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## **Biographical sketch:**

Alan Miller Thomas was born 26 June 1928 in Toronto. After attending preparatory and secondary school at Upper Canada College, Thomas studied English and Philosophy at the University of Toronto and briefly worked in Canadian publishing (as educational representative for Copp Clark Publishing and managing editor of *Canadian Life*) before pursuing a Masters and PhD in Education at Columbia University. Of his career, Thomas has remarked, "I had no idea what I should become. I fell into Adult Education as a vocation and as a cause. I never looked back. The study of learning as a culture came naturally." Thomas is the founder and past President of the Carold Institute and has been a professor of adult education at OISE for over thirty years. He was a contributing editor to foundational textbooks on adult education, including "Learning for Life", and has held executive and board positions with the Canadian Association for Adult Education and the Canadian Commission for UNESCO. Dr. Thomas is perhaps best known for his role in developing Prior Learning Assessment Recognition (PLAR) in the community college system - whereby individuals can have life experience and non-institutional learning acknowledged within formal educational settings. On his vocation as an advocate of education, Thomas remarked in 2002, "What seemed to me to be the constant was *learning* itself. For me, then and since, Learning was to Education, adult or child-centred, as physics was to engineering. The more fundamental element. I had begun the voyage, that resulted 30 years later in my book, "Beyond Education" to free Learning from the grip of psychologists, and to explore what has become, the culture of learning."

He received the Order of Canada in 1982. He was also involved in the National Advisory Council of Voluntary Action and was chairman of the televised project "People Talking Back."

## **Alan M. Thomas biographical timeline**

- 26 June 1928 Alan Miller Thomas born in Toronto, ON
- 1933-1936 John Ross Robertson Public School
- 1937 Forest Hill Public School
- 1938-1939 Upper Canada College (prep)
- 1940-1945 Upper Canada College (secondary)
- 1949 B.A. (English and Philosophy), University of Toronto
- 1949-1951 Educational Representative, Copp Clark Publishing Company

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- 1949-1951 Managing Editor, *Canadian Life*
- 1953-1955 Assistant to the Director, Canadian Association for Adult Education
- 1954 M.A. (History of Education), Columbia University
- 1954 Education Director (Shipboard), Council on Student Travel, New York
- 1955 Instructor, Teachers' College, Columbia University, Foundations of Education
- 1955 Ford Foundation Fellowship in Adult Education
- 1956-1961 Assistant Professor, College of Education, UBC  
Supervisor of Communications Studies and General Administration,  
Department of Extension, UBC
- 1961 Associate Executive Director, Canadian Association for Adult Education
- 1961-1969 Executive Director, Canadian Association for Adult Education
- 1964 PhD (Social Psychology), Columbia University 1964
- 1967-1968 Commonwealth Foundation Fellowship for Travel and Teaching in East Africa
- 1969 Honourary Life Membership, Canadian Association for Adult Education
- 1971-1972 Chair of Department of Adult Education, OISE (part-time)
- 1972-1979 Chair of Department of Adult Education, OISE
- 1973-1982 Board of Directors, Canadian Association for Adult Education
- 1973 – 1993 Professor of Adult Education (OISE)
- 1976 Silver Jubilee Medal for Voluntary Service
- 1979-1980 Visiting Fellow, Australian National University, Centre for Continuing Education, Canberra, Australia
- 1980 – 1982 Participant at Large, Canadian Commission for UNESCO
- 1982 Received Order of Canada

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- 1982 Chairman, Feasibility Committee, McLuhan-Teleglobe Canada Prize
- 1982 Kellogg Fellow, International Council for Adult Education
- 1982-1988 Joint Council on Education, OISE and University of Toronto
- 1983 – 1987 Editorial Board, *Journal of Canadian Association for University Continuing Education* (Saskatoon, SK)
- 1983-1985 Director, First Global Learning Symposium, OISE, United Nations University, Canadian International Development Agency, Toronto, ON, April 28-May 1, 1985
- 1985-1987 President, Leadership in Learning Options for Older People (LLOOP)
- 1984-1988 Executive Committee, Canadian Commission for UNESCO
- 1985 Instructor in Adult Education, Summer School, UBC
- 1985-1986 Chairman, Advisory Committee: Project Report, For Adults Only, Ministry of Colleges and Universities, Toronto, ON
- 1986-1987 Task Force on the Impact of The Educational Amendment Act (1986) on School Board Adult Education in Ontario, Ontario Association for Adult Education
- 1986-1990 Associate Managing Editor, *Canadian Journal for the study of adult education / la Revue canadienne pour l'étude de l'éducation des adultes*
- 1987 Honourary Diploma, Humber College of Applied Arts and Technology
- 1987- 1992 Editorial Board, *International Journal of Life Long Education* (London, England)
- 1988- 1992 Executive Committee and Board of Directors, Ontario Association for Continuing Education
- 1988-1990 Consultant, National Task Force on Diabetes Education, Health and Welfare, Canada
- 1988-1990 Consultant, IDRC, North-South Project, Gemini Awards Project
- 1989 Editorial Board, *International Journal of Lifelong Education* (UK)

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- 1989 Editorial Board, *Studies in Continuing Education* (Australia)
- 1990 Travelling Scholarship, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science
- 1991 Centennial Medal for Contribution to Canada
- 1991 Participant, Canadian Diabetic Association, Board of Certification Program for Diabetic Education
- 1991- 1992 Executive Vice-President and Secretary Treasurer, The Carold Institute for the Study of Voluntary Action and Organizations in Canada
- 1991-1992 Managing Editor, *Canadian Journal for the Study of Adult Education / la Revue canadienne pour l'étude de l'éducation des adultes*
- 1991-1994 Participant Committee for the Development of Prior Learning Assessment, Council of Regents of Colleges and Applied Arts and Technology
- 1992-1994 Participant, Review and Project Direction Committee, Thai-Canada Linkage Project, CIDA
- 1992-1993 Participant, Advisory Committee on Prior Learning Assessment, Council of Regents, Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology of Ontario
- 1992-1993 Participant, Provostial Committee for the Review of Continuing Education, University of Toronto
- 1993 Journal Award, *Canadian Journal of University Continuing Education* for "The Utilization of Prior Learning Assessment in Canada"
- 1993-1994 Member, Life Long Learning Sub-Commission, Advisory Council to Premier of Ontario on Economic Renewal
- 1993-1994 Participant, Premier's Council on Economic Renewal, *Improving Service to the Learner as Customer* Working Group
- 1993-1994 Participant, Board of the Centre for Christian Studies, Toronto, ON
- 1993-1994 Consultant, Committee to Review Regional Colleges, Province of Saskatchewan
- 1993-1994 Selection Committee, CIDA Linkage Program, Canada-Thailand

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- 1993-1995 Editorial Board, *Canadian Journal for the Study of Adult Education / la Revue canadienne pour l'étude de l'éducation des adultes*
- 1993-1995 Participant, Steering Committee, WETV, Global Access Television Service Research and Development Project, IDRC.
- 1994 Member Emeritus, Canadian Association for the Study of Adult Education
- 1995 Advisory Task Force on Prior Learning Assessment, Council of Ontario Universities
- 1996-2001 Board Member (Vice-Chair – Programs) Elderhostel, Canada: New Routes to Learning, Canada)
- 1998-2005 President & Secretary-Treasurer, The Carold Institute for The Study of Voluntary Action and Organizations, Canada
- 1999- 2005 Board Member, The Toronto Adult Students Association

### **Scope and Contents:**

Fonds consists of research notes, draft articles, published articles, reports, budgets and correspondence created and accumulated by Alan Thomas in the course of his activities as a student, scholar and professor of adult education and an advocate for adult education. He was a contributing editor to foundational textbooks on adult education, including “Learning for Life,” and has held executive and board positions with the Canadian Association for Adult Education and the Canadian Commission for UNESCO. Dr. Thomas is perhaps best known for his role in developing Prior Learning Assessment Recognition (PLAR) in the community college system – whereby individuals can have life experience and non-institutional learning acknowledged and accredited within formal educational settings.

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**Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition**

<b>Box (file) item</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date</b>
/001 (01)	PLAR, consists of lecture overheads and reports regarding PLAR (Prior Learning Assessment & Recognition)	2001 – 2003
/001 (02)	CAPLA Workshop and AGM Material, consists of conference package material and notes by Thomas	2005
/001 (03)	“I Might be Overqualified:” Personal Perspectives and National Survey Findings on Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition in Canada by D.W. Livingstone Douglas Myers	2006[?]
/001 (04)	Prior Learning Assessment “Values” Statements [sic] ed. Alan Thomas, and Monica Collins	Nov. 1999
/001 (05)	Publications and Resources on Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR): Compiled for the Research Network for New Approaches to Lifelong Learning (NALL) by Sue Vanstone, Alan Thomas, and Monica Collins	Nov. 1999
/001 (06)	Project Portfolio PLA Centre, consists of correspondence, reports, and research material	2005 – 2006
/001 (07)	Thomas’ Curriculum Vitae	1994 – 1995
/001 (08)	Portfolio Curriculum Vitae, consists of biographical information, reports, and resumes of Thomas	2005
/001 (09)	PLA Portfolio Development Course	20 March 2005[?]
/001 (10)	The Challenge of Prior Learning Assessment To Universities in Ontario: an aide memoire from The Council of Ontario Universities, Toronto, April 1998, and membership list	April 1998
/001 (11)	Developing benchmarks for prior learning assessment and recognition – reports and guidelines	2000
/002 (01)	Reports regarding PLAR	2003
/002 (02)	A Slice of the Iceberg: cross-Canada study of prior learning assessment and recognition with notes	1999 – 2003
/002 (03)	Dimensions of the experience of prior learning assessment & recognition by Alan Thomas, Monica Collins, and Lynette Plett	2001
/002 (04)	State of the field review: Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition by Dr. Christine Wihak	10 Dec. 2005



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<b>Box (file) item</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date</b>
/002 (05)	Prior learning assessment and recognition (PLAR): implementation in Ontario secondary schools policy memorandum	July 2001
/002 (06)	Recognizing the prior learning (RPL) of immigrants to Canada: moving towards consistency and excellence	June 2006
/002 (07)	Quality Assurance in Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition. A Partnership of the Canadian Institute for Recognizing Learning, Ryerson University, Saskatchewan Institute for Applied Science and Technology, University of New Brunswick. Submitted to the Canadian Council on Learning	2 June 2006
/002 (08)	Ye are not Men! Ye Are Gods The Student: A Natural History by Alan Thomas	21 June 2009

### **Routes to learning Canada**

<b>Box (file) item</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date</b>
/003 (01)	Routes to learning Canada: tapestry of Cuba's architectural heritage by Alan Thomas, consists of notes, conference reports and material collected by Thomas during a trip to Cuba	2006
/003 (02)	Routes to Learning Canada material, consists of promotional material, meeting notices and notes	2000 – 2001
/003 (03)	Routes to Learning Canada: board of directors' meeting (Halifax, NS)	18 – 19 May 2002
/003 (04)	Routes to Learning Canada: board of directors' meeting (Toronto, ON)	21 – 22 Nov. 2002
/003 (05)	Routes to Learning Canada: board of directors' meeting (Kingston, ON)	2 – 3 Nov. 2002
/003 (06)	RTL Correspondence consists of correspondence, draft budgets, legal documents and other material exchanged between Thomas and members of Routes to Learning Canada	2002 – 2003

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**Papers, Reports, Articles:**

<b>Box (file) item</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date</b>
/004 (01)	The Utilization of prior learning assessment as a basis for admission and the establishment of advanced standing in education in Canada by Alan Thomas	1989
/004 (02)	Learning in society = L'apprentissage dans la societe by Alan Thomas	1983
/004 (03)	Report to the solicitor general of Canada concerning the educational program of the Canadian corrections system phase 2	Feb. 1978 – Feb. 1979
/004 (04)	Summer Institute No.2 1993 Land by Alan Thomas and Gwen Van Shaik [2 copies]	1 June – 21 Oct. 1993
/004 (05)	The new world of lifelong learning by Alan M. Thomas	1996[?]
/004 (06)	Of time and money: presentation to the inaugural conference of the Canadian Centre for Philanthropy November 27-28 1980 by Alan M. Thomas	1980
/004 (07)	Government and Adult Learning: a paper in honour of the fiftieth anniversary of the Canadian Association for Adult Education by Alan M. Thomas	1984
/004 (08)	Studentship and membership: a study of roles in learning by Alan M. Thomas	N.D.
/004 (09)	Skill development leave: stages to universal access by Alan M. Thomas	31 Mar. 1983
/004 (10)	Young is young and old is old and...: notes for a presentation to leadership in learning options for older people by Alan M. Thomas	8 Feb. 1984
/004 (11)	The impact of older students on public secondary schools in Ontario: final report by Alan M. Thomas, and R. Roslyn Klaiman [2 copies]	10 Jan. 1989
/004 (12)	Challenge and change: a report to the Commission on Declining School Enrolments in Ontario by Alan M. Thomas and Sonja Davie	June 1978
/004 (13)	Adult learning about Canada by Alan M. Thomas, Gordon R. Selman, Teresa MacNeil, and Dorothy MacKeracher	31 Aug. 1982
/004 (14)	Dimensions of the experience of prior learning assessment & recognition by Alan Thomas, Monica Collins, and Lynette Plett, consists of article and transparencies	2001

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/004 (15)	Performance assessment of the Thai/Canada Human Resources Development Project, 1992-1998, volume 1, synthesis report by Alan M. Thomas[?]	May 1998
/005 (01)	Introduction to PLA “values” statements by Alan Thomas	30 April 1999
/005 (02)	Wrestling with the iceberg by Alan M. Thomas	1999
/005 (03)	International cultural change to achieve lifelong learning notes for a presentation to Humber College by Alan Thomas	N.D.
/005 (04)	The light and the dark: an idiosyncratic review of academic adult education in Canada by Alan M. Thomas	1991
/005 (05)	The meaning of learning by Alan Thomas	2000
/005 (06)	Predicting people: excerpts from a conversation with participants in the learning assessment network by Alan Thomas, consists of published article and drafts	1999
/005 (07)	Introduction by Alan Thomas[?] consists of introduction to unknown text	200?
/005 (08)	Lifelong learning, voluntary action, and the civil society by Alan M. Thomas	Jan. 2000
/005 (09)	Book review: Alan Thomas’ Adult education, consists of Thomas’ review of J. Schine’s “Service Learning” and R. Rhoads’ “Community Service and Higher Learning: Explorations of the Caring Self”	1997?
/005 (10)	It takes two to tango: defining the century as a discourse between learning and education by Alan Thomas [2 copies]	1999
/005 (11)	Voices of Adult Ed., consists of research material, abstracts and manuscripts of an article by Alan Thomas	2000[?]
/005 (12)	Immigration, adult education and multiculturalism Canada: a case study by Alan M. Thomas and Ruth MacKneson	12 April 1985[?]
/005 (13)	Learning and acting: notes for a speech to the annual meeting of the Ontario Association for Continuing Education (Toronto 1984) by Alan M. Thomas	1984
/005 (14)	Published articles, consists of off-prints of articles and promotional material by Thomas	
/005 (14) 01	Convergences by Alan Thomas [2 copies]	After 1968[?]
/005 (14) 02	The Adult Student by Alan Thomas [2 copies]	After 1968[?]

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/005 (14) 03	Legislation and adult education in Canada: A Comparative Study by Alan Thomas [2 copies]	1989
/005 (14) 04	Higher education as the producer, transmitter, and broker of knowledge as well as of <i>Competence</i> by Attilio Monasta	1997
/005 (14) 05	Advertisement for Alan Thomas' "Beyond Education: a new perspective on society's management of learning"	N.D.
/005 (14) 06	A generation in the wings by Alan M. Thomas	1989
/005 (14) 07	Book review by Peter Jonker of Alan Thomas' "Beyond Education: a new perspective on society's management of learning"	N.D.
/005 (14) 08	Seminar on "Priorities for the CCE" by Alan Thomas, annotated draft.	1979
/005 (14) 09	A white paper on the education of adults in Canada co-authored by Alan Thomas[?]	1966
/005 (15)	Labour Canada's Labour Education Program (LEP) preliminary evaluation: the first two years (1977-78 ; 1978-79) by Alan M. Thomas, David S. Abbey, Peter Finestone, and Isabel Wyles	After 1979[?]
/005 (16)	Learning in organizations four case studies of education in industry: a model of information exchange case study number four Wardair by Alan Thomas, Reg Herman, David Beatty, and Jutta Keylwerth	1980
/005 (17)	The new world of adult learning by Alan M. Thomas	N.D.
/005 (18)	Accidents will happen: an inquiry into the legal liability of teachers and school boards. Fourth publication in the series: the interaction of law and education by Alan M. Thomas	1976
/005 (19)	An evaluation of the Ontario 'equivalent standing for mature students' policy by Alan M. Thomas and Roslyn Klaiman	June 1989
/006 (01)	The utilization of prior learning assessment as a basis for admission and the establishment of advanced standing in education in Canada by Alan M. Thomas	1989
/006 (02)	Labour Canada's Labour Education Program (LEP) progress report by Alan M. Thomas, David S. Abbey, and Dorothy MacKeracher	Sept. 1981
/006 (03)	Learning Itself by Alan Thomas	4 May 2000
/006 (04)	Governing Mobilized Societies by Alan Thomas	26 July 1983

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/006 (05)	Report of visit to East and Central Africa January 1 – May 1, 1968 by Alan M. Thomas	1 Jan. – 1 May 1968
/006 (06)	Labour Canada’s Labour Education Program: second evaluation years three and four (1979-80 & 1980-81) by Alan M. Thomas, David Abbey, and Dorothy MacKeracher	15 Jan. 1982
/006 (07)	L’apprentissage dans la societe – document de travail by Alan M. Thomas	May 1985
/006 (08)	Inside the law: a commentary on Canadian Law Professors by John S. McKennirey, and Alan M. Thomas	1983
/006 (09)	Audience market public: an evaluation of Canadian broadcasting by Alan Thomas consists of article and photograph of Thomas [1 photograph, b&w, 20 x 24.5 cm]	April 1960
/006 (10)	The new adult in the new world by Alan M. Thomas	9 Mar. 1968
/006 (11)	Book review of “Inside the law: a commentary on Canadian Law Professors” by John S. McKennirey and Alan M. Thomas	1983
/006 (12)	American education and the immigrant by Alan M. Thomas, Jr.	1954
/006 (13)	Creating educational environments supportive of health by David N. Wilson, Alan M. Thomas, Joseph P. Farrell, Heather MacLean, and Patricia Tomic	1991
/006 (14)	The liberal education: a re-examination by Alan Thomas [2 copies]	Jan. 1958
/006 (15)	Report on relationship between higher education and police learning requirements by Doug Hart, Joyce Scane, Barbara Burnaby, and Alan Thomas	23 July 1992
/006 (16)	The tolerable contradictions of Prior Learning Assessment by Alan M. Thomas	1995[?]
/006 (17)	The utilization of Prior Learning Assessment in Canada by Alan M. Thomas	1992
/007 (01)	New reflection on a learning society: a response to the report: Continuing Education: the third system published by the Ministry of Education Government of Ontario Toronto, 1981, by Alan M. Thomas, Diana J. Ironside, Davis S. Abbey, James A. Draper, Donal H. Brundage, Ann W. Falles, and J. Roby Kidd	1981
/007 (02)	A memory of Isabel by Alan M. Thomas [2 copies]	1984
/007 (03)	Notes from the Galaxy by Alan Thomas	1988

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/007 (04)	Skill development leave in selected industrial societies: 1970-1980 by Alan M. Thomas	1983
/007 (05)	Setting the scene: chronicle, comedy or tragedy notes for a presentation to The Ontario Association for Continuing Education, (London, Ontario), by Alan M. Thomas	6 Nov. 1992

### Teaching Material:

<b>Box (file) item</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date</b>
/007 (06)	Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) EDU 5583HS	2002
/007 (07)	Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) EDU 5583HS	2003
/007 (08)	Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) EDU 5583HS	2004
/007 (09)	Empowering student learning through Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition EDU 5583HF by Sara McKittrick and Alan Thomas	2005
/007(10)	Butson, consists of correspondence, proposals and thesis drafts by Russell Butson	2002
/007 (11)	Pankhurst, consists of correspondence, proposals and thesis drafts by K.V. Pankhurst	2001
/007 (12)	D.V.A., consists of notes on paper and post-it notes by Thomas	N.D.
/007 (13)	Students, consists of newspaper clippings, draft articles, and notes regarding student, teen culture, and education	N.D.
/008 (01a)	A Concept of the audience: an examination of the work of Harold A. Innis with respect to its application to the development of broadcasting by Alan Miller Thomas. Ph.D. 1964 (Columbia University, Social Psychology)	1964
/008 (01b)	A Concept of the audience: an examination of the work of Harold A. Innis with respect to its application to the development of broadcasting / Alan Miller Thomas. Ph.D. 1964 (Columbia University, Social Psychology)	1964
/008 (02)	Papers	1950 – 1959
/009 (01)	Papers	1960 – 1969
/009 (02)	Papers [1 of 3]	1970 – 1979
/010 (01)	Papers [2 of 3]	1970 – 1979

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/010 (02)	Papers [3 of 3]	1970 – 1979
/011 (01)	Papers [1 of 3]	1980 – 1989
/011 (02)	Papers [2 of 3]	1980 – 1989
/012 (01)	Papers [3 of 3]	1980 – 1989
/012 (02)	Papers	1990 – 1999
/013 (01)	Department of Educational Foundations College of Education University of Saskatchewan Systematic Program Review Report, May 2001, External reviewers: Dr. Rosa Bruno-Jofre, Dr. Jeff Orr, and Dr. Alan Thomas.	May 2001
/013 (02)	1100 Summer 02, consists of notes, handouts, syllabi and student marks for the OISE course 1100: Outline of Adult Education	2000 – 2003
/013 (03)	1138: The Social Foundation of Adult Learning, consists of lecture notes, correspondence and student assignments	1993 – 1996
/013 (04)	Summer course on Knowledge Management, consists of submitted proposals and material by students of a summer course on knowledge management	1998

**Personal Files**

<b>Box (file) item</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date</b>
/013 (05)	Correspondence, consists of correspondence from colleagues, scholars, committee and board members as well as publisher contracts and financial records	1961 – 2005
/013 (06)	Correspondence, consists of correspondence and documents relating to Thomas' nomination of Bertram Edward Curtis to the Order of Canada	2000 – 2001
/013 (07)	Katherine [Thawas?] Correspondence, consists of correspondence from Kathy [Thawas?] and others [brittle papers]	1951 – 1955
/013 (08)	O.T. Correspondence, consists of correspondence from Oliver T. writing from the U.S.A., Singapore, and Italy [delicate paper]	1953 – 1954

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/014 (01)	Order of Canada, consists of pamphlets and publications regarding the Order of Canada as well as one letter of congratulations and a poster of congratulations by students [brittle paper]	1982 – 1987
/014 (02)	Awards and Honours, consists of pamphlets, certificates and other material from the Mechanic's Institute, the Carold Institute, the CAAE [Canadian Association for Adult Learning], PLAR, the Government of Ontario, the Prime Minister, CAUCE [Canadian Association for University Continuing Education], and the Canadian Association for the Study of Adult Education	1970 – 2003
/014 (03)	Photographs, consists of three photographs, col. and b&w, 20 x 25.5 cm and 19 x 16 cm [in matte]	197? – 200?
/014 (04)	Newspaper Clippings, consists of newspaper clippings regarding the work of Thomas	1977 – 2004

**Organizations: Toronto Adult Student Association**

<b>Box (file) item</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date</b>
/014 (05)	TASA, consists of Board of Directors reports, budget documents, meeting minutes and correspondence regarding the Toronto Adult School Association	1999 – 2004
/014 (06)	TASA Board of Directors meeting, consists of pamphlets, board minutes and other material	2002
/014 (07)	TASA, consists of reports, budget documents, board minutes, organization and governance review report for the Toronto Adult School Association, and material from the UNESCO Institute for Education International Adult Learners Week 2004 in Cape Town South Africa	2004 – 2005
/014 (08)	VA – Carold, consists of reports, financial receipts, and guides from the Canadian Centre for Philanthropy and the Carold Institute	1990 – 2005
/014 (09)	Excellence Awards, Carold, consists of draft reports and notes by Thomas regarding the Carold Institute, its board of directors, leadership and programmes	199?
/015 (01)	Terrorism, consists of correspondence, newspaper clippings and newsletters regarding terrorism, the Canadian Civil Liberties Association and the Canadian Centre for Philanthropy	2001 – 2002



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/015 (02)	Letter and report regarding Institute of Adult Education, University College, Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania	1968, 1984
/015 (03)	Reports, appendixes and slides regarding adult learning, School-College-Work Initiative, and New Economy Education	2005[?]
/015 (04)	The Confederation File, consists of a report regarding plant to develop project to educate Canadian citizens regarding confederation and alternative	1977[?]
/015 (05)	WALL/NALL, consists of reports, newspaper clippings and correspondence regarding NALL [the research network for New Approaches to Lifelong Learning] including an address Thomas delivered at the Third Annual Conference [Toronto, 19 Feb. 1999] titled "Wrestling with the Iceberg of Informal Learning"	1986 – 2003
/015 (06)	People Talking Back, consists of reports and pamphlets of People Talking Back a program produced by the Canadian Association for Adult Education and broadcast on CBC television	1979[?]
/015 (07)	College of Optometrists of Ontario Quality Assurance Coaches' Training Session, June 5th & 6th, 1998, Dr. Alan Thomas.	5 – 6 June 1998
/015 (08)	Transit Union, consists of reports and correspondence regarding the testing of coach technicians employed by the TTC and the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 113	July 2003

**Conferences:**

<b>Box (file) item</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date</b>
/015 (09)	OECD (Organization for Economic Co-Operation and Development) Education Committee Review of Educational Policy in Finland, Paris, France [2 copies]	1981 – 1982
/015 (10)	ESVA '92 Rozelin, consists of reports, articles, programmes and other material regarding the 1992 European Symposium on Voluntary Associations, held 1 – 7 Sept. in Warsaw, Poland	1 – 7 Sept. 1992

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/015 (11)	Nunavut Project, consists of a certificate of appreciation, reports, notes, and conference material from the Nunavut Conversation: Confirming Ourselves for the New Millennium conference held in Iqaluit, Nunavut and thirty-five photographs, col., 10 x 15 cm of community buildings, landscapes, and local sculpture	23 – 25 July 2000
/016 (01)	Thai Canadian HRD Project, Bangkok, Thailand	24 – 26 Feb. 1998
/016 (02)	Canadian Association for the Study of Adult Education (CASAE), York University, Toronto, Ontario	May 2006
/016 (03)	The Education of Adults and the Future Learning our Way Out by Alan Thomas	After 1995
/016 (04)	Learning Occasions Principia Mathematica V by Alan Thomas	After 1982
/016 (05)	Curriculum Vitae	20 Oct. 1995

**Manuscript drafts for *Beyond Education* and other publications:**

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/016 (06)	Beyond Education: intermediate version, p. 1-214 [annotated with post-it notes]	N.D.
/016 (07)	Beyond Education: intermediate version, p. 215-304 [annotated with post-it notes]	N.D.
/017 (01)	Beyond Education, 245 p. manuscript	After 1990[?]
/017 (02)	Beyond Education, 216 p. manuscript with copy of article “Legislation and Adult Education in Canada: A Comparative Study,” International Journal of Lifelong Education 8:2 [April – June 1989]: 103 - 125	After 1990[?]
/017 (03)	File of publications	
/017 (03) 01	National Training - New Style by Alan M. Thomas	N.D.
/017 (03) 02	Position Paper - Information Services, Guidance, and Counseling in Continuing Education, O.E.C.D. by Alan M. Thomas	May 1974
/017 (03) 03	A Summary and Critique of Various Reports on Post-Secondary Education in Canada, 1969 - 1973 by Alan Thomas	After 1973[?]
/017 (03) 04	Transcript of Interview with Thomas, publication and interviewer unknown	N.D.
/017 (03) 05	Computers and Human Relationships by Alan Thomas	N.D.

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/017 (03) 06	Cat let out of the bag by Alan Thomas	1981
/017 (03) 07	Adult Education for Participation by Alan Thomas	N.D.
/017 (03) 08	Education: Reformation and Renewal in the "80s"? by Alan Thomas	March 1981
/017 (03) 09	Bridging the Gap in Both Directions by Alan Thomas	1989
/017 (03) 10	About Learning About Canada by Alan M. Thomas, Gordon R. Selman, Teresa MacNeil, and Dorothy MacKeracher	31 Aug. 1982
/017 (03) 11	Education and Working Canadians – Revised: A paper to the Orientatio Conference for the National Educational Leave Study, 14-15 October 1982 (Ottawa, Ontario ), Alan M. Thomas	14 – 15 Oct. 1982
/017 (03) 12	Learning and Time by Alan M. Thomas	1982[?]
/017 (03) 13	Adult Learning: Research and Practice by Huey E. Long. [book review by Alan M. Thomas]	1983[?]
/017 (03) 14	I Learn, Therefore I Am : Notes for a Presentation to NEWTHINK '84: A Mega Conference On the Education of Adults, Vancouver, B.C., May 24, 1984, Alan M. Thomas.	24 May 1984
/017 (03) 15	From Patient To Client Lecture to The Canadian Diabetes Association (Vancouver, BC) by Alan M. Thomas	N.D.
/017 (03) 16	An Aide-Memoire for Marshall McLuhan by Alan M. Thomas	2 Dec. 1986
/017 (03) 17	Lifelong Learning: An Appreciation by Alan M. Thomas	1987
/017 (03) 18	Power, Politics and Policy Analysis by Alan M. Thomas	1989[?]
/017 (03) 19	Adult Education As Vocation: Michael Collins 1991 [book review by Alan Thomas]	1991
/017 (03) 20	Lifelong Education for Adults: an international handbook, C.J. Titmus, ed. [book review by Alan Thomas]	1989
/017 (03) 21	Adult Education Research in Canada: A Personal Perspective by Alan M. Thomas	1995
/017 (03) 22	The Education of Adults and The Future by Alan M. Thomas	1995[?]

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/017 (03) 24	The Challenge of Prior Learning Assessment to Universities in Ontario: an aide memoire from the Council of Ontario Universities, Toronto, April 1998 by Alan M. Thomas	April 1998
/017 (03) 25	It Takes Two To Tango: Defining the century as a discourse between learning and education Presentation at CASAE/ACEEA, Sherbrooke 1999 by Alan M. Thomas	1999
/017 (03) 26	Wrestling With The Iceberg: Plenary Address to "Wrestling with the iceberg in Informal Learning" NALL's Third Annual Conference, Toronto, February 19, 1999 by Alan M. Thomas	19 Feb. 1999
/017 (03) 27	Dimensions of the Experience of Prior Learning Assessment & Recognition (draft) by Alan Thomas, Monica Collins, and Lynette Plett, New Approaches to Lifelong Learning, 2001	2001
/017 (03) 28	"Canada" (article for Encyclopedia of Adult Education) by Alan M. Thomas	Feb. 2004
/017 (03) 29	Adult Education and the Law: A Collection and Examination of Legislation as it bears on the practice of Adult Education in Canada, International Journal of University Adult Education, vol. 23, no. 1-3 / Alan M. Thomas and Maurice C. Taylor [retrieved 3 July 2006].	3 July 2006
/018 (01)	Beyond Education, related correspondence, manuscript drafts and reviews	1989 – 1992

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/018 (02)	Articles regarding adult education by Kidd, Selman and Hall, consists of articles and newspaper clippings by Kidd, Selman, Hall and others regarding adult education, including Selman's paper "Alan Thomas and the Canadian Association for Adult Learning, 1961 – 1970"	1976 – 1996
/018 (03)	Report of the Committee on Broadcasting	1962
/018 (04)	The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation by Sumner	1949
/018 (05)	The Real World of Women, A CBC Public Affairs Conference	N.D.
/018 (06)	Radio's Second Chance by Siepmann	1946
/018 (07)	Television Teaching Today by Cassirer	1960
/018 (08)	Television Program Production by O'Meara	1955
/019 (01)	CBC 21st Annual Report	1956 – 1957
/019 (02)	Improving Citizenship Education, Teachers College, Columbia University	1952
/019 (03)	A Pilot Study of the Nature of Aesthetic Experience Associated with Television and its Place in Education by Ellery	1959
/019 (04)	CBC Annual Reports	1957 – 1960
/019 (05)	Radio and the Teenager	1960
/019 (06)	Canadian Cooperation Project Annual Report	1955
/019 (07)	Psychological Effects of the "Western" Film by Emery and Martin	1957
/019 (08)	Radio Circulation Report	1957
/019 (09)	A Content Analysis of the Standard News Broadcasts of Three Vancouver Radio Stations during the Broadcasting Hours of Mon. July 21, 1958	1958
/019 (10)	Radio Audience Measurement by Chappell and Hooper	1944
/019 (11)	Television Scripts for Staging and Study	1953
/020 (01)	Television and Radio	1956
/020 (02)	CBC - Radio and Television Annual Reports	195?
/020 (03)	The Television Program	1951
/020 (04)	Closed Circuit Television as a Medium of Instruction	1955 – 1956
/020 (05)	What the Canadian Public Thinks of the CBC	1963
/020 (06)	Educational Television	1958
/020 (07)	Canadian Communications	1960
/020 (08)	Broadcasting Without Barriers	1959