

Department of English fonds

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Fonds Description

Department of English fonds. – 1940-2013.

4.08 m of textual records.

Administrative History

The UBC Department of English was established in 1915 within the Faculty of Arts, as one of the University's first academic departments. Over the years various members of the Department's staff have been prominent within the University community, as well as nationally and internationally, including Earle Birney, Roy Daniells, Jane Rule, Garnett G. Sedgewick, Frederic Wood, and George Woodcock. A more in-depth history of the department and prominent staff members throughout the 20th century can be found on the [Department of English website](#).

The UBC English Department is unique in Canada in that it offers two tiers of programs in English Literature, English Language, and Linguistics at the graduate and undergraduate levels. Courses include the following focuses: national, transnational, postcolonial, transpacific, Indigenous literatures, language, linguistics, rhetoric, critical theory, and media studies in Medieval, Early Modern, Eighteenth Century, Romantic, Victorian, Modernist, Postmodern, and Contemporary contexts.

English department faculty, postdoctoral fellows, and graduate students lead in several multidisciplinary research programs, including First Nations and Indigenous Studies, Science and Technology Studies, Asian Canadian and Asian Migration Studies, Studies in Race, Gender, Sexuality and Social Justice, Law and Society, Media Studies, Canadian Studies, and Medieval Studies.

Scope and Content

The fonds consists of six series which contain the following: student publications, curriculum offerings and course descriptions, handbooks, examinations, faculty information, committee meetings, interdepartmental memoranda and correspondence, meeting reports and annual reports, elections, curriculum revisions, reading lists, a "departmental bible," departmental newsletters and bulletins, departmental meeting minutes, council policy and membership, reorganization proposals, and task force information, notable alumni ephemera, and the UBC Medal for Canadian Biography. All records are the results of activities that took place within the Department of English from 1940 to the early 2000s.

Notes

Fonds consists of institutional records – access requests must be reviewed by the University's FOIPOP Coordinator.

Newsense sub-series in the Student Publications Series previously known as The *Newsense* fonds.

Other records relating to the Department of English can be found in the [Roy Daniells](#), [Jan De Bruyn](#), [Craig Miller](#), [Garnett G. Sedgewick](#), and [Faculty of Arts](#) fonds.

Additional accessions are expected.

Series Descriptions

Program And Course Information series. – 1940-2004.

47 cm.

Series consists of curriculum offerings, annual reports, course descriptions, course handbooks, examinations, thesis topics, and faculty information, and information about the Royal Commission on Education (1959).

Committees series. – 1955-2013.

1.77 m.

Series consists of committee meeting minutes and interdepartmental memoranda, correspondence, meeting reports and annual reports, elections, curriculum revisions, and reading lists.

The records are arranged in eight sub-series: [Graduate Committee and Graduate Faculty](#), [Executive Committee](#), [Academic Consultative Committee](#), [Policy and Planning Committee](#), [Honours Committee](#), [Curriculum Committee](#), [Majors Committee](#), and [Senior Committee](#).

Departmental series. – 1954-2002.

1.63 m.

Series consists of a Departmental Bible, Departmental Gazette Bulletin, newsletters, meeting minutes, council policy and membership, Task Force On the Future of English Studies (1975), and reorganization proposals.

Student Publications series. – 1968-1999.

21 cm.

Babel sub-series. – 1998-1999.

1 cm.

Babel was a newsletter created and circulated within the graduate student community and contains written contributions in prose and poetry as well as drawings.

Series consists of six editions of the newsletter, filed chronologically from September 1998 to March 1999.

Newsense sub-series. – 1968-1970.

19 cm.

The *Newsense* was a general-interest departmental newsletter which began publication in 1968. It was distributed to faculty, support staff, and students.

Series consists of handwritten and typed manuscripts of articles, as well as drafts and paste-ups of each issue. Series also contains information about departmental meetings that were published with the newsletter. Files are arranged in numerical order by volume and issue number, from Volume I Number 1 (September 1968) to Volume II Number 10 (April 1970).

ComPost sub-series. – 1973-1977.

1 cm.

The *ComPost* was a newsletter intended primarily for those faculty members responsible for teaching English composition.

Series consists of copies of the newsletter, filed in chronological order from September 1973 to April 1977.

Notable Alumni Ephemera series. – 1985-1991

1 cm.

Series consists of ephemera related to notable authors who are English Department alumni.

UBC Medal for Canadian Biography Series. – 1966-1996

12 cm.

Series consists of correspondence, notices, and research for and about the UBC Medal for Canadian Biography award given by the English Department.

File List

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PROGRAM AND COURSE INFORMATION SERIES

- 1-1 Course Offerings
- 1-2 English Honours Annual Reports (1980-2004)
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- 3-6 PhD and Graduate Thesis Topics (1940-1989)
- 3-7 Linguistic Analysis Examinations (1977-1990)

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- 4-1 Proposed English 40 Exam (1963)

- 4-2 Course Offerings and Proposals (May 1964-March 1968)
- 4-3 A Brief to the Royal Commission on Education (January 1959)
- 4-4/6 Changes to First-Year English (1991-1992)
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- 4-7 English Programme and Courses
- 4-8 English Courses and Enrolments (1978-1991)
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COMMITTEES SERIES

Graduate Committee and Graduate Faculty Sub-Series

- 4-9 Minutes of the Graduate Committee 1995-1996
- 4-10 Minutes of the Graduate Committee 1996-1997
- 4-11 Graduate Committee Minutes
- 4-12 Graduate Faculty Reports and Minutes (2010-2013)
- 4-13 Graduate Faculty Reports and Minutes (2006-2009)
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- 4-14 Graduate Committee Minutes (1996-1997)
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- 4-16 Graduate Committee Minutes (1966-1968)
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- 4-18 Graduate Committee Minutes (1970-1974)
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- 4-19 The Graduate Committee (Misc. & Regulations) – 1974-1975
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- 5-1 The Graduate Committee (Students, Exams, Grants, Forms, AGSE) – 1974-1975
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- 5-8 Graduate Committee Meetings and Memoranda (August 1979-April 1980)
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- 5-11 Graduate Committee Meetings and Memoranda (September 1988-August 1989)
- 5-12 Graduate Committee Memoranda and Correspondence (July 1987-August 1988)
- 5-13 Graduate Committee Correspondence (December 1983)
- 5-14 Graduate Committee Meetings and Memoranda (August 1982-May 1983)
- 5-15 Graduate Committee Meetings and Memoranda (June 1981-May 1982)
- 5-16 Graduate Committee Meetings and Memoranda (September 1980-May 1981)
- 5-17 Graduate Committee (1976-1977) – Regulations
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- 6-18 Graduate Committee Meetings and Memoranda (September 1973-July 1974)
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Executive Committee Sub-Series

- 6-23 Executive Committee Minutes (September 1978-May 1979)
- 6-24 Executive Committee Minutes (May 1978-April 1979)
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- 6-26 Executive Committee Minutes and Memoranda (February 1974-April 1978)
- 6-27 Executive Committee Reports and Nominations (1974-1980)

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- 7-1 Executive Committee Minutes (October 1960-May 1962)
- 7-2 Executive Committee Minutes (September 1959-August 1960)
- 7-3 Executive Committee Minutes, Senior Committee Minutes, Curriculum Committee Minutes (1954-1962)

- 7-4 Executive Committee Minutes (September 1957-August 1958)
- 7-5 Executive Committee Minutes (September 1956-July 1957)
- 7-6 Executive Committee Minutes (September 1955-August 1956)
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- 8-1 Executive Committee Elections (March-April 1977)
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- 8-3 Executive Committee Minutes and Memoranda (September 1975-May 1977)
- 8-4 Executive Committee Reports (September 1975-April 1976)
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Academic Consultative Committee Sub-Series

- 10-12 Academic Consultative Committee (1992-1997)
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Policy and Planning Committee Sub-Series

- 10-14 Policy and Planning Committee Minutes (1998-1999)
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Honours Committee Sub-Series

- 10-16 Annual and Year-End Reports (1989-1996)
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- 11-4 Departmental Bible, Dr. William E. Fredeman (1981-1982)
- 11-5 Departmental Bible (Minutes and Reports) Dr. William E. Fredeman (1981-1982)
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- 11-6 Department Gazette Bulletin (1990-1993)
- 11-7 Department Gazette Bulletin (1988-1990)
- 11-8 Department Gazette Bulletin (1983-1990)
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- 11-9 UBC Gazette (1987-1992)
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STUDENT PUBLICATIONS SERIES

Newsense Sub-Series

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17-3 Newsense Volume I No. 3
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17-5 Newsense Volume I No. 5
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Babel Sub-Series

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