



Rabab Naqvi

EMPLOYEE

John Abbott College launched the Library Technology program in 1972. Rabab began her career at John Abbott as a reference librarian but a few weeks into the fall session of that year, the program teacher left. A weekend phone call from the academic dean led to Rabab being in class on Monday morning. The wisdom of that decision became evident as the challenge of organizing the new department fell to Rabab. Among her achievements was the development of an understanding of the role of a library technician, a new category of employment in the 1970s. This was an important step for the graduates of the College program.

Equality rights was an issue of considerable concern for Rabab and was foremost among her contributions to off-campus organizations. Particularly noteworthy was her submission on the Charter of Rights and Freedoms to the Subcommittee on Equality Rights of the Federal Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs. She spoke of the need for active government intervention to address individual, institutional, and systemic discrimination in economic, political and social life.

EDUCATION

- M.A. (English) Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, India
- B.A. (Psychology, English Economics) Agra University, India
- Post-Graduate Diploma (Librarianship) University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia
- Masters (Library Science) University of Western Ontario
- Certificate in College Education, McGill University

POSITIONS HELD

- Member, Federal Task Force on Race Relations in Canada
- National Secretary, National Action Committee on the Status of Women in Canada
- Chair, Women's Committee – National Association of Canadians of Origin in India
- Director, Business and Professional Women's Club of Montreal

RECOGNITION

- Received an Outstanding Indo-Canadian Award;
- Nominated by John Abbott College for the YMCA Women of Achievement Award;
- Listed in "Making a World of Difference: a Directory of Women in Canada Specializing in Global Issues";
- John Abbott College established the Rabab Naqvi Achievement Award upon her retirement.

Rabab continues to pursue her interests through freelance journalism. Her most frequent contributions are to the "Dawn and The Hindu", English language newspapers in Pakistan and India. Rabab has also written a history of her family, "From the Depths of Memory: A Family Saga", which has been cited as an important contribution to the history of the family and the areas within India in which they lived.

Rabab retired from John Abbott in 2000.