Women’s and Gender Studies fonds

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Fonds Description

Women’s and Gender Studies fonds. – 1989-2012.
1.77 m of textual records.
5 dvds.

Administrative History

While courses in women’s studies were first offered at the university in 1971, the degree-granting Women’s Studies Program in the Faculty of Arts began offering an undergraduate major in 1991. The program was an interdisciplinary field of study that drew upon the social sciences, humanities, research methods, theory, literature, and gender relations. Tannis MacBeth Williams was the program’s first chair.

Early faculty involved in the Women’s Studies Program were Dr. Dawn Currie, Dr. Valerie Raoul, Dr. Veronica Strong-Boag, Prof. Sneja Gunew, Dr. Sharalyn Orbaugh, Dr. Becki Ross, and Dr. Lenora Angeles. The Women’s Studies Program worked closely with the Centre for Research in Women’s Studies and Gender Relations (created in 1991 with a mandate to support research and develop links between local and international scholars, policy makers and activists). The Founding Director of CRWSGR was Veronica Strong-Boag. Graduate-level courses were first offered in the 1998-99 academic year, initially from within the Interdisciplinary Studies Programme in the Faculty of Graduate Studies. The CRWSGR began administering M.A. and PhD programs in Women’s Studies and Gender Relations in 2000-2001. It changed its name to the Centre for Women’s and Gender Studies (CWAGS) in 2006. In 2012, CWAGS and the Women’s and Gender Studies graduate and undergraduate programs merged to form the Institute for Gender, Race, Sexuality and Social Justice, directed by Dr. Mary K. Bryson.

Scope and Content

Fonds consists of administrative records pertaining to the activities of the Women’s Studies Program, the Centre for Research in Women’s Studies and Gender Relations, and research papers put out by the Centre and related bodies. Records include correspondence, minutes, annual reports, publications, course lists, student activities, program advertisements, reviews, bound publications of working papers and conference proceedings.

Notes

Title of fonds describes both the Faculty of Arts’ degree-granting program and the Centre for Research in Women’s Studies and Gender Relations, from the period in which the bulk of the records were created.
Fonds consists of institutional records. Access requests must be reviewed by the University’s FOIPOP Coordinator.

File list available.
Series Descriptions

**WMST Administration series.** – 1989-2006. 68 cm of textual records.

Series consists of correspondence, proposals, reports, course evaluations, grades, budgets, and printed material pertaining to the proposal for and administration of the Women’s Studies undergraduate program.

**Centre for Research in Women’s Studies and Gender Relations series.** – 1996-2012. 49.5 cm of textual records.

Series consists of correspondence, newsletters, reports, agendas, and printed material pertaining to the Centre and its activities, the administration of the Graduate program, and records of its participation with organizations like the Academic Women’s Association (AWA) and the Feminist Research, Education, Development & Action Centre (FREDA).

**Research series** – 1993-2008. 60 cm of textual records.

Series consists of bound working papers and conference proceedings published by CRWSGR, FREDA, and other organizations.

**Video series** – 2005-2012. 5 dvds.

Series consists of videos documenting Women’s and Gender Studies research, a career panel and a conference.
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WMST ADMINISTRATION SERIES

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1-6 Proposal for major. 1990
1-7 Responses re: WMST courses. 1989-1990
1-8 Report on WMST at UBC. 1989
1-9 Job ads, 1990-1991
1-10 A History of Womens’ Studies at UBC, report prepared by L. Weir
1-11 Non-sexist language and research, 1985-1990
1-12 Speakers, requests for funding, 1990-1991
1-13 Speakers, future. 1990-1991
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2-6 Tannis, Task Force on Counselling, 1992-1993
2-7 Survey of Women Faculty, 1993
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2-9 Women in Universities/University Budget, 1992
2-10 Safety Survey, 1992
2-12 Film/video resources, 1990-1991
2-13 Female faculty, 1991
2-14 Evaluations, course, teaching, 1991
2-15 Provost Equity/Sexual Harrassment, 1988-1990
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2-17 Office for Women Students, 1990-1991
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3-2 University review correspondence, procedures, reports, executive summary, 1997-2002
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3-5 Coordinating Committee minutes, 1998-2002
3-6 Coordinating Committee minutes, 2002-2006
CENTRE FOR RESEARCH IN WOMEN’S STUDIES AND GENDER RELATIONS
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3-7  Correspondence, agenda, guidelines, statements on pay equity committee, 1998-2000
3-8  Advisory Committee correspondence, agendas, minutes, 1997-2003
3-9  Advisory Committee correspondence, agendas, minutes, 2003-2005
3-10 Correspondence, reports, printed material re: university review, 1998-1999
3-11 University review schedule, terms of reference, correspondence, 1998-1999
3-12 Unit plan summary, 2001
3-13 Reports, BC Fed and Centre for Women & Gender Studies, 2004-2009
3-14 Steering committee minutes, 1998
3-15 Graduate program printed material, proposal, correspondence
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3-20 FREDA (Feminist Research, Education, Development & Action Centre) correspondence, agendas, minutes, printed material, 1997-2000
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4-7  National Women’s Reference Group on Labour Market Issues bound reports
4-8  Reports, papers and publications lists
4-9  Visiting Scholars list, 2007-2011
4-10 A Handbook for Graduate Students, 2005
4-11 Ignite, an undergraduate journal of the Institute for Gender, Race, Sexuality and Social Justice, Vol 5 Spring 2013, with printed material
4-12 Report for the Review Committee, 1998
RESEARCH SERIES

4-14 Study of Student Safety on Campus, Dawn Currie, 1995
4-15 Academic Women at UBC 1972-1982, by the Ad Hoc Committee on the Status of Female Faculty Members at UBC, June 1984
4-16 UBC’s Response to The Canadian Federation of University Women’s Survey on the Status of Female Faculty and Students at Canadian Universities, by Florence Ledwitz-Rigby, March 2, 1992
4-17 The First Annual Report on the Status of Women at UBC, by Florence Ledwitz-Rigby, October 1992
4-18 The Second Annual Report on the Status of Women at UBC, by Florence Ledwitz-Rigby, November 1993
4-19 Public Safety Plan, preliminary confidential draft, April 12, 1993
4-20 Feminist Politics and the Dangers of Difference: Some Notes from Two Geographers by Geraldine Pratt. Vol 1, 1992
4-21 The Role of Women in a Healthy University by Patricia Vertinsky. Vol 1, 1992
4-22 Poor Women: A Canadian Bibliography, November 1993 (cancelled)
4-23 Directory of Researchers in Women’s Studies and Gender Relations at UBC, Second Edition, 1993
4-24 Unbound papers, 1992
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5-2 Voices from the Picket Line, Women in CUPE 2950 and 116 at the University of BC. Vol. 2, 1993
5-3 Independent Women, Problematic Men: First and Second Wave Anti-Feminism in Canada from Goldwin Smith to Betty Steele. Vol 2, No. 2, 1993
5-4 Views from the Edge: One. Vol 2, No. 3, 1993
5-8 Women & Gender in the History Curriculum. Vol 3, No. 2, 1994
Detecting a Difference by Nora Kelly. Vol 4, No. 1, 1995
Views from the Edge: Three. Vol 4, No. 4, 1995
Taslima Nasrin: Tales of Shame. Vol 4, No. 5, 1995
Does Feminism Speak East European? by Kornelia Merdjanska. Vol 4, No. 6, 1995
Race, Gender and the Construction of Canada, Vol 5, No. 2, 1996
Vol 5, No 1, 1996, unbound.
Is This Canada? Domestic Workers’ Experiences in Vancouver, BC. Vol 6, No 1, 1997
And the Young Man did Go North (unfortunately): Reflections on Issues in Gender and the Academy. Vol 6, No 3, 1997
His and Hers Disaster: A Feminist Research Agenda for Disaster Social Science. Vol 6, No 4, 1997
Theorizing about the Gendered Nature of “Nurses’ work/women’s work”, Vol 7, No 4, 1998
Views from the Edge: Seven. Vol 8, No 1, 1999
Views from the Edge: Eight. Vol 9, No. 1, 2000
Views from the Edge: Twelve, Vol. 13, No. 1, 2005
Views from the Edge: Thirteen, Vol 14, No. 1, 2006
Views from the Edge: Fourteen, Vol 15, No. 1, 2007

Spousal Abuse: A report by India Mahila Association, August 1994

Not So Peaceable a Kingdom: A Preliminary Guide to Selected English-Canadian Theses on Violence, December 1995

Men’s Violence Against Women, by Jon Leah Hopkins, January 1995

North Island Network to Resist and Heal from Violence, by Helen Dempster, December 1994


Directory of Researchers in Women’s Studies and Gender Relations at UBC, Fourth Edition, 1995

Directory of Researchers in Women’s Studies and Gender Relations at UBC, Fifth Edition, 1997

Directory of Researchers in Women’s Studies and Gender Relations at UBC, Sixth Edition, 1998


Women’s Studies Asian Connections conference, November 2-5, 2000

Making Family Child Care Work: Strategies for Improving the Working Conditions of Family Childcare Providers by Rachel Cox (Policy Research, Status of Women Canada), 2005

Unbound papers, 1996

Unbound papers, 1996

Engendering Social Justice: Celebrating Women’s and Gender Studies Research at UBC. Nov 2, 2007

Consuming Women: An Undergraduate Conference. March 2005

Researching Gender, Race & Social Justice: Celebrating 20 Years. 2011

What to do with a Women’s and Gender Studies degree: 2012 Career Panel (small video)

What to do with a Women’s and Gender Studies degree: 2012 Career Panel (large video)