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**Inventory of the
Michael H. Kater fonds**

Inventory #F0456

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Fonds/Collection Number: F0456**Title:** Michael H. Kater fonds**Dates:** [ca. 1961]-1999**Extent:** 17 m of textual records
85 microfilm reels
ca. 600 negatives
74 slides

**Biographical Sketch/
Administrative History:** Michael Hans Kater (1937-) is a distinguished research professor of history at Atkinson College, York University and the author of several books on Nazi Germany. He was born in Zittau, Germany July 4, 1937 and came to Canada as a teenager. He was educated at St. Michael's College H.S; University of Toronto (B.A. 1959, M.A. 1961); University of Munchen and University of Heidelberg (Phd 1966). Professor Kater was first employed as a lecturer at the University of Maryland (1965-1966). He joined York University in 1967 and held the positions of Assistant Professor (1967-1970), Associate Professor (1970-1973), and Professor (1973-1991) before becoming Distinguished Research Professor in 1991. He was also the Jason A. Hannah Visiting Professor of the History of Medicine at McMaster University from 1985-1986. Kater has sat on many committees of the American Historical Association and the editorial boards of various leading historical journals. He is the author of numerous articles and 8 books, such as *Das "Ahnenerbe" der SS 1935-1945: Ein Beitrag zur Kulturpolitik des Dritten Reiches* (1974); *The Nazi Party: A Social Profile of Members and Leaders, 1919-1949* (1983); *Doctors Under Hitler* (1989); and *Different Drummers: Jazz in the Culture of Nazi Germany* (1992). In recognition of his scholarly achievements, Kater was named a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada (1988) and was awarded its Jason A. Hannah Medal (1991) for his book, *Doctors Under Hitler*. In addition, he has been awarded the Guggenheim and Canada Council Killam fellowships and the Konrad Adenauer Research Award of the Federal Republic of Germany (1990-1991).

Scope and Content: The fonds mainly consists of research files, photocopies and microfilm reels of archival documents from American and European archives related to Michael Hans Kater's work on Nazi Germany including publications such as his dissertation *SS-Ahnenerbe*, and books *Doctors Under Hitler* and *Different Drummers: Jazz in the Culture of Nazi Germany*; professorial files (such as lecture notes and course evaluations).

Restrictions on Access and Use: Accessions 1994-022 and 1995-024 are closed until 1 January 2005. Researchers must obtain written permission from Prof. Michael H. Kater to gain access to this material. For accessions 1998-047, 2000-010 and 2000-073, access is available during the donor's lifetime only after prior authorization by the donor. Requests must be directed to the Archivist, York University.

Finding Aid: File lists available.**URL of Finding Aid:** <http://archivesfa.library.yorku.ca/submissions/fonds/ON00370-f0000456.htm>**Accruals:** The fonds comprises the following accessions: 1994-022, 1995-024, 1998-047, 2000-010, 2000-073. Further accruals are expected.**Provenance Access Points:** Kater, Michael H. 1937-

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