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Biographical Note

Helen Lenskyj is a Professor Emerita of OISE, and a specialist in equality and gender studies, and women in sport. Lenskyj was born 15 April 1943 in Sydney, New South Wales, Australia. She received a Diploma in Early Childhood Education from the Sydney Kindergarten Teachers' College in 1964. In 1966, she immigrated to Canada. She began part-time undergraduate studies at the University of Toronto in 1972, ultimately obtaining her B.A. in 1977, her M.A. in 1981, and her P.h.D. in 1983. Prior to her graduation from the University of Toronto, Lenskyj worked for the Ontario Ministry of Culture and Recreation in numerous capacities related to early childhood education and Teaching English as a Second Language programs.

Over the course of her career, she has held numerous academic positions within the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (Department of Adult Education and Department of Sociology in Education) and the University of Toronto School of Physical Health and Education. She became an Associate Professor in the Department of Adult Education in 1991 (having worked as a sessional instructor and teaching assistant for several years prior), received tenure in 1993, and became a full professor in 1997. From 1994 to 1997, she was cross-appointed with the Cardiovascular Sciences Collaborative Program and from 1994 to 2007 she was cross-appointed with the Women's Studies Collaborative Program.

Her main areas of research include equality and gender studies, women in sport, and the Olympic industrial-complex. She has participated and given addresses at several conferences and workshops and has written extensively over the course of her career. She is the author of several books, notably Out of Bounds: Women, sport and sexuality (Toronto: Women's Press, 1986), Inside the Olympic Industry: Power, Politics and Activism (Albany, NY: SUNY Press, 2000), and Out on the Field: Gender, Sport and Sexualities (Toronto: Women's Press, 2003).

In addition to her academic duties, Professor Lenskyj has been involved with many causes and community groups, notably the Canadian Association for the Advancement of Women and Sport (CAAWS), the Broadside Feminist Group, and the Canadian Gay and Lesbian Archives. Notably, she played an instrumental role in the Campaign Against the Militarization of OISE in 2004-2005 and APUS' campaign against the proposed Varsity Stadium student levy.

Lenskyj retired from the University of Toronto in 2007 and continues to live and work in Toronto.

Scope and Content Note

Personal records of Helen Lenskyj, Professor Emerita of OISE, and a specialist in equality and gender studies, and women in sport. Includes files on: her education; professional correspondence; teaching materials for courses in early childhood education, ESL teacher training, OISE, and the School of Physical Health and Education; various community advocacy causes and legal cases; extensive writings on gender and sport, sexual education, and Olympic criticisms; workshop and conference addresses.

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Associated Material

Helen Lenskyj's personal papers relating to the Centre for Women's Studies and the journal, Resources for Feminist, housed at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, University of Toronto, have been donated to the Canadian Women's Movement Archives at the University of Ottawa, along with other personal papers relevant to the feminist movement.

Series 1 Biographical Files

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1978-2012

This series consists of general records documenting Helen Lenskyj's career as a feminist scholar, activist, writer, and teacher. Includes: files on her appointments and promotions at OISE; reference letters written for Lenskyj; conference programmes and posters of events attended by Lenskyj; records about awards won by Lenskyj, notably the 1991 Ontario History Society Riddell Award, for best article about Ontario's history published in 1990.

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/Box (file) /001 (01)	Title Curricula vitae	Dates [1978-2012]
(02)	Reference letters	1988-1997
(03)	OISE job offer	1991
(04)	Tenure	1992-1993
(05)	Articles about Helen Lenskyj	1978-1993
(06)	Awards	1984-1995
(07)	Conference programmes & event posters	1985-1999
(08)	Ephemera	1991-1994

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Series 2 Education

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This series consists of records documenting Lenskyj's undergraduate and post-graduate studies at the University of Toronto and the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education. Also included are transcripts from her post-secondary studies in Australia.

/Box (file)		Title	Dates
/001	(09)	Academic transcripts – Australia and Canada	1964-1981
	(10)	Awards & Scholarships	1975-1977
	(11)	Undergraduate course assignments	1973-1974
	(12)	Undergraduate course assignments	1974-1976
	(13)	Undergraduate course assignments	1977
/002	(01)	Undergraduate and graduate course assignments	1977-1981
	(02)	M. A. thesis progress reports	1980-1981
	(03)	M.A. thesis – "Social Change Affecting Women in Urban Canada, 1890-1930, and its Impact upon Immigrant Women in the Labour Force"	1980
	(04)	Ph.D. oral examinations and transcripts	1983
	(05)	Convocation programmes	1976-1983

Series 3 Correspondence – Professional

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1981-2008

This series consists of correspondence documenting Lenskyj's professional activities as an instructor at OISE, her various workshops and conference addresses, and her published writings.

Records within the files have been arranged chronologically by the archivist.

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Series 4 Lecture notes and other teaching materials 0.20 m; textual 1972-2007

This series consists primarily of files relating to courses taught by Lenskyj in her career as an instructor and subsequently professor at OISE and the School of Physical Health and Education. Includes course syllabi, course readings, and lecture notes. Also includes teaching materials on early childhood education and English as a Second Language courses taught by Lenskyj prior to her association with the University of Toronto.

B2013-0014 / Box (file) /003 (01)	Title Ontario Ministry of Education and Ontario Ministry of Culture and	Dates 1972-1977
	Recreation – TESL courses and workshops	
(02)	Townsville College of Advanced Education, Australia – Lecturer, Pre-Service and Graduate Programs.	1978
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(03)	Materials used in OISE graduate courses and various workshops	1981-1996
(04)	Notes on readings for graduate courses in the Department of Adult Education, OISE; Department of Sociology and Equity Studies in Education, OISE.	1991-2007
(05)	Course syllabi	1986-2006
(06)	Course evaluations and feedback	1986-1993
(07)	OISE – EDT1973H: Women and the Educational System	Nov. 1988
(08)	OISE – EDT1973H: Women and the Educational System	Dec. 1990
(09)	OISE – EDT1973H: Women and the Educational System	Dec. 1996
(10)	OISE – SES1982H: Women and the Educational System	Sept. 1998
(11)	OISE – EDT1131H: Introduction to Feminist Perspectives in Education and Training	Dec. 1989

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/004	(01)	PHE 301F: Power, Health and Culture in Canadian Society	Fall 1996
	(02)	PHE 301F: Power, Health and Culture in Canadian Society	1996-1998

Series 5 Professional Activities / Advocacy

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This series consists of records documenting Lenskyj's involvement with various groups within her community in Toronto and within Canada. Notably, Lenskyj worked closely with APUS as a faculty advisor in their campaign against a student levy for the new Varsity Stadium, and the subsequent court battle with Governing Council to recover student fees which were wrongly collected.

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/Box (file) /005	(01)	Title Miscellaneous briefs	Dates 1984-1993
	(02)	Letters to the editor	1987
	(03)	Canadian Association for the Advancement of Women and Sport	1985-1998
	(04)	Campaign Against the Militarization of OISE	2004-2005
(05)	-(07)	APUS (Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students) campaign to oppose the Varsity Stadium levy	1999-2007
	(08)	APUS court case with Governing Council to recover fees	2007

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Series 6 Research and writings

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This series consists of unpublished and published manuscripts written by Helen Lenskyj over the course of her career. Includes: materials related to Lenskyj's books, journal articles, reviews, reports, workshop presentations, conference addresses, and newspaper and magazine articles. Also included are manuals written by Lenskyj while she worked for the Ontario Ministry of Culture and Recreation.

The bulk of these manuscripts are subdivided into their respective subject areas, based on the four primary research interests (gender and sport, sexual education, education, and Olympic critiques) of Lenskyj during her career. This is the arrangement in which the manuscripts where donated and this order has been preserved.

B2013-0014 /Box (file)	Title	
` ,	Miscellaneous	
/006 (01)	The ESL Nursery program. Toronto: Ministry of Culture and Recreation, Citizenship Branch.	1977
(02)	Language development in the preschool child. Toronto: Ministry of Culture and Recreation, Citizenship Branch.	1977
(03)	Unpublished articles, drafts, and abstracts	[198-]-[199-]
(04)	Skip To The Beat: Study Guide. Oakville, ON/Richmond, B.C.: Magic Lantern Communications Ltd.	[198-]
(05)	Newspaper and magazine articles by Lenskyj	1982-1990
(06)	Reviews by Lenskyj	1983-1998
(07)	(1986). Out of Bounds: Women, sport and sexuality. Toronto: Women's Press. – news clippings, reviews, correspondence, speaking engagements	1983-1998
(08)	Female participation in sport: The issue of integration versus separate-but-equal. Discussion paper prepared for CAAWS and Sport Canada Joint Steering Committee.	1985
(09)	Date and acquaintance rape prevention campaign - Ministry of Colleges and Universities project. Helen Lenskyj, Principal Investigator.	1992
(10)	Publishing contracts	1985-2006
(11)	The Politics of Olympic Bids and Preparations. SSHRC grant application	1999
(12)	General materials related to books - correspondence, reviews, proofs	1999-2008

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		bject: Gender and Sport	
/007	(01)	Playing a Different Game: Sex-related Trends in Sport Socialization. Unpublished essay.	[198-]
	(02)	Femininity first: Sport and physical education for Ontario girls, 1890-1930. Canadian Journal of the History of Sport, 13(2), 4-17.	1982
	(03)	Moral physiology and the physical education of girls in Ontario, 1890-1930. <i>Proceedings of the Fifth Canadian Symposium on the History of Sport</i> , University of Toronto.	Aug. 1982
	(04)	"We want to playWe'll play": Women and sport in the twenties and thirties. <i>Canadian Women's Studies</i> , 4(3), 15-18.	Spring 1983
	(05)	"A kind of precipitate waddle": Early opposition to women running. In N. Theberge and P. Donnelly (Eds.), Sport and the Sociological Imagination, Proceedings of the 3rd Annual Conference of the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport (pp. 153-161). Texas: TCU Press.	1984
	(06)	Sport, femininity and sexuality. Resources for Feminist Research, 13(2), 66-68.	1984
	(07)	Women in sport in the `70s and `80s: No, Virginia, we have not come a long way. Paper presented at the Conference of the Canadian Association for American Studies, Ottawa.	1984
	(08)	An integrative feminist approach to sport and gender. Paper presented at the Eighth Annual Conference of the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport, Edmonton.	1987
	(09)	Female sexuality and women's sport. Women's Studies International Forum, 10(4), 381-386.	1987
	(10)	Human rights and sports policies affecting girls and women. In <i>Sex equality in sport: Perspectives</i> (pp. 35-43). Toronto: York University.	1987
	(11)	Human Rights and Sports Policies Affecting Girls and Women. Paper presented at <i>Women in sport: The structural barriers</i> . Professional Development Workshops, North York Board of Education.	1987
	(12)	Physical activity for Canadian women, 1890-1930: Media views. In J.A. Mangan and R. Park (Eds.), From "fair sex" to feminism: Sport and the socialization of women in the industrial and post-industrial eras (pp. 208-231). London: Cass.	1987
	(13)	Fair play: Sex equality in school sport. Orbit, 18(4), 22-23.	Dec. 1987
	(14)	Measured time: Women, sport and leisure. Leisure Studies, 7, 233-240.	1988
	(15)	Raising "good vigorous animals": Medical interest in children's health, Ontario, 1890-1930. <i>Scientia Canadensis</i> , 12(2), 129-149.	1989

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/007 (16)	Common sense and physiology: North American medical attitudes to women and sport, 1890-1930. <i>Canadian Journal of the History of Sport, 21(1),</i> 49-64.	1990
(17)	Power and play: Gender and sexuality issues in sport and physical activity. <i>International Review for the Sociology of Sport, 25(3),</i> 201-211.	1990
(18)	Putting the physical into education: The politics of teaching women's sport history in high school. <i>History and Social Science Teacher</i> , 25(3), 138-143.	1990
(19)	The play's the thing: Sex equality in school athletic programs. In M. O'Brien and F. Forman (Eds.), <i>Feminism and education: A Canadian perspective</i> (pp. 295-310). Toronto: OISE, Centre for Women's Studies in Education.	1990
(20)	Training for "true womanhood": Physical education for girls in Ontario Schools, 1890-1920. <i>Historical Studies in Education, 2(2),</i> 205-223.	1990
(21)	Sexual harassment in university sport and physical education. Paper presented at the <i>Canadian Association Against Sexual Harassment in Higher Education</i> Conference, Toronto.	Nov. 1990
(22)	Combating homophobia in sport and physical education: Academic and professional responsibilities. <i>Sociology of Sport Journal, 8(1),</i> 61-69.	1991
(23)	The leisure/pleasure connection in women's lives. Paper presented at the World Leisure and Recreation Association Congress, Sydney, Australia.	July 1991
(24)	A new ball game? Historical and contemporary models of women's sport in Canada. World Leisure and Recreation Association Journal, 33(1), 15-18.	Sept. 1991
(25)	Winning at all costs? Female athletes and eating disorders. <i>National Eating Disorder Information Centre Bulletin</i> , 6(5), 1 & 3.	Dec. 1991
(26)	Good sports: Feminists organizing on sport issues in the 1970s and 1980s. Resources for Feminist Research, 20(3), 130-136.	1992
(27)	Jock-traps: The Locker-room Door is Still Closed to Women. In S. Crean (Ed.), Twist and shout: A decade of feminist writing (pp. 260-266). Toronto: Second Story Press.	1992
(28)	Missing in action: Media portrayals of women in sport. Media Watch Bulletin, 5(2), 2-3.	1992
(29)	Sexual harassment: Female athletes' experiences and coaches' responsibilities/ Harcèlement sexuel: expériences des femmes athlètes et responsabilités des entraîneurs. <i>Sports Science Periodical on Research and Technology in Sport, 12(6),</i> 1-6.	1992
(30)	Unsafe at home base: Women's experiences of sexual harassment in university sport and physical education. <i>Women in Sport and Physical Activity Journal</i> , 1(1), 19-	1992

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/007	(46)	A Feminist Future for Canadian Girls' and Women's Sport. Female Athletes Motivating Excellence Newsletter, No. 14, 5.	Dec. 1995
	(47)	Body of knowledge. In B.L. Brown (Ed.), <i>Bringing It Home: Women Talk About Feminism in their Lives</i> (pp. 219-225). Vancouver: Arsenal Pulp Press.	1996
	(48)	No fear? Lesbians in sport and physical education. Women in Sport and Physical Activity Journal, 6(2), 7-22.	1997
	(49)	Women, sport and sexualities. Keynote presentation at <i>Gender, Sexualities and Sport Symposium</i> , Victoria University of Technology, Australia.	June 1997
	(50)	(with M.J. Kane). Media Treatment of Female Athletes: Issues of Gender and Sexualities. In L. Wenner (Ed.), <i>MediaSport</i> (pp.186-201). New York: Routledge.	1998
	(51)	Inside sport or on the margins? Women in Australian sport media. <i>International Review for the Sociology of Sport, 33(1),</i> 19-32.	March 1998
	(52)	Women, sport and sexualities: breaking the silences. In P. White and K. Young (Eds.), <i>Sport and Gender in Canada</i> (pp.170-182). Toronto: Oxford University Press.	1999
	(53)	The More Things Change: Women, Sport and the Olympic Industry, 1900-2000. Fireweed 71/72, 78-83.	2001
	(54)	Funding Canadian university sport facilities: the University of Toronto stadium referendum. <i>Journal of Sport and Social Issues</i> , 28(4), 379-96.	2004
	Su	bject: Sexual Education	
/008	(01)	Beyond plumbing and prevention: Feminist approaches to sex education. <i>Gender and Education</i> , 2(2), 233-246.	1990
	(02)	Sex and Politics: Toronto Board of Education Curriculum on Sexual Orientation(s). [Report to the Bias in the Curriculum Committee, Toronto Board of Education.]	[1992]
	(03)	Going too far? Sexual orientation(s) in the sex education curriculum. In L. Erwin and D. MacLennan (Eds.), <i>The Sociology of Education in Canada</i> (pp. 277-289). Toronto: Copp Clark Pitman.	1994
	(04)	Changing sex education: Putting homophobia and sexual orientation on the agenda. <i>Orbit</i> , 28(1), 18-20.	1997
	(05)	A chilly climate for gay and lesbian educators. Rainbow Classroom Newsletter, Fall 1998, 7&13.	1998
	(06)	Clinically Correct? AIDS education in Ontario in the 1980s and 1990s. <i>Canadian Bulletin of Medical History, 27(2)</i> , 403-21.	2007

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Subject: Education				
/008	(07)	A servant problem or a servant-mistress problem? Domestic service in Canada, 1890-1930. <i>Atlantis</i> , 7(1), 3-11.	1981	
	(08)	Academic feminists and the women's community. CAUT Bulletin, 13.	March 1988	
	(09)	(with E. Burge) Women studying in distance education: Issues and principles. <i>Canadian Journal of Distance Education</i> , <i>5</i> (1), 20-37.	1990	
	(10)	(with C. Angus and A. Kerr) Critique of "No More Victims, No More Victimizers: Youth Violence Prevention, presented by Dr. Ron Langevin, 2 November 1990.	[1990]	
	(11)	Adult Education and the Learning Needs of Women in the Human Services Professions. Paper presented to the Department of Adult Education, OISE.	Dec. 1990	
	(12)	Research comment: On the treatment of the sexualities in research. Resources for Feminist Research, 19(3), 91-93.	1991	
	(13)	Tele-communication: Women's studies through distance education. Resources for Feminist Research, 20(1/2), 11-12.	1992	
	(14)	Nurse education and women's health movements. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Canadian Association for the Study of Adult Education, Saskatoon.	May 1992	
	(15)	The politics of feminist pedagogy. In D. Martens (Ed.), Weaving Alliances: Selected Papers Presented for the Canadian Women's Studies Association at the 1991 and 1992 Learned Societies Conference (pp. 35-46). Ottawa: CWSA.	1993	
	(16)	Nurse education and feminist challenges. Registered Nurse, 15-17.	1993	
	(17)	Commitment and compromise: Feminist pedagogy in the academy. In P. Bourne et al. (eds.) <i>Feminism and Education: A Canadian perspective</i> , <i>Vol. 2</i> (pp. 3-15). Toronto: OISE, Centre for Women's Studies in Education.	1994	
	(18)	Are words enough? Teaching women's studies by teleconference. Paper presented at the AMTEC Conference, University of Guelph.	May 1995	
	(19)	Mary O'Brien: Feminist Activist, Teacher and Scholar. Canadian Woman Studies, 18(4), 103-4.	1999	
Subject: Olympic Critiques				
/008	(20)	More than games: Community involvement in the Toronto bid for the 1996 Olympics. In R. Barney and K. Meier (eds.), <i>Proceedings of the First International Symposium for Olympic Research</i> (pp. 78-87). London: University of Western Ontario.	1992	

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/008 (21)	Buying and selling the Olympic Games: Citizen participation in the Sydney and Toronto bids. In R. Barney and K. Meier (Eds.), <i>Critical Reflections on Olympic Ideology: Second International Symposium for Olympic Research</i> (pp. 70-77). London: University of Western Ontario.	1994
(22)	Sharing the spirit or manufacturing consent? Sydney 2000, Olympic sport and the Australian media. In R. Barney et al. (Eds.), <i>Proceedings of the Third International Symposium for Olympic Research</i> (pp. 179-186). London: University of Western Ontario.	1996
(23)	When winners are losers: Citizen participation in the Toronto and Sydney Olympic bids. <i>Journal of Sport and Social Issues 20(4)</i> , 392-410.	1996
(24)	The Case Against Toronto's Bid for the 2008 Olympics. Options Politiques/Policy Options, May 1997, 16-18.	1997
(25)	Sport and corporate environmentalism: the case of the Sydney 2000 Olympics. <i>International Review for the Sociology of Sport, 33(4)</i> , 341-354.	1998
(26)	Green Games or empty promises? Sydney 2000 and the environment. In R. Barney et al. (eds.) <i>Proceedings of the Fourth International Symposium for Olympic Research</i> (pp. 173-180). London: University of Western Ontario.	1998
(27)	Up Against the Olympic Industry: Organizing University Sport and Sport Studies as if the World Mattered. Paper presented to the <i>Canadian Society for the Study of Higher Education Conference</i> .	May 2002
(28)	Gay Games or Gay Olympics? Implications for Lesbian Inclusion. <i>Canadian Woman Studies 21(3)</i> , 24-28.	2002
(29)	International Olympic Resistance: Thinking Globally, Acting Locally. In K. Wamsley et al. (Eds.), <i>The Global Nexus Engaged: Proceedings of the Sixth International Symposium for Olympic Research</i> (pp. 205-8). London: University of Western Ontario.	2002
(30)	Olympic Industry Mythology: A Consumer Guide. In R. Kick (ed.) <i>Everything You Know is Wrong</i> (pp.44-50). New York: Disinformation Company.	2002
(31)	Olympic Industry Legacy: An Oxymoron. Paper presented at the <i>North American Society for the Sociology of Sport Conference</i> , Montreal.	Oct. 2003
(32)	Olympic Education Inc.: Colonizing Children's Minds? In K. Wamsley et al. (Eds.), <i>Cultural Relations Old and New: The Transitory Olympic Ethos</i> Proceedings of the Seventh International Symposium for Olympic Research (pp. 151-8). London: University of Western Ontario.	2004
(33)	Alternative media versus the Olympic industry. In Art Raney and Jennings Bryant (Eds.), <i>Handbook of Sports and Media</i> (pp. 205-16). Mahwah, New Jersey: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates.	2006
(34)	The case against the Olympic Games. In H. Lenskyj and S. Wagg (eds.), <i>Palgrave Handbook of Olympic Studies</i> (pp.570-79). New York: Palgrave MacMillan.	2012