

EDWARD MONAHAN FONDS FINDING GUIDE

TITLE

Edward Monahan fonds

REPOSITORY

University of St. Michael's College Archives

DATE OF CREATION

1953 – 2018

EXTENT OF FONDS

- 54.4cm of textual records
 - 17 Floppy disks
 - 7 boxes
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BIOGRAPHY

Edward Monahan (17 August 1928 –) received a Bachelor of Philosophy from the University Toronto (St. Michaels College) in 1949. He continued at St. Michaels College and graduated with an M.A in 1950, and a PhD in 1953, both also in Philosophy. He also received a Licentiate in Mediaeval Studies from the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies in 1953.

Monahan's career was filled with academic teaching and university administration. His teaching appointments include Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Villanova University from 1953-1956; Associate Professor of Philosophy at Xavier University from 1956-1957; and Associate Professor of Philosophy at St. Francis Xavier University from 1957-1964.

Monahan acted as the Associate Executive Secretary of the Canadian Association of University Teachers from 1965-1970, where he co-chaired The Commission of Inquiry on Forty Catholic Related Colleges and Universities. He published the results of this Inquiry as *A Commitment to Higher Education* in 1970. Monahan later acted as the Executive Assistant to the Principal of Queens University from 1971-1972; the President of Laurentian University from 1972-1977; and the Executive Director/President of the Council of Ontario Universities from 1977-1991. Monahan was awarded an honorary doctorate from Lakehead University in 1981. Monahan also served on the Collegium of the University of St. Michaels College and in 1981-82 chaired a committee to study the function of the Collegium, and published the results in what became known as "The Monahan Report." In the 1990s Monahan reviewed funding, accountability, and governance in colleges and universities across the Commonwealth, and published the results in several scholarly journals.

During his retirement, Monahan wrote *Collective Autonomy: A History of the Council of Ontario Universities, 1962-2000*, which was published in 2004. The following year he began researching the history of St. Michaels College, and published *Teach me Goodness, Truth and Knowledge: A History of St. Michaels College* in 2017.

In 2008, Monahan was awarded an honorary doctorate, the Doctor of Sacred Letters, from the University of St. Michaels College in recognition of his service to higher education in Ontario.

SCOPE OF FONDS

This fonds contains works, correspondence, and ephemera belonging to Edward Monahan. The fonds has six main series of materials: drafts and research notes for “Teach me Goodness, Truth and Understanding”; materials regarding the publication of “Collective Autonomy”; personal correspondence; reports from organizations including the Council of Ontario Universities and University of St. Michael’s College Collegium; Laurentian University materials; and reading notes and articles on a variety of philosophical topics. Some of the most notable topics covered in the reading notes include: the contemporary Catholic church, natural law, moral theology, Catholic education, higher education, Greek philosophy, and academic tenure.

These materials document Monahan’s career both as a philosopher and academic, as well as a university administrator.

Box 1

File Number	File Title	Extent of File	Dates	Scope and Content	Notes
EM1.1	Laurentian	1.1 cm of textual records	1972-1984	File consists of five transcripts of university addresses given by Monahan at Laurentian University. File also includes two articles about academic freedom, reading notes, the text of a speech by J. Percy Smith about the future of Universities, and a pamphlet containing the 1975 President's Report	Some components of the addresses are in French
EM1.2	Land O'Lakes II	1.6 cm of textual records	1966-1971	File consists of eight reports and articles discussing the results of the Land O'Lakes seminar and Plenary Session. File also contains five articles about nature and characteristics of a contemporary Catholic university, one of which is written by Monahan.	Four documents are in French
EM1.3	Fall Convocation Installation	0.6 cm of textual records	1972	File consists of transcript from the 1972 fall convocation and installation of Monahan as President of Laurentian University. Includes transcript of Monahan's installation address, list of graduating students, and a programme	
EM1.4	Private Reports	3.5 cm of textual records	1969-1970	File consists of the private reports of thirty-seven Catholic universities across Canada detailing curriculum, facilities, finances, etc.	Final copy of reports is in file EM1.6
EM1.5	General Report Final Copy	2.7 cm of textual records	1970	File consists of "The Report of a Commission of Inquiry on Forty Catholic Church-Related Colleges and Universities." File also includes a one-page erratum	This report uses data from the private reports in file EM1.5

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EM2.1	General Report Final Copy French	2.7 cm of textual records	1970	File consists of "Rapport d'une Commission d'enquete sur quarante universites et colleges catholiques"	French copy of report in file EM1.6
EM2.2	Teach Me Goodness, Truth and Understanding Draft	3 cm of textual records	2006	File consists of an annotated draft of Monahan's "Teach Me Goodness, Truth and Understanding: A History of St. Michael's College"	
EM2.3	Ed Monahan Memoirs	0.8 cm of textual records	2007	File consists of annotated chapters 1-5 of "Ed Monahan Memoirs" written by Mark Sherlock	
EM2.4	Texts on Ethics	1.3 cm of textual records	1962-1964	File consists of eleven articles on the topic of Ethics annotated by Monahan. File also contains seven sets of handwritten notes on various ethics articles	
EM2.5	Natural Law I	0.2 cm of textual records	1959	File consists of three annotated articles about natural law, as well as one set of handwritten notes	
EM2.6	Natural Law II	0.2 cm of textual records		File consists of one handwritten and four typed notes and quotations on the topic of natural law	No dates given on when notes were taken
EM2.7	Celts	0.1 cm of textual records	2004	File consists of three pages of handwritten notes on the topic of 'Celts'	
EM2.8	Moral Theology	1.1 cm of textual records	1961-1965	File consists of fourteen annotated articles on Moral Theology and Catholic Education. File also includes one reading list, four cards with quotations, and seven sets of handwritten notes on the subjects	
EM2.9	Miscellaneous Transcripts	0.9 cm of textual records	1990-2010	File consists of and transcripts of various speeches and lectures on the topics of Edward Monahan, the role of the Council	

				of Ontario Universities, and Canadian Catholic higher education. Also contains a document titled "Some Random Notes" on various Catholic colleges across the country	
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EM3.1	Collegium Minutes	1.3 cm of textual records	1958-1981	File consists of ten meeting minutes of the Collegium of the University of St. Michael's College. File also contains a copy of the University of St. Michaels College Act, minutes of the first meeting of the Executive Committee of the Collegium, two reports on the structure of the university, one letter from Brian O'Malley, and one expense statement	
EM3.2	Lay Apostolate on Campus	0.9 cm of textual records	1959-1964	File consists of four handwritten and three typed collections of notes on the subject of the Lay Apostolate. File also includes one booklet and one annotated transcription of a conference address.	
EM3.3	St. Basil's	0.7 cm of textual records	2006-2008	File consists of research notes on the architecture and history of St. Basil's church. File also includes three business cards, one address transcript and booklet celebrating the 150th anniversary of St. Basil's	
EM3.4	SMC History Notes Chapters 4,5,6,7	1.3 cm of textual records	2005-	File consists of handwritten notes and printed articles on the history of St. Michaels College for Chapters 4-7	Research began in 2005

EM3.5	SMC History Notes Chapters 9,10,11	1.7 cm of textual records	2005-	File consists of handwritten notes and printed articles on the history of St. Michaels College for Chapters 9-11. File also contains one booklet from the Ontario Supply Committee	Research began in 2005
EM3.6	SMC History Notes Chapter 13	1.4 cm of textual records	2005-	File consists of handwritten notes and printed articles on the history of St. Michaels College for Chapter 13. File also includes a staff bulletin and two newspaper photocopies	Research began in 2005
EM3.7	SMC History Notes Chapter 14 and Conclusion	0.8 cm of textual records	2005-	File consists of handwritten notes and printed articles on the history of St. Michaels College for Chapter 14 and Conclusion. File also includes a staff bulletin and one newspaper	Research began in 2005
EM3.8	Collegium Monahan Committee Background Data	0.7 cm of textual records	1971-2008	File consists of a copy of the bill to incorporate St. Thomas More College, handwritten notes, a typed plan for St. Michaels College, one convocation booklet and one brief notice.	
EM3.9	SMC History Notes	6 Dyan100 Micro Floppy Disk (MF2HD) and 1 AT&T floppy disk (2HD)		File consists of notes from chapters 1-14, title page, table of contents, bibliography and forward	
EM3.10	Miscellaneous	6 Dyan100 Micro Floppy Disk (MF2HD), 1 KAO floppy disk (MF2HD), 1 Verbatium DataLife Floppy Disk (MF2HD), and 2 Sony Floppy Disks		File consists of notes from chapters 1-5 and 7-14 and copies of various articles.	

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EM4.1	Monahan Report	1.5 cm of textual records	1982-1983	File consists of reports and proposals studying the Collegium of St. Michaels. File also contains one letter to Reverend Swan and one letter to Reverend Iverson	
EM4.2	Oddments, Articles and Notes	1.4 cm of textual records	[1929]-2010	File consists of research notes and articles on the history of St. Michael's college. File also contains five pamphlets and three letters,	Start date is reflective of when the earliest article was written
EM4.3	USMC Collegium Financial Planning	1.1 cm of textual records	1981-1982	File consists of financial and planning reports from the Accounting Office and the Office of the President. File also includes correspondence between Edward Monahan and Rev. Peter Swan regarding the financial position and prospects of the St. Michaels College	
EM4.4	SMC History Notes Chapter 12	2.2 cm of textual records	1978-1984	File consist of handwritten notes on the history of St. Michaels College for Chapter 12. File also contains six meeting minutes from the College Council, a position paper presented to the Committee on Planning and Resources, three letters and four reports.	Dates reflect reports, not notes
EM4.5	SMC History Notes Chapter 2,3	0.6 cm of textual records	1984-2005	File consists of handwritten notes on the history of St. Michaels College for Chapters 2 and 3. File also contains a printed web article on the Fenians.	Dates reflect reports, not notes
EM4.6	Monahan Committee Notes, Documentation	0.7 cm of textual records	1981-1983	File consists of statements and reports regarding the relationship between the Pontifical Institute of Medieval Studies and	

				St. Michaels College, as well as the function of the Collegium. File also contains correspondence between members of the Collegium Committee and the Pontifical Institute of Medieval Studies	
EM4.7	Collegium Structures Committee Report	0.4 cm of textual records	1970-1979	File consists of reports on the structure of the Collegium, Collegium meeting minutes, and a copy of the Statutes of the Senate of the University of St. Michaels College	
EM4.8	USMC Memorandum of Understanding	0.5 cm of textual records	1958-1998	File consists of four iterations of a Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement between the University of Toronto and the Federated Universities. File also includes a copy of the St. Michaels College Act and by-laws of the Collegium	

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EM5.1	Miscellaneous I	1.7 cm of textual records	[1903]-2018	File consists of photo lists, photocopies of photographs, a letter from Monahan to David Sylvester, a printed copy of a Wikipedia article of St. Michaels College, and annotated chapter drafts	Earliest date is representative of when the earliest photograph in this file was taken, not of the date the photocopy was made

EM5.2	USMC	1.6 cm of textual records	[1870]-2007	File consists of reviews of Monahan's manuscript, photocopies of photos of St. Basil's church, and statues and bills regarding the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies. File also includes a copy of the cover of "Teach Me Goodness...", two brochures, correspondence between Monahan and Archbishop Thomas Colins, requests for modification to the USMC Wikipedia entry, one printed web article, and the transcripts of three addresses.	Earliest date is representative of when the earliest photograph in this file was taken, not of the date the photocopy was made
EM5.3	Miscellaneous II	0.5 cm of textual records	1967	File consists of an article written by Monahan, a transcript of a speech about his twin brother, an article on St. Michaels College, a partial copy of Chapter 11, and a transcript of a lecture delivered at St. Patrick's College	
EM5.4	Natural Law Cognoscibility Period	0.5 cm of textual records		File consists of an article written by Monahan titled "Some Reflections on the Natural Cognoscibility of Natural Law" as well as a letter from the editorial office of The Thomist suggesting amendments to the article prior to publication	No dates given on when notes were taken
EM5.5	Tolerance Religion	1.2 cm of textual records	1953-1961	File consists of articles and handwritten notes on the topic of religious tolerance and liberty. File also contains several notes written on cue cards	
EM5.6	Natural Law III	0.3 cm of textual records		File consists of one article by Monahan on natural law, two articles and a handwritten notes on the same topic	No dates given on when notes were taken
EM5.7	Situation Ethics	1.8 cm of textual records	1975-1994	File consists of multiple handwritten notes and articles on the subject of situational ethics as well as three address transcripts from Ian MacDonald and Douglas Wright.	

				File also contains two newspaper clippings, three photographs, two letters, and two art exhibition pamphlets	
EM5.8	Natural Law IV	0.7 cm of textual records	1959-1963	File contains handwritten and typed notes on the subject of natural law	
EM5.9	Natural Law V	0.5 cm of textual records	1957-1963	File contains handwritten and typed notes on the subject of natural law	
EM5.10	Natural Law VI	0.9 cm of textual records	1960-1962	File contains handwritten and typed notes on the subject of natural law	

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EM6.1	Fides et Ratio	0.4 cm of textual records	1998-2009	File contains a printed copy of an Encyclical Letter of the Supreme Pontiff John Paul II on the relationship between faith and reason, a letter detailing Monahan's thoughts on the letter, and a copy of an article on catholic universities	
EM6.2	Higher Education	2.1 cm of textual records	1983-1994	File contains twenty-nine articles from The Times Higher Education Supplement, as well as nine academic articles on various subjects within higher education. This file also contains four newspaper articles discussing anti-Semitism at St. Michaels College, two College newspapers, one pamphlet from the founding Canadian Association of University Teachers, two reviews of the book "Storm over University" and three letters.	

EM6.3	Greek Philosophy	1.1 cm of textual records	1960-1983	File contains handwritten notes on various works of Plato and Socrates. File also contains review questions and a copy of a class test from PHI101Y as well as a cue card outlining an assignment paper.	
EM6.4	Academic Tenure	1.3 cm of textual records	1972-1983	File contains articles and notes on the subject of academic tenure. File also contains a conference agenda and list of invitees, two letters, a reading list, and a table from Statistics Canada	
EM6.5	Nature Law VII	0.2 cm of textual records	1957-1961	File contains handwritten and typed notes on the subject of natural law	
EM6.6	Natural Law VIII	0.5 cm of textual records		File contains handwritten and typed notes on the subject of natural law	No dates given on when notes were taken
EM6.7	Ethics, Marriage and the Family	0.8 cm of textual records	1960-1964	File contains handwritten and typed notes on the subject of marriage and family	
EM6.8	Greek Philosophy Pre Socrates	1.3 cm of textual records	1959-1961	File contains handwritten and typed notes on the subject of Greek philosophy before Socrates. File also contains two reading lists	
EM6.9	Teach Me Goodness, Truth and Understanding Draft II	1.2 cm of textual records	2005-	File contains an annotated draft of Monahan's history of St. Michael's College	Research began in 2005

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EM7.1	Teach Me Goodness, Truth and Understanding Draft III	2.3 of textual records	2005-	File contains a draft of Monahan's history of St. Michael's College. File also includes	Research began in 2005

				handwritten notes and a table of contents for the draft	
EM7.2	Teach Me Goodness, Truth and Understanding Draft IV	2.0 cm of textual records	2005-	File contains a draft of Monahan's history of St. Michael's College. File also includes a bibliography	Research began in 2005
EM7.3	Collective Autonomy	4.4 cm of textual records		File contains an annotated copy of Monahan's book 'Collective Autonomy: A History of the Council of Ontario Universities, 1962-2000', as well as fifteen letters and seven emails between Monahan and various editors, grant authorities, and publishers regarding the manuscript. File also contains four of books reviews, Edward and Arthur Monahan's CV, a UTL pamphlet, a copy of the publishing contract, a 'questionnaire for authors,' reader reports, and a programme on publication guidelines	File is separated into two folders. Annotated text is in folder 1; all other materials are in folder 2