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Biographical note:

Professor David M. Nowlan was a professor of economics and an administrator at the University of Toronto, 1964-1998. Most notably, Dr. Nowlan was University Vice-President of Research, 1981-1988.

David M. Nowlan was born in Toronto, Ontario in 1937. He graduated in engineering with a B.Sc. from Queen's University, Kingston, in 1958. He then attended Oxford University as a Rhodes' Scholar. Upon completing his B.A. at Oxford in 1960, Dr. Nowlan became an economist for the government of Canada. He later pursued graduate studies at the University of Toronto where he received an M.A. in 1963 and a Ph.D in 1965.

Dr. Nowlan was appointed Assistant Professor of Political Economy at the University of Toronto in 1965. He then became Associate Professor in 1970 and full Professor in 1979. In this capacity, he taught graduate and undergraduate courses on environmental, public, regional, regulatory and urban economics. For his teaching, he received the Outstanding Teaching Award, Faculty of Arts and Science, in 1998.

During his academic career, Professor Nowlan held numerous administrative positions at the University of Toronto. He was Director of the University of Toronto Tanzanian Project, 1968-1973, and Director of Graduate Studies in Economics, 1978. Further, between 1978 and 1981, he served as Vice Dean, School of Graduate Studies and, between 1981 and 1983, as Registrar. Professor Nowlan was also Vice-President Research from 1981 to 1988. Most recently, in 1994-1995, he served as Provostial Advisor on Environmental Education.

Professor Nowlan has also served on the following University committees and task forces: Urban Studies Committee, 1976-1978; Academic Affairs Committee of Governing Council, 1979; Programme Review Study Committee, 1981; Review Committee on the Institute for the History and Philosophy of Science and Technology, 1981; President's Advisory Committee on the Budget, 1981-1982; Budget Planning Committee, 1982-1985; Computer Services Review Committee, 1982-1983; Ad Hoc Supercomputer Advisory Group, 1983-1985; Library Automation Committee, 1985-1987; Member of the Task Force on the Electronic Library, 1994-1995; and the University Task Force on Academic Computing, 1994-1995.

In addition to his responsibilities at the University of Toronto, Professor Nowlan has also been a private consultant for various government and private organizations, most notably the Commonwealth Economic Mission to Uganda in 1979 and the Municipality of Toronto in 1995.

Scope and Content

This accession consists of the professional records of David M. Nowlan and documents his career as an economist, professor and administrator at the University of Toronto. Most of this accession pertains to Professor Nowlan's various administrative, teaching and research activities, 1963-1998. Types of records include: professional correspondence, minutes, committee reports, consultants reports, research notes, and manuscripts. No personal or family records are contained herein.

The accession is arranged in the following five series:

Series 1 Professional Correspondence

Series 2 University of Toronto Administration

Series 3 Consulting

Series 4 Publications

Series 5 Addresses and Conferences

Series 1 consists of professional correspondence broadly documenting David Nowlan's administrative, teaching, and publishing activities. Series 2 contains records pertaining to his various University of Toronto administrative positions such as Director of the Tanzanian Project, 1968-1973, and Vice President of Research, 1981-1988. Series 3 documents Professor Nowlan's external consulting activities, notably his work on the 1979 Commonwealth Mission to Uganda and the 1995 Central Area Transportation Study. Series 4 contains records dealing with Professor Nowlan's various publications. Series 5 documents presentations given and conferences attended by Dr. Nowlan.

Related Records

For records related to the administration of the Department of Economics, please see the following accessions from the University of Toronto Department of Political Economy: A1965-0065, A1969-0007, A1974-0004, A1976-0025, and A1979-0028.

For records related to the Office of the Vice-President Research and Planning, please see the following accessions: A1979-0025, A1980-0023, A1981-0038, A1982-0007 and A1983-0012.

For the personal records of other University of Toronto Vice-Presidents of Research, please see the records Gilbert de Beauregard Robinson in B1979-0047 and B1997-0003.

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

SERIES 1 Professional Correspondence

1964 - 1998 .98 m textual

This series consists of professional correspondence arranged chronologically. The correspondence provides a comprehensive overview of Professor Nowlan's activities as an economist, teacher, administrator and researcher from 1964 to 1998. Topics include: academic computing, conferences, environmental education, library automation, political correspondence, publications, research grants, sabbaticals, scholarly support, super computer, university appointments and university budgets.

See Boxes /001 - /004(02)

SERIES 2 University of Toronto Administration
1968-1995 1 m textual

In addition to teaching, Dr. Nowlan held several administrative positions at the University of Toronto. Between 1968 and 1974, he was Director of the University of Toronto – CIDA – Tanzanian Project. The purpose of the Tanzanian Project was to provide economic advice to the Tanzanian government and to conduct research on the economies of developing African countries. Later, between 1978 and 1981, Dr. Nowlan served as Vice Dean, School of Graduate Studies and, between 1981 and 1983, as Registrar. In 1981, he was appointed Vice-President of Research. In this capacity, Dr. Nowlan was responsible for the development of over all strategies concerning university funding and research. He remained in this position until 1988. Finally, in 1994-1995, Dr. Nowlan served as Provostial Advisor on Environmental Education and assisted in the development of the Environmental Studies Programme.

The records in this series document Professor Nowlan's administrative positions at the University of Toronto. Types of records include professional correspondence, memoranda, personal notebooks, briefs and reports.

See Boxes /004 - /008

See also Series 1 – Professional Correspondence for further records relating to Dr. Nowlan's university administrative activities.

SERIES 3 Consulting
1979-1995 .42 m textual

Throughout his academic and administrative career, Professor Nowlan has also served as an economic, transportation, and land use consultant to various public organizations. In 1979, Dr. Nowlan was a member of the Commonwealth Economic Mission to Uganda to help rehabilitate the Ugandan economy. Further, in 1984, he served as Vice-Chairman of the UNCTAD "Group of Experts to Study the Ways and Means of Improving Transit-Transport Infrastructure and Services for Landlocked Countries Developing Countries". In addition, Dr. Nowlan has also consulted the Ontario and Canadian governments regarding the price of serviced lands, 1977; the Ontario government regarding the Cadillac Fairview Buildings evaluation, 1983; and the Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto concerning the Central Area Transportation Study, 1995

The records in this series document Professor Nowlan's activities as a consultant external the University of Toronto. The records include correspondence, research notes, journals, briefs and reports relating to various consulting projects.

See Boxes /009 - /010

SERIES 4 Publications

1963 – 1997 .15 m textual

Professor Nowlan has written widely on the subjects of developing economies, economic theory, transportation economics, urban economics, and land use. This series contains correspondence, research, manuscripts related to Dr. Nowlan's publications.

See Box /011 (01) – (14)

For a file list see Appendix A

SERIES 5 Addresses and Conferences

1964-1991 .15 m textual

This series consists of records relating to various academic and professional conferences attended and addresses given by Professor Nowlan. The series includes correspondence, research notes, speeches and pamphlets.

The following conferences are represented in this series: "Remarks to the National Conference on Canadian Goals", Progressive Conservative Association of Canada, 1964; Notes for a Presentation to Marshall McLuhan's Centre for Culture and Technology, 1965; "Land Conversion and Land Policy in the Central City", Canadian Economics Association Annual Meeting, 1976; "The Use of Dynamic Game Theory in Understanding Adaptive Responses", the Environmental Adaptation Research Group's Seminar on Modeling and Learning Adaptation in Natural and Human Systems, March 1995; OECD Economic Survey Roundtable, 1996; "Compactness and Commuting", TRED Conference on Transportation and Land Use, Lincoln Institute, Cambridge Mass. 1996; and the Jane Jacobs Seminar, SPRAWL, 1997

See Boxes /011(15) – (23)

APPENDIX A: SERIES 3 Publications

Box No.	Title	Dates
/011		
(01)	“A Note on the Shape of the Product Transformation Curve Derived from General Cobb-Douglas Production Functions”	1963
(02)	“Tanzanian Socialism”, <i>Canadian Forum</i> , Vol. 47 (June 1967)	1967
(03)	“On Wage Price Guidelines”, <i>Canadian Journal of Economics</i> , Vol I, No. 3 August 1968.	1968
(04)	“A Robinsonian Growth Model”, <i>Canadian Journal of Economics and Political Science</i> , Vol. I, No. 3, August 1968.	1968
(05)	“The Economics Component of Canadian Federalism” in A.J. Robinson and J. Cutt (eds.) <i>Public Finance in Canada: Selected Readings</i> , (Toronto: Methuen, 1968).	1968
(06)	“Instrumental Value in Urban Reform”	1973
(07)	“Consumption Externalities Viewed as Congestion Costs”	1974
(08)	“The Liberated City” for Habitat	1976
(09)	“A Taxing Lesson for Education,” <i>Globe and Mail</i>	1989.
(10)	“Changing Perspectives on Municipal Taxation”	1990.
(11)	“The Effect of Downtown Population Growth on and Commuting Trips: Recent Experience in Toronto,” <i>Journal of the American Planning Association</i> , Vol. 57, No.2, Spring 1991.	1991
(12)	“Optimal Pricing of Urban Trips with Budget Restrictions and Distributional Concerns,” <i>Journal of Transport Economics and Policy</i> , vol XXVII, No 3, September 1993	1993
(13)	“Taxes, Politics and Urban Reform: Reflecting On Fundamentals” <i>The Intensification Report</i> , Canadian Urban Institute, 1994	1994
(14)	“Jane Jacobs Among the Economists” in Max Allen ed. <i>Ideas that Matter: The Worlds of Jane Jacobs</i> , Ginger Press, 1997	1997