

Department of Geography fonds

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Fonds Description

Department of Geography fonds. – 1967-2008.

2.37 m of textual records.

23 photographs.

Administrative History

The Department of Geology and Mineralogy was one of the University of British Columbia's original departments. In 1922/23, the name was changed to Geology and Geography. The department was separated into two divisions in the Faculty of Arts and Science. In 1959, the Department of Geography was placed within the Faculty of Arts. And the Department of Geology in the Faculty of Science. The Department of Geography has been headed by Lewis Robinson (1959-1968), John C. Chapman (1968-1974), Robert Smith (1975-1982), Olav Slaymaker (1982-1991), T.R. Oke (1992-1996), Graeme Wynn (1996-2002), Michael Bovis (2002- 2005), Graeme Wynn (2005-2009), David Ley (2009-2012), Marwan Hassan (2012-).

Scope and Content

The fonds consist of correspondence, memoranda, notes, reports, agendas, calendars, and printed materials about the Department of Geography's activities and its Head (1969-2008). The fonds also contains the Olav Slaymaker Sous-fonds (1975-1976).

Notes

Fonds consists of institutional records – access requests must be reviewed by the University's FOIPOP Coordinator.

File list available.

This material is arranged chronologically.

Series Descriptions

Correspondence series. - 1978-1984.

37 cm of textual records.

Series consists of copies of outgoing correspondence from the Head of the Department of Geography.

Boxes 1, 2(1-7)

Memoranda series. - 1977-1984.

13.5 cm of textual records.

Series consists of departmental memoranda.

Boxes 2(8), 3.

Departmental Administration series. - 1974-2008.

1.04 m of textual records.

23 Photographs.

Series consists of correspondence, memoranda, calendars, drafts, printed materials, reports, newsletters, and notes regarding the general administration of the Department of Geography and photographs of geography building.

Boxes 4(1-23), 6-12(4), 17

Interdepartmental Relations and Curriculum series. - 1986-1984.

20 cm of textual records.

Series consists of correspondence, memoranda, drafts, printed materials, reports and notes pertaining to the Department of Geography's interdepartmental and interdisciplinary relations and curriculum activities.

Boxes 4(24-32), 5(1-4).

Committees series. - 1969-1985.

9 cm of textual records.

Series consists of correspondence, memoranda, agenda, printed materials, reports and notes pertaining to Department of Geography member's participation in various UBC committees outside of the Department of Geography.

Box 5(5-17)

Colloquium and Home Seminar series. - [1987-1995]

6 cm of Textual Records.

Series consists of fliers, notes, correspondence, memoranda, regarding Colloquia and Home Seminars conducted in the Department of Geography.

Box 12(5-10)

Departmental Staff Meeting Series. - 1967-2008

46 cm of Textual Records.

Series consists of meeting agendas, minutes, notes, correspondence, and memoranda relating to departmental staff meetings at the Department of Geography. Files are in original order. Contains some duplicates.

Box 13-16(7)

Sous-fonds Description

Olav Slaymaker Sous-fonds. - 1975-1976.

1 cm of textual records.

Olav Slaymaker received his Ph.D. in Geography in 1968 from Cambridge University and began teaching as an Assistant Professor of Geography at the University of British Columbia. In 1972 Slaymaker was elevated to the status of Associate Professor. He became a full Professor in 1981 and served as Head of the Department of Geography at UBC from 1982 to 1992. Slaymaker served as Vice-President Research at UBC from 1991-1995. He is co-editor of *The Canadian Geographer* and *Catena*, an international interdisciplinary journal of geomorphology, hydrology and soil science. His research interests include sustainability of mountain environments, alpine hydrology and geomorphology, lacustrine sedimentation and the human impact on geomorphic and hydrological processes.

The sous-fonds consists of miscellaneous personal correspondence and notes regarding Dr. Slaymaker's research interests..

Title based on contents of the sous-fonds.

No further accruals expected.

Box 5(18).

File List

CORRESPONDENCE SERIES

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- 1-1 February - March 1978
- 1-2 October 1978 - March 1979
- 1-3 December 1979 - December 1980
- 1-4 January - March 1981
- 1-5 November 1981 - January 1982
- 1-6 January - March 1982
- 1-7 April - August 1982
- 1-8 September - October 1982
- 1-9 November - December 1982

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- 2-1 January - April 1983
- 2-2 May - August 1983
- 2-3 September - November 1983
- 2-4 November 1983 - January 1984
- 2-5 February - March 1984
- 2-6 April - June 1984
- 2-7 July - December 1984

MEMORANDA SERIES

- 2-8 July - December 1977

BOX 3

- 3-1 January - June 1978
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DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION SERIES

- 4-1 Correspondence, memoranda, drafts and printed materials from the Office of the Vice President, Academic regarding course calendars and yearbooks 1974-1984
- 4-2 Correspondence regarding departmental equipment 1977, 1983-1984
- 4-3 Correspondence, memoranda, reports, notes and printed materials regarding academic advising 1978-1984
- 4-4 Calendar/Planner of Head of Department of Geography 1979
- 4-5 Correspondence and memoranda regarding the position of Acting Head of the Department of Geography 1979-1984
- 4-6 Membership lists, correspondence, memoranda and printed materials regarding departmental committees 1980-1985
- 4-7 Notes and a 1984 draft regarding Department of Geography submission to the annual President's Report 1981, 1984
- 4-8 Correspondence, memoranda, annual reports and notes regarding the Map and Air Photo Centre 1981-1984
- 4-9 Correspondence, memoranda, materials lists and reports regarding the Department of Geography reading room 1981-1985
- 4-10 Correspondence, memoranda and printed materials regarding departmental faculty search 1981-1985
- 4-11 Correspondence regarding geography curriculum development 1982, 1984
- 4-12 Correspondence, memoranda, schedules and printed materials regarding the Geography building facilities and equipment
- 4-13/14 Unbound copy of the Department of Geography Review of the Department Reference Volume A - Curricula Vitarium of Faculty 1982-1986
- 4-15 Correspondence, reports, and memoranda regarding departmental development 1982-1984
- 4-16 Calendar/Planner of the Head of Department of Geography 1983
- 4-17 Correspondence, memoranda, a manual and printed materials regarding extra-sessional studies 1983-1984
- 4-18 Correspondence, printed materials, memoranda and timetables regarding registration and course scheduling 1983-1984
- 4-19 Correspondence and memoranda regarding examinations and grading 1983-1984
- 4-20 Department of Geography Annual Reports 1983, 1984, 1985
- 4-21 Correspondence regarding a proposed New Canada Climate Research Centre 1984

- 4-22 Calendar/Planner of Head of Department of Geography 1984
- 4-23 Unbound copy of Department of Geography Review of the Department Reference Volume B - Final Examinations 1985-1986

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INTERDEPARTMENTAL RELATIONS AND CURRICULUM SERIES

- 4-24 Correspondence, memoranda and printed materials regarding interdepartmental curriculum, including Agriculture, Economics, Anthropology, Architecture, Botany, Chemical Engineering, Chemistry, Civil Engineering and Classics 1968-1984
- 4-25/26 Correspondence, memoranda, proposals and reports regarding interdepartmental curriculum including Computer Science, Economics, English, Fine Arts, Geology and Geophysics 1968-1984
- 4-27 Correspondence, memoranda, course proposals and notes regarding to interdepartmental curriculum including Oceanography, Physical Education, Planning, Plant Science, Political Science, Psychology and Transportation Science 1969-1984
- 4-28/29 Correspondence, memoranda, course materials and proposals regarding interdepartmental courses in Slavonic Studies, Statistics (Commerce) and Soil Science 1974-1984
- 4-30 Correspondence, memoranda, course descriptions and proposals regarding to the Department of Geography's participation in the creation of an interdisciplinary Resource Management Program 1975-1983
- 4-31 Correspondence, memoranda and notes regarding interdepartmental curriculum including Education and Forestry 1975-1984
- 4-32 Correspondence, memoranda, reports, course outlines and proposals regarding interdisciplinary courses in History, Landscape Architecture, Mathematics and Mechanical Engineering 1977-1984

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- 5-1 Correspondence and memoranda regarding departmental relations with the UBC Library 1979-1984
- 5-2 Correspondence, memoranda, course materials, surveys and printed materials regarding interdepartmental courses including Community and Regional Planning, Human Settlements, International Relations and Remote Sensing 1980-1984

- 5-3 Correspondence and a proposal package for an interdisciplinary program on Environment and Resources for the Knowledge Network 1981-1984
- 5-4 Correspondence, reports, memoranda and minutes regarding the Department of Geography's participation in the Continuing Education Program 1982-1984

COMMITTEES SERIES

- 5-5 Correspondence regarding participation in the Committee on Slavonic Area Studies and the Institute of Asian and Slavonic Research 1969-1971
- 5-6 Correspondence, reports, memoranda, notes, curriculum change forms and a poster regarding the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee 1981-1984
- 5-7 Memorandum regarding participation in the Safety, Security and Fire Prevention Committee 1982
- 5-8 Correspondence and reports regarding President's Office and President's Committee 1982-1984
- 5-9 Correspondence, memoranda and notes regarding participation in the Undergraduate Program Committee 1982-1984
- 5-10 Correspondence and printed material regarding the Graduate Committee 1982-1984
- 5-11 Correspondence, meeting agendas, reports and memoranda regarding participation in the Science Faculty Curriculum Committee 1982-1984
- 5-12 Correspondence regarding the Faculty of Arts Internship Committee 1983
- 5-13 Reports regarding Future Directions Meetings of the Academic Plan Committee 1983
- 5-14 Correspondence, minutes and grant applications regarding participation in the UBC NSERC Grant Committee 1983-1984
- 5-15 Correspondence and printed material regarding the W.G. Murrin Fund Committee 1983-1984
- 5-16 Correspondence and printed material regarding the President's Advisory Committee on Registration 1984
- 5-17 Correspondence, memoranda, notes and a report regarding participation of the Department of Geography Head in a Review Committee of the Department of Germanic Studies 1984-1988

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- 5-18 Miscellaneous correspondence and notes 1975-1976

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DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION SERIES (Continued)

- 6-1 Correspondence, meeting agendas, reports and memoranda regarding the Curriculum and Scheduling Committee 1991-1993, 1994-2004
- 6-2 Report of the BA Curriculum Review Committee 1990
- 6-3 Departmental Committee Lists 1974-1994
- 6-4 Correspondence, proposals, reports and memoranda regarding the building of a new Geography Building 1992-2001
- 6-5 Correspondence, notes and articles by Dr. J. Lewis Robinson, Head of Department, 1959-1968, relating to the history of the department.
Correspondence, notes and articles collected by Dr. J Lewis Robinson relating to the history of the department, c.1997
- 6-6 Annotated copy of A History of the Department of Geography at UBC to 1946, J. Lewis Robinson, 1990
- 6-7 Notes, correspondence, departmental faculty list and an annotated copy of A History of the Department of Geography at UBC to 1946, J. Lewis Robinson, 2004. File contains 23 photographs, Geography Department Building: Front and Rear, June 1976
- 6-8 Department of Geography News Letters and Bulletins, 1987-1994
- 6-9 Department of Geography Memoranda, June 1994
- 6-10 Annual Reports 1993-1994

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- 7-1 Notes relating to University of Colorado, Boulder, INSTAAR Review Report, 1983
- 7-2 Bound copy of Department of Geography Review Vol. 1, 1986
- 7-3 Bound copy of Department of Geography Review Vol. 2, 1986
- 7-4 Physical Geography of UBC, 1988

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- 8-1 Notes, Reports and Articles relating to Departmental Reviews, 1989-1991
- 8-2 Notes, Reports and Articles relating to Departmental Reviews, 1990-1991
- 8-3 Bound copy of Departmental Review, Part 1, Vol. 1, 1992
- 8-4 Bound copy of Departmental Review, Part 1, Vol. 2, 1992
- 8-5 Notes, Correspondence and Review Part 2, 1992-1993

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- 9-1 Bound Volume of Department Review, Vol. 1, 1999
- 9-2 Bound Volume of Department Review, Vol. 2, 1999
- 9-3 Bound Volume of Department Review, Vol. 3, 1999
- 9-4 Bound Volume of Department Review, Vol. 4, 1999

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- 10-1 Unbound Copy of Departmental Review, Vol. 4, Part 1, 1999
- 10-2 Unbound Copy of Departmental Review, Vol. 4, Part 2, 1999
- 10-3 Unbound Copy of Departmental Review, Vol. 4, Part 3, 1999
- 10-4 Unbound Copy of Departmental Review, Vol. 4, Part 4, 1999
- 10-5 Unbound Copy of Departmental Review, Vol. 5, Part 1, 1999
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- 10-7 Notes, Articles, Reports, Correspondence, regarding Departmental Reviews, 1999-2009

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- 11-1 Correspondence, meeting agendas, reports and memoranda regarding the Five year Planning Committee, [1990]
- 11-2 Correspondence, meeting agendas, reports and memoranda regarding the Five Year Planning Committee, [1990]
- 11-3 Budgets, Reports, Correspondence, Notes, Memoranda, relating to departmental priorities and planning at the Faculty of Arts, [1989]
- 11-4 Budgets, Reports, Correspondence, Notes, Memoranda, relating to departmental priorities and planning at the Faculty of Arts, [1990]
- 11-5 Budgets, Reports, Correspondence, Notes, Memoranda, relating to departmental priorities and planning at the Faculty of Arts, [1991-1992]
- 11-6 Correspondence, meeting agendas, proposals, reports and memoranda regarding the departmental review and retreat, 1987-1992
- 11-7 Correspondence, meeting agendas, reports and memoranda regarding the departmental review and retreat, 1992-2005.
- 11-8 2 bound copies of Understanding the UBC Campus: A Geographical Tour, [1986]
- 11-9 2 copies of the UBC Geography Department Yearbook, 1997
- 11-10 Geography Department Prospectus and Yearbook, 1997-1998

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- 12-1 Correspondence, meeting agendas, reports and memoranda regarding the departmental retreat, [1960's-1970's]
- 12-2 Correspondence, meeting agendas, reports and memoranda regarding the departmental retreat, [1960's-1980's]
- 12-3 Correspondence, meeting agendas, reports and memoranda regarding the departmental retreat, [1980's]
- 12-4 Correspondence, meeting agendas, reports and memoranda regarding the departmental retreat, [1980's]

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COLLOQUIUM AND HOME SEMINAR SERIES

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- 12-6 Fliers, notes, correspondence, memoranda, regarding the Colloquium and Home seminars, [1996-1999]
- 12-7 Fliers, notes, correspondence, memoranda, regarding Home seminars, [Late 1980's- early 1990's]
- 12-8 Fliers, notes, correspondence, memoranda, regarding the Colloquium and Home seminars, [1980's-1990's]
- 12-9 Fliers, notes, correspondence, memoranda, regarding the Colloquium and Home seminars, [1980's]
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- 13-7 September 1970-December 1972
- 13-8 January 1973-September 1975

- 13-9 February 1977-December 1983
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BOX 14

- 14-1 November 1967-October 1969
- 14-2 November 1969-May 1970
- 14-3 September 1970-December 1972
- 14-4 January 1973- December 1975
- 14-5 January 1976- February 1983
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- 14-8 March 1979- June 1981
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BOX 15

- 15-1 April 1969-December 1972
- 15-2 January 1973-April 1976
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- 16-1 January 1990-December 1993
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- 16-3 [1997-1998]
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- 16-5 1998
- 16-6 1995-2005
- 16-7 2006-2008

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BOX 17

17-1 Newsletters 1985-1994

17-2 Geography Department - Grad Committee/Departmental Committee 1991-
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