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## Summary information

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<b>Repository:</b>	York University Archives & Special Collections (CTASC)
<b>Title:</b>	Robert Presthus fonds
<b>Reference code:</b>	F0383
<b>Date:</b>	1968-1970 (creation)
<b>Physical description:</b>	20.0 m of textual records
<b>Dates of creation, revision and deletion:</b>	2002/04/08 Jizi Chen.: Word Perfect (Creation) 2002/04/08 Awaiting review by the Data Collection Archivist 2003/05/06 Shannon MacDonald. Added URL for online finding aid. Updated wording in accruals, access restrictions. 2018-03-23 KCP: GMD added. 2025/04/01 J. Grant. Added PDF finding aid for accession 1982-013.

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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Robert Presthus (1917- ), educator and author, was a member of the Political Science Department at York University, 1968-1982, following teaching assignments at the University of California, the University of Michigan and Cornell (1948-1967). He is the author of several works dealing with administrative and policy issues as they relate to government, including 'Men at the top,' (1964), 'Elite accommodation in Canadian politics,' (1973), 'Elites in the policy process,' (1974), and 'The organizational society,' (1978 - 2nd ed).

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## Scope and content

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The fonds consists of research materials of Robert Presthus, including completed questionnaires, research notes, index cards with names and addresses of interviewees, computer print-out sheets and related material for the study that resulted in his publication, 'Elites in the policy process,' (1974). Interviews were conducted with politicians, civil servants and members of interest groups in Canadian provincial legislatures, American state legislatures and Congress, public servants in Ottawa and Canadian provinces, Washington and American states, and with interest groups in both countries.

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## Notes

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### Restrictions on access

No restrictions on access.

**Finding aids**

A PDF file list is attached to this description.

**Accruals**

The fonds comprises the following accession: 1982-013. Further accruals are expected.

**Other notes**

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

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**Access points**

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- Textual record (documentary form)