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BLANCHE VAN GINKEL PERSONAL RECORDS: B1993-0042

1962-1992            5.8 metres            multimedia

This accession contains records from the following series documenting Blanche van Ginkel's career as a professor of architecture in the Faculty/School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture, mainly from 1977 to 1990:

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**ACCESS:**            Restrictions on access do apply to some series.  
                 Consult series descriptions.

**ASSOCIATED RECORDS:** van Ginkel's archives documenting her career as an architect are located at the Canadian Centre for Architecture in Montreal.

## SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

**SERIES 1****Correspondence**

1977-1992            0.35 m.

This series consists of incoming and outgoing correspondence arranged chronologically. Included is some personal correspondence but most is professional correspondence with colleagues on varied academic and administrative topics including exhibits, issues on teaching architecture, research and design philosophy. Also included is administrative correspondence within the Faculty.

**ACCESS:**    Open**SEE:**        BOX /001**SERIES 2****Day Notes**

1977-1991            0.05 m.

These "notes" are essentially daily journals of events, listed usually by the name of the person with whom van Ginkel had dealings. Listed are appointments, meetings, deadlines, decisions made, things needed to be done or followed up on. They serve as a good overview of van Ginkel's activities but do not provide much detail.

**ACCESS:**    Open**SEE:**        BOX /001

## SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

## SERIES 3

## Administrative Files

1977-1991 0.6 m.

This series documents van Ginkel's administrative activities within the Faculty of Architecture. It consists of subject files arranged alphabetically by file title, containing, for the most part, notes, correspondence, memos, clippings, reports and minutes of meetings. Included are files relating to the planning of the Centenary Celebrations for the Faculty of Architecture, as well as records on the controversial recommendation to close the School of Architecture in 1986. Also included are files containing correspondence with the Dean, minutes of the Faculty Council and Programme Committee.

**ACCESS:** Restrictions Apply - Most files are open except files containing personal information which include the following:

/003 Recommendations 1979-1991  
References 1979-1991  
Students-Confidential 1980-1981

In accordance with institutional policy, these files are closed for 75 years from latest date of file activity. Consult University Archivist.

**SEE:** BOX /002 - /003

## SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

## SERIES 4

## Exhibition Files

1981-1991

0.8 m.

Files relating to the mounting of exhibits by faculty and students, most notably *Connaitre/Reconnaitre Le Corbusier* exhibit in 1987 and *Restatements and Realizations: Built work of graduates of the School since 1893*, put together by van Ginkel as part of the Centenary Celebrations.

The general administrative files around borrowing, lending and mounting exhibits are filed at the beginning of this series, followed by the specific administrative files on the above mentioned exhibits. Finally, files relating to exhibits borrowed and mounted at the Faculty's gallery are arranged in chronological order.

This series contains graphic records as well as textual documentation. All photoprints, slides and negatives have been removed, placed in their own files and boxed separately. In such cases, a SEPARATION NOTICE has been inserted to indicate the existence of graphic materials.

**ACCESS:** Open

**SEE:** BOX /003 - /005 and,  
BOX /001P for graphic records.

## SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

## SERIES 5

## Professional Associations

1977-1991 0.6 m.

This series consists of minutes, memorandum, correspondence, discussion papers and membership lists documenting van Ginkel's wider activities within her profession through various associations. Included are numerous files from the Ontario Association of Architects while she served on its Registration Board, and from the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture of which she was president in 1986/87. Her activities in other associations noted here include the Congress of International Union of Architects and the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada. Records are grouped by association and are filed chronologically.

**ACCESS:** Open

**SEE:** BOX /005 - /006

## SERIES 6

## Teaching Files

1978-1989 0.4 m.

Included are lectures, assignments, student evaluations, project reviews, thesis statements and reports. Also found in these files are correspondence, memos and notes on the teaching of various courses within the Faculty of Architecture and Landscape Architecture. Arrangement is by course chronological.

**ACCESS:** Restrictions Apply - Files containing personal information such as student evaluations are closed for 75 years from the latest date of file activity in accordance with institutional policy. Consult University Archivist.

**SEE:** BOX /007

## SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

## SERIES 7

## Student Reports and Theses

1962-1990            3.0 m.

This series consists of student projects collected by van Ginkel over the years. Included are examples of theses, theses programs and drafts, technical reports, mounted exhibits. This is a multimedia series consisting of textual records, architectural drawings, photographs and slides. Along with Series 6, this series best documents what was taught within the Faculty, how it was taught and how this knowledge was interpreted and applied by individual students. Most of the records are from the late 1980s but there are some projects that date back to the early 1960s which were probably collected during the Centenary exhibit, *Restatements and Realizations*.

**ACCESS:**    Open

**SEE:**        BOXES 008 - 012    and,  
              BOX(FILE) 001P(27) - 001P(30) for graphic records