

# Joan Coldwell fonds

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# Fonds Description

**Joan Coldwell fonds** – 1977-2008.

14 cm textual records.

8 photographs.

1 cd-rom.

1 artifact.

## Biographical Sketch

Joan Coldwell received her PhD. from Harvard University and taught English at University of Victoria until moving to Ontario. Coldwell became a professor of English and director of Women's Studies at McMaster University. She was introduced to Jane Rule and Helen Sonthoff through their mutual friend Gail Pass. She has also worked as book page editor and columnist for the *Victoria Times* and as a food writer and radio producer. She is the founder and publisher of Hedgerow Press. Established in 2004 Hedgerow Press has published books by B.C. writers and artists including Jane Rule's last book, *Loving the Difficult*, a collection of essays which received the Lambda Award for non-fiction.

## Scope and Content

Fonds consists of materials created and collected by Joan Coldwell through both her personal relationship and her business dealings with Jane Rule. It includes incoming personal correspondence from Jane Rule and Helen Sonthoff to Joan Coldwell and Ann Saddlemeyer. Also included is a sous-fond, Hedgerow Press – *Loving The Difficult*, arising from the Press's publication of Jane Rule's final book. It consists of correspondence, contracts, obituaries, publication and promotion materials, including photographs of the book launch on Galiano Island, as well as a cd-rom copy of the work, a bound paper draft, and the 2008 Lambda Literary Award for non-fiction.

## Notes

File list available.

Donated by Joan Coldwell in two accessions: the first (materials in Box 1 and all photographs) in February 2012, the second (Box 2) in November 2019.

Related records may be found in the [Helen Sonthoff fonds](#) and the [Jane Rule fonds](#).

## Series Description

**Personal Correspondence series.** – 1977-2007.

3 cm. textual records.

This series includes incoming personal correspondence from Jane Rule and Helen Sonthoff to Joan Coldwell and Ann Saddlemyer.

Boxes 1 (2-4), 2(1-4)

## Sous-Fonds Description

[Hedgerow Press - \*Loving The Difficult\* sous-fonds.](#) – 2007-2008.

10 cm. textual records.

8 photographs.

1 cd-rom.

1 artifact.

This sous-fonds reflects Joan Coldwell's role in Hedgerow Press relating to the publication of Jane Rule's final book, *Loving The Difficult*. It includes correspondence, contracts, obituaries, memorial speech, publication and promotion materials, proofs, a digital and paper draft of the work, and the 2008 Lambda Literary Award for non-fiction.

Box 1 (5-21)

# File List

## BOX 1

- 1-1 Notes provided by Joan Coldwell explaining the history of the relationship of her and Ann Saddlemyer with Jane Rule and Helen Sonthoff as well as notes on the personal correspondence (February 2012)

### Personal Correspondence series

- 1-2 Incoming correspondence from Jane Rule (1977, 1981-2007)
- 1-3 Christmas cards from Jane Rule (Undated)
- 1-4 Incoming correspondence from Helen Sonthoff

(continued)

### Hedgerow Press - *Loving the Difficult* sous-fonds

- 1-5 Correspondence between author and publisher (2007)
- 1-6 Contract with Hedgerow Press (2007)
- 1-7 Production Preliminaries (2008)
- 1-8 Legal Deposit, Canada and Copyright, U.S.A. (2008-2010)
- 1-9 Lambda Award (2009)
- 1-10 Publicity (2008)
- 1-11 Book Launches – Vancouver, 23 April 2008 / Galiano Island, 3 May 2008 (see also Photographs)
- 1-12 Obituaries for Jane Rule (2007)

- 1-13 Text for Joan Coldwell's remarks at Jane Rule memorial on Galiano Island in advance of publication of *Loving the Difficult* (December 2007)
- 1-14 Correspondence from Jane's sister and niece (2007, 2008)
- 1-15 Reviews (2008-2009)
- 1-16 Royalty Statements (2008-2011)
- 1-17 *Loving the Difficult* CD-ROM – WORD/PDF copies of manuscript
- 1-18 *Loving the Difficult* - Spiral Bound Draft
- 1-19 Jane Rule *Loving the Difficult* Proof Corrections 1
- 1-20 Jane Rule *Loving the Difficult* Proof Corrections 2
- 1-21 Hedgerow Press Catalogue (2012)

## BOX 2

2008 Lambda Literary Award for Non-Fiction – *Loving the Difficult*  
- engraved glass trophy

## Personal Correspondence series (cont.)

- 2-1 Incoming correspondence from Jane Rule (1980, 1991-92, 2006)
- 2-2 Incoming correspondence from Helen Sonthoff [n.d.]
- 2-3 Guest list for celebration of Jane Rule's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday (28 March 1981)
- 2-4 Correspondence from Ellen Stephen (14 April 2008)

## Photographs

Galiano Island launch of *Loving the Difficult* (May 3, 2008)

- UBC 161.1/1 Joan Coldwell standing by book launch sign (May 3, 2008) Small Print
- UBC 161.1/2 Joan Coldwell standing with Alan Twigg by book launch sign (May 3, 2008) Small Print
- UBC 161.1/3 Joan Coldwell speaking on stage at book launch (May 3, 2008) Small Print
- UBC 161.1/4 Ann Saddlemyer reading on stage at book launch (May 3, 2008) Small Print
- UBC 161.1/5 Alan Twigg speaking on stage at book launch sign (May 3, 2008) Small Print
- UBC 161.1/6 Jane Rule display at book launch sign (May 3, 2008) Small Print
- UBC 161.1/7 View of attendees at book launch sign (May 3, 2008) Small Print
- UBC 161.1/7 View of attendees at book launch sign (May 3, 2008) Small Print