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## Finding Aid - Department of English fonds (I086)

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# Department of English fonds

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## Summary information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Concordia University Records Management and Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Department of English fonds
<b>ID:</b>	I086
<b>Date:</b>	1939-2005, predominant 1971-2005 (date of creation)
<b>Physical description:</b>	0.95 m of textual records 80 audio reels (67 hrs. 20 min.)
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Dates of creation, revision and deletion:</b>	

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

The Department of English of Concordia University has its origins in the respective departments of English of the University's two founding institutions: Loyola College and Sir George Williams University (SGWU). A formal Department of English was established at the beginning of the 1960s in the two institutions. The administration and faculty of both departments were joined together in 1977 in the wake of the Loyola College and Sir George Williams University merger in 1974.

Between 1966 and 1972 members of the Sir George Williams University (SGWU) Department of English hosted a series of poetry readings that was conceived as an on-going encounter between local (Montreal) poets and some writers from the United States and the rest of Canada. Sponsored by The Poetry Committee of the SGWU Faculty of Arts and the Department of English, these readings involved more than sixty poets from across North America. The series was the creation of three SGWU professors: Howard Fink and Stanton Hoffman from the Department of English and Roy Kiyooka from the Department of Fine Arts.

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## Scope and content

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The fonds consists of some administrative records of the SGWU Department of English and the Concordia Department of English between 1971 and 2005. It also consists of some SGWU Department of English records related to student academic activities in the 1940s and to public readings and lectures, and a few interviews, produced between 1966 and 1972.

The fonds mainly includes minutes of departmental meetings and some course timetables. It also includes some student papers in bound volumes and 63 sound recordings (80 audio reels) mainly composed of

poetry readings (see the Concordia SpokenWeb project which uses this material) but also a few lectures given at SGWU. There are also loose typed sheets describing some of the SGWU poetry readings.

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## Notes

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### Title notes

### Immediate source of acquisition

The Concordia University Webster Library transferred to the Archives the bound volumes of student papers in 1994 and 2003. The other materials were transferred to the Archives by the Department of English, in 2003, 2013, and 2016

### Restrictions on access

There are no restrictions on access.

### Finding aids

Box listings of textual records are available. For moving images and sound recordings, see the AV Document Database (I0086).

### Accruals

Further accruals are expected.

### Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
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## Access points

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- Textual record (documentary form)
- Sound recording (documentary form)