

Women's and Gender Studies fonds

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Fonds Description

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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 CRWSSR, 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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- 4-12 Report for the Review Committee, 1998

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- 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
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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
- 5-5 Change but no Change: Feminist Discourse in Fashion Magazines. Vol 2, No. 4, 1993
- 5-6 Poverty: Feminist Perspectives. Vol 3. April, 1994.
- 5-7 Women of Colour and Poverty. Vol 3, No. 1, 1994
- 5-8 Women & Gender in the History Curriculum. Vol 3, No. 2, 1994
- 5-9 Views from the Edge: Two. Vol 3, No. 3, 1994

- 5-10 Detecting a Difference by Nora Kelly. Vol 4, No. 1, 1995
- 5-11 Poor Women: A Canadian Bibliography, by Pamela Simonds Rogers. Vol 4, No. 2, 1995
- 5-12 Ukrainian Women in the Transition Period: Employment and Education Opportunities by Tatiana N. Teslenko. Vol 4, No. 3, 1995
- 5-13 Views from the Edge: Three. Vol 4, No. 4, 1995
- 5-14 Taslima Nasrin: Tales of Shame. Vol 4, No. 5, 1995
- 5-15 Does Feminism Speak East European? by Kornelia Merdjanska. Vol 4, No. 6, 1995
- 5-16 Denying (White) Racial Privilege: Redemption Discourses and the Uses of Fantasy by Leslie G. Roman. Vol 4 No. 7, 1995
- 5-17 Views from the Edge: Four. Vol 5, No. 2, 1996
- 5-18 Race, Gender and the Construction of Canada, Vol 5, No. 2, 1996
- 5-19 Vol 5, No 1, 1996, unbound.
- 5-20 Vol 5, No 1-2, 1996, unbound.
- 5-21 Is This Canada? Domestic Workers' Experiences in Vancouver, BC. Vol 6, No 1, 1997
- 5-22 The State of the World's Children: The Difference Gender Makes. Vol 6, No 2, 1997
- 5-23 And the Young Man did Go North (unfortunately): Reflections on Issues in Gender and the Academy. Vol 6, No 3, 1997
- 5-24 His and Hers Disaster: A Feminist Research Agenda for Disaster Social Science. Vol 6, No 4, 1997
- 5-25 Views from the Edge: Five. Vol 6, No. 5, 1997
- 5-26 Dismantling the Master's House? Men's Feminist Discourse. Vol 7, No. 1, 1998
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- 5-30 Views from the Edge: Seven. Vol 8, No 1, 1999
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- 6-4 Voices from the Field: Impacts of the Changing Federal Funding Context on Women's Access to Training (National Women's Reference Group on Labour Market Issues), November 1998
- 6-5 Women's Studies Asian Connections conference, November 2-5, 2000
- 6-6 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
- 6-7 Unbound papers, 1996
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- VT 2315/3 Researching Gender, Race & Social Justice: Celebrating 20 Years. 2011
- VT 2315/4 What to do with a Women's and Gender Studies degree: 2012 Career Panel (small video)
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