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Biographical note

Michael R. Marrus (1941-2022) was a University of Toronto professor and historian who was an internationally-recognized expert on the Holocaust and Jewish and French history.

Born in Toronto, Prof. Marrus received his BA from the University of Toronto in 1963. He then received his MA (1964) and PhD (1968) at the University of California, Berkeley. He also received his Master of Studies in Law from the University of Toronto in 2005.

Prof. Marrus began his career at the University of Toronto as Assistant Professor of History in 1968. He became Associate Professor in 1973, full Professor in 1978, and Professor Emeritus in 2009. Prof. Marrus also served as the Chancellor Rose and Ray Wolfe Professor of Holocaust Studies from 2000 to 2006 (and since 2007, as Chancellor Rose and Ray Wolfe Professor Emeritus of Holocaust Studies). He also taught as an adjunct in the Faculty of Law since 2006.

In addition to his teaching and research duties, Prof. Marrus served the University of Toronto in many administrative capacities, including on Governing Council (1987-1996, 2002-2009, 2010-) and as Dean of the School of Graduate Studies (1997-2004).

Prof. Marrus was a visiting fellow of St. Antony's College, Oxford and the Institute for Advanced Studies of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and a visiting professor at UCLA and the University of Cape Town, South Africa.

During his career, Prof. Marrus published numerous articles and books on the Holocaust and the treatment of Jewish people in France during the Second World War. Some of his most notable books include The politics of assimilation: a study of the French Jewish community at the time of the Dreyfus Affair (1971), Vichy France and the Jews (1981), The unwanted: European Refugees in the Twentieth Century (1985), The Holocaust in history (1987), Mr. Sam: the life and times of Samuel Bronfman (1991), and Some measure of justice: the Holocaust era restitution campaign of the 1990s (2009). He was also editor of a fifteen-volume work, The Nazi Holocaust: historical articles on the destruction of European Jews (1992). Prof. Marrus presented his research in both local and international settings, at numerous conferences, academic gatherings, and community group events.

Prof. Marrus was appointed to serve on the International Catholic-Jewish Historical Commission, which consisted of three Jewish and three Catholic scholars tasked with exploring the role of the Vatican during the Holocaust. The commission worked from

1999 to 2001, and issued a report in 2000. In 2008, Marrus was awarded the Order of Canada.

Prof. Marrus married Randi Greenstein in 1971 and had three children. Following a period of ill health, Marrus died on Dec. 23rd, 2022.

Scope and content

Date range: 1964-2012

Extent: 2.73 m of textual records 67 3.5 inch floppy disks 42 photographs

3 sound recordings (cassette tapes)

Fonds consists of correspondence, news clippings, reports, reviews, appointment calendars, and other records relating to Michael R. Marrus's education, academic career, publishing record and university and community service. In particular, records document Prof. Marrus's prestigious career as a historian of the Holocaust and an expert on the relationships between Christians and Jews (predominantly in France) during World War Two, and also document his involvement in ongoing concerns in the Jewish community, both pertaining to faith and Zionism. In particular, Prof. Marrus's extensive publishing record is well-documented in contracts, reviews, and ongoing correspondence with readers and colleagues debating and exploring the assertions made in his work. The fonds also documents Prof. Marrus's career as a student at Berkeley in the 1960s, and his return to student life with his pursuit of a Master of Studies in Law degree (MSL) from the University of Toronto in 2004. Some records also relate to Prof. Marrus's teaching duties and appointments at the University of Toronto, as well as his service on the University's Governing Council. One series documents his service on the International Catholic-Jewish Historical Commission (1999-2001) and with the Friends of Le Chambon-sur-Lignon.

Language: Some material (primarily in correspondence and publication files) is in French and German.

Access:

- Series 1: Biographical and education
 - o B2011-0009/001 (01)-(09), B2011-0009/002 (01)-(04)
 - Open
- Series 2: Appointment calendars
 - o B2011-0009/002 (05), B2011-0009/003(01)-(02)
 - Restricted until 1 January 2031
- Series 3: Correspondence
 - o B2011-0009/003 (03)-(06), B2011-0009/005-/011
 - **Restricted** until 1 January 2031
- Series 4: Publishing
 - o B2011-0009/012-B2011-0009/015 (01)-(03)
 - Restricted until 1 January 2031
- Series 5: Teaching and university service
 - o B2011-0009/015
 - Restricted until 1 January 2031
- Series 6: Christian-Jewish Relations: Le Chambon-sur-Lignon and The Vatican Commission
 - o B2011-0009/017-/020, B2011-0009/001S
 - Restricted until 1 January 2031
- Series 7: External organizations
 - o B2011-0009/021
 - Restricted until 1 January 2031
- Series 8: Photographs
 - o B2011-0009/001P
 - Open
- Series 9: Electronic records
 - o B2011-0009/022
 - Restricted until 1 January 2031

Boxes: B2011-0009/001-/022 B2011-0009/001P

B2011-0009/001S

Series 1: Biographical and Education

Date range: 1964-2011

Extent: 0.22m (2 boxes) of textual records

Scope and content: Series consists of records documenting Prof. Marrus's personal life and education, including a copy of his CV, photocopies of personal documents, and a journal from his trips to Israel in 1983, 1988, 1989 and 1990. The series also contains his PhD thesis from Berkeley (*The politics of assimilation: a study of the French Jewish community at the time of the Dreyfus affair*) and some records pertaining to the 1964 free speech movement at Berkeley, in which Prof. Marrus was involved as a student, including leaflets, news clippings, and a monograph.

The series also documents two of Prof. Marrus's later educational pursuits. The first is a certificate from an Italian course at Centro Internazionale Dante Alighieri (2002). In addition, the series documents his time as a student in the Faculty of Law's Master of Studies in Law program in 2004/05, including press coverage, transcripts, correspondence, essays, timetables, lecture notes, and his thesis.

Lastly, the series contains records relating to Prof. Marrus's appointment into the Order of Canada, including the program, general information sent from Rideau Hall, letters of congratulations, and photographs.

Access: Open

Boxes: B2011-0009/001 (01)-(09) B2011-0009/002 (01)-(04)

Series 2: Appointment Calendars

Date range: 1974-1997, 2002

Extent: 0.10 m (2 boxes) of textual records

Scope and content: Series consists of pocket appointment calendars kept by Prof.

Marrus.

Access: Files are restricted until 1 January 2031.

Boxes: B2011-0009/002 (05) B2011-0009/003(01)-(02)

Series 3: Correspondence

Date range: 1969-1996, 2001-2008

Extent: 1.11 m (2 boxes) of textual records

Scope and content: Series consists of correspondence, primarily of a professional nature, relating to Prof. Marrus's work as an academic and author, dating from his appointment at the University of Toronto in 1968. Correspondents include students, academics, publishers, colleagues, and community organizations covering a wide range of topics. Some letters address the general administration of Prof. Marrus's employment and research accounts, grants and funding, and teaching duties/assignments. Other letters include invitations for speaking engagements, writing projects and conferences; letters of appreciation; requests for his expert opinion; discussions/debates on Zionism; and responses to his work. Although the majority of the correspondence is incoming, some outgoing correspondence is included, including Prof. Marrus's comments on others' work (as solicited by the author or as part of a peer review process). Later correspondence files also include news clippings, event information, and newsletters.

Correspondence relating to specific publications can also be found in series 4.

Access: Files are restricted until 1 January 2031.

Boxes: B2011-0009/003 (03)-(06) B2011-0009/005-/011

Series 4: Publishing

Date range: 1968-2012

Extent: 0.44 m (4 boxes) of textual and graphic material

Scope and content: Series consists of records relating to Prof. Marrus's vast publishing record. In particular, files pertain to specific publication projects (predominantly book projects), and include contracts, reviews, and correspondence with publishers, literary agents and readers. Few files include research notes. Files are arranged chronologically by publication date, with a general file of reviews at the end.

Access: Files are restricted until 1 January 2031. **Boxes:** B2011-0009/012- B2011-0009/015 (01)-(03)

Series 5: Teaching and University Service

Date range: 1968-2012

Extent: 0.21 m (2 boxes) of textual records

Scope and content: Series consists of various records relating to Prof. Marrus's teaching responsibilities and other service to the University of Toronto. Records relating to Prof. Marrus's employment include a file on promotion, tenure and review and a file relating to his position as the Chancellor Rose and Ray Wolfe Professor of Holocaust Studies. These files contain salary information, correspondence, and some event announcements. Another file contains correspondence from one year of Prof. Marrus's time on Governing Council (1990/91). The series also includes 3 files relating to Prof. Marrus's supervision of graduate students, which include correspondence, fellowship applications, dissertation proposals, and other related records.

Access: Files in box 15 are restricted until 1 January 2031. Lecture notes (box 16) are

open.

Boxes: B2011-0009/015 (04)-(09) B2011-0009/016 (01)-(05)

Series 6: Christian-Jewish Relations: Le Chambon-sur-Lignon and The Vatican Commission

Date range: 1983-2003

Extent: 0.52 m (5 boxes) of textual records and sound recordings

Scope and content: Series consists of records pertaining to Prof. Marrus's research and investigation into matters relating to Christian-Jewish relations during the Holocaust. In particular, the files relate to two groups: Le Chambon and the Vatican Commission.

Series includes files relating to Prof. Marrus's service on the Board of Directors of the Friends of Le Chambon (later named the Chambon Foundation). The organization, founded in 1982, is dedicated to telling the story of Le Chambon-sur-Lignon, a mountain village in France, where 5000 Christians sheltered 5000 Jews during the Holocaust. The foundation was founded by filmmaker Pierre Sauvage, who made the documentary Weapons of the Spirit. In 2004, then French President Chirac visited the site, which brought it increased attention. Records relating to Le Chambon include correspondence, newsletters, news clippings, and other records in both French and English.

Series also contains files relating to Prof. Marrus's membership on the Vatican International Catholic Jewish Historical Commission, which was tasked with examining the role of the Vatican during the Holocaust. The group was formed in 1999, issued a report in 2000, and disbanded in 2001 after failing to gain access to records in the

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Vatican archives. Records relating to the Vatican Commission include significant correspondence, reports, clippings and taped interviews with Father Peter Gumpel, a Jesuit priest whose family had to escape Germany due to their views against the National Socialists. Then, during the WWII, Gumpel helped Jews to escape in the Netherlands.

Access: Files are restricted until 1 January 2031.

Boxes: B2011-0009/017-/020 B2011-0009/001S

Series 7: External Organizations

Date range: 1988-1993

Extent: 0.13 m (1 box) of textual records

Scope and content: Series consists of several files relating to Prof. Marrus's involvement in various organizations outside of the university. Records relating to the Canadian Historical Association include some newsletters, minutes, and correspondence relating to his candidacy as vice president. Series also contains correspondence, proposals and reports relating to Prof. Marrus's participation in the Yarnton Group, formed to determine the future direction of Auschwitz's museum and monuments, and the symposium "The Future of Auschwitz: A Symposium of Jewish Intellectuals and Scholars" (April 6-9 1992).

Lastly, the series consists of correspondence, reports, news clippings and other records relating to a controversy at the Holy Blossom Temple, Canada's oldest synagogue, regarding proposed renovations to the sanctuary, so that it would face east (towards Israel).

Access: Files are restricted until 1 January 2031.

Boxes: B2011-0009/021

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Series 8: Photographs

Date range: [199-?]-[200-?]

Extent: 0.07 m (boxes) of graphic material

24 photographic prints

3 contact sheets 3 photonegatives

Scope and content: Series consists of various photographs of Prof. Marrus. Photographs are predominantly professional portraits, but also include a photograph of Prof. Marrus delivering a speech in academic costume and 4 photographs from the Order of Canada ceremony.

Access: Open

Boxes: B2011-0009/001P

Series 9: Electronic Records

Date range: [198-?]-[200-?] **Extent:** 67 3.5 inch floppy disks

1 CD

Scope and content: Series consist of floppy disks kept by Prof. Marrus, documenting most aspects of his career, including teaching, publishing and travel.

Access: Files are restricted until 1 January 2031.

Boxes: B2011-0009/022

Appendix

Series 1: Biographical and Education

File number	File title	Date range
B2011-0009/001		
B2011-0009/001 (01)	CV	Jan 2011
B2011-0009/001 (02)	Personal documents, copies [birth certificate,	[200-]
	marriage license, U of T transcript]	
B2011-0009/001 (03)	Berkeley 1964 documents	[1964]
B2011-0009/001 (04)	Berkeley 1964 clippings	1964
B2011-0009/001 (05)	Berkeley 1964 book [The Trouble in Berkeley]	1965
B2011-0009/001 (06)	PhD thesis: The politics of assimilation: a study	[1968]
	of the French Jewish community at the time of	
	the Dreyfus Affair	
B2011-0009/001 (07)	Journal: trips to Israel	1983, 1988-
		1990
B2011-0009/001 (08)	Dante Alighieri	2002
B2011-0009/001 (09)	Law school	2004-2005
B2011-0009/002		
B2011-0009/002 (01)	Law school lecture notes (part 1)	2004/05
B2011-0009/002 (02)	Law school lecture notes (part 2)	2004/05
B2011-0009/002 (03)	MSL thesis, Official apologies and the quest for	2005
	historical justice	
B2011-0009/002 (04)	Order of Canada	2008-2009

Series 2: Appointment Calendars

File number	File title	Date range
B2011-0009/002		
B2011-0009/002 (05)	Pocket calendars	1974-1979/80
B2011-0009/003		
B2011-0009/003 (01)	Pocket calendars	1980/81-1989
B2011-0009/003 (02)	Pocket calendars	1990-1996/97,
		2002

Series 3: Correspondence

File number	File title	Date range
B2011-0009/003 (03)-	Correspondence	1968/69-
(06)		1972/73
B2011-0009/004	Correspondence	1973/74-
		1976/77
B2011-0009/005	Correspondence	1976/77-1980
B2011-0009/006	Correspondence	1980-1983
B2011-0009/007	Correspondence	1983-1986/87
B2011-0009/008	Correspondence	1987/88-
		1989/90
B2011-0009/009	Correspondence	1990/91-
		1992/93
B2011-0009/010	Correspondence	1993/94-
		1994/95
B2011-0009/011	Correspondence	1995/96,
		2001/02-
		2007/08

Series 4: Publishing

File number	File title	Date range
B2011-0009/012		
B2011-0009/012 (01)	Politics of assimilation, correspondence	1968-1972
	[includes 2 photographs used in research]	
B2011-0009/012 (02)	Politics of assimilation, reviews	1971-9176
B2011-0009/012 (03)	Vichy correspondence I	1975-1980
B2011-0009/012 (04)	Vichy correspondence II (part 1)	1980-2012
B2011-0009/012 (05)	Vichy correspondence II (part 2)	1980-2012
B2011-0009/012 (06)	Vichy France and the Jews	1977-1994
B2011-0009/013		
B2011-0009/013 (01)	Vichy France and the Jews, English-language	1981-1982
	reviews	
B2011-0009/013 (02)	Vichy et les Juifs, French reviews	1981
B2011-0009/013 (03)	The unwanted, rights	1991-2001
B2011-0009/013 (04)	The unwanted, book launching	1985
B2011-0009/013 (05)	The unwanted, reviews, letters	1985-1988
B2011-0009/013 (06)	The unwanted, German	1998
B2011-0009/013 (07)	Holocaust in history, royalties	1988-2006

File number	File title	Date range
B2011-0009/013 (08)	Holocaust in history, errata	1995
B2011-0009/013 (09)	Holocaust in history, reviews	1987-1991
B2011-0009/014		
B2011-0009/014 (01)	Holocaust, Eschel and Japanese and	1993-2001
	Flammarian editions	
B2011-0009/014 (02)	Holocaust in history, Italian edition, Polish	1990-2001
	edition	
B2011-0009/014 (03)	Mr. Sam, publication	1989-2000
B2011-0009/014 (04)	Mr. Sam, comments (part 1)	1990-1991
B2011-0009/014 (05)	Mr. Sam, comments (part 2)	1990-1991
B2011-0009/014 (06)	Mr. Sam, reviews	1991-1992
B2011-0009/014 (07)	Meckler Corp. project [The Nazi Holocaust]	1987-1990
	(part 1)	
B2011-0009/014 (08)	Meckler Corp. project [The Nazi Holocaust]	1987-1990
	(part 2)	
B2011-0009/015		
B2011-0009/015 (01)	Illustrated history of the Jewish people	1993-1997
B2011-0009/015 (02)	Some measure of justice, University of	2008-2009
	Wisconsin Press	
B2011-0009/015 (03)	MRM reviews	1970-[2009?]

Series 5: Teaching and University Service

File number	File title	Date range
B2011-0009/015		
B2011-0009/015 (04)	Governing Council, correspondence	1990/91
B2011-0009/015 (05)	Appointment, PTR	1996-2008
B2011-0009/015 (06)	Holocaust Studies (Chancellor Rose and Ray	2000-2003
	Wolfe Chair in)	
B2011-0009/015 (07)-	Graduate student supervision [by name of	2001-2006
(09)	student]	
B2011-0009/016	Lecture notes	
B2011-0009/016 (01)	History 319S	1975
B2011-0009/016 (02)	History 242S	1972-1988
B2011-0009/016 (03)	History 345H (fascism)	1992-1994
B2011-0009/016 (04)	Holocaust, lectures I	1992-1996
B2011-0009/016 (05)	Holocaust, lectures II	1992-1996

Series 6: Christian-Jewish Relations: Le Chambon-sur-Lignon and The Vatican Commission

File number	File title	Date range
B2011-0009/017		
B2011-0009/017 (01)	Le Chambon (part 1)	1983-1998
B2011-0009/017 (02)	Le Chambon (part 2)	1983-1998
B2011-0009/017 (03)	Le Chambon, correspondence	2004-2006
B2011-0009/017 (04)	Vatican Commission	1999-2002
B2011-0009/017 (05)	Vatican Commission, administration	1999/2000
	documentation	
B2011-0009/017 (06)	Vatican Commission, administration (part 1)	1999/2000
B2011-0009/017 (07)	Vatican Commission, administration (part 2)	1999/2000
B2011-0009/017 (08)	Vatican Commission, administration file #2	1999/2000
B2011-0009/018		
B2011-0009/018 (01)	Vatican Commission, administration file #3	May-June 2000
B2011-0009/018 (02)	Vatican Commission, administration file #4 (post Baltimore)	July-Nov 2000
B2011-0009/018 (03)	Vatican correspondence master file (part 1)	2000
B2011-0009/018 (04)	Vatican correspondence master file (part 2)	May-June 2000
B2011-0009/018 (05)	Vatican correspondence master file (part 3)	Nov 2000-Feb 2001
B2011-0009/018 (06)	Vatican correspondence	March 2001
B2011-0009/019		
B2011-0009/019 (01)	Vatican correspondence	April 2001
B2011-0009/019 (02)	Vatican correspondence	May 2001
B2011-0009/019 (03)	Vatican correspondence	June 2001
B2011-0009/019 (04)	Vatican correspondence	July 2001
B2011-0009/019 (05)	Vatican correspondence 2 (part 1)	June-July 2001
B2011-0009/019 (06)	Vatican correspondence 2 (part 2)	Aug 2001
B2011-0009/019 (07)	Vatican correspondence 3 (part 1)	July-Aug 2001
B2011-0009/020		
B2011-0009/020 (01)	Vatican correspondence 3 (part 2)	Aug-Sept 2001
B2011-0009/020 (02)	Vatican correspondence 4 (part 1)	Sept-Nov 2001

File number	File title	Date range
B2011-0009/020 (03)	Vatican correspondence 4 (part 2)	Nov 2001-Jan
		2002
B2011-0009/020 (04)	Vatican correspondence 4 (part 3)	Jan-Aug 2002
B2011-0009/020 (05)	Vatican correspondence	2002/2003
B2011-0009/001S(01)-	Tape recording of interview in Vatican with	[c. 2000]
(03)	Father Peter Gumpel [3 cassette tapes]	

Series 7: External Organizations

File number	File title	Date range
B2011-0009/021	Canadian Historical Association	1988-1990
B2011-0009/021(01)	Yarnton Group	1990-1993
B2011-0009/021(02)	Holy Blossom, Face the East	2005-2007
B2011-0009/021(03)	Holy Blossom I	2005-2007
B2011-0009/021(04)	Holy Blossom II (part 1)	2007-2008
B2011-0009/021(05)	Holy Blossom II (part 1)	2007-2008

Series 9: Electronic Records

Disk Title	Description
Old files	CHA correspondence; Vichy correspondence;
	Unwanted correspondence; lectures.1
Old files activity 1988-92	Peace Now; Grants 1987-91; Travel 1991-2
Old files travel 1986-91	
Old files travel 1992-	
Old files articles 86-9	
Old files U of T 87-95	
Old files Evaluations.1	
(1988-1992)	
Old files	Evaluations.2 (1992-4); Mr. Sam i
Articles.94-	
Old files	Evaluations.2 (1992-4); Mr. Sam I (PC Format)
Articles 94-	PC Format
Old files.1	Book correspondence 1987-1993; Lectures 1988-1993
Old files.2	Reviews 1987-1993
Old files.3	Articles 1989-1993
Old files.4	Pub Corresp. 1987-1993
Global Village Z Term	July 1993
Nuremberg	D[?]s Trial; Pius XI and XII

Disk Title	Description
Dilemmas of Reconciliation	Keynote speech June 2, 1999; Dr. Michael Marrus,
Conference	Transcription Draft #1
Michael Marrus course	HIS 345F Fascism; HIS 445Y WWII; HIS 1258F EurTopics;
outlines	HIS1274S Nazis, Jews
Meckler Project	
Travel	Gigs 1993-4; Gigs 1994-5
[unlabeled]	
[unlabeled]	
Gairdner Foundation	
Scientific Symposium	
Michael R. Marrus	
Mr. Sam misc.	Correspondence; outlines
Mr. Sam ms. 1	
Mr. Sam ms. 2	
Mr. Sam ms. 3	
Mr. Sam ms. 4	
Mr. Sam ms. 5	
Mr. Sam i	
Mr. Sam ii	
Mr. Sam ms. 1	
Mr. Sam ms. 2	
Mr. Sam ms. 3	
Mr. Sam ms. 4 & 5	
Mr. Sam	
Holocaust in History I	
Holocaust in History II	
Backup	Evaluations.1
Backup 1	CVs
Backup 2	Office
Backup 2a	Family; book orders
Backup 3	Pub Correspondence
Backup 3.1	Book Correspondence
Backup.4.1	Reviews
Backup 4.1a	Lectures.2
Backup 5	Articles 1986-1989
Backup 5.1	Articles 1990-
Backup 5.1	Articles 1994-
Backup 6.1	Evaluations
Backup 7	U of T

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Disk Title	Description
Backup 7.1a	Department of History
Backup 7.2	U of T Teach
Backup 7.2a	Exams, tests
Backup 8	Travel.1
Backup 8	Travel.35
Backup 8.1	Travel 1993-1996
Backup 9	Grants; Research
Backup 10	Editor letters
Backup 11	U of T lectures
Nsv Backup 12	Course grades
Backup 13	Ventures
Backup 14	WWII Humanitarianism; hot memos
Backup 15	Misc. Correspondence
Backup 17	Insurance; tax stuff
CD: Wedding	Aparna Desai – Joel Brown, 24 July 2004, with
	compliments from Rashmi & Kappu [contains 12 jpg
	images], 2004