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Fonds Description

3.15 m of textual records.
46 photographs: 15 b&w and 29 col.; 2 slides: col.
4 architectural drawings.

Biographical Sketch

John Forman Howes (1924-2017) was born in Chicago, Illinois, on June 19, 1924. He completed undergraduate courses at Kalamazoo College (1942-1943), Western Michigan State University (1943-1944), U. S. Naval School of Oriental Studies in Boulder, Colorado (1944-1946) and Oberlin College in Oberlin, Ohio, where he obtained a BA in history in 1950. From 1950-1961, he attended Columbia University, where he received an MA in 1953 and a Ph.D. in 1965. While working on his graduate degrees, Howes took courses at Tokyo University (1953-1956) and Kyoto University (1959-1960). In 1961, Howes joined UBC as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Asian Studies. He was promoted to Associate Professor in 1966 and then rose to Professor in 1986. Howes taught several courses on Japan in the Asian Studies department: Asian Studies 105, 330, 400, 422 and 423. His main research areas and scholarly interests focused on modern Japanese history, Japanese pacifism before World War II, the life and works of Uchimura Kanzo and Nitobe Inazo, and Japanese cultural history from 1890 to 1945. He wrote and published numerous articles, reports and books in both English and Japanese on a wide variety of Japanese-related topics and actively attended and participated in various conferences and seminars promoting Asian Studies. Howes was also involved in the extensive planning and fundraising to create the Asian Centre at UBC.

Scope and Content

The fonds consists of curriculum vitaes, a biographical summary, nomination application for the Order of Canada, correspondence, reference letters and news clippings regarding the nomination, incoming and outgoing correspondence, lecture notes, course syllabi, speeches and papers, book reviews, lists of Howes’ publications, surveys, application forms for grants and academic leaves, research notes, committee minutes, photographs and architectural drawings. The fonds consists of 10 series: Personal Records, Correspondence, Course Materials, Conferences and Seminars, Asian Studies Department, Book Reviews, Professional Papers, Research Materials, Subject Files and Photographs.

Notes

The predominant languages in the records are English and Japanese.


**Arrangement:** Photographs of Japanese scenery, unidentified Japanese individuals and Nitobe Gardens as well as the architectural drawings of the Asian Centre have been kept in their original files with their corresponding records while photographs of John Howes have been removed and placed in a separate photographs series **UBC 91.1**.

**Accrual:** Photocopies of two sets of correspondence, written by Howes from Asia in 1948 and 1953, were donated by him to the Archives in July 2011. Howes retained the originals.

**Accrual:** In January 2021, an application nominating Professor John Howes for the Order of Canada was received from the nominees. No further accruals are expected.

File list available.
Series Descriptions

2 folders.

This series consists of Howes’ curriculum vitae, a list of his publications, biographical summary, nomination application for the Order of Canada, correspondence, reference letters and news clippings regarding the nomination.

98 cm textual records.
5 photographs: colour.

This series consists of incoming and outgoing correspondence between John Howes and his colleagues, students, friends and family. It includes photocopies of letters written from Asia in 1948-49 and 1953.

Files titles were assigned by the creator.

**Course Materials Series.** -- 1961-1990.
56.5 cm textual records.

This series consists of Asian Studies course lecture notes, reading lists and course outlines from five specific courses: Asian Studies 105, 330, 400, 422 and 423. Howes notes in this series reveal how these five courses developed and changed over time.

**Conferences and Seminars Series.** -- 1961-[ca. 1970].
3.8 cm textual records.

This series consists of correspondence, notes, speeches and papers presented at a variety of conferences and seminars.

Other records relating to conference and seminar attended by Howes can also be found in the Research Materials series where he originally filed them.

10 cm textual records.

This series consists of correspondence and reports from the different committees, programs, foundations and societies that Howes participated in and contributed to as a professor in the Asian Studies department at UBC. The series also contains information
concerning the departments map and library collections as well as the development of the Nitobe Gardens.

3.5 cm textual records.

This series consists of correspondence and book reviews that Howes was asked to complete as a result of his specialized knowledge in Asian Studies.

3.5 cm textual records.

This series consists of correspondence, reviews and suggestions about books and articles on Pacifism in Japan. The series also includes bibliographic lists of Howes publications.

The title of the series was supplied by Howes.

Other records related to Pacifism in Japan can also be found in the Research Materials series where Howes originally filed them.

1.18 m textual records.
5 photographs: 2 b&w and 3 colour.

This series consists of correspondence, notes and articles related to Japan studies in Canada; survey of institutions that offer courses in Japan; a 1977-1978 survey of Canadian Japanologists; Howes involvement in the creation of the *Encyclopedia of Japan*; correspondence, submissions and suggestions for a TV program on Japanese religion; correspondence and related information concerning Howes involvement in a wide variety of committees, associations and foundations; correspondence and papers presented by Howes at national and international conferences and seminars; grant applications for study abroad; correspondence, travel arrangements (visits to universities) for overseas trips that have been funded by grants to study abroad; correspondence and related information concerning a wide variety of topics related to Howes position as a scholar, writer, and professor within the Asian Studies Department.

File titles have been supplied by Howes and have been kept in his original filing order.
Other records related to conferences and seminars that Howes attended and to the topic Pacifism in Japan can also be found in the Conferences and Seminars series and the Professional Papers series.

**Subject Files Series.** -- 1970-1990.
33 cm textual records.
14 photographs: 6 b&w and 8 colour.
4 architectural drawings.

This series consists of correspondence, newsletters and coloured photographs from the UBC Asian Studies exchange program to Tezukayama University in Japan; specific research notes; black and white photographs of the Asian Centre construction site and the Nitobe Gardens opening, committee minutes, architectural drawings and correspondence related to the construction and development of the Asian Studies Centre at UBC.

The black and white photographs of the Asian Centre and the Nitobe Gardens have been kept in their original files because they are copies of prints that are already found in the UBC Historical Photograph database.

**Photographs Series.** -- 1967-1989 and [n.d.].
20 photographs: 7 b&w and 13 colour; 21.8 x 13.8 cm or smaller.
2 slides: colour.

This series consists of black and white and coloured photographs as well as coloured slides of John Howes at various conferences, meetings and events. The series also includes a black and white photograph of Lynn Howes (John's wife) relatives. Only the photographs with John Howes have been scanned and added to the digital photograph database.

Images included in UBC Archives’ Historical Photograph Database, as **UBC 91.1.**
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/1  Man and woman identified as Lynn Howes' relatives [n.d.] Photograph: b&w; 13.8 x 19 cm. [Print]


/5  John Howes presenting clock to Walter Gage in Royal Suite at the Faculty Club (November 18, 1971) Photograph: b&w; 21.8 x 13.8 cm. [Print] * Consists of five views with John Howes on far left.

/6  John Howes with unidentified Japanese man [Saburoji Shimizu] [1972] Photograph: colour; 9.3 x 12.3 cm. [Small print] *
John Howes with unidentified Japanese man [Saburoji Shimizu]  [1972]
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John Howes, Urio Nomuka and Ralph Smith aboard the yacht M.V. Christabel (1978)
Photograph: colour; 9.8 x 14 cm. [Small print] *

Group picture with John Howes aboard the yacht M.V. Christabel (1978)
Photograph: colour; 9.8 x 14 cm. [Small print] *
John Howes front centre.

Group picture with John Howes aboard the yacht M.V. Christabel (1978)
Photograph: colour; 9.8 x 14 cm. [Small print] *
John Howes second from right.

John Howes and James (Jim) White at the Tezukayama Exchange reunion (March 1980)
Photograph: colour; 9.8 x 14 cm. [Small print] *

John Howes and Patty Snell at the Tezukayama Exchange reunion (March 1980)
Photograph: colour; 9.8 x 14 cm. [Small print] *

Therese Mair, John Howes and Pat Snell at Tezukayama Exchange party (September 1989)
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Yuko Nishi, Mari Worfolk and Jim White at Tezukayama Exchange party (September 1989)
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Kathy Shannon, Heather Goldsworthy and Shelley Pettapiece at Tezukayama Exchange party (September 1989)
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Mari Worfolk, Jim White and Laureen Miki at Tezukayama Exchange party (September 1989)
Photograph: colour; 9.2 x 12.6 cm. [Small print]
Laureen Miki, Ira Leroi, Kathy Shannon and Heather Goldsworthy at Tezukayama Exchange party (September 1989)
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Shelley Pettapiece, Andrea Schulte and Christine Ho at Tezukayama Exchange party (September 1989)
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John Howes (May 1980)
Photograph: b&w; 13.8 x 11.2 cm. [Small print] *

John Howes with left hand under chin (May 1980)
Photograph: b&w; 13.8 x 11.2 cm. [Small print] *

John Howes' lecture [n.d.] *
Slide: colour.

John Howes walking between two unidentified men [n.d.] *
Slide: colour.

* Denotes that the photograph has been scanned and added to the digital photograph database.