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Metcalf, John papers

Gift of John and Myrna Metcalf, 2015

Dates of creation:

2001-2015

Extent:

10 boxes (1.5 metres)

Scope and content:

This accession of John Metcalf's papers includes manuscripts and correspondence with various authors; correspondence with other writers; editing files for the journal CNQ (Canadian Notes and Queries) and the publication Best Canadian Stories; as well as personal writing, journals, photographs and other material related to his life and work.

Contains series:

1. Manuscripts and other writing
2. Publications
3. Writers' Files
4. Correspondence
5. Humber School for Writers Files
6. Professional and personal files
7. Photographs
8. Journals and scrapbooks

Custodial history:

This is the third donation from John and Myrna Metcalf to the Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library. Three previous accessions were donated in 2006, 2013 and 2014.

Notes:

Folder descriptions are taken directly from titles given by Metcalf.

SERIES 1: Manuscripts and other writing		
BOX/ FOLDER #:	CONTENTS:	DATES:
	Manuscript: The Canadian Short Story (Oberon Book)	
1:1-1:26, 2:1-2:2	Chapter outlines and drafts [includes correspondence and revisions]. Also includes author entries for ‘The Century List’ chapter for writers such as Kathy Page, Caroline Adderson, Joan Alexander, Sharon English, Zsuzsi Gartner, Dayv James-French, Shaena Lambert, Norman Levine, Alex MacLeod, Alice Petersen, Rebecca Rosenblum, and Kathleen Winter.	2014
2:3-2:4	Complete text [draft]	July 2014
2:5-2:8	Early draft [includes revisions]	Dec. 2014
2:9-2:16	Draft – penultimate typescript [includes revisions]	Jan. 7, 2015
	Manuscript: Lives of the Poets	
2:17	Early working notes on ‘Shoot Out’	2009-2010
2:18-2:19	Arc 3 drafts. Includes typing copy and connected typescript.	Aug.-Sep. 2013
2:20	Rough notes J.M. wrote to himself 2-3 years towards Arc 4.	[2013-2014]
2:21-2:25, 3:1-3:2	Arc 4: ‘The Appearing Shape’ pp. 1-67. Includes drafts, typing copies, photocopy of notes.	Feb. 2015
3:3-3:10	Arc 5 drafts. Includes roughs, typing copy, and final pages.	May-July 2015
	Drafts: ‘A Passion and Delight’ [The John Metcalf/Tim Struthers Interview Book]	
3:11-3:13	Includes rough drafts, notes, and correspondence.	June-July 2015
	Article: ‘Kaddish: Towards a Portrait of Norman Levine’	
3:14	Draft [with revisions] With note: needs some reworking for <u>Selected Essays</u> in 2015, has to be 11-point font, Times New Roman or something similar.	2015
3:15	Draft of article, to appear in ‘Mr. Toad on Top!’	[2015]
SERIES 2: Publications		
Contains correspondence relating to Biblioasis, including Biblioasis’s reprint series, ReSet; correspondence and drafts for Best Canadian Stories; and an interview with Kevin Hardcastle for The New Quarterly. Also contains an introduction to John Metcalf’s <i>Finding Again the World</i> written by Keath Fraser.		
3:16	Introduction to <i>Finding Again the World</i> , written by Keath Fraser [with revisions]	Sep. 23, 2015

	Best Canadian Stories (2014-16) Contains various drafts and correspondence regarding <i>Best Canadian Stories</i> 2014-2016.	
3:17	Introduction to Best Canadian Stories.	2014
3:18	Listing and correspondence for Best Canadian Stories, 2015.	Aug. 2014
3:19	Introduction [roughs/typescript]	2015
3:20-3:22	Submissions/rejections.	2015
3:23	Best Canadian Stories listing for 2016.	2015
	Biblioasis	
3:24	Correspondence with Dan Wells.	Dec. 2014-March 2015
3:25-3:26	Information pertaining to the 10 th anniversary celebration. Includes correspondence and information relating to readings/publicity.	Sep. 2014
3:27-3:30	Files pertaining to ReSet (Biblioasis's reprint series). Includes correspondence, information relating to the first five covers and author tours for the launch in Montreal, Toronto and Ottawa (featuring Clark Blaise, John Metcalf, Russell Smith).	2014-2015
	The New Quarterly	
4:1-4:3	Interview with Kevin Hardcastle for TNQ, April 2015 for the Summer Fiction issue.	April 2015
SERIES 3: Writers' Files		
Includes manuscripts and correspondence with various authors, which make up a large part of the growth of Biblioasis as a new literary press. Also includes drafts for other various publications with John Metcalf's editorial revisions and suggestions. Arranged alphabetically.		
	Caroline Adderson	
4:4	Draft: 'The Death and Life of the Dorothies'. Includes note: "an essay on architecture/send to Alex at CNQ?"	May 2014
	Jeremiah Bartram (previously from the Humber School for Writers)	
4:5	Correspondence	Oct.-Nov. 2013
	Clark Blaise	
4:6	Correspondence, re: work.	Oct.-Dec. 2013

	Keath Fraser	
4:7	Offer to republish '13 Ways' with Biblioasis's ReSet series and correspondence regarding Fraser writing an introduction to John Metcalf's 'Finding Again the World'.	Mar. 2014-Sep, 2015
	Megan Findley	
4:8	Correspondence and draft: 'Absolute Mania'.	Mar. 2015
	Kevin Hardcastle	
4:9	Correspondence and biographical information about Kevin Hardcastle.	Oct. 2014-Aug. 2015
4:10	Stories and first magazine appearance.	May 15, 2014
	Zsuzsi Gartner	
4:11	Correspondence and draft: 'Laplander'	July 2013
	Elise Levine	
4:12	Draft of a story collection. Includes correspondence.	July 2015
	David Mason	
4:13	Correspondence and drafts of work, including 'The Rag and Bone Pickers'	June-Oct., 2014
4:14-4:22	Drafts and files regarding, 'The Hemingway Heist' [chapter to be added to <i>The Pope's Bookbinder</i>]. Includes various titles.	Apr. 2014-Nov. 2014
4:23-4:24	First drafts (rough) for a book about Spain.	July 2015
	Kathy Page	
4:25	Correspondence and drafts. Also contains correspondence regarding her collection potentially coming to the Fisher Library.	2014-2015
	Alice Petersen	
4:26-4:27	Submissions of stories from <i>Worldly Goods</i> prior to book publication with Biblioasis. Includes drafts and correspondence.	2014-2014
	Patricia Robertson	
4:28	Draft: 'Hour of the Crab' [book rejected] Includes correspondence.	Oct. 2012
	Leon Rooke	
4:29	Correspondence and draft (fragment) of 'Trading with Mexico'.	Sep. 2015

	Anakana Schofield	
5:1-5:2	Final pages of <i>Martin John</i> . Includes correspondence and editorial revisions.	Jan. 2015
	Kathleen Winter	
5:3	Correspondence and notes towards doing a 'Marianne' stories collection.	Mar. 2014
SERIES 4: Correspondence		
Contains personal and general correspondence.		
BOX/ FOLDER #:	CONTENTS:	DATES:
	<u>Correspondents:</u>	
5:4-5:5	Caroline Adderson	2014-2015
5:6	Laura Boudreau	2015
5:7	Tony Calzetta	2013
5:8	Michael Carbert	2011-2013
5:9	Marjorie Celona	2011-2012
5:10	Patrick Crean	2011-2014
5:11	Jack David	2014
5:12	Tamas Dobozy	2013
5:13	Megan Findley	2013-2015
5:14	Cynthia Flood	2012-2015
5:15	Keath Fraser	2014
5:16	Terry Griggs	2013-2015
5:17	Alex Good	2014
5:18	Jeet Heer	2011-2015
5:19	Pauline Holdstock	2013

5:20	Kim Jernigan	2014
5:21	W.J. Keith	2015
5:22	Shaena Lambert	2014-2015
5:23	Annabel Lyon	2013-2014
5:24	Judith McCormack	2014-2015
5:25	K.D. Miller	2014
5:26	Nick Mount	2014
5:27	Alice Munro	2013
5:28	Alice Petersen	2014
5:29	Zoey Leigh Peterson	2013-2014
5:30	Rebecca Rosenblum	2011-2013
5:31	Ray Smith	2013
5:32	Linda Svensen	2014
5:33-5:34	Dan Wells	2014
5:35	Lucie Wilk	2013-2014
5:36	Martha Wilson [former Humber School for Writers student]	2014
5:37	Kathleen Winter	2013-2014
5:38	Patricia Young (Robertson)	2015
5:39	Miscellaneous correspondence	2012-2014
SERIES 5: Humber School for Writers Files		
Contains files pertaining to teaching at the Humber School for Writers, as well as files for students John Metcalf mentors or has mentored.		

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5:40	Correspondence and general guidelines/information about the program.	2014
5:41	Files pertaining to Rod Carley (as a personal client). Includes correspondence.	2013-2014
5:42-5:43	Files pertaining to Andrew Clarke. Includes correspondence and manuscripts.	2014
5:44	Files pertaining to Danica Dupont.	2013
5:45-5:50, 6:1-6:4	Files pertaining to Lucia Gagliese. Includes correspondence and drafts of work.	2014
6:5-6:8	Files pertaining to James McConnell. Includes correspondence and drafts of work.	2014
6:9-6:14	Files pertaining to Dorothy Phillips. Includes correspondence and drafts of work.	2015
6:15-6:20	Files pertaining to Kira Procter. Includes correspondence and drafts of work.	2014-2015
6:22-6:23	Files pertaining to James Shaw. Includes correspondence and drafts of work.	2015
6:24-6:25	Files pertaining to Adam Wilk. Includes correspondence, forms, and drafts of work.	2014
SERIES 6: Professional and Personal files		
BOX/ FOLDER #:	CONTENTS:	DATES:
6:26-6:27	Updated curriculum vitae and other related information.	2015
6:28	Money, grants, jobs.	2013-2014
6:29	Applications to OAC Writers' Reserve.	2013
6:30	Order of Canada correspondence, re: Phyllis Bruce, etc.	2013-2014
6:31	Order of Canada newsletter.	Winter 2015
6:32-6:33	Correspondence with the University of Calgary re: archival donations.	2012
6:34	Purchases of archival material by the University of Calgary and books by the National Library.	2009-2010
7:1-7:4	Files pertaining to the Writer's Union of Canada including newsletters, correspondence and the Writers' Union	2013-2015

	pamphlet of memoirs of its founding (featuring John Metcalf).	
SERIES 7: Photographs		
BOX/ FOLDER #:	CONTENTS:	DATES:
7:5	Dan Wells and David Mason at the Toronto launch of 'The Pope's Bookbinder' (4)	2013
7:6	ReSet Books tour. Photographs by Brendan King Edward taken at Word Bookstore [first stop on the tour].	
7:7	Launch of ReSet Books Series in Montreal (10) Includes: Clark Blaise, Adrian King-Edwards, John Metcalf, Robyn Sarah, Ray Smith, Alice Petersen.	June 1, 2015
7:8	Launch of ReSet Books in Toronto at Harbourfront IFOA (13) Includes: Dan Wells, Jack David, Kevin Hardcastle, Steven Temple, David Mason, Martha Sharpe, Steve Beattie, J.R. Tim Struthers, Tom Sharp, Tony Calzetta, Ray Smith.	June 2, 2015
7:8	Launch of ReSet Books in Ottawa at Maxwell's (2) Includes: Clark Blaise.	June 4, 2015
7:9	Photographs (11) – Megan Findley (student), David Helwig and Judy Gaudet, Shaena Lambert, John Metcalf.	Sep. 15, 2015
7:10	Photographs (5) – David O'Rourke. Possible photographs for 'Straight No Chaser' (Choice 1 to be used in book).	Nov. 18, 2014
7:11	Other photographs (8) Includes: Mark Anthony Jarman with John Metcalf launching <i>Knife Party</i> and Russell Smith with John Metcalf launching <i>Confidence</i> .	2015
7:12	Photo negatives – Clark Blaise's Doctorate at McGill University.	June 2004
7:13	Photographs (5) – Tony Calzetta, Gabrielle de Montmollin, Myrna Metcalf at the Jack Bush show at the National Gallery.	Feb. 13, 2015

7:14	Photographs (10) – Biblioasis Launch Tour of new books.	[2015?]
7:15	Photographs (10) – Biblioasis Tour of new books by: Rebecca Rosenblum, Cathy Stonehouse, and Laura Boudreau (Hamilton, Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa)	[2014-2015]
7:16	Photographs (11) – Biblioasis Launch of new books.	[2014-2015]
7:17	Biblioasis 10 th anniversary celebrations (23 print-outs). Toronto International Book Fair.	Nov. 14, 2014
7:18	Biblioasis 10 th anniversary celebrations (33) – IFOA Harbourfront, Waterloo, Windsor Capitol Theatre. Includes photographs of: Mark Sampson, Rebecca Rosenblum, Alex MacLeod, Kathleen Winter, K.D. Miller, Nick Mount, David Mason, Myrna Metcalf, Pamela Mulloy, Kim Jernigan, Leon Rooke, Kevin Hardcastle, Tony Calzetta, Alexis Wells, Jack David, Emily Donaldson, Mark Medley, Ray Robertson, Antanas Sileika.	Sep. 24-26, 2014
7:19	CD labelled: John Metcalf and protégés. Folders on CD include: Hamilton, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto and they include photographs of Laura Boudreau, Rebecca Rosenblum, and Cathy Stonehouse.	2011
SERIES 8: Journals and Scrapbooks		
BOX/ FOLDER #:	CONTENTS:	DATES:
Box: 8	Volumes of personal diaries/journals numbered 68-74, and one monthly planner for 2014.	2014-2015
Box: 9	4 Biblioasis scrapbooks – includes clippings (2011-2014) 1 miscellaneous scrapbook – includes clippings (2010-2011) 3 travel scrapbooks. These include tickets, clippings, receipts, and printed ephemera from places visited. 1. Oxford and London (March/April 2006), London/Vicenza/Verona/Oxford (September/October 2006), London/Oxford/Paris (March/April 2007)	2006-2014

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	<p>2. Oxford and Paris (March/April 2007), Oxford and Paris (April 2008), Israel (October/November 2007)</p> <p>3. Budapest/Vienna/Nuremberg/Prague – Danube River Cruise (August-September 2010)</p>	
Box: 10	<p>4 travel scrapbooks. These include tickets, clippings, receipts, and printed ephemera from places visited.</p> <p>1. Paris (2001), York (2001), London (2002), Wells (2002), Connecticut (2002), Greece – Swan Hellenic (2003), Washington (2004), Yorkshire (2004), Spain and London (2004), North Africa – Swan Hellenic (2005), The Black Sea (2005)</p> <p>2. Rome/London (Feb-March 2013)</p> <p>3. London and Paris (March 2011)</p> <p>4. Classical Civilizations Cruise (2008), London and Israel (2010)</p> <p>1 book of clippings: The Beginnings of Biblioasis: 2005-2010. With overlap reviews of the last PQ books and obituaries.</p>	2001-2013