



YORK UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

**Inventory of the
John R. Seeley fonds**

Inventory #F0405

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Fonds/Collection Number: F0405**Title:** John R. Seeley fonds**Dates:** 1954-1971, predominant 1960-1963**Extent:** 1.5 m of textual records
6 microfilm reels

**Biographical Sketch/
Administrative History:** John R Seeley (1913-) was educated in the United Kingdom and the United States. He taught and conducted research in the U.S. prior to his appointment as executive officer of the Canadian Mental Health Association in 1947. The following year he began his association with the University of Toronto as an associate professor of sociology within the Department of Psychiatry and then in the Department of Political Economy. During this period he also served as director of the Forest Hill Village Project (1948-1953), the results of that study being published as the monograph, 'Crestwood Heights' (1956). He later served as research director of the Alcoholism Research Foundation of Ontario (1957-1960), before accepting an appointment as professor of sociology at York University (1960). He served as chair of the department (1962) and as assistant to the president (Ross). Seeley resigned his positions at York in 1963 amidst a faculty-administration dispute, and removed to teaching, research and related work in the United States. Seeley is the author of several books, articles and reports on aspects of sociology, social psychiatry and education. In addition to the study of Crestwood Heights, he is the author of 'The Americanization of the unconscious,' (1967), and of over four hundred reviews, articles, chapters and papers.

Scope and Content: The fonds consists of correspondence of John R. Seeley, materials related to several York University committees (On Undergraduate Studies, President's Advisory, Campus Planning, Curriculum, Social Science Curriculum, Senior Staff Recruitment), departments (Sociology, Atkinson College, Psychology) and bodies (Senate, Faculty Council, Senior Common Room), as well as material on individual faculty members. There is also material relating to the Ford Foundation, which provided funding to the university in its infancy, correspondence and reports for President Murray Ross, as well as documentation of the dispute of 1962-1963 at York University.

**Restrictions on
Access and Use:** Some access restrictions apply. Users must sign the Access & Use Agreement prior to viewing the material.

Finding Aid: File list available.

URL of Finding Aid: <http://archivesfa.library.yorku.ca/fonds/ON00370-f0000405.htm>

Accruals: The fonds comprises the following accession: 1975-012. Further accruals may be expected.

Related Records: See York University (Toronto, Ont.). Board of Governors fonds (F0035) and York University (Toronto, Ont.). Office of the President fonds (F0073) for related material.

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