



INTRODUCTION
TO LAURIER
ARCHIVES AND
SPECIAL
COLLECTIONS

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Laurier Archives and Special
Collections

Canadian Arctic Resources Committee fonds
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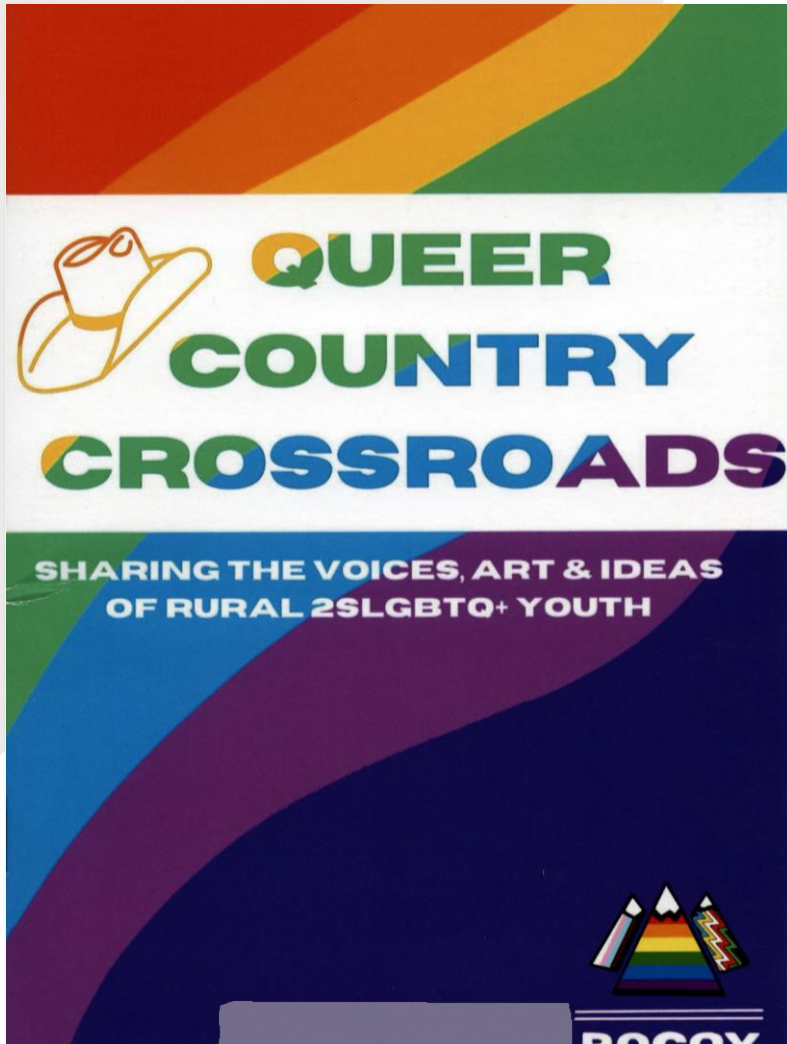
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AGENDA

- Introduction to Laurier Archives and Special Collections
 - Who
 - What (collections)
 - What (services)
 - Where and When
 - How
- Examples of 20th century primary sources from our holdings
- Tips on conducting archival research

LAURIER ARCHIVES AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: WHO

- Department of the Laurier Library.
- Acquire, preserve, and make accessible records of enduring value.
- Holdings include archives, special collections, and rare books.



Zine recently added to rare book collection

LAURIER ARCHIVES AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: WHAT (COLLECTIONS)

- Archives and Special Collections
 - History of WLU
 - Environmental conservation movement in Canada
 - Lutheran church in Canada
 - Canadian music in the community
 - History of Waterloo Region
- Rare Books
 - Volumes dating from the 15th century
 - Extensive collection of hymnals

LAURIER ARCHIVES AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: WHAT (SERVICES)

- Reading Room
- Reference
- Reproductive services
- Instruction services
- Tours

LAURIER ARCHIVES AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: WHERE AND WHEN

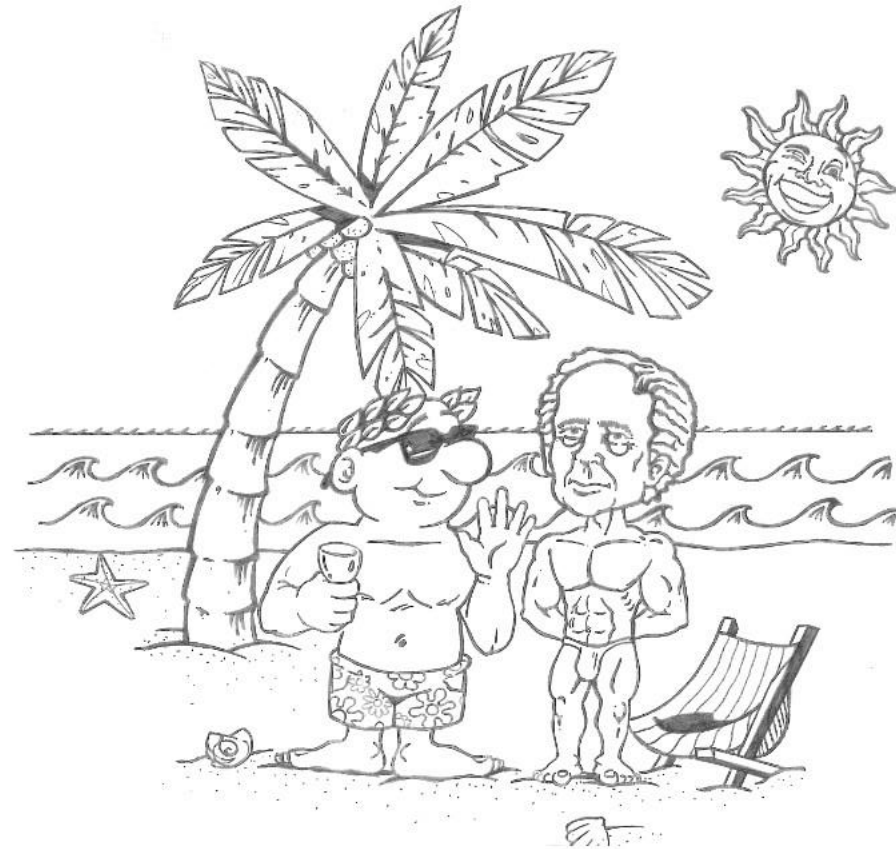
- First floor of the Library (basement)
- Open: Monday – Friday 10:00am – 4:30pm
- Appointments recommended
- Open to students, staff, faculty, and the public
- Website: <https://library.wlu.ca/research/laurier-archives>

LAURIER ARCHIVES AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: HOW

- Searching for archives and special collections
 - <https://libarchives.wlu.ca/>
 - Finding aids are created for all processed material
- Searching for rare books
 - <https://library.wlu.ca/>
 - Select 'Rare Books-1st Floor' under Laurier Locations in the catalogue
- Searching our digital collections
 - <https://images.ourontario.ca/Laurier/search>
 - Over 15,000 digital objects
- Need help? libarch@wlu.ca

HISTORY OF WLU

- The Cord collection (1926-present)
- WLU Academic Calendars collection (1909-present)
- BACCHUS Laurier collection (1981-1997)



Graphic material, BACCHUS Laurier Collection, ca. 1997.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

- Canadian Arctic Resources Committee fonds (1971-2021)
- Assuring Protection for Tomorrow's Environment collection (1941-2015)



Lines in the Snow

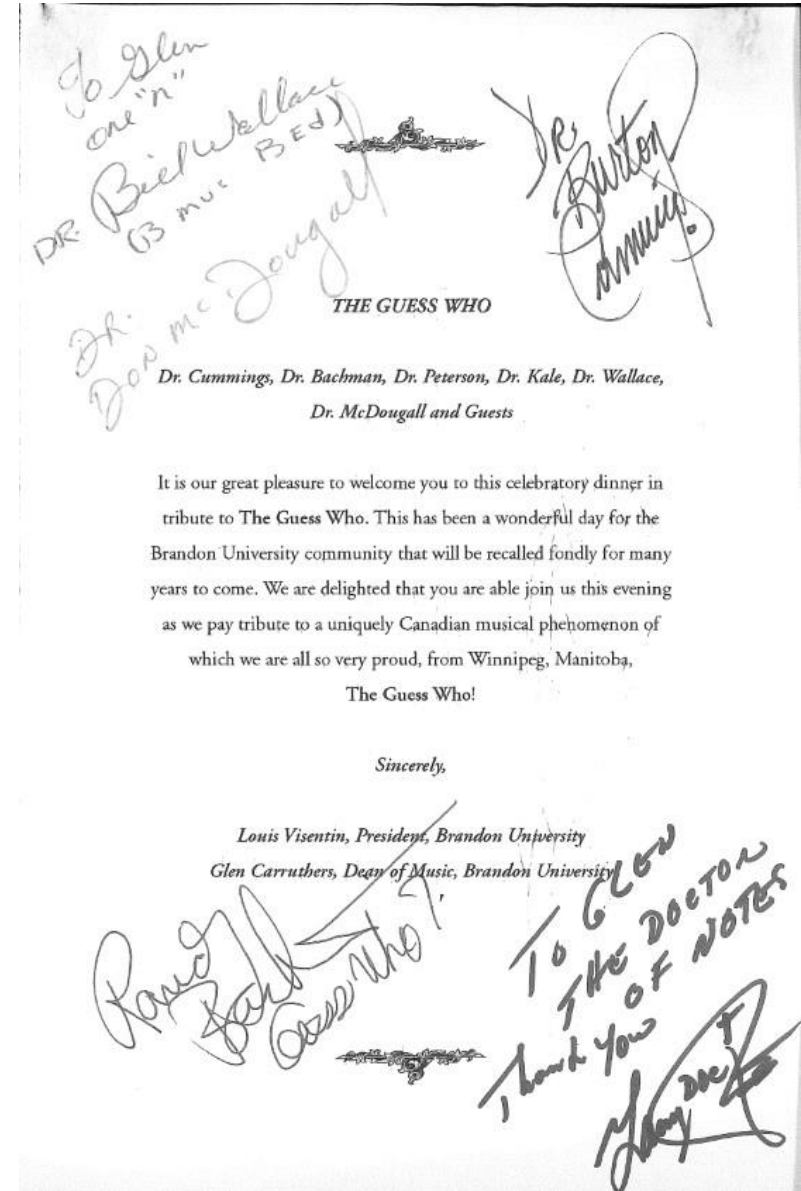
Thoughts on the Past and Future of
Northern Canadian Policy Issues

Edited by Clive Tesar and P. Whitney Lackenbauer

CARC Publication, 2021

CANADIAN MUSIC

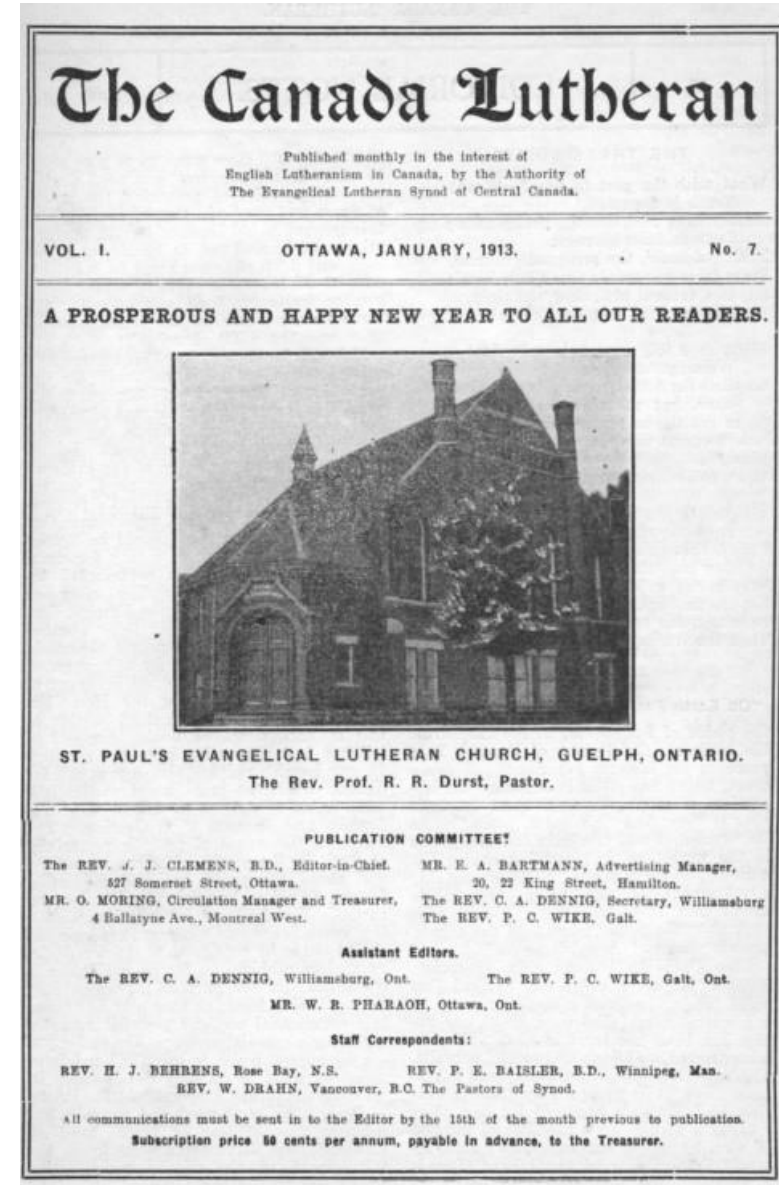
- Alfred Kunz fonds (1939-2017)
- Glen Carruthers fonds (1911-2022)



Program signed by Chad Allen, Burton Cummings, Jim Kale, Randy Bachman, Don McDougall, Bill Wallace and Garry Peterson, 2001.

LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA

- Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada fonds and Eastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada fonds (19th century to present)
- Canadian Lutheran World Relief fonds (1944-2016)



The Canada Lutheran, vol. 1, no. 7, January 1913

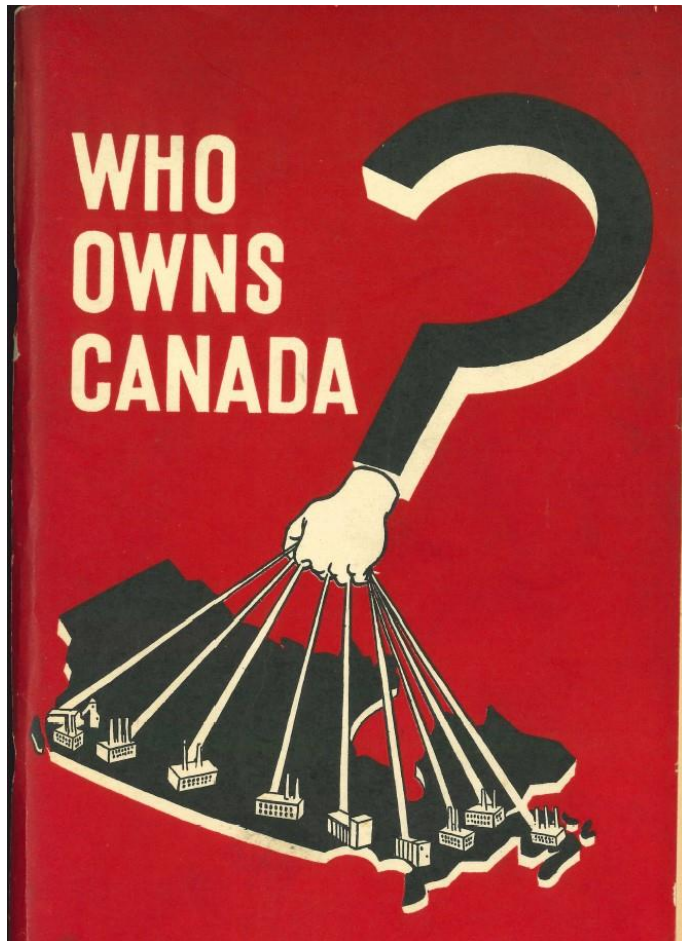
HISTORY OF WATERLOO REGION

- C.H. Little fonds (1891-1946)
- Clara Bernhardt fonds (1903-1992)

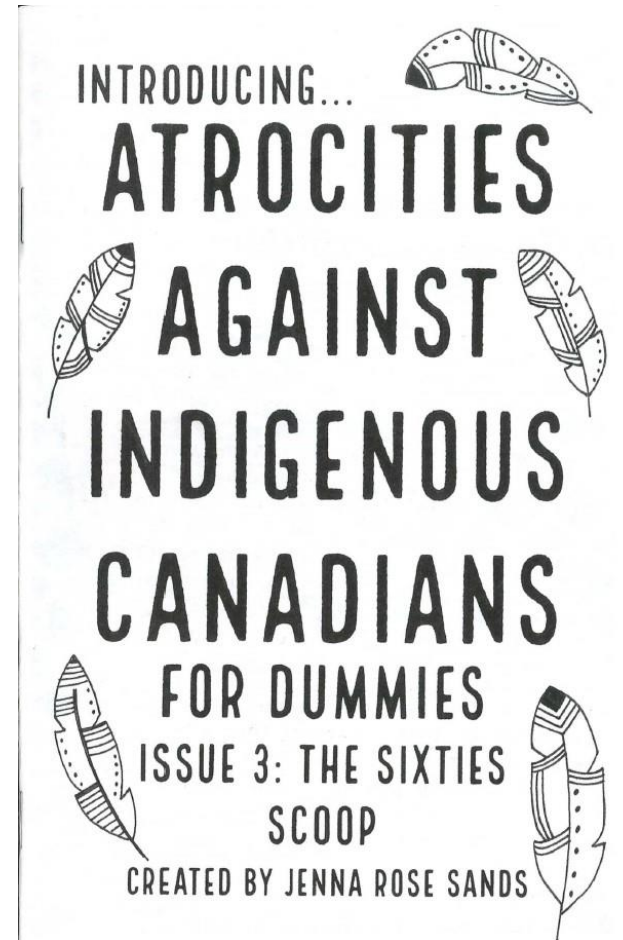


Clara Bernhardt, December 1965

RARE BOOKS



Watt Hugh McCollum, 1947



Jenna Rose Sands, 2018

SEARCHING FOR ARCHIVAL RECORDS

- Search terms
- Outdated and harmful language
- Guiding questions to identify potential sources:
 - What information would support my hypothesis or answer my research question?
 - What materials or documents would contain this information?
 - Who would create these materials or documents?
 - What archives would have these materials or documents?

SEARCHING FOR ARCHIVAL RECORDS: EXAMPLE

- Research question
 - What advocacy activities did grassroots environmental groups participate in in Northern Canada?
- What information would support this research question?
 - Documents created by grassroots environmental groups.
- What material or documents would contain this information?
 - Meeting minutes, newsletters, and press releases.
- Who would create this material?
 - Canadian Arctic Resource Committee.
- What archives have these materials?
 - Laurier Archives and Special Collections.

TIPS FOR ARCHIVAL RESEARCH

- Archival research is slow research.
- Cyclical nature of archival research.
- Reach out to archives staff.
- Reading handwriting is a skill.
- Take lots of notes.
- Have fun!



INTRODUCTION TO ARCHIVAL RESEARCH WORKSHOP

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

10AM-11AM

ZOOM

<https://library.wlu.ca/events/2024-01/introduction-archival-research-aspire>

QUESTIONS?

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