Laurence Ricou
fonds

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Fonds Description

77.5 cm of textual records and other material.

Biographical Sketch

Laurence R. "Laurie" 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 Salal: Listening for the Northwest Understory (2007), 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.

Includes: 7 digital photographs, 13 audiotapes, 1 videotape, 3 CDs.
Series Descriptions

9 cm of textual records.

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

**Correspondence series.** -- 1971-2007.
37.5 cm of textual records.

Series consists of general correspondence and other miscellaneous items.

3.5 cm of textual records.

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

24 cm of textual records.
2 photographs.
2 CDs

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

**Poetry a Prairie series.** -- [1972?].
2 audiotapes.

Series consists of poetry readings on the radio station CJUS.

10 audiotapes.
1 CD.
1.5 cm of textual records.


2 cm of textual records.
1 audiotape.
1 videotape.

Series consists of correspondence and related textual material regarding Canadian writer Robert Kroetsch, an audio recording of an interview with Kroetsch, and a video recording of a joint presentation by Kroetsch and Ricou.
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)

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CORRESPONDENCE SERIES

1-7   General (1974-1981)
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)
2-9   General - includes miscellaneous (1971-1978)
2-10  General - undated (includes manuscripts)

Box 3

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

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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

3-6 Association of Canadian University Teachers of English - correspondence, miscellaneous (1982-1993)
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 (1976-1980)
3-14 Prairie Poems Anthology Correspondence (1975)
3-15 Ricou, Laurence - Curriculum Vitae (1988)
3-17 Writer-in-Residence - correspondence and miscellaneous re: the filling of this position (1974-1975)

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POETRY A PRAIRIE SERIES

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

"SALAL" SERIES

UBC AT 3443  Forest Shorner, Inside Passage Seeds, Port Townsend, WA (June 5, 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

Box 4

4-1  Salal – miscellaneous  2000-07
4-1a  CD: “Salal” by Laurie Ricou - Images. – 6 digital images, 1 PDF, 1 MSWord, 1 ZIP. – 2007

PATRICIA BLONDAL SERIES (cont.)

4-2  Patricia Blondal  2000-04
ROBERT KROETSCH SERIES

4-3 Robert Kroetsch – correspondence 1973-90
4-4 Robert Kroetsch – supplementary 1989-95
4-5 Robert Kroetsch – miscellaneous 2003

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)


CORRESPONDENCE SERIES (cont.)

4-6 Correspondence 1975-2002 [2 folders]

Box 5

5-1 Correspondence 1973-2007 [2 folders]
5-2 Correspondence 1977-2005
5-3 General correspondence 1990-2001
5-4 Correspondence 1994-2000
5-5 Kim Stafford – correspondence 1987-91
5-6 David Wagoner – correspondence 1994-97

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES (cont.)

Box 6

6-1 Arbutus/Madrone Files – miscellaneous 2001-05
6-3 Books – miscellaneous 1991-95
6-4 Robert Bringhurst 1993-2008
6-5 Business, Academic Records 1982-2000
6-6 W.H. New 1984-99
6-7 Publications – correspondence and papers 1993-2007
6-8 Bertrand Sinclair / Richard Lane 1990-95
Reader reports 1979-95 [3 folders] [restricted]


Photographs [only selected photographs listed]


UBC 162.1/1 Robert A.J. Macdonald and ?. – P6180001.jpg
UBC 162.1/2 Laurie Ricou accepting wrapped gift from friends and colleagues. – P6180009.jpg
UBC 162.1/3 Laurie Ricou accepting wrapped gift from friends and colleagues. – P6180010.jpg
UBC 162.1/4 Laurie Ricou with ?. – P6180016.jpg
UBC 162.1/5 Laurie Ricou. – P6180019.jpg
UBC 162.1/6 Laurie Ricou with ? holding copy of “Arbutus/Madrone Files”. – P6180023.jpg
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