

Welcome, Pascale Couturier-Armstrong, OLLI's new Member Services Coordinator (continued)

by David Langdon

Pascale arrived in Asheville a little over a year ago from Canada when her husband, Chass Armstrong, secured his dream job, working in a wilderness therapy program. He is Director of Marketing and Business Development at Whetstone Academy. Chass Armstrong is American; the two met in Ottawa. The family unit includes two dogs Blü, a husky/shepherd mix and Beluga, a Catahoula. Pascale says they are all out-of-doors on the trails or camping almost every weekend. "We love to hike on trails along the Blue Ridge Parkway and camp in Pisgah National Forest."

Pascale was born in a small northern community, Jonquière, in the Saguenay area of northern Quebec. She has spent most of her life in Montreal and Ottawa. She graduated from the University of Montreal with a degree in history.

Her history includes work with the Canada Science and Technology Museums Corporation from 2013 – 2016, where she developed and delivered educational programming for museum members, including older adults. They took artifacts (old cameras, phones, radios, etc.) to retirement homes and community centers to foster conversations about life, history, and technology. She also assisted curatorial teams in doing artifact research for various museum exhibitions.

At Parks Canada, Pascale worked as a historical researcher during 2016-2017, researching and writing about national historic sites, peoples, and events for their website and collaborative projects with the Canada History Museum.

Although she hasn't been here long, Pascale has found it an easy place to settle into; she enjoys interfacing with OLLI members and prospective members, as well as her colleagues.

Do stop by and introduce yourself to our new Member Relations Coordinator. Although her English is impeccable, if you greet Pascale in her native French you're certain to earn an extra smile.