

Alison Rice fonds

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Fonds Description

Alison Rice fonds. - 1976-2002.

60.9 cm of textual records and other materials.

Biographical Sketch

Alison Rice is Assistant Professor Emerita of Nursing at UBC. She obtained a Midwifery Diploma from the Birmingham Maternity Hospital, a Bachelor's in Science (Nursing) from UBC, and a Master's of Science from the University of California San Francisco, where she was a Maternal Nurse Associate. She became a Registered Midwife (College of Midwives of British Columbia) in 1998. In the early 1980s, along with Elaine Carty and several nurses, physicians, and midwives, Rice helped establish the Low-Risk Clinic. The Low-Risk Clinic was a pilot project for midwives that operated out of Grace Hospital; it later developed into the Nurse-Midwifery Service. Rice was a dedicated advocate for the legal recognition and designation of midwifery as a health profession in British Columbia. After several years of advocacy, consultation, and public hearings, in 1998, midwifery became a publicly funded, legally regulated profession in B.C. under the B.C. Health Professions Act.

Rice had a long-standing interest in issues on women's health. During her time at UBC, she taught courses on the health care of women, wrote, and presented papers on midwifery, including on neo-natal care and maternal nursing. Rice was the first nurse practitioner to practice in the Planned Parenthood/Vancouver Clinic, playing a central role in the development of their Cap and Diaphragm Clinics. She has also worked with the Vancouver Status of Women and the Center of Excellence in Women's Health. Rice was also involved with the Maternal Health Society and served as a past president of the Midwives Association of British Columbia.

Scope and Content

The fonds consists of lectures, papers, proposals, reports, correspondence, clippings, published materials, photographs and one audiotape relating to Rice's research and publishing activities, her work with various professional associations, and advocacy for the professional regulation of midwifery in B.C. The fonds also contains correspondence, reports, memoranda, minutes and other administrative records from Rice's involvement with the Nurse-Midwifery Service at Grace Hospital.

The fonds is arranged into the following series: Education (1980-1, 1993); Published Writing, Proposals, Lectures and Research Materials (1977-2002); Nurse-Midwifery Service (1983-1991); Professional Associations (1976-1992); Professional Regulation of

Midwifery (1978-1999, predominant 1987-1997); UBC Midwifery Degree Program (2000-2001) and Audio (1997).

Notes

Other materials include publications, 7 colour photographs and 1 audiotape.

File list available.

Some materials restricted.

Series Descriptions

Education series. -- 1980-1, 1993.

0.4 cm of textual records.

Series consists of research notes, a case study, and a certificate of attendance relating to Rice's education in midwifery.

Published Writing, Proposals, Lectures and Research Materials series. -- 1977-2002.

25 cm of textual records and published materials.

7 colour photographs.

Series consists of project proposals, lectures, drafts of published manuscripts, reports, clippings and published materials, mostly on the subject of midwifery.

Nurse Midwifery Service series. -- 1983-1991.

11.5 cm of textual records and published materials.

Series consists of correspondence, minutes, policy documents, reports, clippings, and other textual materials relating to the Nurse Midwifery Service, a midwifery program that operated out of Grace Hospital. Series consists of two sub-series: Administrative Records and Committees.

Some materials restricted.

Administrative Records Sub-Series. -- 1983-1991.

10 cm of textual records and published materials.

Sub-series consists of correspondence, position guides, functional program, policy documents, phone lists, meeting minutes, monthly reports and statistics, research materials, clippings, and other records relating to the administration and operation of the Nurse Midwifery Service at Grace Hospital.

Materials containing sensitive personal information are restricted.

Nurse Midwifery Service Advisory Committee Sub-Series. -- 1985-1991.

1.5 cm of textual records.

Sub-series consists of meeting agendas and minutes from the Nurse Midwifery Service Advisory Committee.

Professional Associations series. -- 1976-1992.

17.5 cm of textual records and published materials.

Series consists of correspondence, manuscripts, research notes, press releases, minutes, clippings, and published materials relating to Rice's involvement with the Maternal Health Society (earlier named the Maternal Health Committee), the Midwives Association of B.C., and the Registered Nurses Association of B.C.

Professional Regulation of Midwifery series. -- 1978-1999, predominant 1987-1997.

4.5 cm of textual records and published materials.

Series consists of correspondence, lecture notes, press releases, clippings, and published materials relating to Rice's interest and involvement in advocating for the recognition and regulation of midwifery as a health profession by the Province of British Columbia.

UBC Midwifery Degree Program series. -- 2000-2001.

2 cm of textual records.

Series consists of proposals, memoranda, research notes and email correspondence relating to the establishment of the Midwifery Education Program at UBC.

Audio series. -- 1997.

1 cassette tape.

Series consists of one audio cassette tape containing two radio interviews on the regulation and funding of midwifery as a health profession in British Columbia.

Audio recording is stored separately with the UBC Audio Tape Collection.

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Box 1

EDUCATION

- 1-1 Notes and case study paper submitted to the Central Midwives Board Examination (1980-1)
- 1-2 Notes, handouts and certificate of attendance from "Birth as an American Rite of Passage" workshop (1993)

PUBLISHED WRITING, PROPOSALS, LECTURES AND RESEARCH MATERIALS

- 1-3 New Family Centre -- Proposal, Papers, and Lectures (1977- 1979)
- 1-4 "The Low-Risk Clinic: Family Care Based on the Midwifery Model, 1981-4" (1984)
- 1-5 Lecture on Midwifery Regulations -- Research and Notes [c.1999]
- 1-6 Miscellaneous Lectures on Midwifery (1992-3, 2002)
- 1-7 Midwifery Articles -- Grace [Hospital] & B.C. (1988-1992)
Includes draft manuscripts and published articles authored or co-authored by Rice; one draft manuscript of an article on the Grace Hospital Midwifery Project by Drs. Burak, Gruson and L. Collins.
- 1-8 Midwifery Articles -- Midwifery in Canada (1985-1995)
Includes copies and clippings of articles on midwifery in Canada, some co-authored by Rice
- 1-9 Miscellaneous Midwifery Articles (1998-1999)
- 1-10 Home Birth Articles (1991-1999; n.d. on photographs)
Also contains 7 colour photographs of Louise Mangan, Jane Corcoran, "Cat" Adler, and Chloe.
- 1-11 Aboriginal Midwifery (1990-1996)

- 1-12 Midwifery Clippings (1981-1989)
- 1-13 "Review of Vancouver Prenatal Education" (1998)
- Box 2
- 2-1 "Bridging Midwifery Borders: Evidence to Build Best Practice" (2001)
- 2-2 "An Evaluation of Early Postpartum Discharge from a Tertiary Care Maternity Hospital" (1989)
- 2-3 Issues of "The Canadian Nurse" (1981, 1985, 1996)
- 2-4 "Final Report to the Health Transition Fund -- Home Birth Demonstration Project" (2000)
- 2-5 "Final Report of Provincial Advisory Committee on Midwifery" (1994)
- 2-6 "Midwifery: A Discussion Paper" and "Midwifery: Recommendations to the Manitoba Government" (1987-8)
- 2-7 "Midwifery is a Labour of Love" (1981)
- 2-8 "Perspectives on Midwifery" series: "Pushing for Change: Challenges of Integrating Midwifery into the Health Care System", "In Transition: Nurses Respond to Midwifery Integration" and "Reality, Opinion and Uncertainty: Views on Midwifery in BC's Health Care System" (1999-2000)
- 2-9 "Report of the Birth Centre Working Group" (1993)
- 2-10 "Report on the Findings of A Consensus Conference on Obstetrical Services in Rural or Remote Communities" (2000)

Box 3

NURSE MIDWIFERY SERVICE

Administrative Papers Sub-Series

- 3-1 Memos, Correspondence, Position Guides, Functional Program, and Other Documents (1985-1991) [Removed from binder]
- 3-2 Education Fund (1987-1989) [Removed from binder]
- 3-3 Clinical Information (n.d.) [Removed from binder]
- 3-4 Midwife -- M.D. Lists (1988) [Removed from binder]
- 3-5 Client Lists (1988) [Removed from binder]
- 3-6 Call Schedule (1988) [Removed from binder]
- 3-7 Nurse Midwifery Service Meetings (1985-1991) [Removed from binder]
- 3-8 Statistics and Monthly Reports (1985-1991) [Removed from binder]
Note: This file contains some sensitive information; access may be limited.
- 3-9 Administrative Records "N.M.S. -- Current" (1983-1989)
- 3-10 Administrative Records -- "Midwifery Service Current" (1991)

Nurse Midwifery Service Advisory Committee Sub-Series

- 3-11 Nurse Midwifery Service Advisory Committee (1985-1991) [Removed from binder]

Box 4

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- 4-1 Maternal Health Committee/Society (1976-1986)

- 4-2 Maternal Health News (1976-1978)
- 4-3 Maternal Health News Cont'd (1978-1982)
- 4-4 Maternal Health News Cont'd (1983-1985)
- 4-5 Maternal Health News Cont'd (1986-1989)

Box 5

- 5-1 Midwives Association of B.C. [ca. 1993-4]
- 5-2 Registered Nurses Association of B.C. (1978-1992)

PROFESSIONAL REGULATION OF MIDWIFERY

- 5-3 "Historic Documents on Midwifery" (1978-1987)
- 5-4 Legal Regulation of Midwifery - Advocacy, Press Releases, Clippings (1993-1999)
- 5-5 Health Professions Council (1990-1996)

UBC MIDWIFERY DEGREE PROGRAM

- 5-6 UBC Midwifery Degree Program (2000-2001)

AUDIO TAPE

- AT 3437 "Michael Campbell Radio Interview CKNW 24/12/97 Alison Rice Louise Smith Granger Avery Bill Good Show" (1997)
Item contains two radio interviews pertaining to the regulation of midwifery in B.C. The interview on side A, conducted by Mike Campbell for the Bill Good show on CKNW, is with Alison Rice, Dr. Granger Avery, President of the B.C. Medical Association, and Louise Smith, Coordinator for the B.C. Midwifery Task Force. The interview on side B is with Luba Lyons Richardson, Chair of the College of Midwives of B.C.