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**Inventory of the  
Norman Penner fonds**

**Inventory #F0379**

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**Fonds/Collection Number:** F0379

**Title:** Norman Penner fonds

**Dates:** 1906-1984, predominant 1930-1960

**Extent:** 2.5 m of textual records

**Biographical Sketch/  
Administrative History:** Norman Penner (1921- ), educator and author, was born in Winnipeg and educated at the University of Toronto (PhD 1975). He was employed as a full-time officer of the Communist Party of Canada (1938-1941), and later held a similar position with the Labour-Progressive Party (1947-1957). He did not embark upon an academic career until 1972, when he joined the staff of the Glendon College Department of Political Science. In 1990 he was named Professor Emeritus at Glendon. Penner is the author of several books and articles on the Left in Canadian history including, 'The Canadian Left: a critical analysis,' (1977), 'Canadian communism: the Stalin years and beyond,' (1988), and 'From protest to power: Canadian social democracy, 1900-1992,' (1992).

**Scope and Content:** The fonds mainly documents Norman Penner's research activities on the history of the Canadian Left.

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

**Finding Aid:** File lists available.

**URL of Finding Aid:** <http://archivesfa.library.yorku.ca/fonds/ON00370-f0000379.htm>

**Accruals:** The fonds comprises the following accessions: 1989-021, 1994-018. Further accruals are expected.

**Provenance Access Points:** Penner, Norman, 1921-

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