Series Number: S00211

Series Title: Academic and teaching files

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Scope and Content: Series consists of material that documents Coles' academic career at the University of Toronto and Cambridge University, as well as his years spent as a professor in the Department of Humanities at York University in Toronto. It includes copies of essays, as well as manuscript and typescript notes taken by Coles while he was a student. Included are notes taken by Coles while completing course work with Northrop Frye, advice from Frye regarding an academic career in 1964, his rough first draft of his M.A. thesis, and columns and reports for the University of Toronto Daily Press. It also contains course files related to Coles' work as professor. These files consist of course outlines, reading lists, lecture notes, clippings related to course material, correspondence related to his teaching and other material that documents the ongoing development and delivery of the courses Man in Search, Concepts of Love, Early Times: Literature and the Imagination of the Child, Myth and the Arts and Works & Days. Records also include annotated working copies of monographs used in his courses.