



**YORK UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

**Inventory of the  
Margaret Avison fonds**

**Inventory #F0259**

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**Fonds/Collection Number:** F0259

**Title:** Margaret Avison fonds

**Dates:** 1959-1983

**Extent:** 0.35 m of textual records  
2 photographs

**Biographical Sketch/  
Administrative History:** Margaret Avison (1918- ), poet and social worker, was born in Ontario and educated at the University of Toronto (BA 1940), as well as attending creative writing schools at the universities of Indiana and Chicago. She has worked as a librarian, a university lecturer, and as a social worker with the Presbyterian Church. Avison is a poet, with four collections of poetry to her credit, 'Winter sun,' (1960), 'The dumbfounding,' (1966) 'Sunblue' (1978), and 'No time,' (1990). Twice recipient of the Governor-General's Award for Poetry (1960, 1991), Avison has also served as a writer-in-residence at the University of Western Ontario.

**Scope and Content:** The fonds mainly documents Margaret Avison's work as a poet and writer and includes manuscripts, correspondence, clippings, printed material, music scores and photographs.

**Restrictions on  
Access and Use:** No restrictions on access.

**Finding Aid:** File list available.

**URL of Finding Aid:** <http://archivesfa.library.yorku.ca/fonds/ON00370-f0000259.htm>

**Accruals:** The fonds comprises the following accession: 1984-001. Further accruals are expected.

**Related Records:** See bill bissett fonds (F0266); Norman Levine fonds (F0345); Margaret Laurence fonds (F0341); Adele Wiseman fonds (F0447), for other Canadian writers.

**Provenance Access Points:** Avison, Margaret, 1918-

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