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Biographical note

Frank Wayne Peers (1918-2016) was born on January 18, 1918 in Alsask, Saskatchewan. He received a Bachelor of Arts in 1936, a Bachelor of Education in 1943 from Mount Royal College at the University of Alberta, a Masters of Arts in 1948 and a PhD in 1966 from the University of Toronto. He held a variety of academic posts including Assistant Director of Extension at the University of Alberta (1943-47) and Assistant Director of the Banff School of Fine Arts (1945-47). In 1948 he became the Supervisor of Public Affairs at the CBC and later went on to hold the position of Director of Information Programming. In 1963, he took a leave from the CBC to begin his PhD studies, writing a dissertation about the CBC. In 1963, Peers was also hired by the University of Toronto as a faculty member in its Political Science division in the Department of Political Economy, where he remained until his retirement in 1983. Professor Peers published numerous books and articles including "The Politics of Canadian Broadcasting 1920-1951" and "The Public Eye: Television and the Politics of Canadian Broadcasting 1952 – 68" (both of which built on his PhD dissertation). He also served as Editor of the Canadian Journal of Political Science, and was a member of the Canadian Political Science Association and the Canadian Historical Association. Peers is also known for his contributions to the Friends of Canadian Broadcasting (FCB), founded in February 1985 as a vehicle to publicly protest against budget cuts imposed on the CBC in 1984.

Throughout his life, Professor Peers maintained a degree of involvement with his alma maters – the University of Alberta and the University of Toronto. In addition to providing funds for individual scholarships at both universities and a bursary in the Faculty of Nursing at the University of Alberta, he gave financial support to various departments including the Department of Political Science at the University of Toronto and the Institute for Sexual Minority Studies and Services at the University of Alberta. Peers also took a general interest in the activities of the universities, collecting bulletins and other sources of information.

References: Simpson, Kieran. Canadian Who's Who 1992. The University of Toronto Press, 1992.

Scope and content

Date range: 1932-2016

Extent: 1.63 m (11 of boxes) of textual, graphic, publications and artifacts

Personal records of Frank Peers, Professor Emeritus in the Department of Political Science. Records relate to his personal life, education and to his activities as a donor to and alumnus of the University of Toronto and University of Alberta. Included are biographical materials; personal correspondence; photographs; yearbooks; diplomas; his MA and PhD dissertations; and files relating to his donations to the University of Alberta and the University of Toronto.

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B2017-0002/001ART

B2017-0002/001M

B2017-0002/001P

Related material: Records relating to Peers' research about Canadian broadcasting and the CBC can be found in the Peers, Frank fonds of the University of Toronto Media Commons Archives: <https://mediacommons.library.utoronto.ca/fonds/peers-frank>

Series 1: Biographical and personal

Date range: 1946-2016

Extent: 0.28 m (6 boxes) of textual, graphic, artifact and moving images

Scope and content

This series contains passports, daily agendas (58 volumes) and an address book, as well as files relating to the Banff School of Fine Arts, Professor Peers' academic life, awards that he received and books that he wrote. Also included are a class photograph of the East Coulee School where Peers taught and was principal from 1939-1942, personal correspondence, photographs of Peers with friends, travel documents and records relating to his 90th birthday and the memorial service held upon his death. The series concludes with a file of records relating to David Rayside, a U of T professor and close friend of Peers.

The "biographical information" file [/003(04)] contains, amongst many other items, several pieces that Professor Peers himself penned between 1980 and 2002 about his family and background and his years as a high school teacher. Included with this is a

CD from one of his nieces, Bev Swanton, titled "Acadia Valley Homecoming 2012", that celebrates the hamlet, the surrounding farms (including that of the Peers family) and includes the centennial parade.

Access: Open

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B2017-0002/006
B2017-0002/001M
B2017-0002/001P

Series 2: Education

Date range: 1932-1966

Extent: 0.25m of textual, artifact and publications

Scope and content

This series contains Professor Peers' yearbooks, diplomas, dissertations for his MA and PhD as well as other records relating to his education.

Access: Open

Boxes: B2017-0002/001ART
B2017-0002/004-006
B2017-0002/009

Series 3: University of Toronto

Date range: 1947-2015 [predominant 1967-2015],

Extent: 0.22m (4 boxes) of textual, artifact and graphic materials

Scope and content

This series contains records relating to Professor Peers' activities as a professor and professor emeritus, as an alumnus, and as a very generous donor to the University of Toronto and also to Queen's University. Included is general information about his retirement, correspondence and related material regarding the Department of Political Science. There are also extensive files of correspondence, donor agreements, endowment reports, and other material regarding scholarships and fellowships that he funded in the Department of Political Science and elsewhere, and a file on the purchase of and later transfer to the University of Toronto of his condominium at 190 St. George St.

Arrangement: The records in this series are arranged with information about the University of Toronto first and then records relating to donations to the university after.

Access: Open

Boxes: B2017-0002/006-/007

B2017-0002/001ART

B2017-0002/001P (03)

Series 4: University of Alberta

Date range: 1945-2015

Extent: 0.10m (2 boxes) of textual records

Scope and content

This series contains records relating to Professor Peers' relationship with the University of Alberta as an alumnus and donor. Included is general information that he received from the university; endowment fund reports; files relating to specific scholarships that he funded; and a file relating to funding that he provided for the Institute for Sexual Minority Studies and Services. Files contain donor agreements between Peers and the university, thank you letters from scholarship recipients, endowment fund reports, correspondence with the university and information about the individuals that the scholarships were named after.

Access: Open

Boxes: B2017-0002/007-/008

Appendix

Series 1: Biographical and personal

File number	File title	Date range
B2017-0002/001(01)	Daily agenda: 1952, 1953, 1954 [contains an entry for 1965]	1952-1956
B2017-0002/001(02)	Daily agenda: 1955 [1955 entries for January and February; rest for 1966 only], 1956, 1957	1955-1957 1966
B2017-0002/001(03)	Daily agenda: 1958 (contains one entry – 23 October – for 1958; rest are for 1964), 1959, 1961 [also contains entries for 1967]	1958, 1961-1962, 1964, 1967
B2017-0002/001(04)	Daily agenda: 1962 [also entries for 1961 and 1968], 1963 [also entries for 1968], 1969	1961-1963, 1968-1969
B2017-0002/001(05)	Daily agenda: 1970, 1971, 1972	1970-1972
B2017-0002/001(06)	Daily agenda: 1973, 1974, 1976, 1977	1973-1977
B2017-0002/001(07)	Daily agenda: 1978, 1979, 1980	1978-1980
B2017-0002/001(08)	Daily agenda: 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984	1981-1984
B2017-0002/001(09) – (12)	Daily agenda: 1985-1992 inclusive	1985-1992
B2017-0002/002(01) – (07)	Daily agenda: 1993-2016 inclusive	1993-2016
B2017-0002/003(01) – (02)	Passports (10 volumes)	1955-2015
B2017-0002/003(03)	Address book	[19--]
B2017-0002/003(04)	Biographical information, citations, etc.	1980-2010
B2017-0002/001M	"Acadia Valley Homecoming 2012". CD, with covering letter	2012
B2017-0002/001P(01)	East Coulee School. Class photograph. Photoprint	1940
B2017-0002/003(05)	Banff School of Fine Arts. Greeting cards, programme and newspaper article	1946-1954, 2011, n.d.
B2017-0002/001P(02)	Banff School of Fine Arts. Class photograph. Photoprint	July 1946
B2017-0002/003(06)	Academic citation, curriculum vitae, correspondence and other records relating to academic activities	1983-2010
B2017-0002/003(07)	Awards notifications and certificates	1991-2011
B2017-0002/001ART	Arbor Award lapel pin	2011
B2017-0002/003(08)	Book reviews and promotional materials	1970-2010

File number	File title	Date range
B2017-0002/003(09)	Lists of card recipients; Christmas and other cards	1966-2014
B2017-0002/003(10)	Correspondence with Hugh Gillis	1963, 1972
B2017-0002/003(11)	Correspondence, business cards, etc.	1998, 2005
B2017-0002/003(12)	Obituaries of friends, funeral service program, eulogy script and correspondence with Yonge Street Mission re: donation given in honour of a neighbour who died	1982-2016
B2017-0002/003(13)	Correspondence with Bernard Trotter	1967-2012
B2017-0002/001P(03)	Frank Peers in London with Jean and Bernard Trotter. 4 photoprints	October 2000
B2017-0002/001P(04)	Bernard Trotter family reunion. 1 photoprint	2012
B2017-0002/001P(05)	Frank Peers at the Trotter residence, Kingston, Ont. 2 photoprints	2005, 2009
B2017-0002/003(14)	Travel itineraries, notes and collected materials	1950-1998
B2017-0002/001P(06)	Travel photographs – India, USA, Luxemburg. 34 photoprints	1955, [19--]
B2017-0002/003(15)	90th birthday correspondence, tribute and guestbook	2008
B2017-0002/002P(01)	Photographic portrait of Frank Peers, taken for his 90th birthday	2008
B2017-0002/003(16)	Memorial for Frank Peers	2016
B2017-0002/006(01)	Correspondence between David Rayside and Bernard Trottier re: death and memorial service for Frank Peers	2016
B2017-0002/006(02)	Frank Peers death memorial service correspondence	2016
B2017-0002/006(03)	David Rayside	1990-2015

Series 2: Education

File number	File title	Date range
B2017-0002/001ART	Medal for general proficiency in 1 st year arts from Mount Royal College, Calgary	1932-1933
B2017-0002/004(01) – (03)	<i>Evergreen and Gold : the annual publication of the students of the University of Alberta.</i> vol. xv, xvi, xvii. [yearbooks]	1935-1936
B2017-0002/006(04)	University of Alberta student handbook	1935-1936
B2017-0002/009(01)	University of Alberta. BA diploma	1936
B2017-0002/006(05)	University of Alberta. Convocation programme	1936
B2017-0002/009(03)	High school teacher's certificate, Province of Alberta	1937
B2017-0002/009(02)	University of Alberta. BEd diploma	1942
B2017-0002/006(06)	Permanent high school certificate - license to teach grades VII to XII	1942
B2017-0002/009(01)	MA diploma University of Toronto	1949
B2017-0002/009(04)	PhD diploma University of Toronto	1966
B2017-0002/006(07)	University of Toronto. Doctoral programme. Report card, convocation programme and other records	1966
B2017-0002/005(01)	Frank Wayne Peers "Canadian attitudes towards Russia as expressed in the editorial columns of the Toronto daily newspapers 1917-1947." University of Alberta : MA thesis, 1948	1948
B2017-0002/005(02) – (04)	Frank Wayne Peers. "The politics of Canadian broadcasting 1920-1939" University of Toronto : PhD thesis, 1966, 3 vols.	1966

Series 3: University of Toronto

File number	File title	Date range
B2017-0002/006(08)	Correspondence, Department of Political Economy telephone list (October, 1967)	1967, 1979-2008
B2017-0002/006(09)	Correspondence with Michael Nolan re his essay on Alan Butterworth Plaunt (included) and his MA thesis	1989-1980
B2017-0002/006(10)	Correspondence with Radha Persaud re his doctoral studies	1984-1989

File number	File title	Date range
B2017-0002/006(11)	Correspondence re Frank Peers Graduate Research Fellowship and other departmental scholarships	2007-2011
B2017-0002/006(12)	Correspondence, memoranda, notes, programmes, and press clippings, especially re appointments, honours bestowed, and deaths of faculty and staff in Political Science, and departmental conferences and other events	1978, 1983-2011
B2017-0002/006(13)	Retirement from U of T, 1983 (includes citation)	1983-1984
B2017-0002/006(14)	University of Toronto Faculty Association	2009, 2014
B2017-0002/006(15)	Retired Academics and Librarians of the University of Toronto (RALUT)	2001-2003
B2017-0002/006(16)	704 – 190 St. George (Peers' residence). Purchase, appraisal, and gift to U of T	1980-2015
B2017-0002/006(17)	Robert McKenzie Scholarship	1947, 1980-1995
B2017-0002/006(18)	Alexander Brady-MacGregor Dawson Scholarship	1985-2006
B2017-0002/006(19)	C. B. Macpherson Dissertation Fellowship	1987-2004
B2017-0002/006(20)	A.W. Johnson Graduate Scholarship for the Study of Canadian Government and the Public Administration	1991-2013
B2017-0002/006(21)	Frank Peers' donations to the Department of Political Science and to Queen's University	1997-2005
B2017-0002/007(01)	Ontario Graduate Scholarships in the Department of Political Science (funded by Peers)	1997-2013
B2017-0002/007(02)	Professor Emeritus Frank Peers Graduate Research Scholarship in the Department of Political Science	2004-2014
B2017-0002/007(03)	David Rayside Scholarships in Sexual Diversity Studies at University College	2004, 2012-2014
B2017-0002/007(04)	Ken Bryden Scholarship in Canadian Government and Politics in the Department of Political Science	2005-2006
B2017-0002/007(05)	Vincent Tovell Graduate Scholarship in International Relations	2006-2008
B2017-0002/007(06)	U of T stewardship correspondence, donor financial reports and notes (photograph and pin removed)	2006-2015

File number	File title	Date range
B2017-0002/001P(03)	Frank Peers Room in the Department of Political Science. 1 photoprint	[20--]
B2017-0002/001ART	University of Toronto lapel pin	[20--]
B2017-0002/007(07)	Tom Easterbrook Scholarship in Communications and the Mass Media	2009-2012
B2017-0002/007(08)	Letter re donation of personal papers on the development of Canadian broadcasting to the U of T	1995

Series 4: University of Alberta

File number	File title	Date range
B2017-0002/007(09)	Items from alumni magazine, <i>New Trail</i>	1945-2008
B2017-0002/007(10)	Correspondence and press clippings re alumni	1991-2008
B2017-0002/001ART	University of Alberta 75 th anniversary alumni lapel pin	[2016?]
B2017-0002/007(11)	Senator Donald Cameron Graduate Scholarship	1955-2012 (bulk, 2005-2012)
B2017-0002/007(12)	Correspondence re: stewardship	1988-2010
B2017-0002/007(13)	Frank Peers Graduate Research Scholarship in History and Political Science	2004-2014
B2017-0002/008(01)	Hugh McCall Graduate Award	1992, 2005-2012
B2017-0002/008(02)	John Garrett Graduate Scholarship in United States Studies	2005-2014
B2017-0002/008(03)	Endowment fund reports	2008-2014
B2017-0002/008(04)	Institute for Sexual Minority Studies and Services Endowment Fund	2013
B2017-0002/008(05)	Jody Law Bursary in Nursing	2013-2015