

Alan Cairns fonds

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Fonds Description

Alan Cairns fonds. – 1978-2001.

3.5 cm of textual materials.

Biographical Sketch

Alan Cairns was born on March 2, 1930 in Galt, Ontario. He studied at the University of Toronto, receiving a Bachelor of Political Science in 1953 and Masters in Political Science in 1957. He continued his study of Political Science and went on to receive a Doctor of Philosophy at Oxford University in 1965. The title of his dissertation was, "Prelude to Imperialism" and it was about the British reaction to African society from 1840-1890. He joined the Department of Political Science at UBC in 1960 and remained there until 1995. At different times in his career he also held visiting professorships at the UBC Faculty of Law, Memorial University, Harvard University, the University of Edinburgh and the University of Waterloo. Cairns was also the recipient of several honours and awards. He was awarded the Molson Prize of the Canada Council in 1982, and the Killam award for 1989-1991. He is a member of the Royal Society of Canada, an Officer of the Order of Canada, and has Honorary Degrees from the University of British Columbia, University of Saskatchewan, University of Toronto, and Carleton University.

Cairns' research interests were Aboriginal issues and Canadian politics. His most celebrated publications are the articles: "Constitution, Government and Society in Canada" (1988), "Disruptions" (1991), and "Reconfigurations" (1995), and the book *Citizens Plus* (2000). In 2001, a conference entitled: "Rethinking Citizenship in the Canadian Federation: A Conference in Honour of Alan C. Cairns" was held at UBC.

Scope and Content

The fonds consists of information of the 2001 conference held in Cairns' honour, and articles that colleagues asked that he review before or after publication that include his notes.

Notes

File list available.

The records were received by the University Archives from UBC Library Government Publications.

Titles taken from files, if not identified by documents.

File List

BOX 1

- 1-1 Rethinking Citizenship in the Canadian Federation: A Conference in Honour of Alan Cairns, 2001

- 1-2 Papers File 1, including: *Factors Affecting Social Welfare Development in Alberta: The Federal-Provincial Interplay* by Richard Splane, *The Political Steam Engine: Laurier on Representation* by Rainer Knopff, *Marketing Boards: The Irrelevance and Irreverence of Economic Analysis* by R.M. A Loyns, and *The First Two Years in Charter Land* by Peter H. Russell, 1978-1984

- 1-3 Papers File 2, including: *The Significance of the Innis Tradition in Canadian Economic History*, by Mel Watkins, *Intragovernmental Autonomy and the Character of Community-Development in Canada: The Eclipse of Community-Building*, by Ian Urquhart, *In Search of a Theory of the Modern State* by Philip Resnick, and *The Role of Social Science in Formulating Canadian Indian Policy: a Preliminary History of the Hawthorn-Tremblay Report*, by Sally Weaver, 1976-1982.