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Summary information

Repository: Concordia University Records Management and Archives

Title: Centre for Human Relations and Community Studies fonds

ID: I125

Date: 1963 - 2008 (date of creation)

Physical description: 2.7 m of textual records
382 photographs (239 prints, 116 slides, 14 negatives strips, 13 contact sheets): b&w and col.
3 videocassettes

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**Dates of creation,
revision and deletion:**

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

The Centre for Human Relations and Community Studies was created in 1963, simultaneously with the Department of Applied Social Science of Sir George Williams University under the vision and guidance of Principal Robert C. Rae and Dr. Hedley G. Dimock, who became the first Director of the Centre and Chairman of the department. He was later joined by Richard D. McDonald in 1965 who became the Centre Director after Dr. Dimock's retirement in 1980.

Both the Centre and Applied Social Science grew directly out of Sir George Williams University's roots in the community, specifically through the YMCA of Montreal. As the YMCA developed, Sir George Williams adapted to meet the needs for professional development and its workers and community members. In the 1940's, courses were offered in counselling, group work, organization development, and supervision as part of a B.A. in Association Science which fulfilled the academic requirements for becoming a certified YMCA secretary. In 1963, these courses were used as the basis for creating a program and department of Applied Social Science.

Since its inception, the Centre has provided consultation and training services to hundreds of organizations, community groups and agencies, delivered hundreds of workshops open to the public, developed Canada's most established Human Relations Training Development Program, and created learning opportunities to students through internships and student placements. The Centre has also been instrumental in developing curriculum and academic programs such as the Family Life Education and Community Service certificates, as well as the MA program in Human Systems Intervention.

In 1994, the R.D. McDonald endowment fund was established to insure the financial viability of the Centre.

Scope and content

The fonds provides information on the administrative evolution and structure of the Centre and its main functions: consultation, training and research activities, mainly between 1970 and 2006.

The fonds includes administrative documents such as minutes, annual reports and correspondence as well as workshop documentation and evaluations, internal publications and promotional material.

Notes

Title notes

Immediate source of acquisition

The documents were transferred to the Concordia University Records Management and Archives by the Centre for Human Relations and Community Studies in 2012. A few files had been deposited by Prof. J. P. Zweig (Psychology) in November 1979.

Restrictions on access

Access to some documents is restricted.

Finding aids

Box listings available

Accruals

Further accruals are expected

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published