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Linda Briskin fonds

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Summary information

Repository:	York University Archives & Special Collections (CTASC)
Title:	Linda Briskin fonds
Reference code:	F0641
Date:	1978-2011 (creation)
Physical description:	1.05 m of textual records
Language:	English
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Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Since the 1970s, the Canadian union movement has produced extensive documentation on equity-related issues. This material often had an ephemeral existence as unions lacked resources to preserve and provide access to the documents, and there was no labour library to collect it. In order to promote access and to raise consciousness about important union sources, Professor Linda Briskin, a feminist and union activist, began collecting these documents in the 1970s. Professor Briskin received her Bachelor of Arts degree from McGill University in 1970, taught English and history at the secondary school level from 1971 to 1975, and became involved in the nascent English-speaking women's movement in Montreal. She moved to Toronto to pursue graduate studies with York University's Department of Social and Political Thought, leading to a Master's degree in 1977 and a Ph.D. in 1986. Briskin worked as a Teaching Master at Sheridan College from 1976 to 1986, and was the Director of its Centre for Women from 1980 to 1982. Briskin joined York University's Division of Social Science in July 1986, and was appointed to the Faculty of Graduate Studies for the Women's Studies Programme in 1992. She has held a cross-appointment to the School of Women's Studies since 2001, and was a Guest Researcher in Stockholm, Sweden, from 1992-1994. Her teaching has focused on women's studies (in particular feminist theory, women organizing, and women and society), and was recognized with awards in 1998, 1999, and 2004. Briskin has been an active member of unions, taking part in International Women's Day committees, helping to organize the first provincial women's committee for the Ontario Public Service Employees Union in the 1970s, and co-chairing the Status of Women Committee of the Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations in 1990-1992. This concern regarding women and unions was also reflected in Briskin's research and writing, which focused on: unions, globalization, and women's power; equity bargaining and bargaining equity; feminist organizing with a focus on socialist feminism; worker militancies; pedagogies and power; and privileging agency (a strategy for women's studies in troubled times). This collection is a product of Briskin's research in these areas. She wrote to the large Canadian unions on an annual basis,

requesting any new material that dealt with women and equity-related issues. Briskin compiled her first bibliography on these topics for "Union sisters : women in the labour movement," co-edited with Lynda Yanz (The Women's Press, 1983), and has written or edited several articles and books on equity, collective bargaining, feminism, public policy, women, and unions.

Scope and content

Fonds consists of Briskin's teaching and personal files and files pertaining to her work as the first coordinator of the York University Faculty Association (YUFA)'s Standing Committee on Equity.

Notes

Immediate source of acquisition

Donated by Briskin in 2013 and 2022.

Arrangement

Fonds is arranged into two accessions representing the first deposit of records and the first accrual to the fonds.

Accruals

The fonds comprises the following accessions: 2013-026. No further accruals are expected.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
 - **Level of detail:** Full
 - **Status description:** Final
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Access points

- Textual record (documentary form)
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Collection holdings

Accession: 2013-026 - Accession 2013-026

Title: Accession 2013-026

Reference code: 2013-026

Date: 1978-2011 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Accession consists of Briskin's teaching and personal files including Sheridan College files; Opportunity for Advancement (OFA) Board of Directors, Social Action Committee files; OFA "The Poverty Game" for Ontario politicians files; York University teaching and administrative files; TA handbooks and Skill and Assignment Kits for "Women and Society" course.

Physical description: 0.45 m of textual records

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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Accession: 2022-018 - Accession 2022-018

Title: Accession 2022-018

Reference code: 2022-018

Date: 1988-2005 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Accession consists of Linda Briskin's files as the first coordinator of the York University Faculty Association (YUFA)'s Standing Committee on Equity. The files include correspondence, reports, articles by Professor Briskin, and various publications dealing with the struggle of women faculty to win equity with their male colleagues, particularly in terms of salary, as well as sexual and co-worker harassment, the Coalition of Union Women at York, the YUFA strike of 1997 and the strike by the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), Unit 3 in 2000, the Ontario Council of University Faculty Associations (OCUFA), the Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT), and her work with unions at the universities of Windsor, Waterloo, and Queen's.

Physical description: 0.6 m of textual records

Publication status:

Published

File: 2022-018/001(01) - Salary Anomaly Exercise to improve women's salaries : 1991-1999

Title: Salary Anomaly Exercise to improve women's salaries : 1991-1999

Reference code: 2022-018/001(01)

Date: 1991-1999 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

Published

File: 2022-018/001(02) - Women faculty meeting with Lorna Marsden about pay equity : 1998

Title: Women faculty meeting with Lorna Marsden about pay equity : 1998

Reference code: 2022-018/001(02)

Date: 1998 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

Published

File: 2022-018/001(03) - Pay equity struggles : part 1 : 1988-2001

Title: Pay equity struggles : part 1 : 1988-2001

Reference code: 2022-018/001(03)

Date: 1988-2001 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

Published

File: 2022-018/001(04) - Pay equity struggles : part 2 : 1988-2001

Title: Pay equity struggles : part 2 : 1988-2001

Reference code: 2022-018/001(04)

Date: 1988-2001 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

Published

File: 2022-018/001(05) - Harassment policies inside YUFA : part 1 : 1997

Title: Harassment policies inside YUFA : part 1 : 1997

Reference code: 2022-018/001(05)

Date: 1997 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

Published

File: 2022-018/001(06) - Harassment policies inside YUFA : part 2 : 1998

Title: Harassment policies inside YUFA : part 2 : 1998

Reference code: 2022-018/001(06)

Date: 1998 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

Published

File: 2022-018/001(07) - Harassment policies inside YUFA : part 3 : 1999

Title: Harassment policies inside YUFA : part 3 : 1999

Reference code: 2022-018/001(07)

Date: 1999 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

Published

File: 2022-018/001(08) - Harassment policies, co-worker policies (not York) : part 1 : 1997-1998

Title: Harassment policies, co-worker policies (not York) : part 1 : 1997-1998

Reference code: 2022-018/001(08)

Date: 1997-1998 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

Published

File: 2022-018/002(01) - Harassment policies, co-worker policies (not York) : part 2 : 1997-1998

Title: Harassment policies, co-worker policies (not York) : part 2 : 1997-1998

Reference code: 2022-018/002(01)

Date: 1997-1998 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

Published

File: 2022-018/002(02) - Organizing around York's anti-sexist, anti-racist policies plus harassment procedures : 1994-1997

Title: Organizing around York's anti-sexist, anti-racist policies plus harassment procedures : 1994-1997

Reference code: 2022-018/002(02)

Date: 1994-1997 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

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File: 2022-018/002(03) - Senate Committee on Equity : 1999

Title: Senate Committee on Equity : 1999

Reference code: 2022-018/002(03)

Date: 1999 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

Published

File: 2022-018/002(04) - Osgoode Hall Law School : Gender Equality Committee : 1990

Title: Osgoode Hall Law School : Gender Equality Committee : 1990

Reference code: 2022-018/002(04)

Date: 1990 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

Published

File: 2022-018/002(05) - Coalition of Women Workers on Campus : 1998-1999

Title: Coalition of Women Workers on Campus : 1998-1999

Reference code: 2022-018/002(05)

Date: 1998-1999 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

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File: 2022-018/002(06) - Equity issues inside YUFA : 1999, 2003

Title: Equity issues inside YUFA : 1999, 2003

Reference code: 2022-018/002(06)

Date: 1999, 2003 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

Published

File: 2022-018/002(07) - YUFA strike : women's caucus meeting : 1997

Title: YUFA strike : women's caucus meeting : 1997

Reference code: 2022-018/002(07)

Date: 1997 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

Published

File: 2022-018/003(01) - York departmental affirmative action plans

Title: York departmental affirmative action plans

Reference code: 2022-018/003(01)

Date: 1987-1999 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

Published

File: 2022-018/003(02) - YUFA negotiations : equity training for negotiations committee : 1998-2001

Title: YUFA negotiations : equity training for negotiations committee : 1998-2001

Reference code: 2022-018/003(02)

Date: 1998-2001 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

Published

File: 2022-018/003(03) - Equity bargaining / bargaining equity : 2006

Title: Equity bargaining / bargaining equity : 2006

Reference code: 2022-018/003(03)

Date: 2006 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

Published

File: 2022-018/003(04) - Faculty of Arts Newsletter : An Activist's Education begins at York : 2003

Title: Faculty of Arts Newsletter : An Activist's Education begins at York : 2003

Reference code: 2022-018/003(04)

Date: 2003 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

Published

File: 2022-018/003(05) - Windsor, Waterloo, Queen's universities : equity documents : 1998

Title: Windsor, Waterloo, Queen's universities : equity documents : 1998

Reference code: 2022-018/003(05)

Date: 1998 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

Published

File: 2002-018/003(06) - CUPE strike 2000-1 : 1998-2001

Title: CUPE strike 2000-1 : 1998-2001

Reference code: 2002-018/003(06)

Date: 1998-2001 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

Published

File: 2022-018/003(07) - York protest : "governance." : 2005

Title: York protest : "governance." : 2005

Reference code: 2022-018/003(07)

Date: 2005 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

Published

File: 2022-018/003(08) - OCUFA initiatives : Status of Women Committee : 1990-1993

Title: OCUFA initiatives : Status of Women Committee : 1990-1993

Reference code: 2022-018/003(08)

Date: 1990-1993 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

Published

File: 2022-018/004(01) - OCUFA initiatives : Status of Women Committee, educational equity : 1991-1992

Title: OCUFA initiatives : Status of Women Committee, educational equity : 1991-1992

Reference code: 2022-018/004(01)

Date: 1991-1992 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

Published

File: 2022-018/004(02) - OCUFA : presentation by Linda Briskin : 1990, 1993, 2007

Title: OCUFA : presentation by Linda Briskin : 1990, 1993, 2007

Reference code: 2022-018/004(02)

Date: 1990, 1993, 2007 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

Published

File: 2022-018/004(03) - CAUT equity : articles for Bulletin : 1989, 2001

Title: CAUT equity : articles for Bulletin : 1989, 2001

Reference code: 2022-018/004(03)

Date: 1989, 2001 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

Published

File: 2022-018/004(04) - COU, OISE : 1998-1999

Title: COU, OISE : 1998-1999

Reference code: 2022-018/004(04)

Date: 1998-1999 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

Published

File: 2022-018/004(05) - Active Voice : Newsletter of YUFA : 1998-2007

Title: Active Voice : Newsletter of YUFA : 1998-2007

Reference code: 2022-018/004(05)

Date: 1998-2007 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

Published

File: 2022-018/004(06) - National Union of Canadian Association of University Teachers : delegate to Canadian Labour Conference Women's Conference : 2002-2003

Title: National Union of Canadian Association of University Teachers : delegate to Canadian Labour Conference Women's Conference : 2002-2003

Reference code: 2022-018/004(06)

Date: 2002-2003 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

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File: 2022-018/004(07) - YUFA Equity Committee : agenda, minutes, discussion : 1998

Title: YUFA Equity Committee : agenda, minutes, discussion : 1998

Reference code: 2022-018/004(07)

Date: 1998 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

Published

File: 2022-018/004(08) - YUFA Equity Committee : agenda, minutes, discussion : 1999

Title: YUFA Equity Committee : agenda, minutes, discussion : 1999

Reference code: 2022-018/004(08)

Date: 1999 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

Published

File: 2022-018/005(01) - YUFA Equity Committee : report and recommendations : 1999

Title: YUFA Equity Committee : report and recommendations : 1999

Reference code: 2022-018/005(01)

Date: 1999 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

Published

File: 2022-018/005(02) - YUFA : reviewing and revising article 12 of collective agreement on affirmative action : 1998-1999

Title: YUFA : reviewing and revising article 12 of collective agreement on affirmative action : 1998-1999

Reference code: 2022-018/005(02)

Date: 1998-1999 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

Published

File: 2022-018/005(03) - York University : reports on employment equity and affirmative action : 1994-1997

Title: York University : reports on employment equity and affirmative action : 1994-1997

Reference code: 2022-018/005(03)

Date: 1994-1997 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

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