

# James E. Thornton fonds

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# Fonds Description

**James E. Thornton fonds.** – 1971-2012.

1.21 m of textual records.

1 audiocassette.

7 videocassettes.

4 photographs.

## **Biographical Sketch**

James E. Thornton (b. 1927) received his MA (1967) and PhD (1972) in Adult Education from the University of Michigan. From 1969 until his retirement in 1992, Thornton taught in the Department of Administrative, Adult and Higher Education at the University of British Columbia. His research interests concern the impact of educational, social and economic programs on the development and well-being of the older adult. Current research interests are education for the third age: second careers, retirement, leisure activity, aging in the workforce, and life-span learning and education. At UBC Thornton introduced graduate course in educational gerontology and on aging themes. From 1980 to 1990, he served as co-ordinator for the Faculty of Graduate Studies Committee on Gerontology. The Committee encouraged teaching and research programs in faculties, schools and departments.

## **Scope and Content**

The fonds consists of biographical material (1993-2001), copies of Thornton's thesis (1967) and dissertation (1971), copies of his papers (published and unpublished), books, reports and reprints, as well as audio/visual material.

## **Notes**

Acquired from James Thornton by the University Archives in several accessions, the most recent (file 1-1a) in 2012.

# File List

## BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

### Box 1

- 1-1 Copies of Thornton's CVs and resumes (1993, 1994, 1998) and other biographical material (1998, 2001)

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## THESIS

- 1-2 James E. Thornton, *An Educational Program for Economic-Opportunity Migrants: A Case Study in Program Development in Adult Education* (1971)

## UNPUBLISHED PAPERS

- 1-3 James E. Thornton "Assessing Needs" (1980)  
1-4 James E. Thornton, "Methods of Adult Education" (1980)  
1-5 Brian deVries and James E. Thornton, "A Focus on Aging" (1986)  
1-6 James E. Thornton (ed) "Research and Education in Gerontology Directory of Departments and Schools Active in the Study of Aging at the University of British Columbia" (1987)

## COURSE MATERIAL

- 1-7 Course syllabus, bibliography and associated materials for Guided Autobiography and Forms of Life Review (1987/89)  
1-8 Course material Educational Gerontology (1992)

## BOOKS, REPORTS AND REPRINTS

### Box 2

James E. Thornton, "The Challenge to the University" in "The Challenge of Canada's Maturing Population: Research and Priorities" (1981)

James E. Thornton, "Issues Affecting Gerontology Education and Manpower Needs in Population Aging" in "Canadian Journal on Aging" (1984)

David A. Peterson, James E. Thornton, James E. Birren (eds) "Education and Aging" (1986)

"Generations: Journal of the American Society on Aging" (Winter 1987-88)

James E. Thornton and Earl Winkler, "Ethics and Aging: The Right to Live, the Right to Die" (1988)

James E. Thornton (ed) "Lifelong Education in an Aging Society" (1989)

"Seniors in Higher Education: Development Opportunities A.I.U.T. Proceedings" (1990)

James E. Birren and Donna E. Deutchman "Guiding Autobiography Groups for Older Adults" (1991)

James E. Thornton, "Educational Gerontology in Canada" in "Educational Gerontology: An International Journal" (July-August 1992)

James E. Thornton, "Universities of the Elderly: Continuing Education at its Best" in "Stay Healthy and Happy: Proceedings of the International Conference on the Elderly" (September 1993)

## BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION (cont.)

### Box 3

3-1 Copies of Thornton's CVs and resumes (1992, 1993, 2001, 2002)

3-2 Committee-Knowledge for Everyday Living Agendas (1997)

- 3-3 Awards and Recognition (1993-2003)
- 3-4 AGHE (Association for Gerontology in Higher Education) Fellowship (1997-2002)

#### THESIS SERIES (cont.)

- 3-5 James E. Thornton, "An Exploratory Study of the Educational Deficiencies of Occupationally Unstable Economic-Opportunity Migrants" (1967)
- 3-6 James E. Thornton, Master's Thesis, "The Conceptualization of an Experimental Field Study in Adult Education: A Dissertation Proposal" (1970)

#### UNPUBLISHED PAPERS SERIES

- 3-7 James E. Thornton, "Eldering: Developing a New Construct for Gerontology" (1980)
- 3-8 James E. Thornton, "Life-Span Learning and Education: A Conceptual Progression in the Life Course" draft (1985)
- 3-9 James E. Thornton, "Human Factors in Aging and Technology: Issues for Adult Education" (1986)
- 3-10 James E. Thornton, "Lifelong Education, Aging and Guided Autobiography" (1986)
- 3-11 James E. Thornton, "Use It or Lose It: The Importance of Life-span Learning" (1986, 1998)
- 3-12 James E. Thornton and Sharon A. Harold, "Metaphors of Aging" draft (1988)
- 3-13 James E. Thornton, (ed) "Lifelong Education in an Aging Society" (1989)
- 3-14 James E. Thornton, "Bibliography: Reminiscence and Life Review" (1991)
- 3-15 James E. Thornton, "Lifelong Learning and Welfare in Canada" draft (1991)
- 3-16 James E. Thornton, "Competence Model for Older Adult Education" (1993)
- 3-17 James E. Thornton, et al. "Physical Activities and Social Conditions of a Sample of Older Adults in British Columbia" (1993)
- 3-18 James E. Thornton, "Third Age Colleges in Japan and Canada" (1994)
- 3-19 James E. Thornton, "Education in the Third Age" draft (1996)
- 3-20 James E. Thornton, "What's In It for Me? - The Developmental Exchange" draft (2003)
- 3-21 James E. Thornton, "Educational Activities for Older Adults: Handbook of the Society for Learning in Retirement" draft (July 2005)
- 3-22 James E. Thornton, "Adult Education and Aging" [nd]
- 3-23 James E. Thornton, "Adult Education in an Aging Society" draft [nd]

- 3-24 James E. Thornton, "Educational Gerontology in Canada" [nd]
- 3-25 James E. Thornton, "Learning, Growth and Wellness: Opportunities and Strategies in Older Adult Education Programs" [nd]
- 3-26 James E. Thornton, "Planning for an Aging Society through Education" draft [nd]
- 3-27 James E. Thornton, "Retirement Planning-Where is the Research?" [nd]
- 3-28 James E. Thornton, "Seniors Access to Higher Education" [nd]
- 3-29 James E. Thornton, "Information Access for Seniors" [nd]

The following unpublished papers were delivered at various conferences:

- 3-30 James E. Thornton, "Images of Aging in a Technological Society" presented at Symposium on 'Aging and Technological Advances' University of Southern California, (1983)
- 3-31 James E. Thornton, "New Roles for Older Canadians" presented at The B.C. Chapter of the Canadian Association of Pre-Retirement Planners, (28 March 1991)
- 3-32 James E. Thornton, "Universities of the Elderly: Continuing Education at its Best" presented at The International Conference on the Elderly, Singapore (1993)
- 3-33 James E. Thornton, "Educational Gerontology: A Missing Variable in Service to the Community" presented at Okanagan University College President's Lectures, (23 Nov. 1994)
- 3-34 James E. Thornton, "Aging is a Learning Experience" presented at 16th Annual Southeastern Alberta Gerontology Conference, (12 Oct. 1995)
- 3-35 James E. Thornton, "Educational Gerontology: Where are We!!" presented at Educational Gerontology Interest Group, (27 Oct. 1995)
- 3-36 James E. Thornton, "Older Experienced Workers" presented at Symposium: Canadian Association of Gerontology, (1996)
- 3-37 James E. Thornton, "Myths of Aging: 'Mostly Strawman Statements!'" presented at Cariboo & Chilcotin Elder College, (10 May 2003)

#### COURSE MATERIAL SERIES

- 3-38 Statistical data and one report from ADED 525, (original file was entitled "Van. Data"), (1984, 1986-1987)

## BOOKS, REPORTS AND REPRINTS SERIES

- 3-39 James E. Thornton, "Some Ideas: About Planning for a Change; About Finding Jobs; Developing a Plan; About Moving to New Towns" (1970)
- 3-40 James E. Thornton, "Seniors Access to Higher Education" (198[?])
- 3-41 James E. Thornton and Gerry M. Bates, "The Aging Worker: Recommendations for Public Service" (July 1987)
- 3-42 Alvar Svanborg, Eva Sixt, Valter Sundh, James E. Thorton, "Subjective health in relation to aging and disease in a representative sample at ages 70, 75 and 79" (1988)
- 3-43 James E. Thornton (ed.), "Lifelong Education in an Aging Society" (1989)
- 3-44 James E. Thornton and Joanne Taylor, "A Content Analysis in the Journal of Educational Gerontology" (Volume 1 (1976) to Volume 15 (1989))
- 3-45 James E. Thornton, Book Review: "Older Adult Education: A Guide to Research Programs, and Policies" (1997)
- 3-46 James E. Thornton, "Older Adult Education: A Guide to Research, Programs and Policies" (1997)
- 3-47 James E. Thornton, "Myths of Aging or Ageist Stereotypes" (January 2001)
- 3-48 James E. Thornton, "Life-span Learning: A Developmental Perspective" (2003)
- 3-49 James E. Thornton, "Learning, Growth and Wellness: Looking at Strategies for Older Adult Education Programs" (2005)

## RESEARCH SERIES

- 3-50 James E. Birren Project (1985, 1990)
- 3-51 Third Age Scholars Proposal (1994)
- 3-52 Personal Calendar (1998-1999)
- 3-53 Japan Project - Comparative Study in Japan and Canada on Education for the Third Age (1987)
- 3-54 Japan Project - Van Data (1991)
- 3-55 Japan Project - Data Analysis (1988)
- 3-56 Japan Project - Questionnaires (1985)
- 3-57/58 Japan Project - Code Sheets (1985)

## CORRESPONDENCE SERIES

### Letters to James E. Thornton

- 3-59 Royal Society of Arts (1988-90)
- 3-60 Japan (1991-1993)
- 3-61 Options 45+ Project (1996)

### Letters from James E. Thornton

- 3-62 Birren (1994, 2001)
- 3-63 National Advisory Council on Aging (2003)

## PHOTOGRAPHS

- UBC 114.1/1 James Thornton [nd] small-print, small-negative
- UBC 114.1/2 James Thornton and unknown man at International Dental Academy (IDA) Certificate Awarding Ceremony 1978 - large-print
- UBC 114.1/3 James Thornton, [Mr. Takahashi?] and unknown man at IDA Certificate Awarding Ceremony 1978 large-print
- UBC 114.1/4 James Thornton (centre) with IDA group 1978 large-print

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- 4-7/10 Publications 1986-87
- 4-11/15 Publications 1987-89
- 4-16/18 Publications 1990
- 4-19/22 Publications 1990-92
- 4-23/24 Publications 1986-90
- 4-25 Ethics & Aging - Table of Contents 1987
- 4-26 Ethics and Aging Introduction [n.d.]
- 4-27 Thornton - Work File 1987-89
- 4-28 Thornton, James E. & Anne D. Evans -- Ethics and Aging: An Annotated Bibliography [notes] 1987
- 4-29 Ethics and Aging
- 4-30 Bennett, John C. - Ethical Aspects of Aging... 1987
- 4-31 Birren, James & Candace Stacey - Paradigms of Aging... 1987

- 4-32 Boyajian, Jane - On Reaching for a New Agenda... 1987
- 4-33 Brown, Barry - Proxy Consent for Research on the Incompetent Elderly 1987
- 4-34 Browne, Alister - Foregoing Life Sustaining Treatment... 1987
- 4-35 Burnside, Beverly - Seniors' Challenge to Gerontology... 1987
- 4-36 Chappell, Neena - Society & Essentials for Well-Being... 1987
- 4-37 Denton, Frank & Byron Spencer - Population Aging & the Economy... 1987
- 4-38 Hultsch, David - Cognitive Intervention in Later Life... 1987
- 4-39 Kluge, Eike-Henner - The Calculus of Discrimination... 1987
- 4-40 MacDougall, Donald J. - The Right to Participate... 1987
- 4-41 Prado, C.G. - Narrative, Perspectives & Aging 1988
- 4-42 Schaler, Arthur - Civil Liberties & the Elderly Patient 1987
- 4-43 Tomkins, Catherine - Powerlessness... 1987
- 4-44 Winkler, Earl - Decisions About Life & Death... 1987
- 4-45 Winkler, Earl & James Thornton - Ethics & Aging 1986-87
- 4-46 Roy, David - Ethics & Aging 1987
- 4-47 Author Contracts [n.d.]
- 4-48 Havighurst Summer School 1979
- 4-49 Educational Gerontology courses 1983-84
- 4-50 Test Form(s) - (samples) [n.d.]
- 4-51 Correspondence 1974-81
- 4-52 Gerontology Correspondence with Dr. David Roy 1981-84
- 4-53 Gerontology Correspondence - Denton, Frank - Spencer, Byron 1984
- 4-54 Gerontology Correspondence with Dr. Neena Chappell 1984-85
- 4-55 Gerontology Correspondence with Dr. Donald J. MacDougall 1984-85
- 4-56 Gerontology Correspondence - Bennett, John 1984-87
- 4-57 Gerontology Correspondence with Dr. James E. Birren 1984-88
- 4-58 Gerontology Correspondence with Dr. Jane A. Boyajian 1984-88
- 4-59 Gerontology correspondence with C.G. Prado 1987

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- 5-1 Centre for Continuing Education - Annual Report 1977-78
- 5-2 Woodward Foundation Project - Education for Aging 1978
- 5-3 Coping With Aging 1979-80
- 5-4 Trying to Establish a Centre for the Study of Aging 1982-83
- 5-5 Committee on Gerontology 1983-84
- 5-6 Submitted Papers - Ethics and Aging Conference 1984 [2 folders]
- 5-7 Abstracts - Conference - "Ethics & Aging" 1984
- 5-8 [Education in the Third Age] 1989
- 5-9 Ed. In 3 Age Invited Guest - Replies 1989

## AUDIOCASSETTES

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## VHS

VT 1985 Educational Gerontology Tour in Haruna, May 21,'87

VT 1986 Havighurst, R.J. "Developmental Tasks" (J.E. Thornton) 1979

VT 1987 "Growing Old in America" Jan/86 (Episode: "The Retirement Dilemma")

VT 1988 TV Osaka Footage, Symp. 3rd Age, May 1989

VT 1989 The Psychology of Aging: An Interview with Dr. James E. Birren

VT 1990 Education and the Third Age (Thornton)

#0 Dr. Kazufas Moor'oka

#420 Dr. Allan Thomas

VT 1991 Education and the Third Age (Thornton)

#0 Dr. Yoshiyuki Matsuda

#435 Dr. Sol Rubinstein

#700 Dr. Bill Griffith