



CLARA THOMAS ARCHIVES

**Inventory of the
Naomi Black fonds**

Inventory #F0576

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Fonds/Collection Number: F0576

Title: Naomi Black fonds

Dates: 1964-2006

Extent: 0.6 m of textual records and other material

**Biographical Sketch/
Administrative History:** Naomi Black is Professor Emerita of Political Science and Women's Studies at York University in Toronto, and an Adjunct Professor of Women's Studies at Mount Saint Vincent University in Nova Scotia. Her research interests have focused on international relations, nationalism and imperialism, women in politics and social feminism. Black was the first woman hired in York University's Department of Political Science in 1964 where she fought to legitimize the study of women and politics both within her department and without. She was a founder of both the undergraduate and graduate programmes in Women's Studies at York, and served on the Ontario Commission on the Status of Women. From 1985-1987, she served as the Status of Women adviser to the Office of the President at York University, during which time she founded "The Second Decade/La Deuxieme Decennie" newsletter in order to provide a voice to the women who work and study at York University, and to further the implementation of employment equity at York. Black also helped to establish York's Nellie Langford Rowell Women's Studies Library. Her publications include "Social Feminism" (1989), "Canadian Women: A History" (co-author; 1988, 1996 and 2011), "Feminist Politics on the Farm" (co-author; 1999), Virginia Woolf's "Three Guineas" (edited by Black in 2001), and "Virginia Woolf as Feminist" (2004). Black earned her BA from Cornell University, and her MA and PhD from Yale University. Her work was recognized with a honorary degree from York University in 2010.

Scope and Content: Fonds consists primarily of Black's records pertaining to her publications about Virginia Woolf, including "Three guineas" as edited by Black, and "Virginia Woolf as feminist" (including research notes, correspondence, drafts, proofs, and jacket art), and correspondence with Quentin Bell (Woolf's nephew and biographer). Also included are miscellaneous course material, book reviews written by Black, York University's Office of the Status of Women material including a run of "The Second Decade", publication lists created by Black, documents regarding the establishment of the Women's Studies programmes at York, and the enhancement of the Nellie Langford Rowell Library at York.

**Restrictions on
Access and Use:** Access is open.

Finding Aid: File list is available.

URL of Finding Aid: <http://archivesfa.library.yorku.ca/fonds/ON00370-f0000576.htm>

Accruals: The fonds comprises the following accessions: 2010-029. No further accruals are expected.

**Immediate source of
acquisition:** Donated by Naomi Black in 2010.

Provenance Access Points: Black, Naomi