



## MG 337 – Don Cochrane fonds

**Dates:** 1950-2010 (inclusive) ; 1980-2005 (predominant).

**Extent:** 1.46 m textual records, 97 photographs, 3 optical discs, 26 posters.

**Biography:** Donald B. Cochrane was born in 1940 in Canada. His first university degree was a B.A. (Honours) in English and Philosophy from Queen's University in 1962. He subsequently earned a Teachers Certificate from Bishop's University in 1963, an Academic Diploma in Philosophy and History of Education from Institute of Education, University of London in 1966, and a Master of Arts in Philosophy of Education from Institute of Education, University of London in 1967. He was an Associate Professor at California State University from 1970 to 1980. He came to the University of Saskatchewan in 1980 and served as the Head of the Department of Educational Foundations three times from 1980 to 2005. His areas of specialization include ethics and education; education, wisdom, and nature; and gay and lesbian issues in education. He was a chief organizer and founder of the Breaking the Silence Conference, which ran from 1998 to 2017. The Breaking the Silence Conference explored LGBTQ issues in education. His many awards and honours include the C.A.F.E. Service Award for significant contributions to the Canadian Association of Foundations of Education in May 2007, the Doug Wilson Award for significant contributions to improving the quality of life for gays and lesbians on the University of Saskatchewan campus in 2000, and the Distinguished Teacher Award, California State University Northridge in 1974. He retired from teaching at the University of Saskatchewan in 2005 and was granted the title Professor Emeritus.

**Scope and Content:** This fonds consists of materials used, created, and accumulated by Don Cochrane relating to his academic career. It includes University of Saskatchewan administrative and course materials as well as files relating to the organization and operation of the Breaking the Silence Conference and the Certificate in Ecological Education (CERTEE) program. There are also a number of files detailing international study tours organized by Don Cochrane through the College of Education.

This fonds also includes a file of class notes which were created by Lorne Wesley Digneau, a student in the College of Education at the University of Saskatchewan from 1950 to 1951. Mr. Digneau was born in 1926 and was a teacher for over 35 years at schools around Saskatoon. He taught for the most years at Clavet School, where he provided a scholarship in his family name in 1999. Lorne Digneau died in 2018.

**Arrangement:** The bulk of the material came to the University Archives & Special Collections in labelled binders, numbered from 1 to 39. The original order has been maintained. The file numbers for files 1 to 39 match the original numbering which the donor had assigned to the binders. (For example, file 1 was originally binder 1). The material in files 40 to 46 were not originally in numbered binders but had numbers assigned by University Archives & Special Collections staff for ease of access. While going through materials for an additional donation in 2017, the donor found materials related to Breaking the Silence that should have been included in the original accession of documents. These materials were added into the fonds chronologically, as directed by the donor, in file 46. A few other folders were also amended slightly by the donor at that time (some materials added, some duplicates removed).

**Restrictions:** Files marked as **RESTRICTED** require vetting by the archivist prior to release. All restrictions are applied as per privacy legislation. Use, publication, and/or reproduction of records are subject to the terms and conditions of the *Copyright Act*.

**Related Records:** Related records are available in the Neil Richards fonds (MG 355). This fonds includes materials related to the Breaking the Silence Conference. There are also related records in the Irene Poelzer fonds (MG 499) related to the Women in Education position in the College of Education.

**Source of File Titles:** File titles were provided by the donor.

**Notes:** Accns 1114-011, 2005-085, 2005-101, 2006-033, 2010-106.

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**Box 1**

1. Cochrane Appointment 1980. – 1970-2004. – **RESTRICTED**.  
Newspaper clipping, curriculum vitae, and correspondence related to job appointments.
2. Department of Educational Foundations Papers. – 1983-1994. – 2 folders. – **RESTRICTED**.  
Department meeting agendas and minutes as well as correspondence, memorandums, and reports. Folder 2 includes a separate section of material regarding the Sutherland/Historical Textbook Collection.
3. Department of Educational Foundations Papers. – 1995-1998. – 2 folders. – **RESTRICTED**.  
Department meeting agendas and minutes as well as correspondence, memorandums, and reports.
4. Department of Educational Foundations Papers. – 1997-2001. – 3 folders. – **RESTRICTED**.  
Department meeting agendas and minutes as well as correspondence, memorandums, and reports.

**Box 2**

5. Department of Educational Foundations Papers. – 2002-2003. – 2 folders. – **RESTRICTED**.  
Department meeting agendas and minutes as well as correspondence, memorandums, and reports.
6. Graduate Studies. – 1992-1994. – 3 folders. – **RESTRICTED**.  
Agendas and minutes of the Graduate Studies Advisory Committee within the Department of Educational Foundations. Also includes correspondence, memorandums, and reports.
7. Fight for Women in Education Position. – 1993-1995.  
Correspondence, petitions, clippings, and reports related to the University of Saskatchewan's decision not to fill the women and education faculty position in the College of Education.
8. Course Outlines. – 1970-2004 – 2 folders.  
A table of contents at the beginning of this file lists the course titles for all of the outlines included. Includes outlines for courses taught at California State University Northridge, Queen's University, McGill University, Simon Fraser University, University of British Columbia, and University of Saskatchewan. Also includes course proposals and correspondence.

**Box 3**

9. Course Examinations. – 1975-2002.  
A table of contents at the beginning of this file lists the course titles for all examinations included. Includes examinations given at California State University Northridge, Simon Fraser University, University of British Columbia, University of Calgary, and University of Saskatchewan.
10. Women and Education Summer Institute. – 1982-1985.  
Correspondence, clippings, programs, agendas, minutes, and reports related to the organization and operation of the Women and Education Summer Institute.
11. International Education Study Tours: England. – 1991-1997. – 2 folders. – **RESTRICTED**.  
Correspondence, brochures, and itineraries related to organizing a study tour to England in 1997.

Also includes photocopies of articles and excerpts from books.

12. International Education Study Tours: China. – 1995-1997. – 2 folders. – **RESTRICTED**.  
Correspondence, itineraries, newspaper clippings, and reports related to the 1995 study tour to China.
13. International Education Study Tours: China. – 1993-1995. – 3 folders. – **RESTRICTED**.  
Correspondence, itineraries, handwritten notes, course outline, travel invoices, student applications, and promotional materials related to the 1995 study tour to China.

#### **Box 4**

14. International Education Study Tours: China. – 1998. – **RESTRICTED**.  
Correspondence, handwritten notes, and brochures related to the 1998 study tour to China.
15. China Study Tour 1998: Follow-up Correspondence. – 1998. – **RESTRICTED**.  
Correspondence, itinerary, and handwritten notes related to the 1998 study tour to China.
16. International Education Study Tours: China. – 1998-2004. – 2 photographs. – **RESTRICTED**.  
Correspondence, itineraries, and brochures related to the 2001 study tour to China.
17. China Study Tour Educational Foundations May/June 1995 Photographs. – 1995. – 53 photographs.  
Photograph album with captions outlining the activities of the 1995 study tour to China.
18. International Education Study Tours: China. – n.d. – 16 photographs.  
Unlabeled photographs from one of the study tours to China.
19. China Initiatives. – 1998-2003. – 4 folders. – **RESTRICTED**.  
Correspondence, agreements, and proposals primarily related to recruiting Chinese students to participate in the CERTEE program at the College of Education.
20. *The Domain of Moral Education*. – 1977-1980.  
Correspondence and book reviews related to a publication co-edited by Cochrane.
21. *Directions* Goals and Plagiarism Controversies. – 1984-1996.  
Correspondence, clippings, essays, and notes related to a Saskatchewan government curriculum review report titled *Directions*. This file also includes reviews of *So Much for the Mind*.

#### **Box 5**

22. *Scrutiny: A Monthly Bulletin Devoted to Education in Saskatchewan*. – 1987-1993. – 2 folders.  
Issues of *Scrutiny* (volumes 1-6) as well as correspondence and subscription forms.
23. School for the Deaf Controversy. – 1985-1989.  
Reports, correspondence, and clippings related to proposed changes in the delivery of educational services for children with a hearing impairment in Saskatchewan.

24. Off-Campus Prince Albert Tribal Council (PATC) Masters Program. – 1993-1996. – 2 folders. – **RESTRICTED.**  
Correspondence and agreement related to the creation and operation of an Indian and Northern Education Program (INEP) Off-Campus Graduate Program in Prince Albert.
25. Prince Albert Tribal Council Agreement. – 1993-1995. – 2 folders. – **RESTRICTED.**  
Correspondence, minutes, agendas, memorandums, and reports related to the creation and operation of an INEP Off-Campus Graduate Program in Prince Albert.
26. Breaking the Silence Conference: Gays and Lesbians in our Schools [1998]. – 1997-1998. – 1 photograph. – **RESTRICTED.**  
Agendas, programs, correspondence, clippings, and press releases.
27. Breaking the Silence Conference: Gays and Lesbians in our Schools [1999]. – 1998-1999.  
Thank you card, clippings, programs, correspondence, agendas, and articles.
28. Breaking the Silence Conference: Gays and Lesbians in our Schools [2000]. – 1999-2003. – 10 photographs. – **RESTRICTED.**  
Correspondence, clippings, agendas, programs, and evaluation forms.

**Box 6**

29. Breaking the Silence Conference: Gays and Lesbians in our Schools [2001]. – 2000-2002. – 14 photographs. – **RESTRICTED.**  
Agendas, programs, correspondence, clippings, and press releases.
30. Breaking the Silence Conference: Gays and Lesbians in our Schools [2002]. – 2000-2002.  
Agendas, programs, correspondence, clippings, press releases, and report.
31. Breaking the Silence Conference: Gays and Lesbians in our Schools [2003]. Bishop Spong. – 2002-2005. – 2 optical discs. – 2 folders. – **RESTRICTED.**  
Agendas, programs, correspondence, advertisements, articles, budgets, clippings, and press releases. Also includes film of Bishop John S. Spong's lecture.
32. Breaking the Silence Conference: Gays and Lesbians in our Schools [2004]. – 1998, 2003-2004. – 1 photograph. – **RESTRICTED.**  
Agendas, programs, correspondence, advertisements, clippings, pamphlets, and press releases.
- 32A. Breaking the Silence Conference: Gays and Lesbians in our Schools [2005]. – 2004-2005. – 1 optical disc. – **RESTRICTED.**  
Agendas, programs, correspondence, photographs, clippings, articles, and pamphlets. The disc contains photographs and videos.
33. Breaking the Silence Newspaper Coverage. – 1998-2003.  
Clippings, articles, and advertisements.

34. College of Education Gay-Straight Alliance. – 2004-2005. – **RESTRICTED**.  
Agendas, programs, advertisements, correspondence, and minutes.
35. Certificate in Ecological Education (CERTEE). – 1986, 1996-2002. – 2 folders. – **RESTRICTED**.  
Correspondence, planning documents, financial statements and budgets, maps, and pamphlets.

**Box 7**

36. Certificate in Ecological Education (CERTEE). – 1999-2005. – 3 folders. – **RESTRICTED**.  
Correspondence, minutes, pamphlets, agendas, newsletters, financial statements, and budgets.
37. China Certificate in Ecological Education (CERTEE). – 2000-2003. – **RESTRICTED**.  
Correspondence, planning documents, articles, and newspaper clippings related to recruiting Chinese students to participate in the CERTEE program at the College of Education and creating partnerships between the University of Saskatchewan and post-secondary institutions in China.
38. Carlson Papers. – 1983, 1993-2000. – 4 folders. – **RESTRICTED**.  
A table of contents at the start of the first folder lists the topics covered in this file. Correspondence and clippings regarding a legal case.
39. Vrba, Linn, Auschwitz. – 1985, 1993, 1999-2005 – 2 folders. – **RESTRICTED**.  
Correspondence related to nominating Dr. Rudolf Vrba for an honorary doctorate. Correspondence with Ruth Linn, author of *Escaping Auschwitz*. Planning for a book launch for *Escaping Auschwitz* at Holocaust Centre in Vancouver. File also includes articles and newsletters.

**Box 8**

40. *Twilight*. – 1985, 2005.  
A copy of *Twilight: Brief Biographical Sketches of the Students who attended the Saskatoon Normal School from September 1933 until June 1934*.
41. Education 403. – 1965, 1998, 2005.  
Course syllabus from Education 403 (Philosophy of Education) taught at the University of Saskatchewan by Gerry Langley circa 1965.
42. Lorne Digneau. – 1950-1951, 2005. – 2 folders.  
Five notebooks containing class notes written by Lorne Digneau, a student in the College of Education at the University of Saskatchewan. Notes are for Education classes as well as Psychology and Chemistry classes. File also includes newspaper clippings, a copy of *Student Teaching Bulletin* from the Provincial Normal School in Moose Jaw, pamphlets, and two drawings by children.
43. Women's Studies. – 1985.  
Bibliography of articles and publications related to Women's Studies.
44. *The Certean* – 2003-2004.  
Two issues of a newsletter published for the Certificate in Ecological Education Program (CERTEE): Volume 1, issue 1, December 2003 and Volume 1, Issue 2, October 2004.

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45. J. Chamberlain et al vs Surrey School Board. – 1998, 2010.  
Affidavit submitted by Cochrane related to this legal case.

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46. Posters and Publicity. – 1981-2010. – 26 posters.
- A. Summer Institute Women and Education. – 1981. – 1 poster.  
Poster.
  - B. Quance Revisited. Three Lectures on Topics of Great Educational Importance on the Occasion of the University of Saskatchewan's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. – [1984]. – 1 poster.  
Poster.
  - C. 2000 Doug Wilson Award. – 2000. – 2 posters.  
Posters.
  - D. Breaking the Silence. – 1998. – 1 poster.  
Poster, program, and registration form.
  - E. Breaking the Silence. – 1999. – 1 poster.  
Poster.
  - F. Breaking the Silence. – 2000. – 2 posters.  
Posters. One copy is autographed by Mark Tewksbury.
  - G. Breaking the Silence. – 2001. – 6 posters.  
Posters, correspondence, registration form, and program.
  - H. Breaking the Silence. – 2002. – 1 poster.  
Poster and registration form.
  - I. Breaking the Silence. – 2003. – 3 posters.  
Posters and registration forms.
  - J. Breaking the Silence. – 2004. – 3 posters.  
Posters and tickets to *The Laramie Project*.
  - K. Breaking the Silence. – 2005. – 1 poster.  
Poster and bookmark.
  - L. Breaking the Silence. – 2006. – 1 poster.  
Poster and bookmark.

- M. Breaking the Silence. – 2007. – 1 poster.  
Poster.
- N. Breaking the Silence. – 2008. – 1 poster.  
Poster and bookmark.
- O. Breaking the Silence. – 2010. – 1 poster.  
Poster and bookmarks.