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We are happy to report that the SAGA Centre is now up and running! Located in the Koerner Library on Level 3 to the right of the main entrance, the new centre for Studies in Auto/biography, Gender and Age (SAGA) will be an invaluable resource for national and international researchers from many disciplines who are conducting crosscultural analyses of gender and women's experiences across the story of their lives.

SAGA, under Director Dr. Valerie Raoul (previous Director of CRWSGR), will strengthen the current research capacity of the Centre for Research in Women's Studies and Gender Relations. In its new space, SAGA includes a resource and archival area, a computer area, and project laboratory facilities, along with computer equipment needed by postdoctoral fellows, visiting scholars, and other researchers.

Researchers associated with SAGA were awarded a significant grant over a three-year period to conduct research on narratives of disease, disability, and trauma. Together with the many other projects currently underway, SAGA's scholars are carrying out important work that can help us better understand the complex relationships between individuals and society. This space is shared with the RAGTAG (Race and Gender Teaching and Advocacy) group, adding a focus on racialisation.