

# Laurence Ricou fonds

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# Fonds Description

**Laurence Ricou fonds.** - 1945-1999.

36 cm of textual materials.

2 photographs.

12 audiotapes.

1 videotape.

## Biographical Sketch

Laurence "Laurie" R. Ricou was born in Brandon Manitoba on October 17, 1944 and earned his B.A. at the University of Manitoba in 1965. He moved to the University of Toronto where he earned his MA in 1957 and Ph.D. in 1971. Ricou then went to the University of Lethbridge where he taught English for eight years beginning in 1970. While at Lethbridge he became a specialist on Canadian Prairie regionalism and prairie writing. In 1978 he moved to Vancouver and joined UBC's Department of English. Ricou has written or co-authored a number of books including *The Arbutus/Madrone Files: Reading the Pacific Northwest* (2002), *A Field Guide to Dungeness Spit* (1997), *Everyday Magic: Child Languages in Canadian Literature* (1991), and *Vertical Man/Horizontal World: Man and Landscape in Canadian Prairie Fiction* (1973). He has also contributed numerous journal articles, conference papers and chapters for books.

## Scope and Content

The fonds consists of Ricou's correspondence during his teaching careers at the University of Lethbridge and UBC. The fonds also includes records relating to his involvement with the Association of Canadian University Teachers of English (ACUTE), book reviews, negotiated grants, Literary History of Canada, Canada research fellowships and a summer course taught on the writings of Malcolm Lowry. The fonds also contains research information pertaining to the life and work of Canadian author Patricia Blondal.

## Note

File list available.

## Series Descriptions

**Patricia Blondal series.** -- 1945-1999.

8 cm of textual material.

Series consists of short stories written by Patricia Blondal, correspondence between Ricou and Blondal's children and newspaper articles.

**Correspondence series.** -- 1971-1994.

18 cm of textual material.

Series consists of general correspondence and other miscellaneous items.

**Malcolm Lowry Short Course series.** -- 1985-1987.

3.5 cm of textual material.

Series consists of documents pertaining to the summer course on the writings of Malcolm Lowry.

**Miscellaneous series.** -- 1969-1998.

6 cm of textual material.

2 photographs.

1 video tape.

Series consists of documents relating to the various activities of Professor Ricou including book reviews and negotiated grants.

**Poetry a Prairie Audio Tape series.** -- [1972?].

2 reel to reel tapes.

Series consists of poetry readings on the radio station CJUS.

**"Salal" Audio Tape series.** -- 2003-2006.

10 audio tapes.

Series consists of ten cassette tapes of recordings conducted by Laurie Ricou in preparation for his book, *Salal: Listening for the Northwest Understory* (2007).

# File List

## Box 1

### Patricia Blondal series

- 1-1 Newspaper clippings regarding her life and writing (1945-1976)
- 1-2 Correspondence between Ricou and Blondal's children, notes, manuscripts, misc. (1961-1999)
- 1-3 Correspondence regarding Patricia Blondal and notes (1948-1977)
- 1-4 Short Story - Home for Christmas (1959)
- 1-5 Story - Strangers to Love - Part 1 (1959)
- 1-6 Story - Strangers to Love - Part 2 and 3 (1959)

### Correspondence series

- 1-7 General (1974-1981)
- 1-8 General (1982-1983)
- 1-9 General (1984-1985)
- 1-10 General (1986)

## Box 2

- 2-1 General (1987)
- 2-2,3 General (1988)
- 2-4 General (1989)
- 2-5 General (1990)
- 2-6 General (1991)
- 2-7 General (1992)
- 2-8 General (1993-1996)
- 2-9 General - includes miscellaneous (1971-1978)
- 2-10 General - undated (includes manuscripts)

## Box 3

- 3-1 Re: C.E.B. Burnett - miscellaneous (1973-1978)
- 3-2 Ken Mitchell - includes book reviews and miscellaneous (1972-1975)

## Malcolm Lowry Short Course series

- 3-3 Malcolm Lowry Short Course - correspondence, miscellaneous (1985-1987)
- 3-4 Western Canadian Deans of Graduate Studies Short Seminar -  
correspondence, miscellaneous re: Malcolm Lowry short course (1986-1987)

## Miscellaneous series

- 3-5 A Field Guide to "A Guide to Dungeness Spit" and correspondence re: (1996-1998)
- 3-6 Association of Canadian University Teachers of English - correspondence, miscellaneous (1982-1993)
- 3-7 Book Reviews - correspondence, newspaper clippings, miscellaneous (1977-1994)
- 3-8 Book Reviews, Misc. - (1974-1981)
- 3-9 Canada Research Fellowships - correspondence (1986-1987)
- 3-10 Commonwealth Encyclopedia - correspondence, drafts, miscellaneous (1969-1993)
- 3-11 Literary History of Canada- includes memos, notes and miscellaneous (1980-1985)
- 3-12 On the Road - Issue '72 - (1972)
- 3-13 Negotiated Grants - correspondence, notes and newspaper clippings (1976-980)
- 3-14 Prairie Poems Anthology Correspondence (1975)
- 3-15 Ricou, Laurence - Curriculum Vitae (1988)
- 3-16 Waddington, Miriam - correspondence, photo, misc. (1977-1981)
- 3-17 Writer-in-Residence - correspondence and miscellaneous re: the filling of this position (1974-1975)

UBC VT 2049 "Making a grass of yourself: small cities up close", Robert Kroetsch and Laurie Ricou – Canadian Studies Day at UCC (31 January 2003)

## Poetry a Prairie Audio Tape series

- UBC AT 2683 "Poetry a Prairie, Part 1" on CJUS: [1972?]
- UBC AT 2684 "Poetry a Prairie, Part 2" on CJUS: [1972?]

"Salal" Audio Tape series

- UBC AT 3443 Forest Shorner, Inside Passage Seeds, Port Townsend, WA (June 5, 2003) Mini Cassette
- UBC AT 3444 Ernie Meyer, Meyer Floral Company, Vancouver, BC (July 7, 2003) Mini Cassette
- UBC AT 3445 Rick Ross, Western Evergreens, Courtenay, BC (August 15, 2003) Cassette
- UBC AT 3446 Rick Ross, Western Evergreens, Courtenay, BC (October 21, 2003) Cassette
- UBC AT 3447 Dan Moeller, Hoyt Arboretum, Portland, OR (November 21, 2003) Cassette
- UBC AT 3448 Jim Freed, Washington State University, Olympia, WA (March 17, 2004) Cassette
- UBC AT 3449 John Tappeiner (March 17, 2004) and David E. Hibbs (March 18, 2004), Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR Cassette
- UBC AT 3450 Rod Nataros and Angela Anderson, Nats Nursery, Langley, BC (September 8, 2004) Cassette
- UBC AT 3451 Doreen Thompson, Cortes Island, BC (January 28, 2005) Cassette
- UBC AT 3452 Cindy Prescott, UBC (May 8, 2006) Cassette