

S. J. McKee Archives



Faculty of Arts publications

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Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

Description Level: Sub sub series

Series Number: 7.1.3

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1969-1989, c. 2010

History /

Biographical:

This is an artificially created sub sub series.

Pierian Spring was the by-product of a creative writing workshop taught by Dr. Robert Brockway at Brandon University in 1969. The members of the workshop met once a month and at the end of the year they decided to produce a mimeographed book of poetry written by members of the group. They called it Peirian Spring, after the spot in Thrace from which the Muses came. In subsequent years, Brockway continued to teach the creative writing class as a non-credit extension course, however there were no further publications of Pierian Spring until Winter 1976. The later publications incorporated the writings of members of the group, but also included works by writers from across North America.

Scope and Content:

Sub sub series consists of copies of one issue of "Aspen Grove" (1971) and numerous issues of "Pierian Spring" (1969, 1976, 1976-1989). It also contains a number of promotional pamphlets created by the Faculty of Arts. Included are pamphlets on: Arts One; the History, Religion, English and Creative Writing, Business Administration, Gender and Women's Studies, Classical and Modern Languages departments; liberal arts degrees: pre-professional programs for early and middle years teachers; Justice System Certificate; graduate programs in Rural Development; and general Faculty of Arts information.

Notes: History/Bio information on Pierian Spring taken from an article in "The Quill" (January 13, 1977).

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Series 7: Faculties and Schools
7.1 Faculty of Arts



Dean of Arts

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions154>

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

Description Level: Sub sub series

Series Number: 7.1.1

Accession Number: 17-2000, 24-2000, 3-2005, 4-2005

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1962-2004

Physical Description: 1 m

History /

Biographical:

DEANS OF ARTS:

R.F.B. KING (1967-1972)

Ralph Frederick Breach King was born July 16, 1921 in Vancouver, B.C. He obtained his B.A. from the University of British Columbia in 1948, and his M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Toronto in 1951 and 1960 respectively. Before coming to Brandon College in 1963, King held positions in the English Departments of the University of British Columbia, Royal Military College (Kingston), and the Canadian Services College (Victoria). At the latter, he was also the head of the department.

At Brandon College he joined the Department of English as its Head and also acted as, first, the Associate Dean of Arts (1963-1965), and then as the first Dean of Arts (1965-1972) of Brandon University. He continued as Head of the English Department until 1977. In addition, during the interregnum between the Robbins and Dulmage presidencies in 1969-1970, King also served as Acting President of the University.

As Dean, King oversaw the radical change in curriculum that took place just prior to Brandon College becoming an independent University. He supervised the introduction of the major-minor system (instead of three sequences of specialization) and the wide-ranging revisions in the academic program that the new degree structure required. Once Brandon University had been formally constituted in 1967, a need arose to expand and develop teaching staff, and King profoundly influenced the development of the institution through his choice of faculty. King also played an important role in expanding the library collection as Chair of the Brandon College Faculty Library Committee in the 1960s.

King retired in 1986; he was on full-time disability for the last seven years of his appointment due to complications arising from multiple sclerosis. In 1988, the University conferred on him "Emeritus" status.

Ralph F.B. King died June 3, 2002.

MICHAEL BLANAR (1972 - December 31, 1980)

Michael Blonar was born on April 26, 1933, in Montreal, Quebec. He graduated from Loyola College (Universite de Montreal) with his B.A. in 1954, and from the Universite de Montreal with his M.A. in 1956. From 1955-1960, except for 1958-1959 when he was registered as a post-graduate external Ph.D. student at University College, University of London, Blonar taught at Loyola High School in Montreal. In 1960, he graduate from the University de Montreal with his Ph.D.

From 1960-1970, Blonar taught English at Loyola College and directed the Freshman English Program there. For the two years before he came to Brandon University, he was on a leave of absence from Loyola College at Mount Saint Vincent University (Halifax), where he held the position of visiting associate professor in the English Department. In 1972, Blonar accepted the position of Dean of Arts at Brandon University. He held that post until 1981, while teaching part-time; in 1981, he resumed teaching full-time in the English Department, and continued to do so up until his retirement on September 1, 1993.

As a member of the English Department, Blonar developed and taught Written Expression, in addition to teaching other courses. He also acted as: a member of Senate (1981-1988): a

Brandon's teaching staff. Blonar was also asked to be a member of Senate (1981-1989), a member of the Senate Executive Committee; Chairman of the Scholarship Committee; Chairman of the Curriculum and Academic Standards Committee; Chairman of the Brandon University Act Committee; Chair, Tenure Committee; Chair, Promotions Appeal Committee; Chair, Search Committee for Director of Extension; and Chairman, Graduate Studies Committee (Arts Faculty Council). Blonar was also the Senior University Officer of Inter-Universities North for a number of years during the 1980s.

As Dean of Arts, he performed the usual academic administrative responsibilities, and due to the fact that there was no Vice-President (Academic and Research) at the time, he also represented the University at negotiations with the Universities Grants Commission on Inter-Universities North, on the Inter-University Admission Committee. During his tenure as Dean, Blonar also oversaw the establishment of the Department of Native Studies, the consolidation of the language areas at the University into the Department of Classical and Modern Languages, and the introduction of a Business Minor into the Economics Department.

In addition to his work at the University, Blonar was also a representative on the Articulation Council for Secondary and Post-Secondary Education for the Province of Manitoba (1982-1986), a member of the Board of Directors and the Brandon representative for the Churchill Northern Studies Centre (CNSC), and an elected member of the Board of Directors of the Manitoba Opera Association.

Michael Blonar had three children with his first wife. In 1985, he married Shirley Lyon. Shirley Lyon passed away on March 1st, 2012. Michael Blonar lived in Winnipeg until his death on April 23, 2019.

P.J.C. HORDERN (January 1, 1981 - June 30, 1993)

Peter John Calveley Horder was born in England on February 5, 1935. He was awarded a State Scholarship to Cambridge University (Latin, History, English) in 1953, and in 1959, completed his B.A. Theological Tripos Part 1 and 2 at that same institution. In 1961, he passed his General Ordination Exam at Lincoln Theological College and in 1961, received his Diploma in Ecumenical Theology from the University of Geneva, Switzerland. Horder obtained his M.A. from Cambridge in 1964, and his Ph.D. in Religious Studies from McMaster University in 1972.

In the late 1960s, Horder was a sessional lecturer in Hebrew at the University of Saskatchewan and a Professor of the Old Testament at the College of Emmanuel and St. Chad. In 1971, he took a position as a Lecturer in the Religion Department at Brandon University. From 1975-1978, he acted as the Chair for the department, and in 1980, he became the Co-ordinator for the Mature Student Centre. In 1981, he became the Dean of Arts; Horder held this position until July 1993.

During his career at Brandon University, Horder served the school in a number of additional capacities, including: Chairman of the Student Recruitment Committee, Chairman of the Arts Faculty Council Library Committee, a member of the Executive of the Brandon University Faculty Association, Vice-Chairman of the Arts Faculty Council, Vice-Chairman of the General Faculty Council and Vice-Chairman of the University Senate. In addition, Horder was also a member of the Executive of the Canadian Society for the Study of Religion, Vice-Chairman (1976) and Co-Chairman (1978) of the Programme Committee for the Annual Conference of the Canadian Society for the Study of Religion, and Chairman of the Manitoba Police Commission. One of his prime research interests was the Epic of Gilgamesh.

Peter John C. Horder retired from Brandon University in 2005 and on January 26, 2006 he was designated the title of Dean Emeritus. He continues to live in Brandon.

R.E. FLORIDA (July 1, 1993 - December 31, 1999)

Robert Florida was born on September 16, 1939 in St. Louis, MO to Edwin Lowe Florida and Eleanor Camille (nee Greene). He completed his Mech. Eng. degree at the University of Cincinnati in 1962, his Bachelor of Divinity at Tufts University in 1965, his M.A. at McMaster University in 1969 and his Ph.D. at McMaster in 1973.

He joined the Department of Religion at Brandon University in 1969 and retired at the end of 1999. While at Brandon University, Florida served as Dean of Arts from 1993-2000, as Chair of the Religion Department (1974-1975, 1978-1982, 1984-1986, 1991) and as President of the Brandon University Faculty Association (1972-1974, 1979-1980). His research interests focused on Buddhist ethical theory and practice.

During his career, Florida also acted as the Treasurer of the Canadian Society for the Study of Religion from 1980-1986, and as Treasurer of the Canadian Corporation for the Study of Religion from 1986-1989. From July 1989-June 1991, he was an Associate Professor, and member of the Department of Theology and Religion at the University of Swaziland, Kwaluseni, Swaziland (CIDA Project) helping that institution revise its curriculum. In the Spring of 1989, Florida was a Professor for the University of Pittsburgh's Semester at Sea, and from January-June 1992 and January-June 1993, he was a Visiting Professor at Mahidol University, Salaya (Bangkok), Thailand.

Robert Florida married his wife Janice in 1963, and together they had two children: Aisha and Michael. At present (January 2006), Florida and his wife live in Victoria, B.C.

C. SCOTT GRILLS (August 2000 - June 30, 2007)

Scott Grills was born on December 31, 1963 in Peterborough, Ontario. He obtained his B.A. (Hons.- sociology) from Wilfrid Laurier University in 1984, his M.A. from the University of Waterloo in 1985 and his Ph.D. (sociology) from McMaster University in 1989.

Prior to becoming the Dean of Arts and Graduate Studies at Brandon University in August 2000, Grills served as the President of the Confederation of Alberta Faculty Associations, and taught in the sociology department at Augustana University College from 1989-2000. In his time at Brandon University, Grills has also served on the Brandon University Research Committee, as Chair of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, as the Brandon University representative of the Humanities and Social Sciences Federation of Canada and as a member of the Province of Manitoba's Working Group on Socio-Economic Status and Tuition Policy.

Scott Grills assumed the position of Vice-President (Academic & Research) on July 1, 2007.

REINHOLD KRAMER - Acting (January 1, 2007 - December 31, 2007)

No biographical information yet.

STEVEN ROBINSON - Acting (January 1, 2008 - July 30, 2009)

Steve Robinson obtained his M.A. and Ph.D. in Philosophy from the University of Guelph. He also studied Classics at Queen's University. He came to Brandon University in 1996 as a member of the Philosophy Department.

G. BRUCE STRANG (August 1, 2009 - December 31, 2014)

Bruce Strang obtained his Ph.D. in History and an M.A. in History from McMaster University and a B.A. (Honours) from the University of Winnipeg. He came to Brandon University from Lakehead University, where he was a member of the history department. At Lakehead, Strang had also served as Acting Dean of Social Sciences & Humanities and Chair of the

Department of History. After stepping down as Dean of Arts, Strang returned to teaching in the history and business administration departments at Brandon University.

DEMETRIOUS TRYPHONOPOULOS (January 1, 2015 - July 1, 2019)

No biographical information yet.

LISA ROBSON - Acting (June 1, 2019 - 2020)

Custodial History:

Accession 17-2000 was donated to the McKee Archives by Dr. Robert Florida, Dean of Arts. Accession 24-2000 was donated to the McKee Archives by the Dean's Office in October 1999. Accession 03-2005 was donated to the McKee Archives by the Dean's Office in June 2005. Accession 04-2005 was transferred to the Archives from the Dean of Arts Office in February 2005.

Scope and Content:

Sub sub series consists of a number of accessions.

Accession 17-2000, consists of personnel records of faculty members who have left Brandon University or who have left the employment of the University through retirement or death. In addition, the records of the Northern Manitoba Business Institute, which was operated as a feature of the Faculty of Arts, are included. This accession contains 36 cm of textual records and covers the years 1967-1986.

Accession 24-2000, consists of personnel files for the following members of the Faculty of Arts: C. Acosta-Gonzalez, M. Abou, J. Barletta, M. Bartosova, R. Bazillion (University Librarian), M. Blamar, H. Burmeister, D. Campbell, J. Chyzk, L. Clark, F. Ezeala-Harrison, L. Hallat, K. Hanly, S. Hunter-Harvey (Vice-President Academic and Research), B. Jukpor, L. Kaufman, I. Makus, J. Rastel, M. Ruml, K. Saunders, J. Skinner, Z. Yiheyis. In addition, the accession also includes miscellaneous records dealing with the Northern Manitoba Business Institute, the Brandon University Foundation, Attrition, and Remunerations of instructional staff. This accession contains 30 cm of textual records and covers the years 1962-1995.

Accession 3-2005, consists of personnel files for Dennis Anderson, William DeHaney, Trevor Denton, Robert Florida and Trevor McNeely. Files include curriculum vitae, correspondence, sabbatical applications, notes, paperwork related to courses and certificates. This accession contains 17 cm of textual records and covers the years 1977-2004.

Accession 4-2005, consists of Dr. Robert Brockway's personnel file. The file contains correspondence and copies of articles written by Brockway. The file consists of 5 cm of textual records and covers the years 1966-1999 (predominantly 1972-1985).

Notes: History/Bio information for Scott Grills was taken from the Dean of Arts page of the Faculty of Arts webpage at <http://www.brandonu.ca/academic/arts/Dean's%20Office/dean's%20message.html> (December 2005). History/Bio information for Steve Robinson was taken from the Fall/Winter 2008 Alumni News.

Accruals: Further accruals expected.

Access Restriction: Personnel records are closed.

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Faculty of Education publications

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions164>

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

Description Level: Sub sub series

Series Number: 7.3.3

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1959-1979, c. 2010

Physical Description: 6 cm

Scope and Content:

Sub sub series consists of items published by the Faculty of Education or written by members of the Faculty of Education, including: Faculty of Education Student's Directory: October 15, 1976, November 27, 1979; Wednesday Newsletter: September 20, 1967 – November 29, 1967, December 6, 1967 – March 27, 1968, April 3, 1968 – November 20, 1968, November 27, 1969 – April 2, 1969; Teacher-Training Programme General Information Academic Season 1959-1960; Teacher-Training Programme General Information Academic Season 1960-1961; BUNTEP Newsletter – volume 1, no. 2 and volume 1, no. 3; and a pamphlet on the Bachelor of Physical Education Studies (three year degree).

Storage Location: RG 6 Brandon University fonds
Series 7: Faculties and Schools
7.3 Faculty of Education



Faculty of Science publications

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions10240>

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

Description Level: Sub sub series

Series Number: 7.2.3

GMD: textual records

Date Range: c. 2010

History /

Biographical:

This sub sub series is artificially created.

Scope and Content:

Sub sub series consists of publications created by the Faculty of Science or written by Faculty of Science employees. Includes: pamphlet on the Applied Disaster & Emergency Studies (ADES) program.

Storage Location: RG 6 Brandon University fonds
Series 7: Faculties and Schools



George Thorman Bachelor of Arts diploma

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions10249>

Part Of: BUPC 11 Documents, diplomas and certificates

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 11

Item Number: 11.17

GMD: textual records

Physical Description: 56 cm x 43 cm

History /

Biographical:

See MG 2 Brandon College Students, 2.15 George Thorman for biographical information.

Scope and Content:

Item is George Thorman's Bachelor of Arts degree (1934) from Brandon College (McMaster University).

Language Note: Diploma is in Latin, although liberties have been taken with the language, particularly in the case of names.

Storage Range: Oversized drawer 2



Stanley Knowles Bachelor of Arts diploma

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions10250>

Part Of: BUPC 11 Documents, diplomas and certificates

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 11

Item Number: 11.18

GMD: textual records

Physical Description: 56 cm x 43 cm

History /

Biographical:

See RG 6, Series 1 (Office of the Chancellor) for biographical information.

Custodial History:

Presented to Brandon University by Stanley Knowles on May 3, 1980.

Scope and Content:

Item is Stanley Knowles' Bachelor of Arts degree (1930) from Brandon College (McMaster University).

Language Note: Diploma is in Latin, although liberties have been taken with the language, particularly in the case of names.

Storage Range: Oversized drawer 2



Leta Marian Fry Bachelor of Arts diploma

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions7945>

Part Of: BUPC 11 Documents, diplomas and certificates

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 11

Item Number: 11.4

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1927

History /

Biographical:

Biographical information available in the 1927 Quill commencement issue.

Scope and Content:

Item is Leta Marian Fry's Bachelor of Arts degree (1927) from Brandon College (McMaster University).

Notes: Signed by Harris Lachlan MacNeill and Howard Whidden.

Language Note: Diploma is in Latin, although liberties have been taken with the language, particularly in the case of names.

Storage Range: Oversized drawer 2



Eva Mabel Gibson Bachelor of Arts diploma

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions7973>

Part Of: BUPC 11 Documents, diplomas and certificates

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 11

Item Number: 11.5

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1923

Physical Description: 56 cm x 43 cm

History /

Biographical:

Biographical information available in the 1923 Quill commencement issue.

Scope and Content:

Item is Eva Mabel Gibson's Bachelor of Arts degree (1923) from Brandon College (McMaster University).

Language Note: Diploma is in Latin, although liberties have been taken with the language, particularly in the case of names.

Storage Range: Oversized drawer 2



Agnes Jean Mills Bachelor of Arts diploma

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions7974>

Part Of: BUPC 11 Documents, diplomas and certificates

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 11

Item Number: 11.6

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1938

Physical Description: 56 cm x 43 cm

History /

Biographical:

Biographical information available in the 1938 Sickle.

Scope and Content:

Item is Agnes Jean Mills' Bachelor of Arts degree (1938) from Brandon College (McMaster University).

Language Note: Diploma is in Latin, although liberties have been taken with the language, particularly in the case of names.

Storage Range: Oversized drawer 2



Duncan Alexander MacGibbon Bachelor of Arts diploma

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions7976>

Part Of: BUPC 11 Documents, diplomas and certificates

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 11

Item Number: 11.8

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1908

Physical Description: 60 cm x 45 cm

Material Details: Vellum?

Physical Condition: Water damage and spotting

History /

Biographical:

Duncan Alexander MacGibbon, economist, was born in Lochaber Bay, Quebec, on 12 March 1882. He was educated at McMaster University and then went to Brandon College, Manitoba, to teach. He left Brandon to enrol at the University of Chicago where he received his Ph.D. in economics in 1915. He began to teach at McMaster University but his teaching career was halted by World War I. After the war he joined the University of Alberta as professor and head of the Department of Political Economy. He served as Commissioner for the Alberta Government on banking and credit with respect to the industry of agriculture in 1922. He was a member of the Royal Grain Inquiry Commission, Canada, 1923-1924. He left the University of Alberta in 1929 to become a member of the Canadian Board of Grain Commissioners, a post he held until his retirement in 1949. In 1930 he was attached to the Canadian delegation to Imperial Conference, London; in 1932 he served the same role at the imperial Economic Conference in Ottawa in 1932. After his retirement, he returned to McMaster University to teach part-time. Among his many writings, MacGibbon published two definitive books on the grain trade: *The Canadian Grain Trade* (1932) and *The Canadian Grain Trade, 1931-1951* (1952). He died in Hamilton, Ont. on 10 October 1969.

Scope and Content:

Item is Duncan Alexander MacGibbon's Bachelor of Arts degree (1908) from McMaster University.

Notes: History/Bio information taken from the Duncan Alexander MacGibbon fonds (McMaster University Archives.)

Language Note: Diploma is in Latin, although liberties have been taken with the language, particularly in the case of names.

Storage Range: Oversized drawer 2

Related Material: Duncan Alexander MacGibbon fonds (McMaster University Archives)



Paul DeArmande Bugg Bachelor of Arts diploma

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions7977>

Part Of: BUPC 11 Documents, diplomas and certificates

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 11

Item Number: 11.9

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1933

Physical Description: 56 cm x 43 cm

History /

Biographical:

Biographical information is available in the 1932 Sickle. (The Sickle says Bugg graduated in 1932, but the diploma is dated 1933).

Scope and Content:

Item is Paul DeArmonde Bugg's Bachelor of Arts degree (1933) from Brandon College (McMaster University).

Language Note: Diploma is in Latin, although liberties have been taken with the language, particularly in the case of names.

Storage Range: Oversized drawer 2