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## Biographical note

Margaret Eleanor Glen Cook (1933-) is a literary critic and Professor Emerita of English at Victoria College. Her research focuses on poetry and poetics (especially twentieth-century), the Bible and English literature, criticism and critical theory, allusion/intertextuality, and enigma and riddle in literature. Prof. Cook studied at the University of Toronto, receiving her B.A. (Honours English) in 1954 and Ph.D. in 1967. Her Ph.D. thesis on Robert Browning won the A.S.P. Woodhouse prize in 1968.

The majority of Prof. Cook's career was with the University of Toronto, where she worked as a lecturer (1967), Assistant Professor (1971-1973), Associate Professor (1974-1985), Professor (1985-1998) and Professor Emerita (1998-) in the Department of English. She was also appointed Professor in the Centre for the Study of Religion (1993-1998) and the Centre for Comparative Literature (1984-1998).

Prof. Cook also served as Lecturer at the University of British Columbia (1958-59), Visiting Fellow (1978-79) and Visiting Professor (Fall 1997) at Yale University, and Visiting Professor at Brandeis University (Spring 2000).

Prof. Cook served as Editorial Board member of *The Wallace Stevens Journal*, *Connotations*, *Literary Imagination* and *The Collected Works of Northrop Frye*. She also served as a member of the Massey College Nominations Committee (1996-2007) and became a Massey College Continuing Senior Fellow in 2009.

Prof. Cook is the author of 6 books and more than 40 articles. She also edited Northrop Frye's festschrift, *Centre and Labyrinth: Essays in Honour of Northrop Frye* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1983). In 1994, Prof. Cook received the Senior Killam Fellowship, Guggenheim Fellowship, and Senior Connaught Fellowship. She became a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada in 1992.

## Scope and content

**Date range:** 1947-2010

**Extent:** 0.78 m of textual records (6 boxes)

Fonds consists of the records of Prof. Eleanor Cook, including files relating to her early education, teaching, research and correspondence. Records include report cards, employment records, lecture notes, course syllabi and assignments, grants, addresses and talks, publication records, and personal and professional correspondence, including that with Northrop Frye and Alastair Fowler, Regius Professor of Rhetoric and English Literature at the University of Edinburgh.

Prof. Cook's correspondence with key literary figures is held in the Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library.

**Access:** The 2 files in Series 3 (Peer review and evaluations) are restricted until 1 April 2023. All other files are open.

**Related material:** Eleanor Cook papers in the Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library.

**Boxes:** B2013-0006/001-/006

## Series 1: Education and career

**Date range:** 1947-2008

**Extent:** 0.09 m of textual records

**Scope and content:** Series consists of records relating to Prof. Cook's secondary and post-secondary education and career, including grant, fellowship and some project files.

Education records include secondary school certificates and exam results, her application for admission to the University of Toronto, course syllabi, reading lists, examinations, notes on nineteenth century thought by Prof. A.S.P. Woodhouse, and Prof. Cook's convocation program. Employment records include letters of offer, contracts, clippings, evaluations, and correspondence. Grant and fellowship records include applications, correspondence, reports, and clippings.

Series also includes project files relating to Prof. Cook's work with Representative Poetry Online and the Online Poetry Classroom Project of the Academy of American Poets.

**Access:** Open

**Boxes:** B2013-0006/001(01)-(12)

See appendix 1 for box-file list, organized by series.

## Series 2: Correspondence

**Date range:** 1954-2009

**Extent:** 0.38 m of textual records

**Scope and content:** Series consists of Prof. Cook's personal and professional correspondence with colleagues, departmental administrators, editors, literary critics, authors, family, and friends. Of note is significant correspondence with literary critic Alastair Fowler, Regius Professor of Rhetoric and English Literature at the University of Edinburgh. Series also includes correspondence with Northrop Frye, Francis Ethelbert Louis Priestly, and Holly Stevens (the only child of Wallace Stevens).

**Arrangement note:** Correspondence tends to be filed by year. Series is arranged chronologically, with the exception of a few general files that span many years, which can be found at the beginning of the series.

**Access:** Open

**Boxes:** B2013-0006/001(13) - /004(16)

See appendix 1 for box-file list, organized by series.

### **Series 3: Peer review and evaluations**

**Date range:** 1987-2005

**Extent:** 0.02 m of textual records

**Scope and content:** Series consists of Prof. Cook's peer reviews and evaluations of her colleagues, specifically her nominations for MacArthur Fellows and evaluations of articles submitted to *The Wallace Stevens Journal*.

**Access:** Restricted until 1 April 2023.

**Boxes:** B2013-0006/004(17)-(18)

See appendix 1 for box-file list, organized by series.

### **Series 4: Teaching records**

**Date range:** 1977-[199-]

**Extent:** 0.07 m of textual records

**Scope and content:** Series consists of records relating to Prof. Cook's teaching duties in the English Department at the University of Toronto. Records include course syllabi, lecture notes, assignment descriptions, reading lists, and very minimal correspondence with students.

**Access:** Open

**Boxes:** B2013-0006/004(19)-/005(04)

See appendix 1 for box-file list, organized by series.

### **Series 5: Publication files**

**Date range:** 1981-2010

**Extent:** 0.13 m of textual records

**Scope and content:** Series consists of records relating to Prof. Cook's various article and book projects. Records include drafts, correspondence with editors and colleagues

and reviews. Of note is the file relating to Prof. Cook's work as Special Editor of the *University of Toronto Quarterly (UTQ)* on allusion (Spring 1992). This file includes correspondence with authors (primarily poets) soliciting their remarks to include in the issue. This file includes correspondence and drafts by Antonine Maillet, James Merrill, Margaret Atwood, Amy Clampitt, Anthony Hecht, George Johnston, Jay MacPherson, James Reaney, Ernest J. Weinrib, and Guy Burchard, among others.

**Access:** Open

**Language note:** Some records are in French.

**Boxes:** B2013-0006/005(05)-/006(05)

See appendix 1 for box-file list, organized by series.

### **Series 6: Presentations**

**Date range:** 1985-2009

**Extent:** 0.09 m of textual records

**Scope and content:** Series consists of records relating to conference presentations, guest lectures and other talks given by Prof. Cook.

**Access:** Open

**Boxes:** B2013-0006/006(06)-(18)

See appendix 1 for box-file list, organized by series.

## Appendix 1: Box-file list (organized by series)

### Series 1: Education and career

File number	File title	Date range
B2013-0006/001 (01)	Early education	1947-1950
B2013-0006/001 (02)	Post-secondary education and early career	1953-1976
B2013-0006/001 (03)	Job offers	1982-1990
B2013-0006/001 (04)	Employment	1972-1994
B2013-0006/001 (05)	Yale: visiting professor	1997
B2013-0006/001 (06)	SSHRC	1985, 1991
B2013-0006/001 (07)	Killam Research Fellowship	1993-1997
B2013-0006/001 (08)	Guggenheim Fellowship	1994
B2013-0006/001 (09)	Connaught Research Fellowship	1994-1997
B2013-0006/001 (10)	Academy of American Poets: Online Poetry classroom project	1999-2000
B2013-0006/001 (11)	SSHRC	2001
B2013-0006/001 (12)	Representative Poetry Online: editorial board	2007-2008

### Series 2: Correspondence

File number	File title	Date range
B2013-0006/001 (13)	Correspondence: departmental	1996-1997
B2013-0006/001 (14)	Correspondence: Fowler, Alastair	1992-2010
B2013-0006/001 (15)	Correspondence: Frye, Northrop [some originals, some copies where originals are with Frye papers]	1975-1990
B2013-0006/001 (16)	Correspondence: miscellaneous	1976-1997
B2013-0006/001 (17)	Correspondence: Steven, Holly (only child of Wallace Stevens)	1983-1985
B2013-0006/001 (18)	Correspondence: professional	1954-1972
B2013-0006/001 (19)	Correspondence	1973
B2013-0006/001 (20)	Correspondence	1974
B2013-0006/001 (21)	Correspondence	1975
B2013-0006/001 (22)	Correspondence	1976
B2013-0006/002(01)	Correspondence	1978
B2013-0006/002(02)	Correspondence	1979
B2013-0006/002(03)	Correspondence	1980
B2013-0006/002(04)	Correspondence	1981
B2013-0006/002(05)	Correspondence	1982
B2013-0006/002(06)	Correspondence	1983



<b>File number</b>	<b>File title</b>	<b>Date range</b>
B2013-0006/002(07)	Correspondence	1984
B2013-0006/002(08)	Correspondence	1985
B2013-0006/002(09)	Correspondence	1986
B2013-0006/002(10)	Correspondence	1987
B2013-0006/002(11)	Correspondence	1988
B2013-0006/002(12)	Correspondence	1989
B2013-0006/002(13)	Correspondence: personal	1990
B2013-0006/002(14)	Correspondence: professional	1990
B2013-0006/002(15)	Correspondence: professional	1991
B2013-0006/002(16)	Correspondence: personal	1992
B2013-0006/002(17)	Correspondence: professional	1992
B2013-0006/002(18)	Correspondence: personal	1993
B2013-0006/002(19)	Correspondence: professional	1993
B2013-0006/003(01)	Correspondence: personal	1994
B2013-0006/003(02)	Correspondence: professional	1994
B2013-0006/003(03)	Correspondence: personal	1995
B2013-0006/003(04)	Correspondence: professional	1995
B2013-0006/003(05)	Correspondence: personal	1996
B2013-0006/003(06)	Correspondence: professional	1996
B2013-0006/003(07)	Correspondence: personal	1997
B2013-0006/003(08)	Correspondence: professional	1997
B2013-0006/003(09)	Correspondence: personal	1998
B2013-0006/003(10)	Correspondence: professional	1998
B2013-0006/003(11)	Correspondence: personal	1999
B2013-0006/003(12)	Correspondence: professional	1999
B2013-0006/003(13)	Correspondence: personal	2000
B2013-0006/003(14)	Correspondence: professional	2000
B2013-0006/003(15)	Correspondence: personal	2001
B2013-0006/003(16)	Correspondence: professional	2001
B2013-0006/004(01)	Correspondence: personal	2002
B2013-0006/004(02)	Correspondence: professional	2002
B2013-0006/004(03)	Correspondence: personal	2003
B2013-0006/004(04)	Correspondence: professional	2003
B2013-0006/004(05)	Correspondence: personal	2004
B2013-0006/004(06)	Correspondence: professional	2004
B2013-0006/004(07)	Correspondence: personal	2005
B2013-0006/004(08)	Correspondence: professional	2005
B2013-0006/004(09)	Correspondence: personal	2006
B2013-0006/004(10)	Correspondence: professional	2006
B2013-0006/004(11)	Correspondence: personal	2007

File number	File title	Date range
B2013-0006/004(12)	Correspondence: professional	2007
B2013-0006/004(13)	Correspondence: personal	2008
B2013-0006/004(14)	Correspondence: professional	2008
B2013-0006/004(15)	Correspondence: personal	2009
B2013-0006/004(16)	Correspondence: professional	2009

### Series 3: Peer review and evaluations

File number	File title	Date range
B2013-0006/004(17)	MacArthur Fellows nominations [RESTRICED]	1987-2001
B2013-0006/004(18)	The Wallace Stevens Journal evaluations [RESTRICED]	1992-2005

### Series 4: Teaching records

File number	File title	Date range
B2013-0006/004(19)	Teaching notes: Stevens	[n.d.]
B2013-0006/004(20)	PhD: old reading lists and questions	1977-1994
B2013-0006/004(21)	155B: Browning course material	[n.d.]
B2013-0006/004(22)	ENG 201: Reading poetry	[n.d.]
B2013-0006/004(23)	ENG 348: Modern poetry	[n.d.]
B2013-0006/005(01)	ENG 348: Modern poetry: Yeats teaching notes	[n.d.]
B2013-0006/005(02)	5951: Eliot, Stevens and their successors	[199-?]
B2013-0006/005(03)	5952: Wallace Stevens and his successors	1998
B2013-0006/005(04)	6250: Re-hearing the English Bible: Studies in Allusion	1990

### Series 5: Publication files

File number	File title	Date range
B2013-0006/005(05)	Among the lexicographers: appendix	[n.d.]
B2013-0006/005(06)	Wallace Stevens book: Introduction	[n.d.]
B2013-0006/005(07)	Frye Festschrift records (copies: originals are at Pratt)	1981-1990
B2013-0006/005(08)	"Birds in Paradise"	1987, 1998
B2013-0006/005(09)	"A Seeing and Unseeing in the Eye" Canadian Literature and the Sense of Place" Daedalus	1987-1988
B2013-0006/005(10)	"Melos vs. Logos: or, Why Doesn't God Sing?"	1988, 1998
B2013-0006/005(11)	"Ghost rhymes" notes	1989-1992
B2013-0006/005(12)	University of Toronto Quarterly (UTQ): issue on allusion	1991-1992
B2013-0006/005(13)	The Language of Sculpture in Wordsworth's Prelude	1991-1996

<b>File number</b>	<b>File title</b>	<b>Date range</b>
B2013-0006/005(14)	"Scripture as Enigma: Biblical Allusion in Dante's Earthly Paradise" Dante Studies	1999-2000
B2013-0006/005(15)	The Figure of Enigma: Rhetoric, History, Poetry" Rhetorica	1999-2001
B2013-0006/005(16)	Enigma MS: outs	[200-]
B2013-0006/005(17)	Enigma MS: final editing	[200-]
B2013-0006/006(01)	"Enigma as art"	2002-2003
B2013-0006/006(02)	Enigmas and Riddles in Literature: Cambridge University Press	2005-2006
B2013-0006/006(03)	Thrush in T.S. Eliot's 'The Waste Land', note in Notes and Queries	2008
B2013-0006/006(04)	Frye and Monism essay, re-pub	2009
B2013-0006/006(05)	Ambiguity and the Poets"	2009-2010

**Series 6: Presentations**

<b>File number</b>	<b>File title</b>	<b>Date range</b>
B2013-0006/006(06)	Arts and letters, Feb 2	[n.d.]
B2013-0006/006(07)	Munich 1985: language [poets?]	1985
B2013-0006/006(08)	"The Poetics of Biblical Allusion" at Boston U	1991-1992
B2013-0006/006(09)	"Biblical Allusion, Wordsworth and After" lecture in Indiana	Mar 1993
B2013-0006/006(10)	ALSC conference: on John Hollander's "Owl"	1995-2005
B2013-0006/006(11)	MLA: Response to W. Stevens session	Dec 1997
B2013-0006/006(12)	"Riddles of Procreation" Connotations Symposium	Aug 1999
B2013-0006/006(13)	MLA: Tribute to John Hollander	Dec 1999
B2013-0006/006(14)	Japan visit	2001
B2013-0006/006(15)	Cornell University, class of 1916 lecture, "Riddles, enigmas, and poetry"	2001
B2013-0006/006(16)	MLA radio, "Travels to Italy"	2002
B2013-0006/006(17)	Enigma/riddle, rhetoric conference	Aug 2003
B2013-0006/006(18)	Three favourite poems	May 2009