being surrounded by books and historic records. Of course, my role with the museum has evolved and I spend less time with the collection than I used to, but that's what led me to where I am today.



Brittany Vis

#### What does a typical professional day look like for you?

It really depends on the day. As the ED for the museum I oversee our whole operations. It's much more administrative than my earlier work in the collections. I'll spend time working on operational tasks, developing museum policies and procedures, working with various museum committees on specific tasks, writing grants, overseeing our finances, and planning for future activities. For the most part, my days are spent at the computer and in meetings. Once in a while I get the opportunity to go out into the community, which is always a treat.

## What's your favourite part of your work?

The people I work with. Everyone from fellow staff members to volunteers to Board members are all very passionate and positive about their work. It's contagious and keeps me motivated!

## How did UVic English help prepare you for this work?

UVic English gave me skills such as writing, editing, and critical thinking, which I use on a daily basis.