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# Michael Davey fonds

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## Summary information

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**Repository:** York University Archives & Special Collections (CTASC)

**Title:** Michael Davey fonds

**ID:** F0724

**Date:** 1975-2017, predominant 1990-2010 (date of creation)

**Language:** English

**Language:** French

**Language:** Japanese

**Language:** Latin

**Physical description:** 0.25 m of textual records  
95 prints ; 20 x 25 or smaller  
102 photographs ; 20 x 25 cm or smaller  
48 paintings ; 20 x 25 cm or smaller  
32 drawings and watercolours ; 20 x 25 cm or smaller  
10 objects : aluminium hockey blades and granite puck  
3 compact discs  
2 DVDs

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

Michael Davey, Professor Emeritus, is a Canadian sculptor and visual artist who employs photograph, drawing and video and whose work often includes cast materials and found objects. His interests in landscape, industrial technology and the built environment find their way into his pieces.

Born in British Columbia, he completed an undergraduate degree in Fine Arts at York University in 1974 and a post-graduate Diploma in sculpture at the Edinburgh College of Art in Scotland in 1975. In Scotland, Davey received two years of Visual Arts Bursary awards and was the recipient of the sculpture award for Young Scottish Contemporaries.

Supported by the Canada Council and York University research grants, his works exhibited in public galleries and artist run spaces in Canada and the United States. His drawings were first exhibited at Mercer Union in 1981 and in New York in 1983-1984. His work was purchased by American artist Sol Lewitt in 1982.

In 1988, Davey joined the Costin and Klintworth Gallery until 1996. In 1997, he joined the Red Head Gallery. He mounted solo shows in 1998 and 1999 and the University of Toronto Art Centre, University College, gave him a catalogued, solo exhibition in 1998.

Davey has been on the board of Mercer Union from 1979-1986 (founding member), the Art Gallery of York University from 1999-2014, and the artists' Persona Volare from 2000 to 2006, and in Scotland (Edinburgh Printmakers' workshop in 1975-1978 and New 57 Gallery in 1977-1979).

In 1979 Davey joined York University and would be promoted to the rank of Professor Emeritus: Sculpture. He has held lectureships in sculpture at Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art and Edinburgh College of Art, Scotland.

His most recent initiative is the establishment of the M9 Contemporary Art Centre on the Bruce Peninsula.

His work has been collected by the Art Bank of Canada, Scottish Museum of modern Art (Edinburgh, Scotland), Hamilton Art Gallery, Windsor Art Gallery, York University, Hockey Hall of Fame, Dan Donovan Collection, Canadian Museum of Civilization, and the Museum of Contemporary Canadian Art, as well as private and corporate collections.

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## Scope and content

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Fonds consists of records pertaining to Michael Davey's work as an artist and professor emeritus at York University. Included are course descriptions; exhibition catalogues and invitations; donation agreements; portfolios of drawings, photographs, and paintings; and sculptures of 9 hockey blades and a granite puck sandblasted with the image of Maurice Richard's and Gordie Howe's eye and elbow.

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## Notes

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### Title notes

### Immediate source of acquisition

Donated by Michael Davey in 2018.

### Arrangement

Original order has been maintained.

### Restrictions on access

No restrictions on access.

### Accruals

The fonds comprises the following accession: 2018-023. Further accrual expected.

### Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
- **Level of detail:** Full

- **Status description:** Final

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## Collection holdings

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### **File: 2018-023/001(01) - “I couldn't contain myself”: notes form the future edge**

Title: “I couldn't contain myself”: notes form the future edge

ID: 2018-023/001(01)

Date: 1998 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains exhibition invitation, pages from the exhibition catalogue, and prints of drawings

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

28 prints : 20 x 25 cm

Language of the material:

English

Latin

Publication status:

Published

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### **Item: 2018-023/001(02) - Persona Volare/Canadian Club Exhibition**

Title: Persona Volare/Canadian Club Exhibition

ID: 2018-023/001(02)

Date: 2005 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains inventory of exhibition material.

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Language of the material:

English

Latin

Publication status:

Published

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**Item: 2018-023/001(03) - Richard's eye/Howe's elbow : artist's statement**

Title: Richard's eye/Howe's elbow : artist's statement

ID: 2018-023/001(03)

Date: 2001 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains a document with an artist's statement.

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Language of the material:

English

Latin

Publication status:

Published

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**File: 2018-023/001(04) - Installation : Camara Italia : dust I**

Title: Installation : Camara Italia : dust I

ID: 2018-023/001(04)

Date: June 1983 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains a portfolio of artwork.

Physical description: 57 photographs : b&w and col. ; 13 x 18 cm

Language of the material:

English

Latin

Publication status:

Published

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**File: 2018-023/001(05) - Installation : Camara Italia : dust 2**

Title: Installation : Camara Italia : dust 2

ID: 2018-023/001(05)

Date: June 1983 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains a portfolio of artwork.

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

20 drawings : 20 x 25 cm

28 photographs : b&w ; 13 x 18 cm

Language of the material:

English

Latin

Publication status:

Published

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**File: 2018-023/001(06) - NY : Galleries : xerox images for New York galleries : prototype edition of 8 for NY handout**

Title: NY : Galleries : xerox images for New York galleries : prototype edition of 8 for NY handout

ID: 2018-023/001(06)

Date: [1992?] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains CV, exhibition invitation, and print outs of artworks.

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Language of the material:

English

Latin

Publication status:

Published

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**File: 2018-023/001(07) - Gulf Configurations**

Title: Gulf Configurations

ID: 2018-023/001(07)

Date: 1988 (date of creation)

Physical description: 2 photographs : col., ink, and paint ; 18 x 13 cm

Language of the material:

English

Latin

Publication status:

Published

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**File: 2018-023/001(08) - Vortices**

Title: Vortices

ID: 2018-023/001(08)

Scope and content:

File pertains to the public art project for 5000 Yonge Street and contains portfolio of artwork (photocopies of photographs) including a statement of concept and description of work.

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Language of the material:

English

Latin

Publication status:

Published

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**File: 2018-023/001(09) - Cds/'snow cones', 'mary + the promised lands', 'floater'**

Title: Cds/'snow cones', 'mary + the promised lands', 'floater'

ID: 2018-023/001(09)

Date: 2001-2004 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File includes sound recordings and videos.

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

3 compact discs

2 DVDs

Language of the material:

English

Latin

Publication status:

Published

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**File: 2018-023/001(10) - Artists' book project : award/copy of book**

Title: Artists' book project : award/copy of book

ID: 2018-023/001(10)

Scope and content:

File contains "A book of drawings" and 1999 merit from the Advertising & Design Club of Canada.

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Language of the material:

English

Latin

Publication status:

Published

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**File: 2018-023/001(11) - Sol Lewitt project**

Title: Sol Lewitt project

ID: 2018-023/001(11)

Date: 1980-2010 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains exhibition catalogue and newspaper clipping.

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Language of the material:

English

Latin

Publication status:

Published

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**File: 2018-023/001(12) - Volunteer service award for the setting up of Mercer Union : Toronto's first artist' run gallery**Title: Volunteer service award for the setting up of Mercer Union : Toronto's first artist' run galleryID: 2018-023/001(12)Date: 1986 (date of creation)Scope and content:

File contains award and correspondence from the Government of Ontario.

Physical description: 1 folder of textual recordsLanguage of the material:

English

Latin

Publication status:

Published

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**File: 2018-023/001(13) - Nine from Toronto project**Title: Nine from Toronto projectID: 2018-023/001(13)Date: 1988-1991 (date of creation)Scope and content:

File contains correspondence, photographs of artwork, and exhibition invitations

Physical description: 14 photographs : col. and b&w ; 20 x 25 cm or smallerLanguage of the material:

English

Latin

Publication status:

Published

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**File: 2018-023/001(14) - 9 from Toronto**

Title: 9 from Toronto

ID: 2018-023/001(14)

Date: 1990 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains pages from the exhibition catalogue, artwork, and photograph of artists.

Physical description: 12 drawings and watercolours : ink and pencil; 20 x 25 cm or smaller  
1 photograph : b&w ; 20 x 25 cm

Language of the material:

English

Latin

Publication status:

Published

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**Item: 2018-023/001(15) - 9 from Toronto : installation artworks produced in Newcastle upon Tyne, England**

Title: 9 from Toronto : installation artworks produced in Newcastle upon Tyne, England

ID: 2018-023/001(15)

Date: Aug. 1990 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains exhibition catalogue.

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Language of the material:

English

Latin

Publication status:

Published

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**Item: 2019-023/001(16) - Michael Davey : a book of drawings**Title: Michael Davey : a book of drawingsID: 2019-023/001(16)Date: 1998 (date of creation)Scope and content:

File contains booklet.

Physical description: 1 folder of textual recordsLanguage of the material:

English

Latin

Publication status:

Published

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**File: 2020-023/001(17) - Portfolio**Title: PortfolioID: 2020-023/001(17)Scope and content:

File contains a portfolio of artwork.

Physical description: 48 paintings : 20 x 25 cmLanguage of the material:

English

Latin

Publication status:

Published

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**File: 2020-023/001(18) - Exhibition invitations**

Title: Exhibition invitations

ID: 2020-023/001(18)

Date: 1975-2014 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File pertains to exhibitions including artwork by Michael Davey.

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Language of the material:

English

Latin

Publication status:

Published

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**File: 2018-023/002(01) - Exhibition invitations (other artists)**

Title: Exhibition invitations (other artists)

ID: 2018-023/002(01)

Date: 1998-2010 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File pertains to exhibitions by artists other than Michael Davey, including students from York University.

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Language of the material:

English

Latin

Publication status:

Published

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**File: 2018-023/002(02) - Course descriptions : 3000 level**

Title: Course descriptions : 3000 level

ID: 2018-023/002(02)

Date: 1990-2013 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains course syllabi.

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Language of the material:

English

Latin

Publication status:

Published

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**File: 2018-023/002(03) - Course descriptions : 2000 level**

Title: Course descriptions : 2000 level

ID: 2018-023/002(03)

Date: 1995-2006 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains course syllabi.

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Language of the material:

English

Latin

Publication status:

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**File: 2018-023/002(04) - Donations, documents**

Title: Donations, documents

ID: 2018-023/002(04)

Date: 1999-2015 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File pertains to donation of artistic works to various institutions.

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Language of the material:

English  
Latin

Publication status:

Published

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**Item: 2018-023/002(05) - CV**

Title: CV

ID: 2018-023/002(05)

Date: 2017 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains Michael Davey's curriculum vitae.

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Language of the material:

English  
Latin

Publication status:

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**Item: 2018-023/002(06) - 4th yr. Student work : organized by Phil Silver + Fine Arts Faculty**

Title: 4th yr. Student work : organized by Phil Silver + Fine Arts Faculty

ID: 2018-023/002(06)

Date: 2000 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains a postcard package titled "click click 2000" which pertains to a selection of works created by students graduating into the year 2000 from the BFA and MFA programs.

Physical description: 66 prints : postcard, col.

Language of the material:

English



Japanese

Latin

Publication status:

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**Item: 2018-023/002(07) - St. Sebastian sculpture : p.20**

Title: St. Sebastian sculpture : p.20

ID: 2018-023/002(07)

Date: 2001-2004 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains exhibition catalogue from the Justina M. Barnicke Gallery, Hart House, University of Toronto.

Physical description: 1 file of textual records

Language of the material:

English

Latin

Publication status:

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**Item: 2018-023/002(08) - [Humanities + Art] see p.169 inclusion of 'watercolour' : 2 person work curated by Prof. Bruce Parson, YorkU**

Title: [Humanities + Art] see p.169 inclusion of 'watercolour' : 2 person work curated by Prof. Bruce Parson, YorkU

ID: 2018-023/002(08)

Date: Aug. 1998 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains book.

Physical description: 1 file of textual records

Language of the material:

English

Latin

Publication status:

Published

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**Item: 2018-023/002(09) - Redrospective**

Title: Redrospective

ID: 2018-023/002(09)

Date: [1999?] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains exhibition catalogue.

Physical description: 1 file of textual records

Language of the material:

English

Latin

Publication status:

Published

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**Item: 2018-023/002(10) - Canadian Shield**

Title: Canadian Shield

ID: 2018-023/002(10)

Date: 3-31 Oct. 1998 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains exhibition catalogue.

Physical description: 1 file of textual records

Language of the material:

English

Latin

Publication status:

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**Item: 2018-023/002(11) - [lola : no. 3] see. P59 'Between a rock and a hard place' : p.86  
'Canadian Shield' reviews**

Title: [lola : no. 3] see. P59 'Between a rock and a hard place' : p.86 'Canadian Shield' reviews

ID: 2018-023/002(11)

Date: Winter 1998 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains periodical.

Physical description: 1 file of textual records

Language of the material:

English

Latin

Publication status:

Published

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**Item: 2018-023/002(12) - Meat**

Title: Meat

ID: 2018-023/002(12)

Date: 6-27 Nov. 1999 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains exhibition catalogue.

Physical description: 1 file of textual records

Language of the material:

English

Latin

Publication status:

Published

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**Item: 2018-023/002(13) - [Art views] cover photo from my first show at Costin + Klintworth**

Title: [Art views] cover photo from my first show at Costin + Klintworth

ID: 2018-023/002(13)

Date: 1998 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains periodical.

Physical description: 1 file of textual records

Language of the material:

English

Latin

Publication status:

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**Item: 2018-023/002(14) - [Vanguard] review p.42 : mercer union**

Title: [Vanguard] review p.42 : mercer union

ID: 2018-023/002(14)

Date: Nov. 1985 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains periodical.

Physical description: 1 file of textual records

Language of the material:

English

Latin

Publication status:

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**Item: 2018-023/002(15) - [Reallife Magazine : n.14] see p.31 : 'untitled' photo work**

Title: [Reallife Magazine : n.14] see p.31 : 'untitled' photo work

ID: 2018-023/002(15)

Date: Summer 1985 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains periodical.

Physical description: 1 file of textual records

Language of the material:

English

Latin

Publication status:

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**Item: 2019-023/002(16) - [Works in Metal] see : pp. 18-19 'short life, long branch'**

Title: [Works in Metal] see : pp. 18-19 'short life, long branch'

ID: 2019-023/002(16)

Date: 2001 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains booklet pertaining to the L.L. Odette Sculpture Residency at York University.

Physical description: 1 file of textual records

Language of the material:

English

Latin

Publication status:

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**Item: 2018-023/003(01) - [The Dovovan Collection] see collection 4**

Title: [The Dovovan Collection] see collection 4

ID: 2018-023/003(01)

Date: 2010 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains a book.

Physical description: 1 file of textual records

Language of the material:

English

Latin

Publication status:

Published

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**Item: 2018-023/003(02) - Playing in Traffic**

Title: Playing in Traffic

ID: 2018-023/003(02)

Date: 2007 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains exhibition catalogue published by the Red Bull Music Academy.

Physical description: 1 file of textual records

Language of the material:

English

Latin

Publication status:

Published

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**Item: 2018-023/003(03) - The Tree Museum**

Title: The Tree Museum

ID: 2018-023/003(03)

Date: 2007 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains exhibition catalogue.

Physical description: 1 file of textual records

Language of the material:

English

Latin

Publication status:

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**Item: 2018-023/003(04) - [Arena : the art of hockey] see p.154 'hockey schtick', 'maurice/gordie'**Title: [Arena : the art of hockey] see p.154 'hockey schtick', 'maurice/gordie'ID: 2018-023/003(04)Date: 2008 (date of creation)Scope and content:

File contains exhibition catalogue from the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia.

Physical description: 1 file of textual recordsLanguage of the material:

English

Latin

Publication status:

Published

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**Item: 2018-023/003(05) - Canadian club installation : see p.55 'snow cones', p.61 'canadian club'**Title: Canadian club installation : see p.55 'snow cones', p.61 'canadian club'ID: 2018-023/003(05)Date: 2005 (date of creation)Scope and content:

File contains exhibition catalogue from the Centre culturel canadien, Paris.

Physical description: 1 file of textual recordsLanguage of the material:

English

French

Latin

Publication status:

Published

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**Item: 2018-023/003(06) - 626 by 9 : a goal-by-goal time line of Maurice “The Rocket” Richard's Scoring Career in pictures, stats and scores**

Title: 626 by 9 : a goal-by-goal time line of Maurice “The Rocket” Richard's Scoring Career in pictures, stats and scores

ID: 2018-023/003(06)

Date: 2004 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains a book signed by the author I. Sheldon Posen.

Physical description: 1 file of textual records

Language of the material:

English

Latin

Publication status:

Published

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**File: 2018-023/004 - Canadian club and Maurice and Gordie**

Title: Canadian club and Maurice and Gordie

ID: 2018-023/004

Date: 2000, 2005 (date of creation)

Physical description: 5 objects : aluminium hockey blades + granite hockey puck

Language of the material:

English

Latin

Note [generalNote]:



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Publication status:

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**File: 2018-023/005 - Canadian club**

Title: Canadian club

ID: 2018-023/005

Date: 2005 (date of creation)

Physical description: 5 objects : aluminium hockey blades

Language of the material:

English

Latin

Note [generalNote]:

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Publication status:

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